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HERSTMONCEUX PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER **February 2019**

Christmas in the Parish

A massive 'thank you' to all the wonderful people who organised and assisted in making our Parish look so festive this year and for laying on so many events. There was something for everyone. Many of you joined in with the displaying doves as a symbol of peace. A real community effort. Can't wait for next year!

100yr Commemoration of the end of WW1

This turned out to be an absolutely fantastic celebration and a worthy tribute to the memory of those who gave their lives in WW1. Once again this involved so many hard-working people from the making of poppies to soup kitchen and much, much more. Thank you from us all.

Litter picking

And yet another big thank required. This is to all our Parishioners who tirelessly pick up litter around the Parish to keep it looking tidy. It is much appreciated.

New Developments

As you can see the development at Lime Roughs is well on the way and completion should be this Autumn.

With regard to the Lime Cross development, they are still tying up loose ends with the Wealden District Council Planning Department before work can commence. The Parish Council are in regular contact with the developers and are, at present, in discussion regarding the new Play Ground area for 5-12 year olds that will be adjacent to the open space.

If you are interested in acquiring a social housing property you should contact Wealden District Council.

For purchasing a property details should be sought from the developers, please keep an eye on their websites as properties for sale are not yet on the market.

For the development at Lime Roughs, along Hailsham Road, where an enquiry form may be completed please go to: - <https://lovelivinghomes.co.uk/about-us/>

For the Lime Cross Development please go to the Clarion website for further general information about the housing group:- <https://www.clarionhq.com/development/buy-a-home/>

Loos

Cleaning and electrical work has been completed and the decorating is well on the way. We will need to organise a regular cleaner and then opening can take place.

Drivers wanted

The Cuckmere Bus is a great community asset but to keep going they rely on their fantastic volunteers. If you have a little spare time and would like to volunteer as a driver please contact John Bunce add details.

Drivers are also needed to support Access to Health, a system where those people who cannot get to the doctor's appointment can phone up and get a lift. More details add details.

Allotments

There are a couple of vacant allotments so if you would like to 'grow your own' please contact Clare, our clerk for an application form.

Councillors' Surgeries

These will now take place on the first Saturday of each month in the Village Information Centre with every third one being held at the Merrie Harriers in Cowbeech, next Cowbeech surgery will be March 2nd, 2019. The Parish Office continues to be open every Thursday from 10am to 1pm. Do pop in if there is anything you would like to discuss.

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Are you interested in becoming a Parish Councillor?

The present term for Councillors is finishing and **election of our new Parish Council takes place on 4th May**. If you would to stand as a Councillor please obtain details from Clare, the clerk, either by popping in to the office any Thursday morning, phoning or emailing. Contact details are as within this newsletter. Being a Parish Councillor is very rewarding and interesting and is an opportunity to assist in mapping out your Parish's future, especially with so much going on in our Parish and the implementation of the Neighbourhood Plan policies.

Date for your diary - Parish Meeting

This year's Parish Meeting will be held in the Village hall on Monday 18th March at 8pm. It was great to see so many of you last year and we hope to see you all again this year. It is a great opportunity to find out what's been going on, what's to come and how your money has been spent.

Parking

This is a countrywide problem. How we can help is to make sure we park with other people in mind. Please avoid parking on the zig zag lines outside the school, which is a danger to our children, and please do not block pavements so that mobility scooters, pushchairs, pedestrians etc cannot pass safely.

Dogs

There are still dog owners not picking up when their dogs have fouled. Please be more aware particularly on the recreation ground and football pitch where children play. Thank you.

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

Brede Steam Engine Society

Saturday 2nd February, open 10am-4pm. Free admission, parking and guided tours. Light refreshments and delicious home-made cakes. Further info at www.bredesteamgiants.co.uk.

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

Young People Shout Out

Are you thinking that your skate park is in need of an overhaul? This would be a big project to undertake, but a fun challenge needing 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. Message me on 07766 721860 if you are interested in becoming involved.

Clerk's Corner – Another Christmas and New Year have come and gone. And what a fantastic community spirited Christmas'Ceux was, planned and delivered by Herstmonceux Parish residents, ending a year of very diverse, local organisation held diary of activities, in commemoration of the ending of WW1. 2018 was a wonderful year to be living and working in this vibrant and thriving Parish. You have set yourselves a high bar to live up to for 2019!

A focus for the Parish Council in 2019 will to be moving forwards with the policies in the Herstmonceux Parish Neighbourhood Plan, these are on the website should you wish to remind yourself of them. Final approval of the plan is still awaited. This is expected to be granted following a Habitats Regulations Assessment by Wealden District Council, the assessment will take place after 24th Jan 2019. However, your Plan has come into force as part of the Wealden statutory development plan, on the basis that it has been approved at referendum. This is confirmed by the National Planning Policy Framework, Planning Practice Guidance. So although we have experienced hold ups, the news is all good so far.

Please do contact me if you want to find out more about becoming a Parish Councillor, Best Wishes, Clare
Clare Harrison, Parish Clerk