

MANSTON NEWS

A monthly newsletter brought to you by the Parish Council

NOVEMBER 2017



Welcome to the November issue of the News to all members of the parish including Lydden, Woodchurch, Flete and Haine

PRECIS of OCTOBER PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Problems are occurring still with litter in the dog area and the bins being used for normal rubbish and thus getting full quickly. The Chairman will put up a sign requesting people take rubbish home with them or using the proper bins.

Planning applications

OL/TH/17/1129 43 Star Lane, MARGATE, Kent, CT9 4EG

Outline application for the erection of a part three/part four storey flat roof building containing 10No 2 bedroom apartments and 2No 3 bedroom apartments including access, layout and scale

*****Since the meeting we have seen an amended application for :

OL/TH/16/1374 Application for outline planning permission for 100no. dwellings with creation of access on to Haine Road, and all other matters reserved, on land at and adjoining St Stephens Bungalow

St Stephens Haine Road RAMSGATE Kent

Please write direct to TDC Planning with any observations you may have *****

Kent Cllr Dawson advised there has been a fire drill at Arlington House, and the response was very good. She also advised she has been to Aylesford to watch a demonstration into pot holing repair.

Cllr Gregory confirmed KCC are currently setting budgets. They have been lobbying government for extra funding. Graffiti on road signs – police are investigating and several arrests have been made. Cllr Gregory urged us to report any graffiti or pot holes that have been seen, on line using KCC Highways report a fault

Clerk advised there is funding available from the Transparency code to update the website . This will be investigated.

Ann Goodban advised the hedge by Bradgate Caravan Park is very overgrown and she has tried to ask them to cut it back . Cllr Gregory asked her to report online.

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on 13th November 2017 at 7:00pm

It was with deep sadness that shortly after our last meeting our Kent and District Councillor Ken Gregory passed away suddenly. He will be missed for his hard work and humour. Our sincerest condolences to his family.



St. Catherine's Church



Rev Shola's Final Service

With all of our summer social events, before we knew it, it was the day of Rev Shola's final service; aptly entitled a "celebration of ministry and sending-onward" service by Rev Pat (a retired minister who has been helping out in the St Laurence parish), who put together the details of the service. Rev Shola chose four very poignant hymns: Love Divine, all Loves Excelling; May the Mind of Christ my Saviour; Lord, the Light of Your Love is Shining; Now Thank we all our God. Each hymn has powerful words and fitted well with Shola's sermon theme of brotherly love for each other. It would normally be usual to have a minister's final service at St Laurence, but we felt it was our role as St Catherine's was one of her two specific churches – and so we were very pleased to host her final service. It was joyous to see the church full: each of the five parish churches were represented, members of our own church who have moved away returned to say farewell. The afternoon tea next door at the village hall was a mammoth task for our small team, and we had to draft in a couple of extra pairs of hands, but many thanks to all who came as it made it a special occasion. We hope that your tea and coffee arrived hot and that you found plenty to satisfy any hunger!

The Future

For St Catherine's and St Christopher's, we will find the next few months rather strange, possibly even a trial as we learn to cope without our minister. Rev Pat and Rev Brian are helping out and leading us for the next couple of months and I'm sure that we will get our heads around the changes in our monthly services. We are grateful to Rev Pat and Rev Brian, and always look forward to welcoming them. The weekly pattern and timings have changed – this is how things stand at present:

1st and 3rd Sundays: SHARED service at 10am with Rev Pat, alternating venues – St Catherine's on the 1st, St Christopher's on the 3rd.

2nd and 4th Sundays: 9.30am Service of the Word, led by Cheryl and/or Julia.

5th Sundays: Presumably still a shared service at 10am, alternating the venue between St Catherine's and St Christopher's.

ALL SAINTS/ALL SOULS, 5th November, a shared service at St Catherine's, led by Rev Pat, with opportunity to light a candle for a loved-one who has passed on. 10am start.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY, 12th November, the service at St Catherine's will be led by Rev Brian, starting at **10am**.

From Julia and Cheryl at St Catherine's – with our blessings.

