



HORSMONDEN PARISH COUNCIL - ARTICLE FOR PARISH NEWS FOR NOVEMBER 2022 EDITION

UNVEILING OF THE WILLIAM LAMBERT PLAQUE AT THE INSTITUTE BUILDING (SOCIAL CLUB)

On Saturday 24th September, Councillor Jane March, Chair of Horsmonden Parish Council, was pleased to welcome special guest John Summerfield, Great Grandson of William Lambert, to unveil the William Lambert plaque that has been installed on the wall of the Institute Building (Social Club).

Following an introduction about the history of William Lambert in Horsmonden by Councillor March, John spoke briefly about his Lambert family tree then proceeded to unveil the plaque.



The installation of the William Lambert plaque was organised and funded by the Parish Council.

ROADWORKS – SHARING INFORMATION

The village and surrounding area are experiencing a lot of disruption due to Kent County Council roadworks. We are advised of them often very close to the date they are taking place. The details are published on the Parish Council website and Facebook page as soon as they are received so please regularly check these for information. You can also find out the latest regarding Kent County Council roadworks here: <https://one.network/uk/kent>

STREET LIGHTS

The Parish owns more than 40 street lights around the village which require regular checks and repair. Now that the nights are drawing in, please contact us if you notice a street light that is not working and we will

report it to our maintenance engineers for investigation.

Unfortunately owning the street lights also means that we have to pay for the electricity consumption and recent price increases have made it very difficult for us to renegotiate a new electricity supply contract after our current contract came to an end in May.

The Council has now managed to secure a contract for 12 months' supply for its street lights with SSE so that at least we can budget with a stable price for the immediate future and can keep our lights on. However, the contract does represent a large increase in costs from previous years.

HORSEFAIR

The Horsefair was originally due to take place on 11 September but was cancelled owing to the sad death of our late Queen. Instead the organisers managed to rearrange the day for 25 September and held a well-attended event which seemed to run smoothly. The Parish Council thanked the organisers for leaving the Green and toilets tidy.

VILLAGE GREEN – UPCOMING EVENTS

We are pleased to confirm that HoVEC has booked the Village Green for some exciting events for us all to look forward to in December.

Without spoiling the surprise- we can announce that there will be a Winter festival from 2nd-4th December which will include a Christmas market and other events, to be held in a marquee.

Full details can be found at the HOVEC website <https://www.hovec.co.uk/winter-festival-2nd-4th-december-2022>

REMEMBRANCE DAY

The Remembrance Day Service will be held at the War Memorial at 12.30pm with groups and organisations from the village laying wreaths to commemorate the fallen soldiers.

HORSMONDEN PUBLIC TOILETS

We have been experiencing some vandalism in the public toilets recently where toilets and sinks have been blocked with rubbish causing flooding and an unpleasant mess on the floor.

Our new cleaning contractor has made a great effort to improve the appearance and cleanliness of the toilets

so it is very disappointing that we are still experiencing these problems on a regular basis.

If you do see anyone causing damage to these facilities please do not hesitate to phone 101 and report to Kent Police. We have also made a request for our local PCSO to patrol these facilities as often as their local shifts allow.

Any maintenance issues with the public toilets, please contact the Parish Clerk (clerk@horsmonden-pc.gov.uk).

THE WOODEN SHELTER ON THE VILLAGE GREEN

The Parish Council is saddened to see the amount of rubbish that is left on a daily basis in the wooden shelter on the Village Green, despite there being over 10 litter bins within close proximity! This shelter was installed by the Parish Council for the enjoyment of the village but sadly it is not being looked after.

If you witness any anti-social behaviour or anyone causing damage in this area please report it to Kent Police by dialling 101.

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS 2022

We cannot believe we are talking about Christmas but the festive season is fast approaching! Whilst the Parish Council are mindful of the substantial rise in energy costs we are pleased to confirm that the Village Green will be lit up with Christmas lights from Thursday 1st December. We can't wait to see them again!

PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

Residents are encouraged to attend the monthly public Council meetings which cover general matters and also planning applications.

The upcoming meeting dates are as follows:

7 November 2022 – Full Parish Council Meeting
22 November 2022 – Planning Committee Meeting
28 November 2022 – Finance Committee Meeting

These meetings are all held in Horsmonden Village Hall. Further details can be found on the Parish Council noticeboard or on the website.

The Clerk is also available to help either by email and phone:

Lucy Noakes (Clerk)

Clerk to Horsmonden Parish Council

Telephone: 01892 724989 (to leave a message)

Mobile: 07484 904765

E-mail: clerk@horsmonden-pc.gov.uk

SOME USEFUL CONTACT NUMBERS:

NHS: 111

Kent Highways Service: 03000 418181

Tunbridge Wells Borough Council: 01892 526121

Environment Agency 24-hour Flood line:

08459 881188

Emergencies only: 999

Non-emergency Police Line: 101

UK Power Networks – Power cut: 0800 31 63 105 on a landline or 0333 32 32 105 (if calling from a mobile)