

# **ACOL VILLAGE VOICE**

**April 2017**

## ***Social Evening, Dinner and Quiz a Triumph***

The Village Hall was packed with seventy guests, who enjoyed a sumptuous homecooked meal, good company and a challenging quiz. What could be better? As a result, the organisers were able to present the Village Hall Management committee with a cheque for £610 towards the Hall Extension fund.

Our grateful thanks go to all those who organised the event, and their band of helpers, who worked so hard to provide a great evening.

## ***Proof that a Roof can be a Thing of Beauty***

What a joy to see the new thatched roof at Egerton Manor - and congratulations to Claud White for his support of traditional country craftsmanship. What a visual asset for Acol.

It is only to be hoped that the current redevelopment of the Crown and Sceptre site will be as visually pleasing and contribute as much to the Village's aesthetic. Not quite sure whether the skip, perched on top of a pile of rubble is intended as an artwork, though!

## **Manston - an Update**

There has been a lot of "Fake News" about Manston reported in the local press, much of it emanating from UKIP led TDC as they seek to justify their broken promises regarding Manston Airport. The revised Local Plan, which was supposed in the media to kill off hopes of retaining the Airport, is at present no more than a draft, is, in the opinion many, deeply flawed, and will be subject to rigorous public scrutiny and consideration by a planning inspector. The suggestion that RiverOak has pulled out of Manston is also incorrect. Two senior Main Board directors of RiverOak Corporation of America have pulled out of that company, and spent nearly \$1m to buy out their interests, to establish RiverOak UK as a British enterprise and to focus on the re-opening of Manston Airport. What greater commitment could there be than that?

## ACOL VILLAGE HALL SUPPORT FUND - 200 CLUB

### Winners for the Month of April 2017 were:

Member no. 112 who won 1<sup>st</sup> prize of £20.00

Member no. 103, who won 2<sup>nd</sup> prize of £12.00 and

Member no. 95, who won 3<sup>rd</sup> prize of £8.00

£40.00 has been donated to the Village Hall funds

The next draw will be on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2017. Should you have any questions, or wish to join the scheme, please contact Iris Osborne on 01843 840901

### **FORTHCOMING VILLAGE HALL EVENTS**

Mon 10 <sup>th</sup> Apr	6.00pm	<b>Acol Village Hall Management Committee AGM</b>
Sat 16 <sup>th</sup> Apr	2.30pm	<b>AHS Late Spring Show</b>
Mon 24 <sup>th</sup> Apr	6.00pm	<b>PARISH ASSEMBLY &amp; PARISH AGM</b>

## **RELEVANT INFORMATION**

### ***CCTV CAMERAS***

Please ring the Parish Council, on 844706, to report any accident or incident between Dilnot Lane and Margate Hill. Drivers who cause any damage in the village can be identified and reported to the police for action.

### ***REFUSE COLLECTION - MONDAYS***

Refuse (black) & waste food	Recycling (blue), red bag & waste food
17 <sup>th</sup> April	10 <sup>th</sup> April
1 <sup>st</sup> May	24 <sup>th</sup> April

Ring TDC, **577115**, to arrange collection if you are unable to put your bins out.  
Or Ring the 'Recycle for Thanet' line on **577727** with any queries you may have.

### ***REGULAR VILLAGE HALL DIARY DATES***

Monday afternoons (term time) - Pam's People

First Tuesday evening - AHS meeting

All other Tuesday evenings, 6-7pm - Dance Fitness Class

Alternate Wednesday evenings - Life Drawing Art Group

Every Thursday evening - Art Group. **Art Group Website:** [www.acolartgroup.org/](http://www.acolartgroup.org/)

Monthly, Saturdays, 10am-4pm - Phoenix Quilters.

(Check hall calendar or email [Sheila.Bransfield@btinternet.com](mailto:Sheila.Bransfield@btinternet.com) for dates)

### **DIARY DATES FOR THIS YEAR**

Mon 10th April, 6pm - Acol Village Hall Management Committee AGM  
Sun 16th April, all day - AHS Late Spring Show  
Mon 24th April, 6pm - Acol Parish Assembly and Parish Council AGM  
THUR 4TH MAY, ALL DAY - KCC ELECTION  
Sun 25th June, 2pm - St Mildred's Cream Tea  
Sat 29th July, all day - AHS Summer Show  
Sat 12th August, 10am to 4pm - AHS Nosh and Natter  
Sat 23rd September, all day - AHS Autumn Show  
Sat 14th October, eve - AVHMC Quiz  
Sat 28th October, eve - AHS Race Night  
Sat 4th November, a.m. to 3pm - AHS Autumn Fayre  
Sat 2nd December, eve - AHS Christmas Party  
Tue 5th December, 3 to 4pm - Age UK Drop In  
Sat 9th December, eve - AVHMC Seniors' Dinner  
Fri 15th December, eve - St Mildred's Carol Service  
Sat 16th December, eve - AVHMC Reindeer Drive

**NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH** Contact Iris Osborne, 840901, for information and updates for NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH.

