

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

It was delightful to see such a huge turnout at the Remembrance Day parade and service at the War Memorial last month. Thank you to everyone who was involved in the organisation and all those who attended. I am sure everyone was very grateful for the break in the heavy rain that preceded the event and the sun shone for the whole of the service. The Parish Council were all in attendance, in one capacity or another, except of course Cllr Davie Edgar, who had been selected to take part in the people's march at the Cenotaph: We were all very proud of him.

The 'Lest we Forget' Tommy silhouettes were very well received and were purchased with the assistance of grants from both District Councillors, with all the funds going directly to the Royal British Legion. A huge THANK YOU as well to Garthowen Garden Centre, who are always such great supporters of the Parish Council, for providing the solar poppies to light up the Tommies, we are so very grateful. These are now put away until next year.



The Parish Office is on the move .. again ... hopefully this time we will be staying put for a while. In the recent survey one frequent comment was that the Parish Office is difficult for people to visit in its current location, although this was only going to be a temporary abode, plans were already underway to move back into Four Marks. The Parish Office will now be in the Benians Pavilion and the office will be open from Monday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2018, 9.30am to 4.30pm daily, although if you are making a special trip, please book an appointment or ring first just to make sure there is someone in the office to see you.

Next year is local election year and all your current Parish Councillors are required to resign and if they wish to stand again, have to offer themselves for re-election, together with any other candidates who wish to stand. If we have more than 10 candidates putting themselves forward, we will have an election, however if we have 10 or less, they will be elected uncontested. I will be adding further information on this process over the next couple of months so please keep an eye on the notice boards, social media and website for updates. If you want to be involved in the future of the Village then this is your opportunity to do so. Please contact the Parish Office if you have any questions or would like an information pack on becoming a Councillor.

The nominations are now open for the Community Award 2019. This initiative launched last year by the Chairman, proved to be very popular to highlight and appreciate those members of the community who go above and beyond to help others. The form and criteria details are contained within this publication, or available

on the website. You have until the end of February 2019 to submit your nominations.

The results of the survey on community buildings provision were presented at the Full Council, a copy of which is available on the website. The results were too divisive to make a decision on which option to move forward with, so it was decided to consult with the two primary community groups involved for their input and report back at the November Full Council meeting, which at the time of writing had not taken place, but the Minutes of the meeting detailing the outcome will be available later this month.

As always members of the public are welcome at every Council or Committee meeting and have the opportunity to speak at the beginning of every meeting, or you can contact me at any time by email or telephone with any Parish related queries, questions or concerns.

**Please note the change of times for the Committee meetings this month, Agendas should already be available on the notice boards and website.**

So, it just leaves me to wish everyone a thoroughly enjoyable Festive Season.

## EAST HANTS DISTRICT COUNCIL

Ingrid Thomas  
District Councillor

The service of Remembrance was a really good illustration of our communities coming together, people of all ages standing united in common thought. It made me think about how rarely it happens that we all do join together in a common way. Many things also divide our communities, but if we work together we can often solve the problems.

I have been trying to help with a problem of noise at the *fff* bar. There have been complaints and so far the solution seems to be that all the customers will have to stay inside. As its November now let's hope a suitable solution can be found by summer next year.

The second issue that always divides our communities is planning. There has been another application for 65 houses on Lymington Bottom and the applicant is arguing that we need more affordable homes, yet this is not an exception site with a minimum of 70% affordable homes (a recent case in Horndean was an exception site giving 100% affordable homes). Instead only 40% affordable homes are being offered. At a recent conference there was much discussion about how homes could be made truly affordable and the answer came back that only if landowners gave the land or took a very small fee for each plot could the prices be kept down. Sadly this is not an option for many reasons. We have had a huge amount of development in our villages and now need time for these new residents to become part of our community and for the infrastructure to catch up. If you would like to comment on this application - please remember comments must be for planning

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reasons - go to [easthants.gov.uk](http://easthants.gov.uk), planning, search and comment on planning applications, reference number 56082/003. All comments are read by officers and considered when make their recommendation. Comments need to be made by the 7th December.

I have been involved in several cases of people who needed help with affordable housing and have since found new homes. It is important that if you have housing problems that you contact the housing team at East Hants, make an appointment and discuss how they can help you. The team are very good at finding solutions for people in need of housing.

This month I was invited to the opening of the St Michaels Hospice Shop at Oak Green. I hope it's a big success as they need to raise a huge amount of money each year to keep going and provide an amazing service to those of us who sadly need them.

There is currently a parking survey being undertaken by East Hants to find out how, where and when people use car parks across the district. This is an opportunity to have your say about parking.