MANSTON GARDEN CLUB

Meetings for the rest of 2017

3rd November TBA Table: Winter Warmers

1st December Christmas Wreaths

3rd December Village Hall Christmas Fayre TBC (SUNDAY)



MINSTER SURGERY

PATIENT LIAISON GROUP- NOVEMBER 2017

SEASONAL WINTER 'FLU VACCINATIONS 2017 _ DID YOU MISS YOURS?

There is still an opportunity to have a "Flu Vaccination" as some additional appointments are now available and can be made in the usual way via the surgery, in person or by phone. **SO DON'T DELAY - BOOK YOURS TODAY** Eligible and "at risk" patients will have already received a reminder and been invited to make an appointment, but if you have any concerns about your eligibility please contact Reception.

WINTER DRAWS ON!

Now is the time to start preparing for those dark winter evenings and the expected cold weather. The following web sites give some very useful information to help us struggle through the coughs, colds, and minor ailments:

patient.co.uk and nhs.uk/conditions Read their tips to stay fit and well or visit their "Symptom Checker" if you don't!

MISSED APPOINTMENTS

Last Month was BIG improvement - Thank You! only 22 PATIENTS DID NOT attend their DOCTOR'S APPOINTMENT and only 22 PATIENTS DID NOT attend their NURSES APPOINTMENT! That is probably the least we have had for very long time! Please keep it up Remember! Don't need it - cancel it! FORGET? Get text reminder service.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO WIN A "HAND MADE DOLL'S HOUSE FOR CHRISTMAS ?

A very generous "AND CLEVER" patient has kindly donated a beautiful Doll's House this is just one of many excellent prizes that can be won in our "GRAND CHRISTMAS RAFFLE" with all proceeds going towards our project to purchase a "Hi-Tech PC Based ECG machine"

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

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BAZAAR - Saturday 18th 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 :Staff Training - Thursday 30th November

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.



Paper prescriptions go electronic



This practice is starting to send prescriptions electronically.

Pick up a leaflet from reception to find out how this could save you time.

Electronic Prescription Service

A more convenient way to get your prescription

SCAM CORNER

Kent Trading Standards warn residents about criminals pretending to be Trading Standards officers to defraud vulnerable victims out of hundreds of thousands of pounds.

How it works The criminal visits or calls residents who have previously been victims of crime claiming to be a Trading Standards officer using false identification. They tell the resident that following a Trading Standards investigation into their previous complaint they are entitled to compensation. They tell the resident they need to pay some money to release the compensation awarded by the Court. Some residents are being told they must also pay the VAT that wasn't paid from the original crime

What to do Tell the caller you need to speak to a friend or relative and hang up. If they are at your door politely say you need to speak to a friend or relative and close the door. REMEMBER: Trading Standards will NEVER ask for cash and you would NEVER be asked to pay money to receive compensation.

WARNING: Telephone callers may insist you hang up and check their ID by calling a number they give to you. This is part of the fraud. Criminals stay on the line and pretend to be Trading Standards to verify the caller. Report these calls to Kent Police at your local Police station.

Residents that have previously been victims of doorstep crime are particularly at risk so please warn neighbours, friends and/or relatives if you think they may be targeted. Report fraud to Kent Police online

Doorstep criminals claim to be KCC Highways officers

We have received reports of doorstep criminals knocking on doors in Dartford and Gravesham claiming to be from the KCC Highways team.

The criminals are asking residents to contribute to resurfacing the road; they claim other neighbours have paid towards the works to try and persuade them to part with their money KCC Highways NEVER ask residents for money to contribute to resurfacing works if residents feel threatened they should call Kent Police on 999.

Beware of callers offering windows under a government backed scheme

We have received reports of a company telephoning residents in the Tunbridge Wells area offering windows under a government backed scheme. The caller tells the resident that they have officers in their area who can come and check their smart meters to find out if they are eligible.

Be aware that this company may make false or misleading claims to get you to buy this expensive product.

You can find out if you're eligible for help to make your home more energy efficient by visiting gov.uk

You can reduce the number of unsolicited sales and marketing calls you receive by registering your telephone number with the Telephone Preference Service It's a free service and only takes a minute to register

LATE NEWS

The new local plan is going for consultation in the next six weeks. No details of dates yet. Please consider the effect on Manston this will have and write your comments to TDC. The consultation document should be on <https://www.thanet.gov.uk/> in the next few days