

MANSTON NEWS

December 2018

**MANSTON PARISH
CHRISTMAS**

TREE LIGHTS

**WILL BE SWITCHED
ON 7TH DECEMBER**

AT 7PM

**THIS IS A JOINT VENTURE WITH
ST. CATHERINE'S CHURCH**

**HOT DRINK AND MINCE PIES
AVAILABLE**

PLEASE JOIN US

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

The Beacon Lighting to commemorate 100 years of the end of World War One was a great success with over 100 attending. The Parish Council would like to thank everyone who helped in any way. A special 'thank you' to Daphne for the food she cooked and served. Attending the event was Sir Roger Gale MP, the deputy Lord Lieutenant of Kent, Clive Stevens with parishioner and former Parish Council Chairman David Steed reading the roll of honour which was followed by the last post.



PARISH NEWS

The beacon basket was repaired in time by Clima gate and thanks were given to them. The Parish Council are still waiting for the barrier to the park to be replaced. The hedge near the Leys was cut very well. The Christmas lights will be switched on 7th December at 7pm. Every one welcome.

Cllr Dearing confirmed he had attended the KCC Highways, Transport and Waste Seminar of 6th November where he took the opportunity to speak with Paul Valek regarding 'Bradgate Lake'. Paul advised that he has applied for a grant from Capital Grant scheme to deal with this issue and others in the area. He wants to put new soak aways in, however Cllr Dearing confirmed he will press for the road to be heightened if this does not work.

Regarding the hedge in Valley road - Cllr Dearing has received complaints regarding the hedge not being trimmed and he has spoken to Bradgate who have confirmed they have trimmed the hedge and were not going to do it again. KCC have now written to them advising them to cut the hedge. The camp owners then responded by trimming the hedge using ordinary hedge trimmers but failed to tackle the worst areas of tangled woody undergrowth. Cllr Dearing will be sending photos of the hedge to KCC. Whilst Cllr Dearing was in Valley Road he noticed that a number of street lights were out and he saw a highways van who advised him that the lights could not be fixed as they no longer had the parts for them as they were old lights. He does not know the timeframe for the required repairs – he also commented that the overgrown hedge was blocking one of the lights, even more reason to cut it back.

Cllr Tritton has agreed to take on the role of PROW officer for the PC from Hazel Chandler. He can be contacted with any rights of way problems on tritt1066@gmail.com

Cllr Champs advised he had been contacted about some rubbish dumped in Preston Road – he contacted TDC and it has been removed.

A proposal was made that the dog area should be temporarily closed, but on closer inspection appears to be OK for a while longer. If it gets too muddy it will be closed to save the grass surface.

Cllr Crow-Brown advised that the Draft Local Plan has been submitted to inspectorate – 1500 comments from 500 individuals. Housing numbers are projected until 2031. He confirmed that the land has been allocated but it will not necessarily all be built. He confirmed there are not many brownfield sites in Thanet. Cllr Champs advised that there are too many empty properties, that should be priority. Cllr Crow-Brown confirmed that TDC has the best record for empty properties.

Evidence of hare coursing has been seen in Thanet, he urged anyone who sees this to report it to the police.

Operation stack was discussed and the use of Manston Airport as a lorry park. Cllr Crow-Brown confirmed that the contract for the use was to finish at the end of 2019.

Cllr Reece Pugh advised he had attended a briefing hosted by River Oak to update re DCO. He has reported that it was exciting to hear the forecasts for the fully operational airport and the jobs and growth it will bring to the area. He has dealt with some housing issues recently and is more than happy to help with any cases which may arise.

A resident advised that there is a lot of debris on roundabouts which makes it dangerous for motorbikes. It was decided to contact TDC and ask for the roadsweeper to call.

Mr Goodban asked if the Clerk could be more detail on the agenda so public know what will be discussed.

Resident advised that it wasn't clear where the monthly Parish Council meeting was – clerk to ask Ray Owen if he is able to make it clearer on the website.

Cllr Tritton advised that the lights, in a compound by the junction with Manston Road and Spitfire Way are so bright that you can't see the junction properly when heading from the village. Cllr Crow-Brown will speak to TDC enforcement. Resident advised the hoarding is down on junction of Manston Court Road and Manston Road - Cllr Champs will investigate who owns it.

Next meeting 10th December at RAF Museum 7pm

BEWARE!

There is a spate of Companies calling consumers and misleading them into believing that they offer free electrical safety checks on houses of the certain age as they are part of a government backed scheme. The use of the businesses trading style incorporating "Board" in the name further reinforces the idea in the minds of consumers that the approach is legitimate and in some way officially sanctioned.

