

# MANSTON NEWS

NOVEMBER 2018

## Flete Road Traffic Calming Consultation

In 2016, a resident of Flete Road approached the Parish Council with a request for some form of traffic calming in the road. Flete Road is a glorified farm track. In most places, it is too narrow to allow two vehicles to pass each other, and forecourts and drives are frequently used as passing points. Often, one or other of the drivers have to reverse some distance to find a suitable passing place: using the road as a short cut rarely saves any time. The small hamlet, at the halfway point in the road, has no pavement or, more importantly, street lighting, and it is the lack of street lights that frustrates any attempt to reduce the speed limit from a ludicrous 60 miles per hour. A traffic regulation insists on street lighting before the speed limit can be lowered, and it is no use pointing out to examples in the area, where lower speed limits exist without street lighting: the regulations are complex and baffling, common sense doesn't seem to come into it!

So, why don't we campaign for street lighting? Highways do fund road schemes relating to safety, by awarding a priority status and, due to austerity measures, concentrate on the most deserving. To achieve a high priority, Highways require a serious accident history to justify any expenditure: two deaths would tip the balance. Flete Road has seen numerous minor accidents, and some potentially lethal ones but, fortunately to date, no death or serious injuries. And while Manston Parish Council will pay for relatively small projects, street lighting is well above its budget.

So what about other traffic calming methods? Without a much lower speed limit, speed bumps are out of the question. In any case, regulations require that each speed bump is street lamp illuminated. We also considered having the road made one way. But that was quickly dismissed as inviting the speeders to be even more reckless, knowing that they would not encounter vehicles coming the other way. It should be pointed out that some of these drivers have been reaching 60 miles an hour in this country lane!

Reactive speed signs have been used in other areas with mixed success, but a flashing sign, reminding drivers of the 60 miles an hour speed limit, is hardly a practical deterrent.

Finally, we considered having Flete Road closed at one end and, as its junction with Manston Road close to the dump, is regarded by every local as the most dangerous end, it was deemed the most suitable end to close. This would be achieved using a lockable bollard: local farmers and the Emergency Services would have keys so that they would have access as and when needed.

During the Christmas/ New Year break of 2016, Cllr John Dearing, and Irene Dolan, who has since become a parish councillor, visited the residents of Flete Road and gained total support for the scheme except for one resident who, although not wholly in support of the idea, said he would not oppose the scheme and one other resident who has been very ill for some time and was not available for comment. Also, of the four farmers who have fields adjacent to the road, one supported the road scheme, two were not bothered either way, and one opposed the scheme: although he said, at a parish council meeting, that he understood the reasons for the residents wanting to close the road.

James Wraight, the Highways Officer dealing with this proposal, is hoping that, if the scheme goes ahead, funding might come from a 106 agreement, this is money from a developer already working on projects in the parish.

If any resident of the parish has objections to this scheme, can they email their comments to Ashley Jackson, the Manston Parish Clerk, [manstonparishcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:manstonparishcouncil@gmail.com) before 10th November 2018

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#### OTHER PARISH MATTERS

The Parish Council have ordered a bench for the park in commemoration of the 100 year anniversary of the end of WW1. Our County Councillor Liz Hurst has allowed us some of her community grant money towards this. Thanks were given.

PCSO Debra Forsyth advised Cllr Samme that she will hold a surgery in Acol Village Hall the first Wednesday in the month at 4.45pm. Manston residents can attend if they require advice.

Mr Clark a resident from the village had spoken to the PCSO regarding speeding problems. She has suggested to him that he joins speedwatch rural. The Chair will send all details.

Cllr Dearing confirmed that TR23, Preston Rd Caravan Park, the owners have installed a pair of gates either side of the paddock which satisfies PROW regulations. With regard to PROW TR22 the owners have now closed the road with a gate, it is possible to get round the side but he is waiting to see if this is classed as an obstruction

KCC Councillor advised that there is a KCC consultation open regarding charging at the local tip for certain waste, which if no one objects will go through. Please respond by the end of October to the online consultation.

