

ACOL VILLAGE VOICE

July 2019

RiverOak acquires Manston Airport

I have today been advised that the RiverOak Strategic Partnership has exchanged contracts for the purchase of all of the land that is Manston Airport.

I have been kept aware of the fact that negotiations have been progressing steadily since the beginning of the year and I am pleased that they are reaching a satisfactory conclusion.

While the Development Consent Order will proceed (for planning purposes) this is another significant step towards the refurbishment and re-opening of Manston as a fully operational airport.

Sir Roger Gale MP

ACOL VILLAGE HALL SUPPORT FUND - 200 Club

Winners for the Month of July 2019 were:

Member no. 86 who won 1st prize of £19.25
Member no. 104, who won 2nd prize of £11.55 and
Member no. 128, who won 3rd prize of £7.70

£38.50 was donated to the Village Hall funds

The next draw will be held on Wednesday 7th August 2019. Should you have any questions, or wish to join the scheme, please contact Iris Osborne (840901).

FORTHCOMING VILLAGE HALL EVENTS

Sat.. 27 th July	2.30pm	AHS SUMMER FLOWER SHOW.
Mon 29 th July	11.00am,	ACOL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Sat 10 th Aug.	1.00pm,	AHS Nosh & Natter
Wed 14 th Aug.	7.00pm,	AHS Mini Show.

VILLAGE INFORMATION

VILLAGE HALL

Please ring 841691 about hall availability.

REGULAR BOOKINGS

Monday afternoons (term time) - Pam's People

First Tuesday evening, Acol Horticultural Society meeting.

All other Tuesday evenings, Dance Fitness Class

Wednesdays, 9.30am-4.30pm (term time) - Village Textiles

Alternate Wednesday evenings, Life Drawing Art Group

Every Thursday evening - Art Group. **Art Group Website:** www.acolartgroup.org/

Fridays, 9.30am-4.30pm (term time) - Village Textiles

Saturdays (monthly), 10am-4pm - Phoenix Quilters

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

EVENTS COMING UP

Sat 27th July, 2.30pm, Acol Horticultural Society SUMMER FLOWER SHOW

Mon 29th Jul, 11am, Acol Parish Council meeting

Sat 10th Aug, from 1pm, AHS Nosh & Natter

Wed 14th Aug, 7.00pm, AHS Mini Show.

REFUSE COLLECTIONS

Refuse (black) Garden (Green) &

waste food

8th July

22nd July

5th August

Recycling (blue), red bag & waste food

15th July

29th July

If you have problems putting your bins out ring TDC, **577115**, or queries to **577727**.

CCTV CAMERAS

If you experience any traffic incident in The Street, please report to 844706.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Please ring Iris Osborne on 840901 to register for updates on local incidents.

KENT POLICE

The dedicated phone number for the East Division Rural Team: **07980 978202**.

ACOL PARISH COUNCIL

Acol PC website: www.hugofox.com/community/acol-parish-council-13724/contact/

You can ring Parish Council, 844706, Mondays 9am-5pm, or the Clerk any day (9am-5pm) on 832243. Please ring if you have problems and do not know who to contact.

Sheila Bransfield

ACOL HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY SUMMER FLOWER SHOW

SATURDAY 27th JULY In the Marquee at the rear of the Village Hall

Doors open at 2.30pm Admission £1.00

Refreshments and Ice Creams will be available in the Hall.

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ACOL PARISH COUNCIL

**Draft Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held at the Village Hall,
Acol on 25th June 2019 at 11.00a.m.**

Present: Councillors Miss S. Bransfield (Chairman), D. Hayfield, J. Inchley and
Mrs. I. Osborne

Also present: Cllr. T. Roper (TDC), Ray Owen & Roy Wade (Clerk), and 2 residents.

10. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Reece Pugh (TDC), Liz Hurst (KCC), Debbie Forsyth (PCSO) and Tony Gander (KCC Warden).

11. MINUTES

Approval of the Minutes of the meetings held on 3rd May 2019 was deferred.

12. MEMBERS' INTERESTS

No disclosures were made.

13. REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN

The Chairman reported upon the following:

(i) Counting strips have been installed in The Street to monitor the effect of the traffic calming and results will be reported when they are received.

(ii) The village gateway signs have been replaced on Acol Hill.

(iii) A letter to Kent Highways is being prepared in response to information sent by them.

(iv) The roof of The Crown & Sceptre building has been reinstated and new window frames have been fitted to the top floor, but work has ceased before completion.

(v) Kent Fire & Rescue Service are providing a free safety service for all resident

14. REPORT OF THE INTERNAL AUDITOR

The Clerk reported that the internal audit of the Parish Council financial records had been carried out. The Clerk read over the AGAR reports and Members noted and approved the Annual Governance Statement for 2018/19 and noted that the Internal Auditor had highlighted paragraphs 3 & 5 where it had been noted that the Council had not taken the appropriate action and these measures would be put in place in the near future. Members were also advised that the formal report of the Auditor had not been received and it would be considered as soon as it was to hand. However it would be necessary for the Council to

bring up to date the web site and Ray Owen had kindly agreed to help the Clerk with this project. In addition the formal report may highlight other areas that needed to be addressed and these matters would be considered once the report was received.

