

A new interim Managing Director, Gary Ridgwell, has been appointed at Otterpool Park LLP. Gary was previously the Construction Director at Otterpool Park LLP for the past two years and knows the development intimately.

Sadly, because of the unavailability of the Red Arrows next August, the Folkestone Air Show has had to be cancelled. The Air Show will be kept under review and alternative events are being considered.

The environment agency have downgraded the quality of bathing water at Dungeness, Littlestone, St Mary's Bay and Dymchurch. Also, largely due to the recent heavy rain, areas of Romney Marsh have suffered considerable flooding from sewerage. Meetings have been held with the Leader of the Council to try and extract a solution from Southern Water.

I am pleased to report that, at the recent Full Council meeting, Councillor Stephen Scoffham's motion to support the Kent Downs application to secure cross channel UNESCO global Geopark status for the Kent Downs national landscape together with the neighbouring protected landscape in France was unanimously supported.

At this time of year there are more opportunities for criminals to scam people. The Kent Fraud Alert System has details of several frauds that have been recently reported to them. One of them is suspicious text messages or emails, possibly asking you to verify your personal financial details. These can be reported by forwarding suspicious texts to 7726 or emails to report@phishing.gov.uk.

Wishing you all a very merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Contact: Elaine.Martin@folkestone-hythe.gov.uk