

FOUR MARKS PARISH COUNCIL Parish News - Sarah Goudie, Parish Clerk

COMMUNITY BUILDINGS CONSULTATION

Over the last few months, the Parish Council have been working their way through a wish list of projects from both the Community Plan, suggestions from residents and local school children and, more recently, the Neighbourhood Plan. There are only a few identified projects left but one very important one, which the Parish Council are now keen to move forward with is a new or improved community facility, as the village has outgrown the current provision. A working party was tasked over a year ago to look at current use, future need and options, and following those findings, the Parish Council now need resident's input, to ensure they are moving forward with the most appropriate option and one that has village support.

Why is this being led by the Parish Council? This is because they are a public body, the third tier of local government, whose function it is to represent the interests of the local community and improve the quality of life and local environment and deliver services to meet local need.

The Parish Council are now launching a public consultation for the month of September to get your feedback. There is short two-page document, contained within this edition, which you can tear out, complete and return as detailed. This survey will be available on line through the website, or there is a dedicated email address for your comments and suggestions. This leaflet will be distributed, via Royal Mail, to every house in Four Marks and those over the parish boundary who are very likely to use the facility, sent to all local clubs, the school and various shops and local businesses, as appropriate, to make sure that everyone has the opportunity to have their say. We need full community participation.

There will be a public drop in session at the Village Hall on Wednesday 26th September from 4pm to 8pm, where members of the Parish Council and the working party will be available to answer any questions you may have prior to submitting your survey.

The consultation will close on 30th September, the information contained within all the surveys will be collated, a full report prepared, and an action proposal will be presented for formal approval at the meeting of the Full Council on 17th October 2018.

These are exciting times for the village and it is vital that everyone is given the opportunity to have their say.

Dogs - The Parish Council were informed last month of a dog on dog attack at the Pavilion, and the incident was reported to the authorities. If your dog is prone to this kind of behaviour it is essential that appropriate measures are taken, and that they are kept under strict control at all times particularly around the pavilion and children's play area.

Four Marks 10k, 4k and Childrens Races - The date is now confirmed - Sunday 7th July 2019, so put the date in your diary. Full details will be available in the new year.

Parish Office - Just a reminder that the Parish Office is currently only open on a Monday, Wednesday and Thursday, but as always if you wish to visit then please ring first. The nature of the job is that I can be called out at any time. The office will also be closed for a week from Monday 10th September for staff holiday. However, there is a black post box on the outside for any surveys or other mail that you wish to post.

EAST HANTS DISTRICT COUNCIL

Ingrid Thomas
District Councillor

This month I have attended several meetings that have proved useful for our villages. Along with representatives of the Parish Councils and Mark Kemp Gee, I met a very senior group of Highways Officers at HCC in Winchester. The meeting was chaired by Stuart Jarvis who is the Director of Highways. It was agreed that there had been serious problems in the past with highways issues in our villages but that in future we would work better together to ensure projects were delivered and issues dealt with. We put together three projects to take forward and investigate the best ways of implementing them. Further projects will be added when these are completed. At the meeting it was decided that priority should be given to:

- Boyneswood Road Bridge and the junction with the A31.
- Revisiting the Blackberry/Brislands Lane junction which will include improving the visibility when coming out of Brislands Lane onto Lymington Bottom but will not alter the bottom of Blackberry Lane.
- Looking at the possibility of creating a footpath from Five Ash Lane to Medstead School.

These are all big projects that I hope will make a significant difference to the community.

The road works progress may be slow but have resulted in a substantial improvement. I have heard of several cases where bus passengers have been put off the bus at Ropley at night and have had to walk the rest of the way home. I feel that the bus company should have told these passengers when they got on the bus that this would happen, so that somebody could collect them from Ropley. I have asked for this to be investigated.

The lines around Four Marks school have now been repainted so please respect the revised parking arrangements and be aware that enforcement officers will be present and can issue on the spot fines. After all it is your children's safety that is at stake here so why would you park in an unsafe or dangerous manner????