Mrs Goodban has again contacted KCC re the hedge on Valley Road, owned by Bradgate Park as it is overgrown and scratching cars. Cllr Dearing confirmed that he will go and speak to the new management at Bradgate and will also ask Kent Highways for assistance in the matter.

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held 12th November 2018 at 7:00pm

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# MANSTON PARISH COUNCIL

Invite parishioners to attend our Centenary  
Commemoration of the end of WW1  
which is a countrywide event.



We are lighting our Beacon  
In Manston Park  
On 11th November 2018  
At 7pm

This will be preceded by the reading of the  
names of those who died for Manston  
and a Minute's Silence.

A small amount of food will be available.





# MINSTER SURGERY

## PATIENT LIAISON GROUP

### NEWSLETTER - NOVEMBER 2018

#### SEASONAL WINTER 'FLU VACCINATIONS 2018

##### NOT HAD YOURS YET?

There is still an opportunity to have a "Flu Vaccination" on Saturday 10th November and appointments are available and can be made in the usual way via the surgery, in person or by phone. **SO DON'T DELAY - BOOK YOURS TODAY**

#### NEW EQUIPMENT FOR OUR NURSING TEAM

Our nursing team have identified difficulty in carrying out blood test in certain groups of patients, including the very young, elderly and obese patients. For this reason we have therefore purchased a "VeinLITE Skin Transilluminator" which is a portable hand held scanner and hi-lights and illuminates the veins in the body to provide accurate vein imaging, thus making access more accurate and easier, benefiting both patients and nurses.

#### MISSED APPOINTMENTS

This month Nurses are Down - Thank you! - but GP's are UP!

As result 44 PATIENTS DID NOT attend their DOCTOR'S APPOINTMENT

and 42 PATIENTS DID NOT attend their NURSE'S APPOINTMENT!

So that's needlessly a further £13760 Of NHS funds wasted! Why?

Remember! Don't need it - cancel it!

#### WOULD YOU LIKE TO OWN A "HAND MADE SWISS CHALET DOLL'S HOUSE?"

A very generous "AND CLEVER" patient has kindly donated a beautiful Doll's House this is just one of many excellent gifts and prizes on display and on offer to win or buy during our "GRAND CHRISTMAS RAFFLE" event, with all proceeds going towards our project to purchase a "MicroLab" Spirometer and Software. A full list of prizes and all details can be seen on our notice board in the waiting room.

The draw will of course will be made at our:-

#### ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BAZAAR - Saturday 24th NOVEMBER

SAME TIME : From 0900 onwards

SAME PLACE : OLD SCHOOLS HALL MINSTER

TABLES : Nearly all gone! So get in QUICK!!

#### SURGERY CLOSURE DAYS

Please note that the surgery will be closed from Midday onwards on the following days: Staff Training - Thursday 29th November

Please ensure that you have sufficient medication to last you during these times.

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 you and your family.

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

#### PATIENT GROUP

KEN SELF on Thanet 821200 or JEANNE LAWRENCE on Thanet 821049

## MANSTON PARISH TREE LIGHTS

We are proposing to switch on the Manston Lights on Friday 7th December at 7pm. Please come and join in the singing of some carols. All welcome!



## ST. CATHERINE's CHURCH NEWS

Come and Join in our festive events:

**Saturday 8th December—Thanet Community Gospel Choir  
Christmas Concert Doors open 6.30 for 7pm**

**Saturday 16th December—9 Lessons and Carol Service 6pm**

**24th December—Crib and Christingle 4pm**

**Christmas Day—10am Holy Communion**







PATIENT LIAISON GROUP

# CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

**Saturday 24th NOVEMBER**

**9.00 am - 1.00 pm**

**"OLD SCHOOLS" MINSTER**

**\* FREE ENTRANCE \***

**TABLES Only £8 (small) or £12 (large)**

ARTS and CRAFTS

HOT REFRESHMENTS

HOME MADE PRODUCE

BRIC A BAC

JEWELLERY

LOCAL ANTIQUES

CARDS

TOMBOLA AND RAFFLE

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**TO BOOK/INFORMATION  
CONTACT**

**KEN on THANET 821200 or 07751986738**  
**ALL PROCEEDS TOWARDS NEW FUND RAISING PROJECT**

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## Criminals target homeowners with bogus drainage fault

We've received reports of criminals phoning residents claiming there is an issue with the drains outside their property and they say the drainage company will fix it for free.