Be mindful of any person either calling at your home or contacting you via the Internet or Telephone unannounced and consider the following advice on Bogus Callers and Rogue Traders.

BOGUS CALLERS

Most people who call at your home will be genuine. But sometimes people can try to trick their way into your home to steal your valuables and money. They are known as 'distraction burglars' or 'bogus callers'.

Are you expecting anyone?

Be cautious; people from water, gas and electric companies rarely visit without appointments. If there's a real emergency, police and fire-fighters are likely to be there.

On rare occasions, people may pose as members of the emergency services or armed forces to gain access to someone's home. If you're unsure, follow the tips below.

Top tips to protect yourself

Lock your back doors and windows before answering the front door – thieves often work in pairs, one distracting you at the front door while the other tries the back.

Use your spyhole and chain and ask who they are through the door first.

Check their identification, even if they have a pre-arranged appointment. If you're not expecting them and they don't have ID, don't let them in.

If they leave you a contact number don't use it as it may be fake. Find the company's number in the phone book, on the internet or on a recent bill instead.

If you need to get something, close the door until you return.

If in doubt ask them to leave and come back at a more convenient time when a family member or friend can be with you.



SAVE the DATE
Safer Internet Day
2019 | Tuesday
5 February
www.saferinternetday.org.uk





NEWSLETTER - DECEMBER 2018

A BIG THANK YOU

We would like to thank all our Patients and Friends for their generosity and kindness in donating so many prizes for our raffle and tombola that was held at our Christmas Bazaar, With our fund raising going very well we are fairly confident that we will reach our target of £1549 by Christmas

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY ARRANGEMENTS

Christmas Eve 24th December	- Normal opening hours
Christmas Day 25th December	- Closed all day
Boxing Day 26th December	- Closed all day
Thursday 27th December	- Normal opening hours
Friday 28th December	- Normal opening hours
Monday 31st December	- Normal opening hours
Tuesday 1st January	- Closed all day
Wednesday 2nd January onwards	- Normal opening hours

Should you need to see a Doctor during times when the surgery is closed, please call the "NHS 111 Service" either via the normal surgery number 821333 or call direct on "111" where you will receive "non urgent" confidential health advice and information for you and your family.
For Urgent/Life Threatening cases, please dial 999 as normal.

REPEAT PRESCRIPTIONS

Please ensure that you have sufficient medication to last you throughout the holiday period and that all "Repeat Prescription Requests" are submitted in good time to allow for the increased demand, both at the surgery and at the various pharmacies, and remember to check your local pharmacy's opening times as well. As a result you may submit your request up to ten days in advance, preferably by Monday 17th December at the latest. This will also ensure that if your prescription is due during the holiday period, it will be available for collection during the week before Christmas.

Obviously, we appreciate that "urgent" prescriptions may still be needed anytime.

Also, if your "MEDICATION REVIEW" is due during this period please ensure you make an appointment in good time, to avoid further unnecessary delays.

If you have any concerns please contact the surgery direct on 821333

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

Last month was another slight improvement - THANK YOU!

* 45 PATIENTS DID NOT ATTEND THEIR DOCTOR'S APPOINTMENT !

44 PATIENTS DID NOT ATTEND THEIR NURSES APPOINTMENT !

BUT THAT STILL 89 MISSED AND WASTED APPOINTMENTS, costing the NHS £14240

BUT AMAZINGLY:

49 Patients DID NOT ATTEND THEIR FIU VACCINATION appointment ! UNBELIEVABLE! After all - It's for your benefit!

So a plea, to all our patients throughout the villages and surrounding areas. Next year : DON'T NEED IT? CANCEL IT! It's SO EASY: By Phone, By Text, On Line - Just do It!

SURGERY TRAINING DAYS 2019

Please note that the surgery will be closed from midday onwards on:

Thursday 31st January 2019

Wednesday 27th February 2019

AND FINALLY - We would like to wish all our Patients and Friends

***** A VERY HAPPY CHRISTMAS *****

And

***** A VERY HEALTHY NEW YEAR *****

Ken Self on 821200 or Jeanne Lawrence on 821049
or email : kenself@me.com

MANSTON PARISH TREE LIGHTS

We are going 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 carols service 6pm

24th December—Crib and Christingle 4pm

Christmas Day—10am Holy Communion



MANSTON PARISH COUNCIL

WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY

TO WISH YOU ALL

A VERY HAPPY CHRISTMAS

and HAPPY NEW YEAR!

