

MANSTON NEWS CHRISTMAS 2017

MANSTON CHRISTMAS LIGHTS



We will be switching on Manston Christmas lights on Friday 1st December at 6pm. As usual this will include some carol singing! Tea, Coffee, Mince Pies etc will be provided by the Parish Council and Church. We would love to see you all there!

PLEASE JOIN US!!

THE PARISH COUNCIL WOULD LIKE TO WISH YOU ALL A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR 2018. THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR SUPPORT DURING 2017.

There will be no full newsletter in January but any urgent updates will be added to the website.

Items from Parish Council meeting and others concerning Manston

Councillor John Dearing was thanked for all his hard work in the Parish, and recently on his negotiations concerning the war memorial railings. As you will have noticed (hopefully) the railings have been replaced with galvanised steel, but to keep the look the same, they have taken the curves off the top and put them on the new.

The fencing by 13 The Leys has still to be fitted, this has been agreed with the contractor and will be completed as soon as possible.

The dead tree in the boundary by 1 Spratling Street will be removed by John and Roy as soon as possible. Another dead tree in the dog area, will also be looked at.

There are still problems with the dog area users. Yet again it may have to close due to the state of the ground. The dog warden has suggested another sign on the Leys gate about keeping dogs on leads. This has been ordered and will be fitted asap. Apparently the dog warden is making regular visits to the park and if the signs are in place at both entrances he can take action against owners who constantly break the rules. USE IT PROPERLY OR LOSE IT

Councillor Ray Owens from Minster has kindly volunteered to take on the job of updating the website, and when Rex Goodban is back from his holiday the transfer will start to take place. (Details of contacts will be in the next newsletter.

The Christmas tree lights have been checked and are working OK, they will be switched on on 1st December at 6pm. Drinks and Mince Pies provided free.

The Chairman proposed Irene Dolan be co-opted onto the council. This was seconded by John Dearing and was voted all in favour.....Welcome Irene. Councillor Dolan read her acceptance .

Planning application had been received regarding Manston Airport. OL/TH/16/0550 .Due to the scale of the plans, all Councillors have been asked to send their comments to our Clerk who will collate them and send in our views. Should residents wish to write, please send to TDC Planning stating case number and your name and address. They will not accept without the name and address.

Highways– A resident from Preston Park Caravan Park has complained there is no public pedestrian provision from the caravan park to the village. This will be raised at a meeting with James Wraight from Highways at a future meeting.. Paul Valek from Highways has been assessing the site at Vincent Road junction with Manston Road re a road mirror. He has suggested that it may not go ahead as there are more dangerous sites in the area. A speed sign has been requested in Spratling Street and a response is awaited.

County Cllr Dawson advised that there had been some issues with Virgin Media, Manston PC confirmed that it hasn't been in an issue – some pavements have been destroyed across Thanet – pavements have a 2 year guarantee so if there any issues these should be reported to KCC.

Cllr Dawson has spoken to James Wraight and asked when Shottendane Road is going to be expanded however, he confirmed it will not be before the housing. Cllr Dawson asked for speedwatch volunteers. Cllr Champs confirmed that the reason no one wants to volunteer is that no information from the watch can be enforced. Tony Gander (Community warden) confirmed that Inspector Alan Watson was in charge of speedwatch. He can instruct his special officers to fit monitoring boxes to lamp posts to record volume and speeds of passing traffic. If the results indicate a serious speeding problem on that road, he can apply for officers, equipped with new speed guns , to attend the site. These new guns record and photograph the speeding vehicles taking enough evidence for action to be taken against offending drivers.

Tony mentioned small empty gas bottles have been found in the area. They are used by young people to fill balloons and then inhale the gas and get high. The big worry is that they then drive vehicles. Tony G also mentioned that there are 4 cars in the area driven by elderly homeless people who have fallen on hard times and are car park hopping, staying overnight in various car parks in Thanet. Fly tipping issues are being dealt with quickly.

Clerk confirmed that the local support grant has been removed by TDC, and Cllr Samme, Cllr Dearing and the clerk will meet next week to discuss the budget. Clerk to find out from council Tax office how many houses are in the village, as there were previously approx 400.

