

MANSTON NEWS

February 2019

The new seat in Manston Park has been installed since Christmas. This was obtained by the Parish Council with a grant from our local Kent County Councillor Liz Hurst.



The commemoration plaque in close up



PARISH COUNCIL NEWS JANUARY

PCSO has advised there is a Crime Equestrian Prevention event at Newington Community Centre at the end of the month, where they will mark and secure items at the event for a small fee. Cllr Samme confirmed there is a lot of mud on the road which has been reported to Highways, although we are unsure what action can be taken. Tony Gander advised that a white Transit van with 3 men were behaving suspiciously in Cliffsend. The Chairman stated that the Elections are in May this year and encouraged everyone to consider their position regarding re-election.

HIGHWAYS

Cllr Dolan advised that Cllr Dearing circulated the details of the accident which took place on Flete Road, after Christmas. Kent County Councillors have offered their support on the closure of the road. The next stage is a feasibility study by KCC, and Cllr Dearing will be arranging a meeting with KCC. Public consultations will be held when a scheme has been decided. Residents were present whose daughter had been involved in the accident. They asked for clarification of the 6' 6" access only sign – if a vehicle is bigger than 6' 6" it shouldn't be on the road. In the accident the resident's wall was lost and it caused £7,500 of damage. A different resident said a similar thing had happened when someone was visiting him, and he has purchased mirrors to help him pull out onto the road. The mirrors had been used on this occasion however, a car sped up the road and crashed into her car and written it off.

MANSTON PARK - The dog area is still closed due to the state of the grass.

Cllr Matthews saw someone lifting their dog over the gate, and he advised him that the area was closed.

REPORTS

Cllr Crow-Brown – commented on the broken hoardings on Manston court road, clerk confirmed that she has written to the owner and is awaiting a response. Iain Livingstone is currently dealing with the DCO at Manston, there is no update on Portland. TDC have confirmed a 2.99% increase in Council Tax.

Cllr Samme asked what is happening to the fence at Jackey Bakers – he confirmed that it is being dealt with by an insurance claim. Currently 18 traveller caravans are at Dreamland.

County Cllr Liz Hurst advised she has no update.

Update with Reece Pugh – read by the Clerk

Power Cuts

Residents across the villages have been experiencing persistent power cuts since the New Year. I have been reporting these and I am currently compiling a fuller list to send to UK Power Networks to ascertain if this is a wider problem as residents in Westgate on Sea have also been experiencing power cuts. If any resident would like to report

a power cut, please direct them to me or they can contact UK Power Networks direct on 0800 31 63 105.

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Port of Ramsgate

Whilst it is welcome news that dredging has commenced at the port, it is concerning that a contract has been awarded by the Department for Transport to a company that has no ferries and will undoubtedly not be ready to commence ferry services in the next 12 weeks before the end of March. Hopefully, within this year, work will be completed on bringing the port up to scratch and a ferry operator can commence services to turnaround the losses that the port currently has.

Winter Shelter

As the weather becomes much colder it be particularly harder for those that are sleeping rough, the Winter Shelter is open to assist them and can be contacted by calling 07534 979 705 or email: info@thanetwintershelter.org

Brexit lorry trial run

A trial run took place on Monday morning for lorries to make the journey between Manston Airport and Dover to prepare for Brexit and I hope residents took this into consideration when trying to travel between 08:00 and 09:00. The level of disruption was less than originally feared.

Manston Airport

Towards the end of last week, the Planning Inspectorate received verbal presentations of evidence from Riveroak, Save Manston Airport Association and No Night Flights regarding the potential reopening of Manston Airport. This is one more step closer to Manston Airport reopening. I hope this is helpful and if there is anything that is discussed at the meeting that I can assist with, please do let me know.

Clerk advised that TDC are sending out housing needs survey and urged all residents to respond.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS & AGENDA ITEMS—a member of the public enquired about servicing of the defibrillators in the village, this is already in hand. KALC who supplied the machines have been contacted.

Cllr Matthews has volunteered to tidy up the war memorial when the weather is better.