RESOLVED: That the report of the Clerk be received and (i) the AGAR forms be approved and the Chairman be authorised to sign off the relevant pages, (ii) the forms and relevant documents be sent off to P.K.Littlejohn, (iii) the Clerk with the assistance of Mr Owen be authorised to bring up to date the Parish Council's web site; and (iv) further consideration be given to this matter once the formal report of the Internal Auditor is received.

15. PAYMENTS SCHEDULE/FINANCIAL REPORT

i) Payments Schedule –

RESOLVED: That the following payments be made:

Cheque No	Payee	VAT	Amount
637	Serco grass cut June 11.26		67.56
638	Chairman's Expenses	0.00	23.10

ii) Bank Balances – Council were advised that the Parish Council's bank balance at the 1st June 2019, less the cheques now authorised was £11,692.28p.

16. REPORT OF DISTRICT COUNCILLOR TREVOR ROPER

(i) TDC - the political balance of the District Council following the May elections;

(ii) Ramsgate Harbour and Marina – The financial problems facing the District Council.

17. MATTERS OF REPORTS BY MEMBERS

No matters of report were made, but reports had been received from absentees:

Cllr Reece Pugh – TDC has secured funding to reduce rough sleeping; they will be providing all households with new red recycling bags; and also mentioned Ramsgate Harbour.

Cllr Liz Hurst – Street lights have now been converted to LED, resulting in a reduction of 67.7% in energy consumption and 71% in carbon emissions.

PCSO Debbie Forsyth – Acol is relatively crime free, but residents must be vigilant concerning rogue traders, suspicious vehicles, home security, cold calls, etc. She now holds police surgeries at 12.15pm on the first Wednesday of every month at Monkton Village Hall.

18. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

It was agreed to hold the next meeting at at 11.00am. on Monday 29th July 2019.

Time concluded: 12.20p.m.

RECREATION GROUND

Karen and Jude have offered to brighten up the play park area by painting and or staining the fence panels. However, in order to this they would need donations of any left overs of exterior wood paint or fence stain - any amounts and any colours. Also, any old brushes with a bit of life left in them. These donations can be left under the bench at the Village Hall to be collected. And anyone else interested in getting involved can let Karen know by sending a txt message to 07955096467. If you can't send a text leave a voice message.

DOG OWNERS A message left on the Facebook page for your benefit:

I've been using the park a lot more recently with my 2-year-old son and was so sad to see bags of dog poop in the children's play area just thrown on the floor.

I know the rec. is looked after by 2 local lovely ladies (see above) ...however, I fail to see why they should have to pick up after someone else's animal!

If you have an animal and it's you that's been throwing their dog's poop in the rec. and leaving it, you should be ashamed of yourself. There is so much community spirit here which I love, so don't ruin it! **Take it home and bin it.**

COMMUNITY FUND RAISING

Hi everyone!

My name is Vicky Price, I am Neal and Fleur's daughter from 12 Nursery Fields.

Some of you may already know, but for those that don't; my dad had a cycling accident in July 2017 in which he sustained a spinal cord injury and leaving him paralyzed from the chest down. As a very fit and active man this was a huge blow to him and our family.

Although initially he had no sensation or movement, through attending sessions at Neurokinex- a specialist Neuro rehabilitation practice in Crawley, he has been seeing some promising improvements.

He attends one hour of activity-based rehab and one of electronic stimulation a week which has been improving his strength, reawakening nerve pathways and is generally working to give him back some independence.

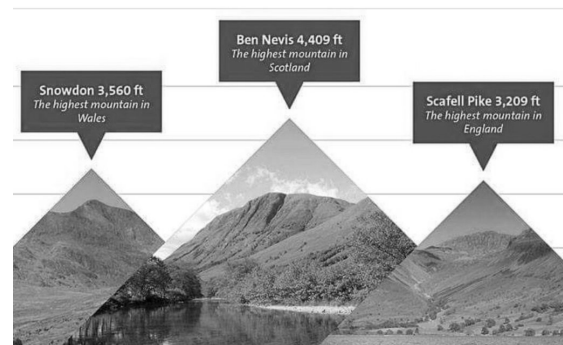
We are very keen for him to continue attending these sessions, but they are very expensive and not something that would be available on the NHS. To this end, myself and a friend will be taking part in the National Three Peaks Challenge to aim to raise funds for 10 weeks of physio. In addition, we would love to make a donation to Neurokinex's charitable trust to help others to access this amazing practice.

The Challenge is to complete climbing Ben Nevis, Scafell Pike and Snowdon...hopefully in 24 hours! Now three mountains in three countries in 24 hours is no mean feat...so if you would like to help encourage us and aid my dad's recovery, we would be forever grateful!

