

ACOL VILLAGE VOICE

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MANSTON AIRPORT - A FURTHER UPDATE

It seems that another bidder has entered the arena for the airport (I say airport because that is what it still is). It has been stated that a US logistics company has approached TDC with an interest in reviving a compulsory purchase order, CPO, so that they can move from a base in Europe with their clients' 12 aircraft to a more convenient base in the UK, and Manston is their choice. We will wait and see!

RiverOak are still the main story in this ongoing saga. Many pundits have said this is not the original RiverOak Investment Partners who started the DCO process but a new company called RiverOak Strategic Partners, RSP, which is a registered UK business. This new business was set up not to isolate itself from the US partner, but to simplify any negotiations carried out in the UK as a UK company. So far RSP are the serious contenders, proved by their steadfast commitment to the project.

Regardless of the few complaints from people in Thanet about reinstating the airport the fact is that the UK needs more air cargo facility, and Manston is there, ready and waiting. Because of lack of cargo facility at passenger based airports a lot of cargo has to be carried in the belly of passenger aircraft. This is very expensive for importers and is also very limiting because not all cargo is allowed to be carried on passenger aircraft. It has been said that if dedicated cargo airports are not available in the next fifteen or so years, the UK will be losing hundreds of billions of pounds worth of business (especially with the exit from the EU) and it does not seem that any new runways will be available at Gatwick or Heathrow in the near or even distant future. This is where Manston may prove invaluable.

A contentious subject is the noise factor of aircraft. A lot of people are living in the past with regard to modern aircraft. Noise level restrictions have been set at all of the world's airports and the latest aircraft are so much quieter. You may remember that when Manston was still in use it was used for pilot training for two of the largest jets flying today, the Airbus A380 and the Boeing 777. As part of the training schedule the aircraft were performing 'touch and go' manoeuvres. This meant approaching to land and at the last minute applying full power to lift off again and this was repeated time and time again. The aircraft were so quiet that, as far as I know, there were no complaints about noise.

Anyway this is just my view on the subject but bare in mind that CITY AIRPORT in London is now stacking its aircraft above Thanet due to the fact it is uncontrolled airspace, and this is producing a continuous drone above the Isle.

Dave Hayfield

ACOL VILLAGE HALL SUPPORT FUND - 200 CLUB

Winners for the Month of May 2017 were:

Member no. 71 who won 1st prize of £20.50

Member no. 93, who won 2nd prize of £12.30 and

Member no. 87, who won 3rd prize of £8.20

£41.00 has been donated to the Village Hall funds

The next draw will be on Wednesday 7th June 2017. Should you have any questions, or wish to join the scheme, please contact Iris Osborne on 01843 840901

RELEVANT INFORMATION

GOOD NEWS

The telephone kiosk is working again. We have fought to retain it for emergency use, to comply with our Emergency Procedure for the Village Hall and, thanks to support by TDC, it is back in use.

ROAD CLOSURE

KCC have advised that Acol Hill and Manston Road will be closed for 2 nights from 10th May, between 7pm and 5am, so hopefully not too much inconvenience. At least they are resurfacing.

REFUSE COLLECTION - MONDAYS

Refuse (black) & waste food Recycling (blue), red bag & waste food

15th May

8th May

29th May

22nd May

5th June

(So far, Bank Holidays have remained business as usual, so 29th May should be OK)
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/

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

(Check hall calendar or email Sheila.Bransfield@btinternet.com for dates)

DIARY DATES FOR THIS YEAR

THUR 8TH JUNE, ALL DAY, GENERAL ELECTION

Sun 25th June, 2pm - St Mildred's Cream Tea

Wed 28th June, 7pm, TENTATIVE booking for Manston Consultation meeting, tbc

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

Tue 7th November, 7.30pm, AHS AGM

Sat 2nd December, eve - AHS Christmas Party

Sat 9th December, eve - AVHMC Seniors' Dinner

Fri 15th December, eve - St Mildred's Carol Service

Sat 16th December, eve - AVHMC Reindeer Drive

(Please note that the Age UK Drop In, booked for Tue 5th December, 3 to 4pm, has been cancelled. No explanation. Please contact them for their reasons)

CCTV CAMERAS

Please don't hesitate to ring the Parish Council, on 844706, to report any 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.

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.

Sheila Bransfield

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Minster Surgery

SPRING FAYRE Saturday 13th May

Our Annual Spring Fayre will be held at "Old Schools" Hall, Minster and entry is free. Only two tables remain so book now to avoid disappointment.

THANK YOU!

Would the patients who very kindly donated "Turbo Air Fryer" for our raffle please contact the surgery so that we may thank you personally.

"WALK FOR LIFE" ACTIVITY PROGRAMME

The surgery is now holding these events every Thursday morning at 10.30, 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

MISSED APPOINTMENTS - A DISAPPOINTING MONTH!

Once again these are on the increase - possibly due to school holidays and Easter??

34 PATIENTS DID NOT ATTEND THEIR DOCTOR'S APPOINTMENT

77 PATIENTS DID NOT ATTEND THEIR NURSE'S APPOINTMENT

So Please remember - DON'T NEED IT? CANCEL IT! By Phone, Text, or online.

"FRIENDS AND FAMILY" SURVEY

Thank you to all those who take part and please continue to do so.

A total of 190 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 24th May; Thursday 22nd June; Wednesday 19th July

BANK HOLIDAYS

The surgery will be closed all day on Monday 29th May

Please ensure you have sufficient medication to last you, and of course, please don't forget to include all the family who may need medication and also check when their Medication Review is due.

Should you need to see a Doctor when the surgery is closed, please call the NHS 111 Service via the normal surgery 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 Urgent/Life threatening issues, dial 999 as normal.

PATIENT LIAISON GROUP MEETING

If you have any issues you would like to raise at our meeting in April, or require further information on any of the above, then please contact MARY HODGSON on 842764.

THE CRISPE CHARITY

(Founded in 1708)

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Hon. Clerk to the Trustees
Ann Story

8 Nursery Fields
Acol, Birchington
Kent CT7 OJF
Tel: 01843 846651

The Crispe Charity

The Trustees of the Crispe Charity will meet in November to consider applications for grants to young people in the ecclesiastical parish of Birchington with Acol and also from organisations working with young people in the parish.

The Charity is able to make grants to individuals between the ages of 16 and 24 years, who have left school, and are beginning to study, or studying, at college or university, or are starting in an apprenticeship in their first job. The grants are to assist with the cost of books, equipment and course fees.

Grants to organisations are to assist with equipment and activities for young people.

Application forms are available from the above address.

Yours faithfully

Ann Story



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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.

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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 5th June 2017.