

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

As it is the month of fireworks, and bonfires, and I am sure we have already heard some firework parties already, I would like to set off a couple of my own this month.

Dog Fouling: At the risk of repeating 'this old chestnut' I was disappointed to receive several reports that dog fouling is getting worse again, not only at the Recreation Ground but also on our footpaths now. As the current initiatives to encourage people to pick up their dog's poo clearly aren't working, the Parish Council are now looking at introducing a byelaw, so they can prosecute offenders, and this will include those walking a dog who do not have any bags with them. I spent time at the Recreation Ground recently and everyone I was watching did pick up. However, one couple who were walking their dog, saw their dog foul and then looked round to see if anyone had seen. Realising that I was watching them, they then fumbled around for a bag, and eventually picked it up. How sad that if I hadn't been there, they would have left it. Please feel free to name and shame, and as it appears to be normal now to air grievances on social media, perhaps this is the only way we will stop the offenders.

Recreation Ground: The Parish Council are constantly striving to improve the facilities for residents, and last month, a broken piece of equipment was replaced with a dinosaur pre-school slide, which has proved popular already. We have also installed rhino mulch in both gateways so no more puddles and muddy feet, and are still looking at shelter options for next year.

Health & Safety and Social Media: I would like to remind everyone that, as a local authority, we have to comply with strict guidelines on health and safety. The play equipment is regularly checked and we have an annual safety inspection. We have now carried out nearly all the recommendations contained within the latest report, so if there are any accidents or mishaps, the Parish Council cannot be found negligent. Users also have a responsibility for their own safety. The safety of everyone who uses the equipment is paramount, so it is particularly disheartening, with all the recent improvements, to read unhelpful comments on the Four Marks News social media site about 'health and safety gone mad' and 'perhaps they should bubble wrap the park to make it safer' and 'being boring and over protective'. It seems that it is the culture to use social media as a platform to air grievances, not only on the above issue but many others recently. Some are inappropriate, unhelpful and incorrect and can have a detrimental effect on those who are the subject of the posts.

So I would ask, please, that parish social media sites are used for beneficial purposes, such as warnings, recommendations, thank yous and acknowledgements, and always 'think before you post', and consider those that are likely to be harmed by any negative comments.

New Councillor: We are delighted this month to welcome our new Councillor, Shaun McCarthy, and look forward to having him on board, Four Marks Parish Council is now back at full strength.

And finally: With bonfire night now upon us, support local organised displays, but if you can't and you want a private celebration, please be considerate to your neighbours when having firework parties, remember most pets hate the noise, and always check your bonfires for wildlife, but be safe and have fun.

EAST HANTS DISTRICT COUNCIL

Ingrid Thomas
District Councillor

For the first part of this month we basked in warm Greek sunshine and now it's definitely autumn. The Greek island that we went to was featured on BBC news recently because it is now entirely self-sufficient in power from solar and wind, quite an achievement although only 800 people live there. It did bring the problems we have with power into focus as we are so dependent on the big utility companies.

The misery of Boyneswood Bridge being closed is with us once more but at least this time the work to install the main sewer pipe is happening. I have spoken to the site manager at Bargate homes at the end of Beechlands Road who still seems uncertain about which direction they will be going to connect their site to mains drainage. It's amazing to me that no decision was made before works began on site.

Benjamin Uk continue to cause problems with the bad behaviour of the children having a hugely detrimental effect on the lives of neighbours. We have now been meeting the area manager of Benjamin Uk to discuss the issues for a couple of months and there was a reasonably quiet period whilst there was only one child in each of the homes. The Winchester Road home we were told would not be opening until the other two were running smoothly....

In the post there was a leaflet from a developer who says he is intending to apply to build 65 homes off Lymington Bottom, which has caused great consternation. This company has had pre-app advice from Officers at East Hampshire who have pointed out that we have an up to date local plan, a neighbourhood plan and a five year housing land supply therefore all the policies in both plans carry full weight. The Plan clearly says that development outside the settlement policy boundary will not be permitted. It will be interesting to see what the application says when it is submitted at which stage the Parish Council and all our residents can comment on the application using planning policy.

