

British Legion branch dates

The RBL's Downs branch in Deal will hold its Remembrance Sunday service on November 12 at Deal Victoria Hospital in London Road from 10.50am.

The day before is Armistice Day when there will be a service to dedicate two memorial benches at the town's Hamilton Road Cemetery at 10.50am.

The group's Poppy Appeal will begin in Deal this Saturday.

The annual meeting will be on Monday, November 6, from 7.30pm at the Function Room of the Alma in West Street.

New members are welcome. Contact Lydia O'Connor on 01304 366682 and for more details visit the website info@rbldownsbranch.org.uk.

Beaujolais night at Dining Club

Roving Dining Club Run Ashore is again holding its annual Beaujolais Night.

Organiser Jonathan Bowles is hosting it at The Dining Club in Middle Street, Deal on Thursday, November 26.

A three-course French menu will be served together with a bottle of Beaujolais Nouveau at £28 per person.

Please arrive at 7.30pm prompt for your reserved tables.

If you are putting a table together, book early.

Payment on the night. Confirmed bookings must be paid for if not cancelled by Monday, November 13.

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Joanne Froggatt on Deal Pier in front of Jasin's Restaurant during the filming of Liar - restaurant owner Jasin Kaplan said the series has been great for business



The next series will investigate the killing of Ioan Gruffudd's character

Hit TV drama has been good for business, says owner of pier restaurant

'We can't wait for Liar's return'

The second series of ITV's highest rated new drama of the year Liar will be filmed in Deal.

Producer Eliza Mellor confirmed to the Mercury that cast and crew will return to the town when filming begins in 2019.

The show has put the national spotlight on the town and producers predict it will attract more interest from tourists.

The new series will be written once again by Jack and Harry Williams of Two Brothers Pictures, who were also responsible for hit drama The Missing. They say they have already started on the script.

Production teams took over two houses in Deal and Kingsdown during filming last November and in January one towards the north end of the marina, which is the home of character Laura Nielson, played by Joanne Froggatt, and the other in Wellington Parade in Kingsdown, the home

of her sister, Katy, played by Zoe Sutcliffe.

A key scene which aired in the first episode of the six-part series was shot in Jasin's Restaurant on Deal Pier.

Owner Jasin Kaplan is hopeful they will return there.

He said: "They have been in touch to say thank you for our hospitality and they did tell us that they may come back to the restaurant but it hasn't been decided yet.

"We hope they will and we will do all that we can to help them.

"Liar has been great for business, great for the town, great for all.

"Deal is becoming a bit of a magnet to film makers and I think we should encourage it."

The second instalment will be a whodunnit, focusing on who murdered main character Andrew Earham, played by Ioan Gruffudd.

A whole host of characters are in the frame such as his numerous rape victims including Laura and DI Harmon. Laura's ex Tom or DI Harmon's partner Jen may have taken revenge on their behalf.

There's also Andrew's own son, Luke, and Laura's sister, Katy, to consider. If Katy does become one of the suspects, crews might also return to her fictional home in Wellington Parade, owned by Shaun and Helen Roper.

Whatever happens, fans will have to wait at least two years to find out.



Joanne Froggatt during filming in Deal for Liar - her character is now one of the murder suspects for the next series

Doctor's fury over plans for out of hours service

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the service for the people in Deal and to my mind is a retrograde step."

Primecare has told patients that while they might have to travel further, the same number of GPs will still be on hand.

Its decision follows a period of review across all eight Patient Contact Centres (PCCs) in conjunction with the Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG).

Primecare's contract for these services will end in January leaving some to hope that the new provider, IC24, could reinstate it.

Charlie Elphicke, MP for Dover and Deal, said: "These closures are unacceptable.

"It's disgraceful that people will have to travel to a different town for a doctor's appointment.

"It's welcome that Primecare's contract for these services will be ending early in December. Local health chiefs must ensure any new provider will deliver out-of-hours services in Deal."

Other bases to be affected are Herne Bay and Romney Marsh



Primecare's out of hours service is located at Deal hospital

All three will close on Tuesday, A spokesman for the CCG said: "I can confirm that it is an interim measure to ensure that the service is safe and to relieve some of the pressure on staffing rotas.

"It will be reviewed in the New Year."

A spokesman for Primecare said: "There has been limited usage of the Patient Contact Centres (PCCs) based in Herne

Bay, Romney Marsh and Deal by patients over the past year.

"The East Kent Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs) have therefore taken the decision to close the centres, which will mean that the five remaining PCCs in East Kent are served by a greater number of GPs.

"Patients in East Kent will still have access to five PCCs across the East Kent area, which will ensure continuity of care."



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