At the recent Bargate liaison meeting the state of the Stoney Lane and Boyneswood Lane bridleways was discussed as the surface has been put down and taken up again more than once. The officer dealing with the

CIVIC BUSINESS

matter is in contact with the residents and is inspecting the surface before he signs it off as being acceptable.

The Local Plan Review team are working hard to ensure that progress remains on track. There are numerous contractors gathering evidence that is necessary to back up the plan when it comes to the Inspection of the plan. The working group has been checking and suggesting changes to policies as they are written.

The next step is to develop the strategy for land use which will determine how new housing sites will be distributed. For example, should there be a new garden village which would meet a substantial amount of the housing and employment needs or would it be better to have smaller sites added round each settlement? This is obviously a big decision that affects us all.

My preference is for a garden village as then infrastructure is built at the same time as the homes along with employment and education provision. The number of sites we have endured during the recent years with no additional or very limited additional infrastructure and the effect this has had on our residents, who have had to bear the brunt of huge noise disturbance and the disruption of having a building site over their back fence for years, has led me to this opinion.

Benjamin UK meetings have continued as has the disruption caused by their presence. The boys have been back on the roof of one home and a couple of young people have gone missing again, so our concerns remain.

Last night there was an extraordinary meeting of Four Marks Parish Council to discuss the public consultation on what to do about a community building. You will receive through the post details of the options that are available and you will be asked to respond with your views before a decision can be made. Please look out for it and let your voice be heard. There will also be an online version on the village website: www.fourmarksvillage.co.uk/survey

As ever, if I can be of any assistance to you on any District Council matter please contact me. 01420 561552 or email: ingrid.thomas@easthants.gov.uk.
Ingrid Thomas

East Hampshire District Ward Councillor for Four Marks and Medstead

SUDOKU- ANSWER PAGE 32

		9	5	4	8	3		
3		4	7		2	8		9
	2	8	9		3	1	5	
	3						8	
	4	1	8		7	6	9	
6		3	2		9	5		1
		2	4	8	5	9		

CROSSWORD

1		2		3		4		5	6		7
8					9						
					10		11				
12											
		13			14				15		
16											
											17
18							19				
20					21						

Across

- 1 - Red fruits eaten as vegetables (8)
- 5 - Bound (4)
- 8 - Service colour of the army (5)
- 9 - Chest for implements (7)
- 10 - ___ power: energy source (7)
- 12 - Expressing boredom with the mouth (7)
- 14 - Go faster than (7)
- 16 - Works in an amateurish way (7)
- 18 - Small brownish spot on the skin (7)
- 19 - Vaulted (5)
- 20 - Oodles (4)
- 21 - Harshness of tone (8)

Down

- 1 - Capture a piece in chess (4)
- 2 - Piece of grassland (6)
- 3 - Part added to the end of a story (9)
- 4 - Consuming food (6)
- 6 - Saturated (6)
- 7 - Form of glucose (8)
- 11 - Ink container put in a pen (9)
- 12 - Young (8)
- 13 - Place inside something else (6)
- 14 - Willow twigs (6)
- 15 - Graduates of a college (6)
- 17 - Indolently (4)

Answer - Page 32

Parish Council Meetings



Wednesday 5th September
7pm Open Space Committee
7:30pm Planning Committee
Village Hall

Wednesday 19th September
7:30pm Full Council Meeting
Village Hall

For Agendas and Minutes please go to the website
 (or contact the Clerk - 01420 768284)

www.fourmarksvillage.co.uk

COMMUNITY NOTICE BOARD

WATERCRESS MEDICAL GROUP
Louise Webb, Deputy Practice Manager
www.watercressmedical.co.uk

Surgery Opening Times

Monday to Friday 8am - 6:30pm
(Tuesday to Friday 7am - 8am **pre-booked appointments only**)

Dispensary Opening Times

Monday to Friday 8:30 am - midday & 3pm - 6:30pm
01420 562922; Fax: 01420 562923; Out of Hours 111.