I was invited to go to an event called Think Safe, which is organised annually by the District Council and year 6 pupils are invited to go along. This year there was a section organised by the Fire Brigade and one by the Dogs Trust showing how to behave with

dogs that you may meet that you don't know, and how to recognise signs that the dog should not be approached. Southern Domestic Abuse had an interesting session on types of domestic abuse, how it can affect children and how they should report it. RNLI did an interactive session on beach safety which went down very well with the children.

Finally, the police did a session on Stranger Danger. I was very concerned that even though the children were told where they should go next and that they would be met by a police officer they all happily followed a stranger this was part of the exercise. It was a good reminder that children are vulnerable to strangers and need to be taught and reminded how to deal with strangers who approach them and who to call if they need to.

I would draw your attention to the current consultation that HCC are running about the expansion of Four Marks School. This concerns the additional space needed to make the school a two form entry school. There are proposals included regarding possible arrangements for drop off and collecting pupils. Please look at the proposals and make a response.

As ever if I can be of any assistance to you or your family on any District Council matter please contact me. 01420 561552 or email:

ingrid.thomas@easthants.gov.uk.

COUNTY COUNCIL REPORT Mark Kemp-Gee, County Councillor Alton Rural Division

In my August Report I detailed how the County Council was considering and consulting as to how best to balance its budget for the municipal years upto 2019/20. This is going to be a very real issue as, with the result of the recent public consultation agreeing that essential statutory services such as children's and adult's social care should be protected, that means, in the light of further central government revenue support cuts together with demographic and cost push inflation, other county council services are going to have to be trimmed.

The Hampshire Cabinet met on 16th October to review the position and the Leader, Councillor Roy Perry, acknowledged that with our revenue support grant from Government soon coming to an end, together with rising inflation and a significant increase in the number of elderly people, younger adults and children needing care, acute pressures on the County's finances are mounting. Of the £140 million we have to save by the start of the 2019/20 municipal year, some £40 million is a result of the reduced Government grant whilst £50 million is down to inflation and a further £50 million comes from demographic pressure. This comes on top of the similar savings of £340 million we have had to make since central Government funding began to reduce in 2008.

As you would expect the Leader continues to put Hampshire's case to Government – communicating with Ministers and MP's to encourage them to take a fresh look at the ideas we have for easing some of these problems, through options such as the introduction of nominal charges at our Household Waste Recycling Centres for example. Local residents have been telling me that they would prefer paying a nominal charge rather than lose a convenient local service.

Against this background council tax is having to rise as well with maximum increases last year, this year and probably next year of 5% per year which is the maximum the Government allows without a county-wide referendum. Altogether, the picture presented is a tough one although it does follow many years of no increase in council tax at all.

It is with some relief therefore that I move on to more local matters ! Busy times, as usual, as we push on with a number of local improvements. I am delighted that the 30 mph speed restriction extensions has come into force in Brislands and Telegraph Lanes. Brislands Lane is due to be resurfaced soon as well. Also the 40 mph limit has been pushed down the A31 as far as possible towards the dual carriageway and 'local' signage for the Shrave has been made much clearer. This is, clearly, all very important as the many developments that have occurred there have been filling up quickly with new residents. A number of safety improvements have also been agreed for the dual carriageway running down to the Chawton roundabout and I am hoping that these will be completed shortly.

John Keats described autumn as " the season of mists and mellow fruitfulness " but this autumn has brought to Four Marks the season of main sewer construction. This is in full flow across the Boyneswood Bridge at the moment but at least we were able to defer the next one down Five Ash Road and beyond until the Boyneswood Road one is completed ! CALA and Miller Homes are pressing on and should be finished by spring which leaves Boyneswood Road and Boyneswood Lane/Beechlands Road. Boyneswood Road should be finished by this time next year. By any standards this has been an intense expansion of Four Marks/South Medstead and it is little wonder that the Boundaries Commission is suggesting that Four Marks and Medstead should be represented by three rather than two district councillors with effect from the East Hampshire District Council elections in May 2019. In conjunction with your Parish and District Councils we push on with essential infrastructure development despite the acute pressures on revenue – education and broadband being two key areas. We are planning a considerable extension to Four Marks Primary School to take pupil numbers to over 400 together with a scheme to deal with the issues of dropping off and picking up the children at the start and finish of the school day – but more of that in my next report.