There will be free parking at Alton and Petersfield on the first weekend in December for the events of small business Saturday on the 1st and the Yuletide Festival on Sunday 2nd December. Alton have worked hard to ensure there are plenty of activities and stalls for us all to enjoy I hope you can support them. As part of my portfolio I am involved with the traffic team who do things like paint the lines on roads and issue road closure orders. The actual diversion routes and dates are planned by the developers with Hampshire Highways.

There will be a huge road closure happening soon as the Butts Bridge will be closed for some months whilst the railway bridge is replaced. The likely date for diversions to begin is the 25<sup>th</sup> January but this may change. If you have any queries there is a website set up to answer public questions:

[www.buttsbridgeroadworks.co.uk](http://www.buttsbridgeroadworks.co.uk) I hope this information will be helpful to you but I realise that the closure period will be very difficult for many people.

You should have received a request from the democracy team at East Hants to check your details are correct and that you are on the electoral roll. You cannot vote in any election unless you are on the electoral roll. There will be District Council and Parish Council elections next year and who knows what else, so please check that you will be able to vote.

This month I have received grant requests from Medstead Parish Council for new festive lights, Benians Pavilion for new lighting and the Four Marks Lunch Club who needed new crock pots to help serve lunches all of which I've been very happy to support. There is still some money left in my grant pot so if you have a project which will be of benefit to our communities please apply. The grant can be of between £100 and £1000. The application forms are on East Hants website and are very simple to complete. Either Deborah or I can sign for the money to be released.

If I can be of help in any way or to let me know your opinions about issues that affect our villages that I may be able to assist with please contact me. 01420 561552 or email: [ingrid.thomas@easthants.gov.uk](mailto:ingrid.thomas@easthants.gov.uk).

Finally, it doesn't seem possible that Christmas is approaching so fast. I'd like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very Happy Christmas and New Year. Enjoy the festive break and look forward to 2019.

Best Wishes **Ingrid Thomas**

East Hampshire District Ward Councillor for Four Marks and Medstead



### Four Marks Parish Council Community Award

*Guidelines for award nomination for 2019*

1. The aim of the Four Marks Parish Council Community Award is to publicly recognise endeavour and achievement in the community.
2. The Four Marks Parish Council Community Award is being organised by Four Marks Parish Council.
3. The age criterion for the award is age 12 or above.
4. Criteria. Any of the following in the community:

- outstanding contribution;
- shown a 'professional' attitude and excellent dedication;
- given exceptional commitment;
- how they have benefited the local community

#### 5. Judging Criteria

Please explain in no more than **250 words** how the nominee meets the criteria and include why they deserve to win.

6. Nominations are open to those living and working in the parish of Four Marks.
7. The nominee is a resident within the parish of Four Marks or has a previous Four Marks connection.
8. Entry forms for the 2018 Award should be forwarded to:

Mrs Sarah Goudie

Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer

Parish Office, Benians Sports Pavilion, Recreation Ground, Uplands Lane, Four Marks GU34 5AF

Envelopes should be clearly marked 'Community Award'

Or by email: [clerk@fourmarkspc.co.uk](mailto:clerk@fourmarkspc.co.uk)

Reference: Community Award

Nominations must be received by no later than 28th February 2019.

9. The winner will be decided by a Judging Panel consisting of Four Marks Councillors.
10. The finalists will be informed by letter with detail of the Award Ceremony.
11. The award will be presented on the evening of Annual Parish Meeting **Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2019 at The Four Marks Village Hall starting at 7.30pm.**  
**Nomination Form is on Page 32.**

# COMMUNITY NOTICE BOARD

## WATERCRESS MEDICAL GROUP

Louise Webb, Deputy Practice Manager

[www.watercressmedical.co.uk](http://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.

### Christmas and New Year Opening Times

Christmas Eve 8am - 6.30pm

Christmas Day Closed

Boxing Day Closed

Thursday 27th & Friday 28th December

8am - 6.30pm

Monday 31st December 8am - 6.30pm

New Year's Day Closed

Wednesday 2nd January 8am - 6.30pm

**Prescriptions** - At busy periods, such as Christmas and New Year, we ask that you order your medication early - please allow **at least a week** for your order.

**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.

**Charity Bookcase** - During November we have been raising funds for The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal. During December, we will be raising funds for the Save the Children Fund - using their Christmas Jumper campaign.

**Care Cars** - Just a reminder for all patients located in Four Marks and Medstead that care cars are available to take people to non-emergency medical appointments at hospitals, doctors and dentists, physio etc. When calling the number, the duty coordinator will take a message and arrange a driver for the patient's appointment and then ring them back with details.

If anyone is interested in becoming a volunteer driver then please call the same number: 01420 564435. Or visit the following websites:

[www.fourmarkscare.org.uk](http://www.fourmarkscare.org.uk) or [info@fourmarkscare.org.uk](mailto:info@fourmarkscare.org.uk).

