



MALEW PARISH COMMISSIONERS

Clerk: Mr B.J. Powell

Christmas newsletter December 2017

It's been an exciting year for Malew with much more to come in 2018! We were honoured in March to have a visit from His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, Sir Richard Gozney and his wife who were



given a whistle stop tour of the parish, starting at the Commissioners' Offices where they were greeted by the Chair of Malew Commissioners, Mrs Barbara Brereton, and her fellow Commissioners as well as Captain of the Parish Roy Gelling.

After a visit to Ballasalla School where the staff and children showed their pleasure in meeting His Excellency, they moved on to Balthane and toured the extensive site of JCK – hard hats and high viz jackets were provided. Coffee at the Castletown Golf Links Club House followed where the official party mingled with golfers and residents and the sun shone over the beautiful views of Derbyhaven.

Then it was off to St Marks for a delicious lunch prepared by members of the community and both Sir Richard and Lady Gozney thoroughly enjoyed the hospitality and the opportunity to meet Malew residents. We are a wide spread community so it is good to bring people together on an occasion like this.



Next, a rare opportunity to visit the stud and stables at Great Meadow where they were given a presentation on the history of the stud and met the four-legged residents who were extremely welcoming – Lady Gozney was particularly taken with the bloodhounds and the feeling appeared to be mutual as you will see from the photograph. It was a great day, the sun shone and Malew showed itself to its best advantage.

The road improvements at Crossag Road will prove well worth the inconvenience once the works are completed and the Commissioners hope to be able to add an extra dimension to that area by redeveloping Feigh Keign, the children's playground, which will provide a much needed up to date facility for young people in the area.



This will not be an easy or cheap project as there are problems with drainage but it will be well worthwhile once it is completed and local children can enjoy their own safe and secure space.



Balthane Industrial Estate is a very important part of Malew and there are occasional security issues so the Commissioners have installed security cameras to discourage vandalism and crime in general and these have proved to be effective as they have been used in police enquiries.

The village hall, so important to the community, has been extensively improved and now that this work is completed, we hope that you will think about using it for events and meetings. Just check our website for further information on hire charges and how to book.





The War Memorial in Ballasalla was damaged in a road traffic accident earlier in the year and that gave the Commissioners an opportunity to make improvements to this much-loved monument. There is a new handrail, specially designed railings based on a photograph from the Manx Museum showing the memorial before the road layout was changed and there are plans for lighting in the area once negotiations with Manx Utilities are successful.

In 2018 we hope to see all kinds of developments in our area, not least the rebuilding of Castletown Golf Links Hotel, much-loved by those who remember it in its heyday.

We said goodbye to one of our Commissioners, Andy Finch from Derbyhaven, who reluctantly stood down because of business commitments but we welcomed a new recruit, John Brereton, who is well known in the area.

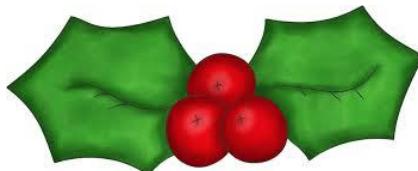
We'd love to hear your thoughts and any ideas you might have so do get in touch and, if you have photographs of Malew now or in the past that we could use on our website or in future publications, please do send them to us electronically drop in to the office.

Don't forget that you can keep up to date with all the events in our area by visiting our website www.malew-parish.org, liking us on Facebook following us on twitter or by calling in to the offices in Ballasalla and please let us know if you have any community event which we can publicise for you.

Christmas is a special time and there are all kinds of events in Malew and you will be welcome to attend any of the services in the churches of the parish as well as the Grotto in the Village Hall on Thursday 14th December.

We are a multicultural parish so we'd like to wish you Nollick Ghennal, Feliz Navidad, il-Milied it-tajjeb, Joyeux Noel, Frohe Weihnachten, Buon Natale or simply Happy Christmas to everyone.

Very best wishes from The Chair, Board and Staff of Malew Parish Commissioners.



Arrangements for refuse collections over the festive period:

Usual Day

Tuesday 26th December

Wednesday 27th December

Friday 29th December

Tuesday 2nd January

Wednesday 3rd January

Friday 5th January

Will be collected

Wednesday 27th December

Thursday 28th December

Friday 29th December

Wednesday 3rd January

Thursday 4th January

Friday 5th January