My contact details are in the usual place at the front of this edition so do not hesitate to contact me if you think I can be of assistance.

Fake £50 Notes

The Police have received eight reports since the start of October of fake £50 notes currently circulating on the Isle of Wight. The notes are described as poor quality and can be identified by checking the following:

- All fake notes bear the same serial number AJ65238105
- The edges to the coloured portions of the notes don't look defined and smudge in places
- The notes bear no water marks or holograms
- According to the victims they claim the notes feel 'too thick'.
- The notes look like they have been printed on a home computer

Those tendering them have been men aged in their late teens to early 30s using either intimidating behaviour or distraction techniques to prevent shop workers from checking notes properly. They usually buy something of low value and offer the note in payment getting



back the change in real currency. Officers are warning businesses and banks to be aware and take extra care to make several checks before accepting fifty pound notes as a valid payment for goods or services.

If you have any information relating to this case, please call 101 quoting reference '44170381221', or contact Crimestoppers anonymously.

Closure of M3 on Saturday 23rd September

People caught up in the incident on the M3, which resulted in its closure and consequential gridlock on roads in and around Winchester on Saturday 23rd September, will be interested to know that a 17 year old boy from Winchester has since been arrested and charged. He was charged on 30th September with two counts of arson with intent to endanger life in connection with incidents on the M3 on 16th and 23rd September and two counts of causing danger to road users in connection with incidents on the M3 on 16th and 23rd September. Although the incident on 23rd September was widely publicised, it seems from the charge sheet that something similar happened the previous week.

Hampshire Stalking Clinic

The Hampshire Stalking Clinic is a collaborative initiative involving Hampshire Constabulary, Southern Heath NHS Foundation Trust, and Aurora New Dawn (a victim advocacy service), looking at ways to tackle stalking and support victims. As part of a bid by the Suzy Lamplugh Trust it has recently

received funding from the National Police Transformation Fund, for a programme that aims to improve responses to stalking across the criminal justice system and the health sector through rehabilitative treatment for stalkers. This initiative is the first of its kind worldwide, and it is hoped that working with perpetrators will ultimately help to make victims of stalking safer. The Hampshire Stalking Clinic has already been recognised nationally as best practice for its approach, and this opportunity to pilot perpetrator treatment for stalkers will further build on the work of the clinic in Hampshire.

Stalking is characterised by fixation and obsession. It is often linked to mental ill health and as a result can be incredibly difficult to prevent. This bid will build on the work of the clinic to develop a programme to treat the underlying causes of stalking behaviour and give the best possible chance of stopping further offending. The crime of stalking is a growing problem.

One in five of the population will be stalked at some point in their lives. This is usually a very short-lived experience involving an ex-partner in the immediate aftermath of a break-up. But, in some cases, stalking behaviour can become sustained and dangerous, both for the victim and the stalker, who may either be mentally unwell or who may become unwell as a result of the obsessive nature of the behaviour. Unfortunately, the complex psychological issues associated with the crime often fail to be addressed within current criminal justice interventions. By contrast, this new initiative aims to gain a better understanding of the mental health problems sometimes associated with stalking.

Police Neighbourhood Team

Our PCSO for Four Marks & Medstead is Matthew Sheppard who, with PC Kelly, are our neighbourhood team to contact for advice or to report a problem.

In an emergency always ring 999

Call 101 for general enquiries, non-emergency anti-social behaviour, community safety advice, information and action or to report a crime when it is not an emergency. Also call this number to contact PC Kelly or PCSO Sheppard or email them at peter.kelly@hampshire.pnn.police.uk or matthew.sheppard@hampshire.pnn.police.uk as appropriate.

