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HERSTMONCEUX PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER **November 2018**

100-year Commemoration of the end of WWI

Many wonderful activities and events have already taken place across the Parish. Both the Cowbeech and Young Farmers bonfire and fireworks nights are also dedicated to the memory of those who gave their lives in the Great War.

On Sunday 11th November commences with the Service of Remembrance at Herstmonceux Church at 10.50am. Then 5.30pm at Herstmonceux Village Hall to commemorate and remember those involved in WW1 and see the fantastic display of poppies made by people in the Parish. A soup and bread kitchen and the singing of WW1 songs will follow. Definitely not to be missed. And a massive thank you to all who contributed to the making of the poppies, a real community effort!

<i>11th November</i>	Memorial Service at Herstmonceux Church 10.50am for 11.00am
<i>11th November</i>	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' depicted by the use of Doves for decorations, the idea being that those who wish to join in will be using doves to decorate windows. Simple templates can be found online.

Christmas'Ceux

Yes, Christmas is fast approaching and an amazing group of parishioners have been meeting to plan some local events:

- Christmas Lights Switch On 6pm on Sunday 2nd December.
- Wed 12th December, early evening carol singing procession around the village with lanterns ending with hoped for sing-alongs in the pubs in conjunction with Vitality Village choir.
- Fri 21st December 'Ceuxdo! 4-6pm children's party, Mr and Mrs Claus, Photobooth, festive hat competition, foody specials etc

For further info on the above telephone Diana or Sandy on 0779 9428040 or 370604

- A friendly football match and kick around for all to watch or play. Herstmonceux F.C. currently working on dates and ideas.
- Sat 29th December at 11am, decorate your trike, bike, scooter, mobility vehicle, or wheelchair. A competition for young and old with several age categories and prizes and possible parade of entries. Fun event organised by the scouts so more details to follow from them.

Keep looking on village notice boards, Village Information Centre and Herstmonceux Community Facebook page for further updates. If you have any further ideas or want to help, please contact Diana Carsons at diana.carsons@hotmail.co.uk

Southern Water

The Council have been chasing Southern Water for many months for information on the foul sewerage system in the village and in particular the improvement of the pipe work in Victoria Road and the effect of the new developments. A meeting has now taken place in addition to the Southern Water public display in the Village Hall of their proposals. Plans are still being finalised but it appears that it is proposed that the pipe work in Victoria Road will be upgraded in 2019. Lime Roughts development will be connected to the system at the junction of Hailsham Road and Fiennes Road and a new pipe will be installed at Lime Cross running up Chapel Row to the main A271 and then along the A271 to the top of Victoria Road to join there the system down Victoria Road.

The Council have raised issues with Southern Water about the increased flow through existing pipe work and how this will be regulated having regard to the capacity of the pipes and the pumping of sewage from

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the new developments, the location of new pipes and the timing of the connections so as to prevent further issues in Victoria Road. We await their report.

Southern Water updated us on the work being carried out at the sewage treatment plant in Victoria Road. This will increase capacity but more importantly it is to discharge clean water, with less phosphates, into the surrounding streams, which eventually end up in the internationally protected Pevensy Levels.

Herstmonceux Transport Access Group (H-TAG)

The above group has been formed, with the help of The Wealden Bus Alliance to try and tackle the transport problems in the Parish. A full explanation and a survey to gauge the level of interest and concern are going out shortly to all residents. They would appreciate a few minutes of your time to complete this and return it to the Village Information Centre by 12th November. An important issue in our community.

Benefits and debt advice project

East Sussex Better Together is offering free, confidential and impartial benefit and debt advice. If you would like to take advantage of this, please telephone 0333 3440681 or email benefitseastsussex@harcuk.com

Road traffic safety markings

The Parish Council have been asking ESCC for some time to repaint the fading markings outside the school, the mini roundabout, stop lines and pedestrian crossing. This area is becoming dangerous as drivers are finding the lines difficult to see. We have chased this and will continue to monitor it.

New Bench

A new bench is shortly to be placed adjacent to the bus stop at Coopers Croft at the junction of Cricketing Lane and the main road. This replaces the old one which was destroyed in a car accident.

Resurfacing of West End

The Parish Council have met with the ESCC local representative on site to plead the case and ask them to reconsider the cancellation of the resurfacing of West End. We are yet receive their decision.

Parish Council Surgeries

If you would like to speak to a Parish Councilor, you can pop into the Village Information Centre on the last Saturday of each month 10am-12pm, the next two being on 27th Oct and 24th Nov. Every third surgery is held at the Merrie Harriers, next one in Cowbeech is 26th Jan 2019. Don't forget in the meantime, the Parish Office is open every Thursday 10am-1.00pm.

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

Are you interested in taking on a challenge? Are you thinking that your skate park is in need of an overhaul? This would be a big project to undertake, one that would need lots of research, thinking and planning. Fundraising ideas and applications and the involvement of local young people, committed to making a positive difference to their community is essential. Text me on 07766 721860 if you are interested in getting involved.

Clerk's Corner – A warm welcome if you are a new resident to the Parish. Do feel free to pop along to the Parish Office to find out more about the work of the Parish Council. I'm still wondering if there are a group of parishioners who might be 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. Finally, I think it will be 2019 by the next time I write my Clerks Corner, so although this may seem early, I wish you all a very Happy Christmas and Best Wishes for the New Year.

Clare Harrison, Parish Clerk