Flu Vaccination Clinics - We will soon be arranging our flu vaccination clinics. In line with NHS England guidelines, this year we will be providing an adjuvanted trivalent flu vaccine for those patients aged 65 and over. Based on evidence, the Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation (JCVI) concluded at its October 2017 meeting that the adjuvanted trivalent flu vaccine is more effective in those aged 65 and over compared with the 'normal' vaccine currently used in the UK for this age group. NHS England has also stated that the quadrivalent vaccine (covering all four influenza strains) should be used for all other eligible patients (those aged under 65 in an 'at risk' group).

To avoid any confusion, and to ensure people are given the appropriate type of vaccination, we will be running different age group clinics. All dates and details will be posted up on both our website and our Facebook page.

If you are eligible for a flu jab, we would ask that you support your GP surgery by having your jab with us.

Evening and Weekend Appointments - Mid-Hampshire Healthcare, a GP Federation delivering multiple clinical services across the mid-Hampshire location covering 18 GP Practices and 213,000 patients now operate 2 x GP Access hubs to give patients additional access to Primary Care Services specialist on evenings and weekends. This service was commissioned by West Hampshire CCG.

Our GP Access Hubs are located in Andover and Winchester and provide Pre-Bookable and Same Day appointments:

Opening hours

- 5pm to 8pm Monday to Friday
- 8am to 4pm Saturday (to 12pm Andover)
- 8am to 12pm Sunday

Locations

- Andover War Memorial Hospital, Andover, SP10 3LB (next door to MIU)
- Badger Farm Surgery, Winchester, SO22 4QB (next door to Sainsburys)

Please visit our website or contact Reception for further information.

eConsult - eConsult is a platform that allows patients to consult with their own NHS GP simply by completing a quick online form. It helps GPs to deliver better access to registered NHS patients by providing a round-the-clock portal where patients can enter their symptoms and receive instant self-help advice,

together with signposting to NHS 111, pharmacies and other healthcare services. To use eConsult, visit the 'online services' page on our website.

Car Park / Road Layout News - Miller Homes have provided the latest plans for the road layout and markings leading from the surgery car park to the entrance of the new development. These are available for all patients to view in the surgery waiting room.

Charity Bookcase - During August we have been raising funds for Brain Tumour Research. During September, we will be raising funds for Childhood Cancer Awareness Month.



THE PATIENT GROUP
MANSFIELD PARK SURGERY, MEDSTEAD

Patients helping Patients

The new Patient Group brochure is out. They are prominently displayed in the Surgery - don't leave without one.

The Notes from the recent meeting between Chris King-Smith and Louise, Deputy Practice Manager, are on the Group website, under *Minutes and Meetings*. There were some interesting outcomes, particularly on the forthcoming arrangements for flu jabs this coming winter.

My remarks on hubs last month need clarification. The arrangement with the surgeries at Alresford and West Meon covers only shared nursing services. Our GP Access Hubs giving 8am-8pm and weekend access are located in Andover and Winchester. Full details are on the homepage of the Surgery website under *Clinics and Services*.

Do you Love Our Surgery?

Patient satisfaction with the quality of the Surgery's performance can be recorded on *NHS Choices* on the national NHS website nhs.uk. In the table below are given the satisfaction ratings on that website for some local surgeries.

Surgery	Total Patients	Patient Rating %	Sample Size
Mansfield Park (Watercress Medical)	7207	87.6	9
Boundaries Surgery	3933	94.4	3
Chawton Park	9763	93.1	6
Wilson Practice (Alton)	14200	92.3	11

The point is that this ludicrously specious ratings data is being used to form opinions and possibly even govern decisions at a higher level about the Surgeries. Of course, any poor quality performance needs to be highlighted and attended to, but it is important to get the balance right. If our surgery has done a good job, then please tell them so!