Calls cost a flat rate of 15p.

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FOUR MARKS LUNCH CLUB

Audrey McMillan & Michelle Kuhn

The Club meets in the Village Hall at 1pm. on **Wednesday 15th & 29th November**

To reserve your place, or if you are a regular and know you cannot attend, it is important that you call Michelle 01962 772470 or Audrey 01420 564437 in advance or 01420 562343 (Village Hall) on the day.

Absences without notice lead to waste.

CIVIC BUSINESS

Parish Council Meetings



Wednesday 1st November
7:30pm Planning Committee
8:30pm Open Space Committee
Village Hall

Wednesday 8th November
7:30pm Finance & General
Purposes Meeting (Rescheduled)
Parish Office

Wednesday 15th November
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

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HANDS UP FOR SCOUTING



Melissa Smith - Group Scout Leader

Hands up if you've ever been involved in Scouting. Perhaps you were a Rainbow or Beaver, Brownie or Cub, Guide or Scout or your child is/was involved in Scouting? Anyone who joins Scouting, whether for a short period or long term never forgets their experience, and it's generally positive.

Scouting is for anyone and everyone. The opportunities it gives young people are many and varied. There's something for everyone. I became a Scout Leader aged 17 (a long time ago now!!) as I left Guides and wanted to do more exciting things.

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SCOUT GROUP**

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I've worked with many young people over the years as a Scout Leader and I've loved just about every minute. For me seeing an 8 year old join my Cub pack and seeing them grow and develop through their time in the Pack has been amazing. I've seen so many young people grow, become more confident and develop in many ways they may not have done. Scouting is inclusive, so it doesn't matter if someone struggles sometimes, as long as they take part they are celebrated and rewarded.

One thing that is ever present in Scouting though is the struggle to recruit adult leaders and volunteers. They are the lifeblood of the organisation. Without them Scouting simply would not exist. Along with many others, Four Marks & Ropley Scout Group finds itself in a situation where we may have to consider closing one of our Cub packs due to that very problem. Not a decision we would take lightly.

We need YOU! Are you thinking about volunteering but don't know what to do? Would you like to work with young people? How about being trained for free? Have lots of fun, make new friends, join a like-minded community and learn lots of new skills? Flexible volunteering – we know not everyone can commit to every week, but anytime you can give is always appreciated. Scouting can offer all this and more.

If you live in Four Marks, Ropley or the surrounding areas and are interested in joining our Group as an adult volunteer or leader to support our Cubs (aged 8-10 years), then please drop me a line – fourmarksscoutgroup@gmail.com I'm really looking forward to meeting lots of new people wanting to get involved in this amazing organisation.

On Nov 2nd 1936 the world's first regular tv service was started by the British Broadcasting Corporation. An estimated 100 tv owners tuned in.

PRESS RELEASES



Sports Awards 2018

Nominate a local sporting star for an East Hampshire Sports Award!

Nominations are now open for the East Hampshire District Sports Awards 2018. The awards recognise sportsmen and women at every level, as well as the coaches, officials and volunteers who help them succeed.

The deadline for nominations is Friday 5 January 2018 with finalists invited to an awards evening, hosted by ITV's Fred Dinenage, on Thursday 15 February 2018 at Old Thorns Manor Hotel in Liphook. The winners of the district awards will be put forward to compete for the 2018 Energise Me Hampshire and Isle of Wight Sports Awards. Nominees are assessed by a judging panel and winners are required to meet criteria specific for each category.

These annual prestigious awards are organised by East Hampshire District Council to publicly recognise sporting achievement in the following categories:

- Junior Sportsman & Junior Sportswoman
- Senior Sportsman & Senior Sportswoman
- Masters Sportsman & Sportswoman
- Junior Disability Sportsman & Sportswoman
- Senior Disability Sportsman & Sportswoman
- Coach of the Year (Male or Female)
- Volunteer of the Year (Junior & Senior)
- School Team of the Year
- Team of the Year (Junior & Senior)
- Service to Sport (Male or Female)
- Club of the Year
- Outstanding Personal Achievement

To download the guidance and nomination forms visit www.easthants.gov.uk/sportsawards2018

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WATERCRESS MEDICAL GROUP

Louise Webb, Deputy Practice Manager

www.watercressmedical.co.uk

Surgery Opening Times

Monday 8am–6:30pm; Tuesday – Friday 7am–6:30pm

pre-booked appointments only

01420 562922; Fax: 01420 562923; Out of Hours 111.