We have a just giving page: www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/3peaksforneal

I would also like to thank our neighbours for being so kind and helping us out on many occasions during these difficult past 2 years.

NATIONAL 3 PEAKS



SUB 24 HRS CHALLENGE

The Pilgrims Way Challenge.

On 22nd June we did it! Jim and I completed the 55km/34miles from Wye to Dover in 13hours 21 minutes. Mind you, towards the end our feet and legs were questioning our motives for this walk!

Luckily we were joined by my 10 year old grandson, Harry, 8km from the end when he insisted on taking my rucksack, which was good. He also helped my son Jim carry on after problems with blisters and his diabetes. Anyway we completed it.

For several days afterwards my feet refused to communicate with my brain and the legs didn't help by declining to convey any messages. There were parts of my body which I hadn't heard from for several years suddenly reminding me of their existence! After a few days things are gradually returning to normal. Did I enjoy it? Well it was hard so not really. Was it worth it? Without any doubt YES.

For me and for Jim (more used to two pedals) it was an achievement. The crews of Pilgrims Hospice who marshalled the route and manned the stops were brilliant, all being very supportive and appreciative of everyone's efforts.

The main point is that so far I have raised in excess of £500. All this is for the **Pilgrims Hospice**. (£52 was for Harry's part). With Jim it will be in excess of £1000.

A big thank you to all of you who have pledged money to this organisation through my sponsorship. It makes what we did very satisfying.

It is not too late if you wish to sponsor me. Contact me at Sujim, Plumstone Road or on my Justgiving page - William Yeoman.

Bill Yeoman.

WARNINGS TO RESIDENTS

Doorstep Crime - Roofing Scam

We have received reports of a roofing scam

How It Works

- A brick is thrown onto resident's roof, causing damage to tiles
- A criminal knocks on the door, offering to repair the damage

What to do

- NEVER agree to work from someone who knocks on your door uninvited
- DON'T allow anyone to pressure you into having work done
- If you ask them to leave and they don't, contact the police on 999
- Use reputable traders who are a member of the KCC Trading Standards approved trader scheme, run in partnership with Checkatrade
- If your roof is damaged, get a minimum of 3 quotes in writing

If you have an External letterbox - beware

Mail can provide fraudsters with a lot of the information they need to commit a crime of fraud or identity theft. It is also reasonably easy to intercept someone's mail, especially if they have an external mailbox.

What happens

- The criminals search an area for external letterboxes and steal documents such as bank statements.
- They check the electoral roll or search online for further information to apply for multiple credit cards in the resident's name
- When the cards arrive, the criminal collects them from the external mailbox.

What to do

- Make sure your letterbox is secure and cannot be accessed by anyone else - or install an anti-theft letterbox
- Empty your letterbox regularly
- If you have been a victim of this type of crime call Kent Police on 101

ACOL HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

We urgently need some assistance at 9.00am on Sunday 21st July with erecting our Marquee for our Summer Flower Show. If you are fit, willing and able please telephone Charlie on 01843 848640 after 6.00pm.

Your help would be very much appreciated.

MINSTER SURGERY

IT'S HOLIDAY TIME!

Please remember to order your Repeat Prescriptions in good time, and most importantly, check whether your Annual Review is imminent. If so, please book an appointment as soon as possible. Please also remember that our Healthcare Professionals take their holidays at this time as well, and our resources may be slightly stretched, so make your appointments in good time and please ensure they are used appropriately.

SURGERY CLOSURE DAYS

Please note that the surgery will close from 12.00 Mid-day onwards on the following days:

Staff Training - Wednesday 24th July; Thursday 26th September

Bank Holiday - Monday 26th August - closed all day

Please ensure that you have sufficient medication to last you and all your family during these times.

Should you need to see a Doctor when the surgery is closed, please call the NHS 111 Service direct On 111 to receive non-urgent confidential health advice and information for you and your family. For Urgent/Life threatening cases please dial 999 as normal.

MISSED APPOINTMENTS

Last Month: 34 PATIENTS DID NOT attend their DOCTOR'S APPOINTMENT

37 PATIENTS DID NOT attend their NURSES APPOINTMENT

DON'T NEED IT - CANCEL IT! KEEP FORGETTING - GET TEXT REMINDER SERVICE

FRIENDS AND FAMILY SURVEY

Last month patients responded with the following results: Extremely likely/Likely - 88%; Extremely unlikely/Unlikely - 6%; Unsure/Don't know - 6%

PATIENT GROUP MEETING

If you have any issues or require further information on any of the above, then please contact Mary Hodgson on 842764.

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Editors Note:

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

For a box advertisement of about 8cm x 9cm the cost is £10 for inclusion in 3 editions, £15 for 6 editions and £25 for 12 editions.

Please place contributions to Village Voice in the post box on the wall of the Village Hall (by the main door) or e-mail to inchley@btinternet.com

This edition of Village Voice has been sponsored by Audrey Groves and Family in memory of her Dad, Roy Finch, lifelong resident of Acol, who died on 10th July 2018.

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 August 2019.