

# MANSTON NEWS

February 2018

Firstly a very Happy New Year from the Parish Council members to all of the parish including Lydden, Woodchurch, Flete and Haine

## PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS—December and January

Cllr Owen from Minster PC will now be updating the parish council website. There are currently issues with the website provider which is being investigated . The dog area is getting treacherous, due to the weather Cllrs agreed to close the dog area if it was thought to be necessary . The Christmas tree was lit and the event was well attended. The Christmas tree lighting was advertised in the online newsletter . Cllr Tritton advised that it was missed by a few residents as they had not received notification . Cllr Dearing suggested that notices for specific events could be delivered to villagers – to be considered when events arise. 4 trees have been removed in the park by Cllr Dearing and Cllr Matthews and Cllr Samme expressed her thanks. The dead one in dog area to be removed next.

## HIGHWAYS

Cllr Dearing thanked KCC Highways for replacement of a post at Preston Road , and Vincent Rd/ Manston road which were replaced within 2 weeks of being reported. Cllr Dolan gave an overview of the meeting which she and Cllr Dearing had with James Wraight.

James explained that the proposed housing development at sites in Birchington, Westgate and on Manston Airport would result in road improvements/enhancements to Nash Road, Shottendane Road and a new link road from Haine Road (Toby Carvery) and these should alleviate the problems experienced in Flete Road. However the New Link Road is still subject to approval to turn Manston Airport into a housing development .. The permanent closure of Flete road is an option.

Cllr Tritton asked Manston Court Road/ Vincent Road – are the bollards too far out into the road? Cllr Wilson to contact home owner.

## INDIVIDUAL REPORTS

TDC Cllr Crow-Brown advised he had been contacted by a resident from Preston Park regarding lack of speed limit signage. Cllr Dearing checked and confirmed signage was in place. Cllr Crow-Brown dealt with an enquiry from Manston Court Road regarding rubbish on the highway and advised a sweeper was sent. The Clerk gave an update on the proposed budget for 2018/19. Cllr Samme asked if anyone had any suggestions, but we have already identified some new park equipment .Cllr Tritton asked about the Light Pollution from Thanet Earth – Clerk to contact Environmental Health at TDC to find out about it. KCC Cllr Dawson is aware that someone has already complained and will keep us up to date.

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on 12th February 2018

An update to the Parish Councillors list:

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MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT

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## SCAMS AND WARNINGS

### Kent residents targeted with high pressure burglar alarm sales=Alert from Kent County Council

We have received reports of a company using high pressure techniques to sell burglar alarms with a 5 year maintenance contract. One salesman demanded the 80 year old resident pay the full amount upfront.

Please look out for neighbours and report any suspicious doorstep callers to us.

### Electronic cigarette battery explosion

A man in Kent narrowly escaped injury when the spare electronic cigarette battery he was carrying in his pocket exploded. The battery came into contact with one of the metal objects he was carrying in his pocket; keys, coins or the mobile phone.

We are warning people to never carry loose batteries in bags or pockets and store electronic cigarette batteries in a plastic case when not in use.

Always follow the manufacturers instructions on how to use, store and charge your electronic cigarette safely. If you think your device is fake or poorly made report it to Trading Standards.

### SCAM

I received a text on my mobile from +447341985535 saying: "FINAL REQUEST:DVLA Swansea have been trying to contact you, click below for more information". The link takes you to " tax-disc.dvla.gov.uk.fth31.site" which looks like an official Gov.uk site saying you have a an unclaimed refund for £48.84 which is time limited and then gives another link to a form to be filled in which it asks for all your personal details: name, address, DoB, Mothers maiden name, bank account details, debit card details & CVC etc.

### SCAM

We are having a massive spate of fraud in Thanet (predominately Broadstairs) Residents are receiving calls from a male claiming to be a Metropolitan Police Officer and asking for bank details. A couple of times the male states he is DS Owen from Met pol and stating the informants card has been used in Covent Garden. They could be using other names.

Never give out personal details such as credit card information to strangers who come to your door or call you even if they say they are the Police.

If you receive calls of this nature please make a note of the phone number and the precise time the call was made.