Do you have a view about the Practices buildings and facilities? Go to

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/V8RCZWR> if you want to take part in an independent survey.

Chris King-Smith

Chair, Mansfield Park Patient Group

COMMUNITY NOTICE BOARD

BOUNDARIES SURGERY
Kevin Evans - Practice Manager
www.boundaries-surgery.com

01420 562153

Surgery Opening Times
Monday to Friday 8am-6:30pm

For Out-of-Hours non-emergencies please call 111. This number is the first contact point for Hantsdoc, who provide our Out-of-Hours service and are based at the North Hampshire Hospital, Basingstoke. In an extreme emergency do not hesitate to call 999.

• **New initiative to improve access to routine appointments...**we are working with Bentley Village Surgery, Chawton Park Surgery and The Wilson Practice to offer patients access to additional GP and nurse appointments. It is now possible to book a routine appointment with a GP or nurse on weekday evenings until 8pm and on Saturday mornings from 8am to 10am. To access these appointments you can either speak to a member of our reception team by popping into the practice or phoning us, just as you would do with a regular day-time appointment. If available, you will be offered an appointment at either Chawton Park Surgery or the Alton Health Centre. These surgeries are staffed by doctors, nurses and healthcare assistants from across the A31 Group of Practices. You will be asked for your consent before an appointment is made with a clinician who does not routinely work for Boundaries Surgery; if you provide consent it will enable that person to see your medical records and enter the details of your consultation into them.

• **Online access...**by the time that you read this September issue of Four Marks News most, if not all, patients will have received a letter explaining the changes to our provision of online services, e.g. repeat prescriptions, booking appointments, etc. The letter includes new login and access details, which enable the creation of a personal and secure account with one of the service providers. Please be reassured that these service providers are all NHS Approved partners and who offer a much improved means of communicating with us online. If you have any difficulty with logging in, please do get in contact with us at the surgery.

• **Four Marks Pharmacy services...**communication with the pharmacy continues. Management and staff there have been through a number of changes and we are now looking forward to improved service and much better relationships with patients in Four Marks and beyond. In a recent conversation that a PPG member had with the staff there, they asked if the village could offer them some 'breathing space' to be able to bring the positive effects of these changes to the 'front-of-shop'; they very much appear to be committed to getting things right for us all here in Four Marks. We are still advising, therefore, that 4 working days are allowed for picking up repeat prescriptions from there.

• **We have been contacted by two groups...**who provide support services into our local community and we are more than happy to share their details through this column...

• **One group is probably more well-known in the area, Four Marks Care...**Four Marks Care is a local voluntary group, whose volunteer drivers take elderly and/or less-able villagers to attend non-emergency medical appointments. Their coordinators take phone calls from those who are in such a need and then arrange drivers to assist. They are always keen to welcome new volunteers, but also to encourage those who need transportation support to get in touch. More information about this wonderful local service can be found at www.fourmarkscare.org.uk, or email them at info@fourmarkscare.org.uk, or telephone the duty coordinator on 01420-564435.

• **The second group is CAP...**the award-winning national charity CAP (Christians Against Poverty - www.capuk.org) offers a free local Debt Help Service for people living in the Alton, Four Marks and Odiham area. •CAP - which serves 12,000 clients nationally through a network of 300 centres - provides a uniquely in-depth, caring service to people with spiralling personal debt. The Alton Debt Centre has its own Centre Manager, Mark Rumsby. The Alton Centre has been running since 2014 and seen over 100 enquirers, representing households with 135 adults and over 80 children; 26 households have already become debt-free. If you know anyone who has a debt problem, please encourage them to phone CAP's national helpline 0800 328 0006 or contact Mark at markrumsby@capuk.org.

• **Did you know?...**free wi-fi is available while you are in our waiting areas. Just ask at Reception for help with logging-in.