Flu Vaccination Clinics - As in previous years, we will be operating walk-in flu clinics (no booking necessary) for those patients who are eligible. The November dates for these are:

Friday 3rd November 12:30pm – 1:50pm

Wednesday 8th November 12:00pm – 1:30pm

Monday 13th November 4:30pm – 6pm

Wednesday 15th November 4:30pm – 6pm

Dispensary - A reminder that our Dispensary opening hours have now changed to: 8.30am to 12 midday & 3pm to 6pm.

Staff Vacancy - We are looking to recruit a fully trained dispenser. Anyone expressing an interest in this post should contact Louise Webb at the surgery.

Appropriate Appointment Protocol - Our Receptionists have recently completed further training on booking the most appropriate appointment for our patient's needs. To ensure this is done correctly, they will need to ask a couple of questions when first speaking to patients. Please rest assured, all information given to our staff remains confidential at all times.

Zero Tolerance Policy - Sadly, there has been a general increase recently of aggressive and abusive behaviour directed towards our staff. Any behaviour, verbal or physical, which causes staff to feel uncomfortable, embarrassed or threatened, is totally unacceptable. In the event of any instances of the above behaviour the Police may be called and the patient may immediately be deregistered from this practice. Please note that this policy includes all cases of verbal abuse, both face to face and on the telephone.

Charity Book Case - Our charity book case is very popular with our patients and is a great success in terms of fundraising. Last month we raised over £76 for Jeans for Genes. In November we are raising funds for the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal.

Patient Group - Our patient group now have a new dedicated web page on the surgery website. All upcoming events and talks are published online. Enquiries to mansfieldparkppg@btinternet.com or speak to Chris King-Smith on 01420 564247.

Repeat Medication Orders - Please note, under NHS guidelines, we are now only able to dispense one month's supply of medication per order.

The A31 Hub. - The A31 Community Wellbeing Hub is an initiative by 5 General Practice Surgeries, all linked by the A31 (hence the title), to enable their patient communities access to a space to interact with a variety of organisations that can assist in providing

specialist support or useful information across a wide range of topics. Based at Chawton Park Surgery, The Hub will be run on a drop in basis where people can find out more or share experiences or knowledge in a relaxed and social atmosphere. It will be open from 1000 – 1400 every other week commencing 16 November 2017.



ROTARY NOTES

Roy Roberts



Planting a Memory Tree

St Michael's Hospice in Basingstoke has just acquired a striking sculpture, as a result of a major donation from Four Marks and Medstead Rotary which made the commission possible.

The sculpture – by Claudia Ashley-Brown – is a Memory Tree, and has been installed close to the hospice's busy reception area. The tree has 336 metal leaves, and each leaf can be inscribed with the name of someone special as a tribute and as a celebration of a life remembered. The hospice hopes that the tree will lead to additional donations to support its work – most of the hospice's income comes from local fundraising in North East Hampshire. Four Marks and Medstead Rotary decided to make the hospice – which provides services for many families in the Four Marks, Medstead and Alton area – its Charity of the Year last year.



Past President Roy Roberts said, "As a club we know of St Michael's vital work in this part of Hampshire, and so we were delighted to make possible this enhancement of the hospice's fundraising efforts. We wish the hospice well as it celebrates its 25th Anniversary." Rotary President Sally Duncan and Roy Roberts visited the hospice to inaugurate the Memory Tree, and to meet Laura Hughes and Vicki Mason from the hospice's fundraising team, who explained how the Tree will help their work. If you want to find out more about the Tree call the hospice on 01256 848848.