Make a report to Kent Police on 101 or crime stoppers 0800 555 111

### DOORSTEP CRIMINALS AFTER STORM

We are warning Kent residents to beware of doorstep criminals. Following storms criminals are attempting to convince people into unnecessary or overpriced work.

Doorstep criminals may claim your roof tiles are loose, your chimney stack is dangerous or trees need to be felled due to damage. Accepting work from a doorstep criminal can result in paying much more than you intended for very poor, unnecessary and sometimes dangerous work.

If you require work done to your home get at least three quotes and never give a doorstep caller cash. For a list of Kent County Council approved traders visit Checkatrade or phone 0333 0146 190.



## MINSTER SURGERY

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### FUND RAISING PROJECT - TARGET ACHIEVED - EQUIPMENT ORDERED!

#### NOW RECEIVED ! OFFICIAL PRESENTATION

This was held on 10th January, and with Software Installation and on site training scheduled for 25th January, Dawn Langdon and members of the Nursing Team will be able to bring the new PC Based ECG equipment into service immediately afterwards.

#### SURGERY TRAINING DAYS 2018

Please note that the surgery will close at 12.00 Mid-day on the following days:

Wednesday 21st February; Wednesday 21st March; Thursday 26th April

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?

Unfortunately they're creeping higher again!

\*28 PATIENTS DID NOT ATTEND THEIR DOCTOR,S APPOINTMENT !

\*56 PATIENTS DID NOT ATTEND THEIR NURSES APPOINTMENT !

So that's STILL 80+ MISSED AND WASTED APPOINTMENTS.

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!

#### DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

ANNUAL SPRING FAYRE - 12th MAY 2018 @ OLD Schools Hall Minster

So book your table Now! Some have already been booked, so get in quick.

# KCC Cycle training for adults

January - March 2018.

We are pleased to confirm that our Adult Cycle training sessions are continuing in 2018, with the following courses available, which are still FREE of charge:

## Learn to Ride

You are never too old to learn! For those of you who want to start riding a bike, but have never learnt how, or it's been so long since you last rode that you're not confident. This course is run in an off-road, safe location at your pace. The aim is to get you riding, which may require more than one session. Each course runs for approximately 1 hour 30 minutes.

## Confident Road Cycling

This course is aimed at those of you, who can ride a bicycle but want to gain more confidence riding on the road. For most of the course you will be riding on the road accompanied by Instructors. It will improve your cycling abilities and give you the skills and knowledge to share the road safely with other users. Each course runs for approximately 2 hours 30 minutes.

The table shows the dates and times for each of our training locations across the County.

To book a place, please go to [www.kent.gov.uk/cycletraining](http://www.kent.gov.uk/cycletraining)

For more information email: [cycletraining@kent.gov.uk](mailto:cycletraining@kent.gov.uk)

## Advanced Cycling.

For those of you cycling regularly on the road, and wanting to increase your cycle mileage, perhaps by commuting to work in the future. This intensive course will advance your cycling onto busy roads and through complex junctions including roundabouts and multi-lane systems.

Each course runs for approximately 2 hours 30 minutes. These courses are arranged subject to demand. Hence a Booking fee of £20 per course applies.

To register your interest, please go to [www.kent.gov.uk/cycletraining](http://www.kent.gov.uk/cycletraining)

[The Boating Pool Café, Royal Esplanade, Ramsgate, CT11 0HE](#)

## Dates

Sat 27th January,

Sat 3rd & 10th February.

Sat 3rd & 10th March.

## Learn to Ride Course Times

10 to 1130

## Confident Road Cycling Times

12 to 14.30

Cycle helmets and cycles available

## AVIAN FLU

Kent has earned a hard-won reputation for tough and effective biosecurity to protect plant, animal and human health. Avian influenza (or bird flu) has recently been confirmed in wild birds in Dorset and Warwickshire, with an 'avian influenza prevention zone' now declared covering England.

It is vital that we all remain vigilant and report any wild birds found dead without obvious cause (especially wild-fowl such as swans, geese and ducks) to the Defra helpline on 03459 33 55 77.

Any unexplained deaths amongst captive birds, such as poultry or gamebirds, should also be reported to the Animal and Plant Health Agency on 03000 20 03 01.

For further information please contact Tony Harwood (Principal Resilience Officer)