*Patients helping Patients*

### Have you had your flu jab?

I am collecting patients' views about their experience with flu jabs, whether at the Surgery or at a pharmacy. Please email me at [mansfieldparkppg@btinternet.com](mailto:mansfieldparkppg@btinternet.com) or place a note in the red box on the window sill in the Reception area.

### Visiting our GP Hub Partners

As mentioned in last month's report patients who may have to visit our 'hub partner' GP surgeries can use the volunteer transport services of Four Marks Care. It is hoped patients will make a donation to cover the transport cost. As a guide the cost to Four Marks Care for journeys to each of our GP partners is:

Andover £28, West Meon £9, Alresford £6, Winchester £14. Alresford and Winchester can be reached also by the 64 bus from Four Marks.

Chris King-Smith, Chair, Mansfield Park Patient Group

## BOUNDARIES SURGERY

Kevin Evans - Practice Manager

[www.boundaries-surgery.com](http://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.**

• **Additional GP and Nurse appointments...**in collaboration with three other surgeries along the A31 (Bentley Village, Chawton Park and The Wilson Practice) we can offer GP and Nurse appointments between 18:30 - 20:00 Monday to Friday and between 08:00 - 10:00 on a Saturday morning. The appointments are offered for routine problems and not for urgent issues. Also North Hampshire Urgent Care are also offering routine appointments with a GP on a Sunday morning at their centre based in Basingstoke Hospital. The appointments are offered between 08:00 - 12:00. If you wish to book an appointment for any of these additional clinics please contact reception.

• **During October** ...the number of missed appointments at Boundaries was **50**, which is the equivalent of **over 8 hours** of doctors' surgery time and if nurse appointments are included this would be **over 19 hours** of clinical time. Disappointingly, the number of 'did-not-attends' (DNAs) does not seem to be reducing; this represents a considerable amount of time that could be spent with other patients. Please



THE PATIENT GROUP

MANSFIELD PARK SURGERY, MEDSTEAD

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call the surgery if you can't make an appointment; we fully understand that, sometimes, things just happen. As always, a big 'thank you' to all patients who do turn up on time and to those who cancel an appointment that they no longer need.

- **Telephone Appointments...**if you have a telephone appointment arranged with a Doctor please ensure that you are available at the number you provide and note, that when the Doctor calls, the calling number will be withheld. Our Doctors endeavour to call you back as soon as possible. If, for any reason, you are unavailable when the doctor phones back, unless you have given consent to leave a message on the number you have provided, a voicemail message will not be left.

*And finally...we would like to say a big thank you to all our friends and patients for your support during 2018 and wish you all the best for the festive season.*

## Parish Council Meetings



**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> December**  
**7 pm Open Space Committee**  
**8 pm Planning Committee**  
**Village Hall**

**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December**  
**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](http://www.fourmarksvillage.co.uk)

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## PAT HORRIX - THANKS TO OUR LONG-SERVING CIRCULATION MANAGER

**Dennis Bignell**

This month we have another change in the magazine's management team to report. Pat Horrix has been our Circulation Manager ever since I became involved in 2006, but she has justly earned her retirement from the job after 12 years. If you feel the weight of the copy you buy, think of Pat lugging boxes or carrying armfuls of those magazines each month to all the local outlets we have around the village.



It's thanks to her skill in persuading local shopkeepers to stock and sell **Four Marks News** as a community service that the number of outlets has grown from eight in 2007 to

nineteen now. Each month Pat visited every outlet with new stock and collected sales money from the previous month. She also made sure that WI members with subscriptions got their copies promptly at each WI meeting as well as posting out copies to readers who had moved away and wanted to keep in touch with what was happening here in Four Marks.

Not content with all that, over the following weeks she regularly called on our outlets to see if more copies were needed and moved stock around to maximise sales, whilst keeping our total print run as small as she could, given that each copy is costing more than £2.50 to print now. When we started having the magazine professionally produced in 2007 the weight of each copy was under 4 ounces. It has more than doubled since then to over 1/2 lb. and the print run has grown from 275 to over 500 over the years.

I am delighted to record publicly my personal thanks and sincere appreciation to Pat for her quiet, efficient and reliable work as our Circulation Manager for so long. Whilst saying goodbye to Pat we are pleased to welcome Keith Chambers (with open arms as he enthusiastically volunteered to help!). We managed to recruit Keith just as he retired and was wondering what to do with all the time he thought he would have on his hands now!

*Editor's note: During the time that I have been involved with **Four Marks News** Pat has been a thoroughly committed and enthusiastic member of the team. Previous members of the management team will also have appreciated her diligence in making sure that our outlets were well served over many years. A tough act to follow but I'm sure that Keith will rise to the challenge.*