A 'Hidden Problem'

Members of Four Marks and Medstead Rotary are this year devoting much of their fundraising efforts to a 'hidden problem' in our local communities by supporting young carers – children and teenagers who have the responsibility of caring for an adult member of the family. Rotary President Sally Duncan has nominated the East Hampshire charity Kings Arms as Charity of the Year – a charity which supports a number of young carers in Four Marks, Medstead and Alton.

Another charity supporting local young carers is the Honey Pot Children's Charity, which has a holiday centre in the New Forest providing respite for young carers. The centre has provided breaks for 4,000 youngsters since it opened, most of them from Wessex. Viv Carter from Honey Pot explained to

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members that children as young as five have care responsibilities for sick parents, with some providing as much as 50 hours of domestic care a week on top of their school attendance. She said that Honeypot House in the New Forest had welcomed 132 young carers for breaks over the summer holidays this year, but this was still a small number, given that a recent survey had estimated that there could be as many as 700,000 young carers in the UK currently.

'A Dynamic Future?'

A lively debate about the economic prospects for the Alton area featured at a recent meeting of Four Marks and Medstead Rotary. Vice President Phil Talbot chaired the discussion, which was led by Alton's Business Development Manager Julie McLatch.

Julie outlined her priorities in her new job: the need to address and improve the perception of Alton, and to maintain its character as a "great market town with a unique heritage and a dynamic future". She emphasized the economic importance of tourism and events to the area, and said the programme of Jane Austen celebrations this year had led to international media coverage for the town. The challenge now, she said, was to encourage visitors to spend longer in the town and to return, and to tell their friends about the area's attractions.



Good Going

Medstead Village Hall was transformed into a racecourse for one night only, for the 'Rotary Race Night'. There were nine races on the evening card, including a winning jockeys race-off, and the going was officially described as 'good'.



The jockeys had to wind wooden horses the length of the hall, and competition was fierce, with supporters packing the hall keen to back the most successful jockeys

through the Tote. Chief Steward Mike 'Sparks' Sanders had to adjudicate on some close photo-finishes, with prizes at stake for the winners.

The proceedings of the night were to support Rotary charities, including the global 'End Polio Now' campaign, which has achieved great success.

The organiser and MC, Len Smith of Four Marks and Medstead Rotary, said he expected the evening to

raise more than £1300 for the charities, which in turn would lead to additional matched funding from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation for the polio campaign. Len added, "This annual event is always great fun, and it has a very worthwhile purpose."

Quiz Tickets on Sale

Tickets are selling fast for a brand new quiz night to be launched later this year. It's the Four Marks and Medstead Rotary Quiz Night, to be held on December 2nd at Medstead Village Hall at 7.30pm. Tickets are on sale at £12 per contestant, to include a chilli or curry meal and dessert. Teams of 6-8 can compete, and also individuals – all are welcome. Proceeds will go towards local 'Young Carers' – youngsters from 8 to 18 who help look after a family member with disability, illness or other problems, and who are supported by the Petersfield-based 'Kings Arms' charity. For tickets, contact Sally on 07743 405588 or sally13@techwriter.co.uk. Please order your tickets to help make a difference for these young people in our community.

OVER 60s CHRISTMAS LUNCH

The traditional Village Hall Over 60s Christmas Lunch will be held this year on Thursday 14th December. It will as usual be organised and run by a combination of Four Marks groups and organisations, and will be free to village residents over the age of 60. This is thanks to fund raising events of many kinds run by the village groups and organisations affiliated to the Village Hall. Please book in advance, as places for the lunch are limited by the capacity of the hall and the kitchen facilities. Bookings will be on a first come, first served basis, so sign up early! Last booking date is Monday 27th November. Transport can be provided, just let us know.

As usual, the Village Hall will be open from 12.30 pm, with dinner served from 1.00 pm. The Hall will be suitably decorated, and participants will be greeted with a glass of sherry or fruit juice. The traditional menu will be roast turkey with stuffing, roast potatoes, sprouts, carrots and gravy. Alternatives for vegetarians will be available if ordered when booking. Wine, beer or water will be provided. This will be followed by a choice of Christmas pudding or fruit salad, with tea or coffee to finish.