### **PARISH COUNCIL OFFICE**

Ring Parish Council on Mondays (9am-5pm) on 844706, or the day after a Bank Holiday, or the Clerk any day (9am-5pm) on 832243.

Please ring these numbers if you have problems and do not know who to contact.

THE NEXT MEETINGS WILL BE THE PARISH ASSEMBLY AT 6PM ON MONDAY 24TH APRIL 2017, FOLLOWED BY THE PARISH COUNCIL AGM AT 6.30PM, OR AFTER ASSEMBLY MEETING.

Sheila Bransfield

## **Minster Surgery**

### SPRING FAYRE

Our Annual Spring Fayre will take place on Saturday 13th May at "Old Schools" Hall, Minster as usual.

We will be launching our raffle on 2nd April with our top prize being a handmade Children's Rocking Horse.

### DROP IN SERVICE FOR CARERS

In response to a suggestion written on our notice board in the surgery, we are delighted to inform you that we will be introducing this facility within the next couple of months.

If you are interested in taking part in these sessions please contact the surgery to register your interest.

### "WALK FOR LIFE" ACTIVITY PROGRAMME

The surgery has now launched this programme and we are inviting people to come and join us in a walk around the local area for about an hour or so, with the aim of meeting people, becoming more active and enjoying our community.

These take place every Thursday at 10.30 so please come along and join us, or If you would like further information please contact the surgery.

### MISSED APPOINTMENTS - THANK YOU VERY MUCH!

Another improvement! This is the lowest that these figures have been since we started to record and publish them, which is brilliant news:

26 PATIENTS DID NOT ATTEND THEIR DOCTOR'S APPOINTMENT!

58 PATIENTS DID NOT ATTEND THEIR NURSES APPOINTMENT!

### "FRIENDS AND FAMILY" SURVEY

A total of 158 patients responded last month with the following results:

Extremely likely/Likely - 94%; Extremely unlikely/Unlikely - 2%; Unsure/Don't know - 4%

### SURGERY CLOSURE DAYS

Please note that the surgery will close at 12.00 Mid-day on the following days for staff training: Wednesday 26th April; Wednesday 24th May; Thursday 22nd June.

### BANK HOLIDAYS

The surgery will be closed all day on: Good Friday 14th April and Easter Monday 17th April Monday 1st May; and Monday 29th May

Please ensure you have sufficient medication to last you during these periods, and of course, please don't forget to include all the family who may need medication.

Should you need to see a Doctor when the surgery is closed, please call the NHS 111 Service via the normal number (821333) where you will be transferred automatically, or you can call direct on 111, to receive non-urgent confidential health advice and information for all the family. For Urgent/Life threatening issues, dial 999 as normal.



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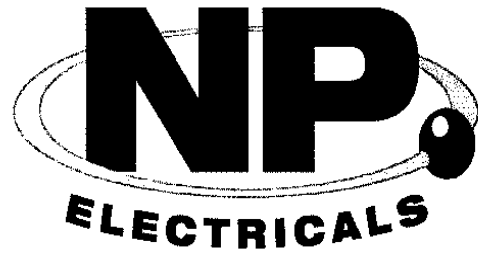
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## **AHS Spring Show**

This year's Spring Show was a great success, with more than 240 exhibits and good attendance, including some old faces not seen for some time. It was great to see such an upsurge in interest. Thank you.

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PLEASE PASS ON THIS EDITION OF VILLAGE VOICE to any friends from outside the village who might be interested in knowing what is going on in Acol.

Non-residents of Acol can become subscribers to the Village Voice at the cost of £7.50 for 12 editions, the charge covers the cost of printing and posting to a nominated address.

### Advertising

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Should you (or your organisation) wish to sponsor an edition, either in memory of a loved one, to commemorate an event or even from a feeling of civic duty(!), please contact me.

Contributions for the next edition must be received by 5<sup>th</sup> May 2017.