



MANSTON NEWS FOR APRIL 2017

Welcome to the Manston News in its new format.

The parish council meeting will be held on 10th April 2017 7pm followed by 8th May at 7pm which will be our AGM. Both these will be held at the RAF Museum Manston Road

At the last meeting we said goodbye to our County Councillor Roger Latchford who has decided to retire at this year's Kent County Council election. We wish for it to be noted that he has been the best County Councillor we have dealt with, and has given us support in every way he can. We wish him a Happy Retirement.

David Steed has come across this early photograph which has Manston written on the back, but does anyone know where it was taken?



PARISH MEETING 13th March

At the Parish Council meeting, the Chairman reported that the Dog Area ground is still in a poor condition., It was agreed to purchase grass seed and spread this as soon as we are able. All complaints regarding the dog area being shut are not from Manston residents. Complaint from Preston Road regarding a driveway being blocked. There is not a drop kerb there. Cllr Samme has written to KCC and TDC..both not able to help at this time.

Cllr Champs confirmed that the right of way at Preston Park is now open as the Caravan Park have moved the shelter that was covering part.

It was reported that two lights are not working in Preston Road, this was reported to KCC in January

REPORTS

Cllr Latchford introduced Cllr Brimm who is standing for election for KCC. He advised he will be standing down. Cllr Latchford advised that he has enjoyed working with Manston PC, Cllr Champs thanked Cllr Latchford for all his help and support and wished him a happy retirement.

Cllr Crow-Brown advised that he had attended the Thames Gateway meeting in London, and confirmed that Thanet got a lot of mentions. Thanet has been advised as a centre of excellence. He will keep us updated. He advised that fly tipping is being targeted by TDC currently.

LOCAL PLAN REVISION

Manston Parish Council will object to the revision of the plan. Several members if the public from Shottendane Road attended. One resident advised that the statistics used in the plan were out of date. Thanet is 4.9% more densely populated than the national average. He advised that TDC advised that farmland is not protected. Road widening scheme will be paid for by the developer, once the houses have been built. Thanet will become a concrete and brick island. Resident advised GP's and NHS services are already stretched. He understands that Thanet is growing, however the seaside is the asset and it will be jammed up. Traffic issues are already bad. No one has considered the impact on the existing road issues. Water drainage is also an issue, flooding is a real issue. He advised that he did not get the information through from TDC which advised of the changes and had heard of this from MPC Newsletter. He also confirmed that there a lot of elderly people who do not get the information.

Resident commented that new water supply is also an issue. Electricity is a problem, power cuts are already frequent. Plan does not identify how the hospital is going to be expanded, or how the infrastructure is going to be completed to service the houses. Chair advised that the 700 homes at Manston Road is too much for the area together with those proposed in Manston Court Road (700) and smaller sites round the area. Empty Homes should be looked at to achieve the numbers, Chair confirmed there aren't the jobs for the residents. Chair advised that all the information and any further update will be on line on the newsletter.

THANET PARKWAY STATION

Manston Parish Council do not agree with the building of this station. It is not needed, we have seven stations on the Isle of Thanet already. It was going to be built to support the Airport site, until the airport is sorted out, tax payer's money should not be wasted. The money quoted does not cover changes to crossings etc on the line which would prove very costly.

Councillor Tritton advised that the fence around Taft's is in a dangerous condition, the clerk will inform Highways.

Alert – phone scam

The public are being warned to stay on their guard against phone callers who ask them: "Can you hear me?" If someone does call you and that is one of the first things they ask you, hang up immediately if you don't want to be landed with an expensive contract.

The major scam has already swept the United States and it is only a matter of time before conmen in Britain realise it could be an easy way to make money out of vulnerable people. But police and call-blocking companies are warning the public about the dangerous phone call in the hope of preventing innocent people falling victim to the scammers.

This is how it works; You receive a phone call from a local number and the voice on the end introduces themselves and the company they supposedly work for. They then ask: "Can you hear me?" Your answer is recorded, and if you say "yes", your response will be edited to make it appear as if you've agreed to a huge purchase.

You're effectively being tricked into signing a verbal contract, much the same as clicking 'I agree' to terms and conditions online. Voice signatures like these are legitimately used by companies doing business over the phone, but this is being exploited by scammers who have conned many Americans already. CPR Call Blocker has seen the scam rise in frequency and the company believes it's only a matter of time before the UK start being targeted too.