November 2018 100th Anniversary of WW1 end – they are suggesting the beacons are lit. To review in the New Year.

ST.CATHERINE'S CHURCH

We are now looking forward into December, please consider joining us for some of these forth-coming events:

Friday 1st Dec, 6.00 The Lighting of the Manston Christmas Tree. Traditionally we sing carols around the tree then enjoy hot drinks and mince pies (courtesy of Manston Parish Council) back inside the church. We are hoping that Dave Stephens and Yules' Noyse will, once again, be providing the instrumental backing and a short informal concert on this evening. Please put the date on your calendar and think about joining us with some young members of your families.

Saturday 16th Dec, 7.30: Christmas Concert with The Thanet Community Gospel Choir led by Cliff Farrell. Proceeds go to the church. Tickets available soon - £5. Refreshments will be served.

Sunday 17th Dec, 6.30: Carol Service with Nine Lessons and Carols, led by Rev Brian.

Sunday 24th Dec, 4.00: Christmas Eve Crib and Christingle service, led by Julia and Cheryl. *This service is aimed at families: we assemble the crib with the nativity story and carols and assemble our own Christingles.*

Monday, 25th Dec, 10am: Family Communion shared with St Christopher's, led by Rev Brian



MINSTER SURGERY

NEWSLETTER - DECEMBER 2017

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, and also, to all those who have supported us by purchasing raffle tickets and making such a wonderful selection of cakes.

Special thanks go to Mr. Mrs. Hood for treating us to their "Bavarian Fairground Christmas Organ" display, it certainly proved to be extremely popular and could be heard throughout the village.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR - PRIZE WINNERS

As this newsletter goes to press before our Bazaar has taken place, and for those who were not able to attend, a full list of Prize Winners will be displayed on our notice board in the surgery. Wherever possible, all prize winners be contacted directly by telephone and invited to attend an official presentation.

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY ARRANGEMENTS

Please note the surgery's revised open/closed arrangements over the Christmas period:

Normal opening times up until and including	- Friday 22nd December
Christmas Day 25th December	- Closed all day
Boxing Day 26th December	- Closed all day
Wednesday 27th December	- Normal opening hours
Thursday 28th December	- Normal opening hours
Friday 29th December	- Normal opening hours
Monday 1st January	- Closed all day
Tuesday 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" via the normal surgery number 821333 where you can be automatically transferred, 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.

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 two weeks in advance, preferably by 13th 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

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

Last month was another slight improvement - THANK YOU!

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

26 PATIENTS DID NOT ATTEND THEIR NURSES APPOINTMENT !

BUT AMAZINGLY:

109 Patients DID NOT ATTED THIER Flu VACCINATION or INTRANASAL 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

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

Thursday 25th January 2018

Wednesday 21st February 2018

AND FINALLY - A VERY HAPPY CHRISTMAS and A VERY HEALTHY NEW YEAR

Community alert

Detectives from Kent and Essex's Serious Crime Directorate are reminding residents to be alert to the signs of courier fraud following reports of suspicious callers across Kent.

In the last month officers have received several reports of residents being approached by someone claiming to be a police officer who knocks at their front door. They are then told that an investigation into rogue traders who completed work on their house has begun and the resident will be eligible for a refund. In order to get this refund the victim would need to pay an outstanding bill and an officer would collect the payment so the funds can be released.

Variations on the scam—Variations on the scam involve people claiming to be from Trading Standards, a local bank or other organisations in a position of trust.

Police say 'Criminals who take part in this fraud pick out the most vulnerable members of society and we are keen to ensure people know how to spot the signs. 'Friends and family should pass on fraud prevention advice to help protect loved ones and prevent their finances being put at risk.'

Protect yourself against courier fraud

Don't be a victim

If you wish to call your bank use a number known to you, not one provided by the caller. Call from another phone, or call a friend first to ensure the offenders have been disconnected from your line.

If you've handed over any personal bank details to the fraudster, call your bank and cancel your cards immediately.

The police or your bank will never send a courier to your home to collect your bank card or other items and will never ask for cash, valuables, or your PIN. If you receive one of these calls end it immediately without providing information.