A booking list can be found in the lobby of the Village Hall from Wednesday 1st November – just jot down your name and details. Alternatively, call Jenny Lake on 01420 562731, or send a note to 5, Fairfield Green, Four Marks, GU34 5BL.

On Nov 15th 1968 The largest passenger liner in the world, Cunard's flagship Queen Elizabeth, docked in Southampton at the end of her last transatlantic voyage.

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FOUR MARKS NEWS Assistant Editor needed

Enjoyed Reading This Magazine?

Looking For A New Interest?

The **Four Marks News** team is looking for an **Assistant Editor** to help the Editor with administrative work connected with production of this popular monthly magazine. The aim is that the Assistant Editor will become the main link with contributors, sending out reminders, receiving responses, acknowledging them, and preparing the production schedule. In time there will be the opportunity to work with our desk-top publishing software and prepare some of the pages appearing in Four Marks News. The work can be done at home at times to suit other commitments, with the production schedule being finalised by the middle of the month. The Assistant Editor will be part of the management team, which meets monthly, and as part of the team will work with other members to ensure that all jobs are covered each month.

The job is unpaid voluntary work on behalf of the community. It will probably appeal to somebody who has recently retired; who is looking for a new interest and who wants to get more involved in village activities. If you have a home computer, are already able to use email, word-processing software and the Internet, and are interested in broadening your computer skills then this could be just the opportunity you are looking for. To find out more please call The Editor for an informal chat without commitment on 01420 563929.



BARGAIN HUNT!

Don't forget! On Saturday 11th November, the ever-popular 50/50 Auction Sale will be held at the Village Hall. Proceeds will add to the fund to build the new Scout Hut. Lots can be viewed from 10.00, and the actual auction starts at 1.00 pm. All lots are catalogued, and refreshments are available all day.

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As usual, we will have a huge variety of things on sale. These may include glass, china, pictures, furniture, brass, silver, clocks, toys, unwanted gifts and some unusual and intriguing objects. It will be a treasure trove, and if you can't find just what you want, we can sell you something you never thought of instead! Why not come to the sale! Even if you don't buy anything in the end, it's a great day's entertainment. The banter is better than anything on television. Some of the lots on sale are new or nearly new and well worth having. Others are older – are they antiques, or junk – or just plain wacky? Do you watch programmes like Antiques Roadshow? You might spot a genuine bargain – is it worth 50p or £50? Come and test your judgement at the 50/50 Auction!

Christmas Holiday at Homeback by popular request!!

**HOLIDAY
AT HOME**
A holiday club
for the over 60s!

Friday 1st December
10.30am - 3pm

The Church of the Good Shepherd
invites you to join them for a day of
festive fun and Christmas cheer

**HOLIDAY
AT HOME**

For more information
call 01420 560622

The last Holiday at Home was held in the summer at the Church of the Good Shepherd, Four Marks. **It was a fantastic event for all who attended and any one over the age of 60 who lived in the area was invited.**

So much fun was had by all (attendees and helpers) that we are running a one-day Christmas Holiday at Home on Friday, 1st December 2017. The day will start at 10.30 with coffee/tea and biscuits and we expect to finish at 3.00pm. Activities covered will be Crafts, Music, Quizzes, Games, a Talk, Laughter, a Hot Lunch and a guaranteed Friendly Face to meet and greet you – all of which is totally free!

For more information or to book your place for the holiday, **call 01420 560622**. Transport can be provided to and from the event

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

This year's village Service of Remembrance and laying of poppies will be held on Sunday 12th November at the War Memorial, Lymington Bottom Green at 10:45 am. The uniformed youth groups will assemble at the Village Hall by 10:15 am and the procession will leave the Church of the Good Shepherd at 10:40 am to walk to the War Memorial. Everybody is invited to take part in this act of remembrance, either by joining the procession at the Church, or assembling at the green by 10:45 am. The service is expected to last about 30 minutes. Light refreshments will be provided in the church following the service.