The scammers may try and charge you for products or services you've never used, and if you try and argue with them, they'll play back their recording of you saying "yes" and threaten to take legal action if you don't pay up.

Another version of the scam sees the criminals using the person's voice recording to authorise a stolen credit card. The public is being advised either to hang up straight away upon being asked "Can you hear me?", or just not pick up at all if you don't recognise the number. And if you do think you may have been caught out by the scammers, contact your bank or card provider as soon as you can.



St. Catherine's Church.

Be Imitators Of Our Lord.

Let us endeavour to be real imitators of our Lord Jesus. As we observe Jesus' ways, let us learn of Him in God's word. In readiness of mind can we thirst for the Lord. Depend on Jesus to lead you on for God's approval because He is the Way, the Truth and the Life - (John 14:6).

SERVICES IN APRIL, 2017.

02/04/17 **Sunday 9:30am 5th Sunday of Lent** ; Holy Communion
09/04/17 **Palm Sunday 9:30am** – Morning Worship
10/04/17 **Holy Week Monday – 7:30pm** Holy Communion
14/04/17 **Good Friday 2pm** - Meditation Service
16/04/17 **Sunday 9:30am - Easter Day**; Holy Communion.
23/04/17 **Sunday 9:30am - 2nd Sunday of Easter**; Morning Worship.
30/04/17 **Sunday 9:30am - 3rd Sunday of Easter**; Shared Holy Communion
with St. Christopher's church, Newington.

Prayer: Teach me your way, O Lord; I will walk in your truth: unite my heart to fear your name Lord Jesus - amen.

With Blessings, Revd. Shola Aoko.

MANSTON GARDEN CLUB



17th April Daffodil Competition judging by Phyllis & Bob
Points table category - Springtime

5th May Mike Sampson Art TBC Points
table -Handicraft

For further details contact Chairperson Garden Club
Christine Watts 01843 868582





MINSTER SURGERY

NEWSLETTER - APRIL 2017

OUR NEW PROJECT

To purchase a "C-Reactive Protein Rapid (CRP) Test Cassette" and associated test cartridges. CRP is found in patients in association with acute infections, necrotic conditions and inflammatory disorders and is 99.9% accurate. It will determine whether patients will benefit from antibiotics and can also monitor whether antibiotics are helping to improve the patient's condition.

This equipment is relatively new in the UK and we have been chosen as a "pilot location" which will start hopefully within the month. We will then be one of the first surgeries in the country to purchase the equipment and have this complete facility available on site.

The approximate cost of the equipment is £1000 + vat with an ongoing cost of £50 per month, dependant on patient demand, and all funds raised by our "Spring Fayre and Raffle" will go towards this project.

SPRING FAYRE

Our Annual Spring Fayre will take place on Saturday 13th May at "Old Schools" hall Minster We will be launching our raffle on 2nd April with our top prize being a "Handmade Children's Rocking Horse"

MISSED APPOINTMENTS - THANK YOU VERY MUCH!

Another improvement! This is the lowest that these figures have been since we started to record and publish them, which is brilliant news:

"ONLY" 26 PATIENTS DID NOT ATTEND THEIR DOCTOR,S APPOINTMENT !

"ONLY" 58 PATIENTS DID NOT ATTEND THEIR NURSES APPOINTMENT !

Thank you to all those patients who have helped us achieve and maintain such an improvement, and please continue to do so.

SURGERY CLOSURE DAYS

Please note that the surgery will close at 12.00 Mid-day on the following days for the purpose of staff training:

Wednesday 26th April; Wednesday 24th May; Thursday 22nd June

BANK HOLIDAYS

The surgery will be closed all day on:

Good Friday 14th April and Easter Monday 17th April

Monday 1st May; and Monday 29th May

Please ensure you have sufficient medication to last you during these periods, and of course, please don't forget to include all the family who may need medication and also check when their "Medication Review" is due.

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,

SPRING FAYRE & BAZAAR

SATURDAY 13th MAY

9.00am to 1.00pm

“OLD SCHOOLS” Hall Minster

TABLES only £7 (small) or £10 (large)

“FREE ENTRANCE”

HOT FOOD & DRINKS

ARTS & CRAFT - ANTIQUES - COLLECTABLES

HOMEMADE JAMS - LOCAL PRODUCE

HOME MADE GOODS - BRIC A BRAC

RAFFLE & TOMBOLA

TO BOOK/INFORMATION CONTACT

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All proceeds towards new fund raising project