

HERSTMONCEUX PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER **August 2018**

100-year Commemoration of the end of WWI

Many activities and events have been diarised and are already happening within the Parish, including the beautiful poppy displays, stationing about the Parish of the thought provoking metal soldiers and a fantastic tea party organised by the WI in the Village Hall on 20th July which attracted over 120 people. Well done and a massive thank-you to the WI.

Other events yet to come:

5 th August	Dig for Victory Cowbeech
11 th August	Church Poppy Walk, Village Hall to Herstmonceux Church. Start at 11am at the Village Hall Commemoration Plaque and finishing with a picnic tea at the Church.
2 nd September	Making Poppies for Cascade at the Village Hall from 10am to midday.
16 th September	The Windmill Heritage Day in Windmill Hill
26 th October	Cowbeech Bonfire
11 th November	Memorial Service at Herstmonceux Church 10.50am for 11.00am
11 th November	Evening Event with a service at Herstmonceux Village Hall at 5.30pm followed at 6pm with soup and bread.

Christmas events are also being planned for the Parish, with the theme of 'Peace'.

School Road Safety Poster



The school recently held a competition for the children to create road safety posters. The winning entry was produced by a year one pupil, judged by our local fire fighters and will be displayed on the side of our local fire engine. Congratulations to the winner and very well done and thank you to *all* the children who entered their artwork.

Councillor Surgeries and Parish Council Open Office

We are continuing with the Councillors' surgeries in the Information Centre on the last Saturday of every month 10am to 12pm but will have a break over the summer. The next Councillor Surgeries will run on 29th September 27th October and 24th November.

Don't forget you can email (clerk@herstmonceuxparish.org.uk), Facebook or write to Clare our Clerk at any time or come in and see her Thursdays 10.am to 1pm, at the weekly Parish Council Open Office.

Dog Poo – Bag & Bin or Ban?

It is an offence under The Fouling of Land by Dogs (Wealden District Council) Order 2013 not to clear up **immediately** after your dog has fouled. It is an owner's/walker's responsibility to clear up after their dog on **all** land, both public and private to which the public has access.

This still an ongoing problem throughout the Parish, please ask yourself if you are one of those few dog owners who are spoiling our recreational areas for your friends, neighbours and children of the Parish. Dog waste is associated with a number of diseases including toxocarasis which can pose a health risk, particularly to small children. The parasite can cause stomach upsets, sore throats, asthma and in some cases blindness. The eggs remain active in the soil for years, long after any dog waste has weathered away, so the risk isn't always obvious. If the situation does not improve, the Parish Council may be forced, for obvious health and safety reasons, to ban dogs from Parish Council managed recreational areas.

But many thanks where it is due, to those kind people have been picking up after other owners' dogs in addition to their own, we all know this is unfair.



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Herstmonceux Parish Housing developments

Lime Roughs - Councillors have met with Monson Homes (the developers) and Derek Amas (the Site Manager) to discuss Parish concerns with the development at Lime Roughs. The noise, time of work and dust has caused many difficulties for the neighbouring properties. Whilst the Parish Council has no enforcement powers, it has pursued the raised issues with the Site Manager, the Planning Department at Wealden District Council and our local Councillor, Andy Long. We hope that some more minor matters are able to be resolved locally between the Parish and the construction team, such as reminding the construction team that they must not park on the verges outside the site entrance, whilst some issues need clarifying and dealing with by the Local Planning Authority or other organisations such as the water companies and East Sussex Highways. The Parish Council are still investigating serious concerns regarding the placement of the piling, infrastructure arrangements for sewerage and are also trying to persuade the developers to introduce environmentally friendly benefits within the development.

Lime Cross

The developers are continuing to develop their reserved matters.

Out and about in the Parish

Grass Cutting - As you may be aware and have no doubt noticed, ESCC have reduced their rural cut to twice a year. We would very much like to thank those residents that have taken it upon themselves to do this outside their properties and for cutting the fast-growing foliage to keep our pavements and fingerposts clear.

Football Pitch Dug Out Destruction - I know you will all be disappointed to learn that the dug out on the football area has been destroyed. The Football Club have had to find funds they cannot afford to put this right. The club have done very well in the league and are working hard to create a junior club in the Parish, so let's give them our full support.

Road Re-Surfacing - The resurfacing of the scheduled section of the A271 has now been completed. With regard to the resurfacing of West End, this is not on the list to be done as first thought and ESCC are continuing to monitor this on a six-monthly basis, the next being August. The Parish Council have expressed their extreme frustration about this and have sent photos to ESCC to show the condition of the road especially as it is used by a large number of lorries and heavy farming vehicles. We will keep you informed.

Community Speedwatch - The Speedwatch team have now conducted the first two surveys and fourteen drivers have been sent speeding letters by Operation Crackdown. This is a **great** start to eradicate the speeding problem in our Parish. If you would like to volunteer to become a member of this or our Neighbourhood Watch team please contact Mark Whale, the co-ordinator on 07412610003 or email him at markwhale200@btinternet.com

Volunteer Shout Out - If you are interested in volunteering in the Parish, there a great number of community organisations that need help including Speed Watch, Cuckmere Bus, Neighbourhood Watch, Access to Health, Christmas in the Village and many more. Just contact the clerk, Clare, for more details.

Young People Shout Out

Climbing on the Skate Park shelter roof has been reported a few times. Please don't do this as it is dangerous, and we really don't want anyone to have an accident and hurt themselves. Thank you.

Clerks Corner – There's a really strong, community spirit that has been gathering more and more strength, evidenced on social media and from chatting to people. I wonder if anyone is interested in forming a 'Friends of' Community Group for the Parish, similar to 'Friends of' for the castle / schools but with a wider remit? All sorts of projects could be looked at, and potentially external funding could be applied for, to go to improving facilities where government cuts are being made and communities are having to become more self-sufficient. Let me know if you might be interested, email clerk@herstmonceuxparish.org.uk or pop in and see me. Best Wishes, *Clare Harrison*, Parish Clerk