

MANSTON NEWS

January 2019

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

We hope you all had an enjoyable Christmas.

There was an accident in Flete Road on 30th December when a Van shunted a small car into a garden wall, demolishing a good part of the wall and writing off the car. By a miracle, the lady driver escaped with bruises.

The van was not delivering in Flete Road just using it as a short cut. As the road has a 60mph speed limit was most probably inside the speed limit. This has been reported to Highways to emphasise our call for Flete Road to be closed at the Manston Road junction .



PARISH COUNCIL NEWS DECEMBER

The dog area has been closed due to the state of the grass surface. This will be opened again as soon as suitable.

The village Christmas lights were turned on Friday 7th December. The weather was not good but still a good number of parishioners attended.

There has been a complaint re the use of the private footpath outside the property at The Leys. Nothing can be done unless a fence of something similar is installed.

Cllr Tritton advised he had spoken to TDC re dog fouling along the grass outside the Leys– and had received an email advising that the site is private property but council are freeholders of the property. Advice is awaited.

Cllr Dearing advised that he had attended the KALC meeting which featured speakers from Alzheimer's and Diabetes. One of the main proposals was a 20 mph speed limit in all towns and villages across Kent. They would do this by educating the motorists, Cllr Dearing advised he didn't think this would be very successful.

HIGHWAYS

Manston Court Road footpath is still proceeding. Cllr Dearing confirmed he had been to Valley Road bordering Bradgate Caravan Park to assess the situation with the hedge and he had met with Paul Valek. He confirmed that a lot of the road is being lost due to the debris and leaves etc Paul Valek agreed that the hedge needs cutting back. Firstly he would check boundaries to make sure it was Bradgate's responsibility and not KCC, then he would contact Bradgate."

Flete Road consultation – Cllr Dearing confirmed that a letter has been sent to neighbouring roads - Manston Court Road, Valley Road, and Vincent Road – 38 delivered and 3 objections were received. TAG were concerned that the road closure would mean extra travel time and this was a concern to them – Cllr Dearing had used a Garmin tracking device to check / compare the short cut through Flete RD against the longer route via Vincent and Manston Rds. The longer route was 0.38 miles longer and took only 18 seconds longer and, if using a diesel vehicle on 30mpg, would cost 7 pence in fuel. If a driver encountered another vehicle in Flete Rd, the passing manoeuvres would lose both the time and fuel advantage over the longer route therefore their argument is not valid." Cllr Dearing will send them a reading from his Garmin machine. There is evidence of people driving round the gate on Valley Road and across the field to access the next track.

TAG also confirmed that Flete road is access for open day – this is not a reason to not close the road and KCC could deal with this yearly event. A resident confirmed he did not object to Tag coming down the road once or twice a year but he can't access his drive on many occasions. Flete farm bungalow objection stated that people pulling out of Flete road will face more vehicles – but 99% of the people who live in Flete road had supported the closure and not mentioned this as a reason for not closing. Resident advised the people are going round the gate and across the fields in four wheeled drive vehicles.

Flete Road has a prow on Wellington road and part of Valley Road . Rex Goodban also has responded to the consultation and does not want the Road closed for a number of reasons . Cllr Dolan asked what was the next step – Cllr Dearing will send the results of the consultation to KCC Councillor Emma Dawson whose support we need to progress further..

Cllr Crow-Brown confirmed that the TDC budget has been set at £16.8m - £3m cut from last year. Government have advised local authorities to sell assets to deal with the budget cuts, and this has been happening but cannot go on . TDC only get 13p out of the £1 of council tax,

County Cllr Liz Hurst – Confirmed via email that she had popped over to Manston on 11th November along with visiting all the other areas . It was a very moving day and each Parish excelled in remembering those who died for us.

Clerk – Confirmed the budget is due to be set – Cllr Dearing confirmed he would like the shields repaired on the beacon. Cllr Samme confirmed £5/£6k for a shelter. Cllrs asked for longer to think about ideas and will be reviewed again in January.

The next Parish Council meeting would be 14th January 2019 at the RAF history museum



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MINSTER SURGERY PATIENT LIAISON GROUP NEWSLETTER - January 2019

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR and PRIZE WINNERS

Thank you to everyone who supported us in our fund raising project and helped make the various events we held during 2018 such tremendous successes.

The winner of the first prize was Mr M Harden from Minster, A full list of the all the winning numbers and lucky prize winners are on display in the surgery.

DOLLS HOUSE RAFFLE

The raffle was held in the at the surgery at lunch time on Friday 21st December and the winners were: First prize (Dolls House) Sam from Thomson Travel Agents at Ramsgate; Second Prize was won by Mrs Lat-ham from Cliffsend and Third prize by Doreen from Minster.

FUND RAISING PROJECT - TARGET ACHIEVED - EQUIPMENT ORDERED!

We are extremely grateful to the many patients and friends who have made such generous donations, and together with the monies made from our raffle and Christmas Bazaar we are delighted to say we raised over £1500 and have now purchased the new equipment so desperately needed. Raising such an amount in just a few months since we launched the project in September, is unbelievable. So a "BIG THANK YOU" to every-one who has supported us so generously, in so many ways.

SURGERY TRAINING DAYS 2019

Please note that the surgery will close from 12.00 Mid-day on the following days:
Thursday 31st January; Wednesday 27th February; Thursday 28th March.

Should you need to see a Doctor when the surgery is closed, please call the "NHS 111 Service" via the normal surgery number 821333 where you will be transferred automatically, or you can call direct on " 111 ", to receive "non urgent" confidential health advice and information.

For Urgent/Life threatening issues, please dial " 999 " as normal.

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

Last month they're creeping higher again!

*32 PATIENTS DID NOT ATTEND THEIR DOCTOR,S APPOINTMENT !

*48 PATIENTS DID NOT ATTEND THEIR NURSES APPOINTMENT !

SoThat's STILL 80 MISSED AND WASTED APPOINTMENTS, so based on NHS average cost of £160 that's another £12800 of NHS funds wasted!

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, On Line - 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 143 patients responded to "would you recommend our Practice" as follows:

Extremely likely/Likely - 91% ; Extremely unlikely/Unlikely - 7% ; Unsure/Don't know - 2%

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

KEN SELF on Thanet 821200 or JEANNE LAWRENCE on Thanet 821049

AND FINALLY!

We would like to wish all our patients and friends

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

Parish Council Meetings for 2019:

14th January

11th February

11th March

8th April

13th May

10th June

8th July

No meeting August

9th September

14th October

11th November

9th December

If you should have any problems please contact one of your councillors as listed on the website.

There have been several thefts from Stables during the last few weeks. Please make sure you secure all sheds, stable blocks and tack rooms firmly.