ALTON LIBRARY

SUMMER READING CHALLENGE - 2018

Are you between 4-11 years old? Want something to do in the summer holidays? Why not go down to Alton library? The annual Summer Reading Challenge aimed at primary school children and their families, is simple and fun. Children are encouraged to read six or more library books of their choice during the summer holidays with incentives and rewards to collect along the way, plus a certificate and medal for every child who completes the Challenge. Children can sign up at Alton library between 14th July and 15th Sept..... and it is absolutely FREE.. For more information see summerreadingchallenge.org.uk



COMMUNITY NOTICE BOARD

ROTARY NOTES

Roy Roberts

Crowdfunding boost for disabled riders

A crowdfunding campaign in support of Broadlands Riding for the Disabled Centre in Medstead has raised more than £15,000 so far. The campaign – organised by Four Marks and Medstead Rotary – has enabled essential roof repairs to the riding school at the Centre. Without this repair work, the Centre was threatened with closure last year.

The latest contribution from the campaign - £5,436 – was presented to ITV newscaster Alistair Stewart, who is a national Patron of Riding for the Disabled, and to Suzanne Stratford, a Trustee of Broadlands. Presenting the cheque were Sally Duncan and Tom Yendell of Four Marks and Medstead Rotary. Sally is a Past President of Rotary and led the successful crowdfunding campaign. Sally said, "The response to our appeal far exceeded my expectations, and we are very grateful to all those who have supported Broadlands so generously in this way."



Alistair Stewart is a keen supporter of the Centre in Medstead. He said, "There is something magical about the way the therapy at Broadlands helps those with disabilities."

Since its inception, Broadlands has helped more than 4,000 disabled children and adults, but needed to replace the asbestos roof of the riding school building in order to continue its work. The money raised so far has enabled the roof to be replaced, but more funds are now needed to improve other essential facilities at Broadlands, so that the Centre can expand its much-needed services for disadvantaged children and adults. More information on Broadlands and how to support its work can be found at www.broadlandsgrouprda.org.uk

A Summer of Sport...

The great summer of sport – ...the World Cup...Wimbledon...- came to a conclusion with Four Marks and Medstead Rotary's annual Garden Games.



This is an occasion for the sporting all-rounder and not for the faint-hearted - someone who can succeed at a wide range of athletic pursuits, from petanque to quoits, and from tenpin bowling to tiddlywinks.

The winning team were Hilary and Gary Ellis, and the individual winners were Emma Wallace, awarded the

gold medal, Sally Duncan (silver) and Phil Talbot (bronze).

Organiser Mike Sanders presented the medals – he said that competition this year was of the highest standard.

Under starter's orders...

Tickets are now on sale for the annual Four Marks and Medstead Race Night, to be held in Medstead Village Hall on Saturday, September 22nd. Len Smith, who is organising the evening, said that this would be a fun evening for the whole family.

He said, "In this Race Night, we are not showing horse racing videos – the races are happening live in the hall and anyone can come along and try their hand at being a jockey, and can bring a team of supporters along."

The first race is at 7pm, and there will be a break for a fish and chip supper.

Tickets are £12 to include supper, and are available from Len Smith on 01420 561370 or lensmith63@aol.com



FOUR MARKS CARE

Bob Ridley, Publicity

www.fourmarkscare.org.uk



We are very keen to hear from Four Marks residents who would like to seek our help, and we are always pleased to invite more volunteer drivers to help transport locals in-need to non-emergency medical appointments. Once authorised, volunteer drivers determine their own availability, and use their own cars to provide the service, then receive a monthly reimbursement of their travel expenses. Our website provides much more information, and if you have a particular enquiry please email us at: info@fourmarkscare.org.uk. If you would like to talk to someone, our Duty Coordinator can be contacted on: 01420 564435. So now let's hear from you!



Bob Moore

Our next meeting will be on Friday 14th September at 1945 at Benians.

Mike Hill will be speaking to us about **Life in a Blue Suit**. He will share his personal story about The Falklands War having spoken to us previously on Britannia and the Mary Rose.