

NEWSLETTER



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 13 MARCH 2018 at 7.30pm

The Annual General meeting of the Association takes place in Manor Field School, Junction Road, Burgess Hill starting at 7.30 pm. This is your chance to have your say so please come along and give us your impressions of your residents' Association, good or bad. We do need feedback from you to make sure we are tackling the local issues you care about. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE NOMINATED TO THE COMMITTEE, PLEASE LET A MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE KNOW. After the meeting we will have a talk by David Simons of the Kent Surrey and Sussex Air Ambulance Charity on "The life-saving work of the Air Ambulance". The talk covers the work of this charity serving the community, often at a time of greatest need. The talk will be followed by a cheese and wine social.

NEWS ROUND UP

The Watermill Inn's new landlord is Paul Geraghty who has taken over from Chris and Paddy. We are very concerned about our local pub. It has been closed twice recently and the draymen have been unable to make deliveries. Today (Sunday) there was a notice on the door reading "Sorry we are closed". The committee is considering what action to take to get this important community asset back to full working order. Use it or lose it, as the saying goes. We wish new landlord Paul all the very best as he works to restart the business.

Your committee would like to improve the frontage of the pub which has been neglected of late with potholes, weeds, litter and a broken downpipe. The main obstacle is finance – it would cost about £1200 to do the job properly. A member's suggestion that the car park surface be marked with an ENTRANCE (from Junction Road) and an EXIT into Leylands Road, as used to be the case, would be a great improvement. At present, cars have to reverse out into Junction Road, which is a dangerous manoeuvre. Have you any experience of Lottery Grant applications to fund this? Photo shows the problem.



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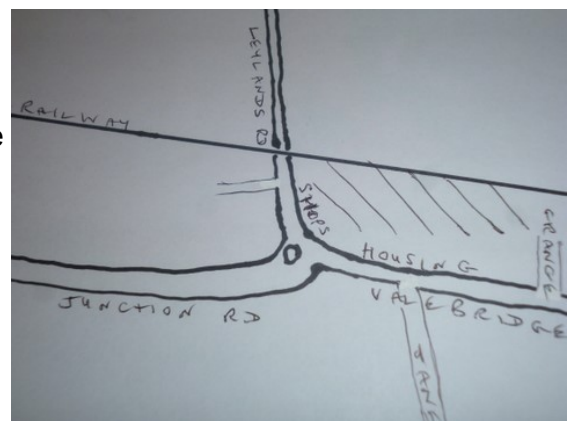
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Bedelands Farm Nature Reserve is to have some new paths laid to improve accessibility. Some paths are very slippery and muddy especially at this time of the year. Our thanks to the Burgess Hill Green Circle network and MSDC who look after this beautiful area for the benefit of residents and visitors, and of course, the wildlife. The reserve is popular with walkers, especially those with dogs.



Play area Update. The District Council has updated us: Nicole has conducted a consultation exercise with the pupils of Manor Field School and they have come up with some excellent ideas and suggestions for new users of the play park. She will now design some into the Master Plan during early 2018, and may add some local theme, such as how Worlds End got its name – it was christened by the navvies. The scheme will be advertised and out for final consultation this year.

Car parking space for our shops. The wooded area behind the shops and under the railway embankment has been rejected for housing and your editor feels it would make a suitable car park for short-term parking. The ground is flat, unused and a short walk from the local shops, so ideal for shoppers. This would be a good support for our local businesses, (there are 17 of them), which we all want to encourage. With all the new housing planned, parking will become a big problem for shoppers and, of course for delivery vehicles. We have asked the Town Council to help – watch this space. See diagram.



New Burgess Hill Cultural Centre

In response to community demand, a group of community representatives and Town Councillors are developing a project to create a new, flexible community and performing arts centre in Burgess Hill. These plans can be viewed at the Burgess Hill Town Council Help Point and online at www.burgesshill.gov.uk. Residents are asked to respond with their views by no later than 9 March 2018. Without the support of residents, the project cannot proceed.



Manor Court rebuild. Despite our request for an update, no information has been forthcoming. It would have been nice if, instead of yet more austere housing, a central square with shops, cafe etc. had been planned rather like the continental system. It would give Worlds End a heart. Housing Assoc. Clarion Construction please note! Shop lifting problems continue in Worlds End Stores and Post Office. There were three instances in one week recently. Perhaps the oxygen of publicity will deter these thieves, who only make life difficult for our valued shop-keepers. On the subject of shops, Michele who has run **K9 Kanine Klips** Professional Dog Grooming for the last 18 years, is leaving to have a baby. We thank her for her faithful service to the pet-owning community over so many years and wish her well in motherhood. It is not yet known if the business can continue as specialist skills are required.



Munchies Parking. The problem of vehicles overhanging the pavement to obscure the view of pedestrians when crossing the roads there is to be addressed by West Sussex DC. This is strictly a matter of enforcement. Parking on the pavement is illegal and it is up to the Councils to enforce the law. There is a clear danger for pedestrians here and the problem has been going on for a very long time.

The Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) for Manor Road is progressing. Parking nearest to the school will be limited to 1 hour. The plan is to stop the present all day parking by commuters which prevents parents from dropping off children safely, and prevents others such as shoppers and park users from parking short-term. There will be a refuge at the brow of the road to allow drivers to pass safely without driving on the pavements. And provision for bus stops. Increased traffic flows are making this an urgent safety issue. Please show your support for this scheme when it is advertised. Our local Town and District Councillors are supportive.

Finally, our new website is up and running. Please have a look and let us know your views. You can send emails via the site if you have any matter you wish to raise.

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