DATE/TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on **11th February 2019 at 7:00pm** in the RAF Manston History Museum.



MINSTER SURGERY PATIENT LIAISON GROUP NEWSLETTER - February 2019

OFFICIAL PRESENTATION OF NEW EQUIPMENT

This was held on 16th January, and with Software Installation and on-site training having taken place, Dawn Langdon and members of the Nursing Team will be able to bring the new Spirometer Micro Lab equipment into service straight away. So, a "BIG THANK YOU" to everyone for their support.

WE NEED YOU!

Following the introduction of new roles and responsibilities, the PLG are looking to recruit new members for the committee.

SURGERY CLOSURE DAYS 2019

Staff Training - from midday onwards:

Wednesday 27th February, Thursday 28th March, Wednesday 24th April Bank Holidays - all day - Good Friday 19th April, Easter Monday 22nd April.

Should you need to see a Doctor when the surgery is closed, please call the NHS 111 Service direct on 111, to receive non-urgent confidential health advice and information for you and your family. For urgent/life threatening issues please dial 999 as normal.

MISSED APPOINTMENTS - HOW ABOUT A NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION?

*20 PATIENTS DID NOT ATTEND THEIR GP'S APPOINTMENT – an improvement - thank you!

*46 PATIENTS DID NOT ATTEND THEIR NURSE'S APPOINTMENT!

So, that's STILL 66 MISSED AND WASTED APPOINTMENTS,

So, a plea, to all our patients throughout the villages and surrounding areas: Make your "New Year's Resolution" - DON'T NEED IT? CANCEL IT!

It's SO EASY: By Phone, By Text or Online - Just do it! PLEASE!

FRIENDS AND FAMILY SURVEY

All practices have to submit a monthly report to NHS England of their "Friends and Family" responses and we report these figures regularly in this newsletter for your information:

Last month a total of 96 patients responded to "Would you recommend our Practice" as follows: Extremely likely/Likely - 91%; Extremely unlikely/Unlikely - 6%; Unsure/Don't know - 3%.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

ANNUAL SPRING FAYRE - 11th MAY 2019 @ Old Schools, Church St., Minster. So book your table now! Some have already been booked, so get in quick.

PATIENT GROUP MEETING

If you have any issues you would like to raise at our meeting in February, or require further information on any of the above, then please contact either Ken Self on 821200 or Jeanne Lawrence on 821049

AND FINALLY!

Once again, we would like to wish all our patients and friends

***** A VERY HAPPY AND HEALTHY NEW YEAR *****

SCAM

Would you be alert to a TV Licence scam (emails look very genuine, and have the correct symbol logo but the wrong name 'TV Licencing' (should read TV Licensing)).

The email states that your licence is about to expire due to a direct debit problem. It asks you to click on a link to enter your bank debit card number, account and sort code, plus all personal and security details. It is a phishing scam.

The genuine TV Licence people are aware of it and tell you to contact Action Fraud and report it. Also, to cancel bank card and inform your bank.

WATER MAIN REPAIR

Subject: Rising main repair works – Canterbury Road (West), Cliffsend.

I am writing to inform you that Southern Water will be carrying out excavation works to repair the pumped sewage rising main pipe that runs from Margate to Weatherlees Waste Water Treatment Works. The excavation will be in close proximity to Canterbury Road (West) between Jentex Petroleum and the traffic lights.

As part of the works it will be necessary to close this section of the road and road users will need to follow the diversion signs in place. The extent and detail of the required repairs are still at the exploratory stage however, we anticipate the repairs could take up to 2 months. We recognise this could cause some disruption to our customers and would like to assure you that we are committed to keeping any noise and disturbance to a minimum.

In closing, Southern Water would like to apologise for any inconvenience caused by the work. We appreciate your co-operation and patience whilst we work to resolve this matter.

If you would like to talk to Southern Water about this work, please do not hesitate to contact Customer services team on 0330 3030 368 and staff will be pleased to help. Landline calls are charged at local rate.