When the criminal arrives they claim the road behind them had the blockage which was connected to their property. They say they can fix it for £1500 to be paid in cash and they claim Kent County Council (KCC) wants the work completed.

This is a scam. The claim about KCC is untrue.

Warn vulnerable family members, friends and neighbours living in the area.

If you feel afraid or threatened by a doorstep caller, phone 999. For non-urgent calls, phone Kent Police on 101. Please report any suspicious doorstep callers to us.

### Report it

For advice and to report issues to KCC Trading Standards contact

Citizens Advice consumer service on 03454 04 05 06

Monday to Friday from 9am to 5pm.

## Beware of iTunes gift card scam

We continue to receive reports of criminals tricking victims into buying iTunes gift cards as payment for various types of fraud.

The criminals tell the victim to buy the iTunes gift cards then give them the serial code on the card over the phone or to send it to them.

Once the serial code is sent the money is lost.

The types of fraud include loan scams, fake mis-sold PPI (Payment Protection Insurance) scam, banking errors and payment for fake HMRC debt/taxes.

Since May 2016 there has been a reported total loss of £520,000 to this scam with one victim losing £46,000.

Never agree to requests to pay in the form of an iTunes gift cards. Hang up the call and report it.

# Shed - Education

## Burglaries of sheds and Garages are growing!



The value of property in sheds and garages is more than people think. Thieves are targeting them for power tools, cycle and sport equipment. Hand tools are stolen and used to break into homes.

### So let's weed out these thieves by getting some SHEDUCATION

Secure the access to your shed or garage by locking gates and using thorny bushes next to walls.

Have you visibly marked the contents of your shed? Make a note of the serial number and photograph valuable tools and other items. If you don't know how to mark your items then speak to your local Kent Community Warden or Police Community Support Officer.

External security lights which are activated by movement are useful.

Doors of sheds require attention. Use strong padlocks, windows should be secured with locks or grilles.

Use coach bolts or non-return screws to secure door hinges.

Chain cycle, mowers, ladders and tools to a strong anchorage point.

Alarm for sheds and garages are available for under £20 at most DIY stores or on line.

Together we'll crack crime. A Neighbourhood Watch Scheme or Country Eye.

Exactly what insurance cover do you have? Check that your household policy covers you for theft from your garden and outbuilding



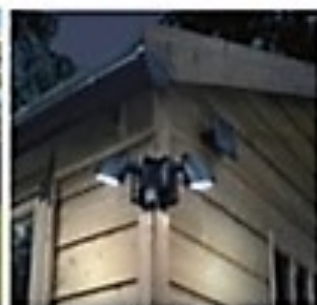
Bull bar



Cat spikes



Fencing



Security lights



Hawthorn



Security Marking



Shed alarm



Window Bars



# If

# YOU

**are not picking  
up your  
dog's mess,  
somebody else  
might be...**

- An innocent young child playing may pick it up
- Children and adults playing sport may fall in it
- Anyone could step in it and transfer it to a carpet at home or in a car.

**Should you take that risk?**

**Should you be that irresponsible?**

Dog mess is unpleasant and smelly, and contains a lot of bacteria and other organisms that can cause illness ....**BUT** it is easily picked up by dog owners and should be properly disposed of.

Only a minority fail to clean up after their dog fouls or worse, clean up and leave the bags under bushes in gardens or just lying around. This is also illegal, and the Council is determined to prosecute these selfish, thoughtless, lazy and anti-social people. There will be no warning.

**Always clean up after your dog and dispose of the bag properly or face prosecution and a criminal record.**

*A Cleaner  
Thanet  
Matters*

