

ACOL VILLAGE VOICE

September 2020

THANET PARKWAY GIVEN GO AHEAD

The Government has confirmed that Thanet Parkway will form part of its post-COVID investment programme, and is aimed at stimulating the economy of East Kent.

The project will deliver a new railway station, which will be located approximately 2 miles west of Ramsgate on the Ashford International to Ramsgate line, south of the Manston Airport site and just to the west of Cliffsend.

Thanet Parkway railway station will increase rail connectivity between East Kent, London and the wider Kent area by providing access to mainline and high-speed services. The project will provide access to more employment opportunities for local residents. It will also improve investment opportunities at Discovery Park Enterprise Zone and surrounding business parks in Thanet.

The station is designed to be unstaffed with two platforms and a variety of facilities, including ticket vending machines and passenger help and information points providing remote assistance. Road access is currently proposed from the A299 Hengist Way with additional pedestrian and cycle access via Cliffsend village. A 300-space car park is included within the proposal, along with a forecourt with bus stops, drop-off and pick-up zones, a dedicated taxi area, electric car charging points and an area for cycle storage. The new station is expected to open in 2023.

More details can be found at the South East Local Enterprise Partnership (www.southeastlep.com).

ACOL VILLAGE HALL SUPPORT FUND - 200 Club

Winners for the Month of August 2020 were:

Member no. 170 who won 1st prize of £19.50
Member no. 128, who won 2nd prize of £11.70 and
Member no. 60, who won 3rd prize of £7.80

Winners for the Month of September 2020 were:

Member no. 62 who won 1st prize of £19.50
Member no. 19, who won 2nd prize of £11.70 and
Member no. 121, who won 3rd prize of £7.80

£78.00 has been donated to the Village Hall funds

The next draw will be held on 7th October, and the results published in the November edition of the Voice.

Should you have any questions, or wish to join the scheme, please contact Iris Osborne (840901).

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VILLAGE INFORMATION

VILLAGE HALL

It is good to announce that the Village Hall re-opened on 1st September for some of our regular users. There are strict rules about its use and it is only possible for one group per day, as thorough cleaning is required after each use.

It is unfortunate that all village events have had to be cancelled until the end of this year and no parties are allowed.

September bookings are as follows:

Ballroom Dance Fitness on Tuesdays (except 8th September)

Acol Art Group on Thursdays and will now meet during the afternoons.

Fabtex Quilters will be in from Friday 4th to Tuesday 8th September.

Phoenix Quilters start their monthly meetings on Saturday 12th September.

Private Dance Classes resume on Sundays from 13th September.

Acol Parish Council are holding a meeting at 11am on Monday 14th September.

Village Textile classes resume on Wednesday 16th and Friday 18th September.

Pam's People resume their Mondays on 21st September.

REFUSE COLLECTIONS

Refuse (black) & waste food

14th September

28th September

Recycling (blue), red bag & waste food

7th September

21st September

5th October

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

PCSO

PCSO Debbie Forsyth is unable to resume village surgeries at present, but you can email her at 60457@kent.police.uk for urgent matters.

CCTV CAMERAS

It seems that the volume and speed of traffic through Acol has increased recently, regardless of traffic calming. Please report ANY incident to 844706.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Please ensure that Iris Osborne (840901) has your contact details to keep you updated on suspicious behaviour and local crime.

KENT POLICE

East Kent Division Rural Team can be contacted on **07980 978202** for queries or enquiries.

ACOL PARISH COUNCIL

Please check our website, acolparishcouncil.org.uk, or ring 844706 at any time if you have any problems.

NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE AT 11am ON MONDAY 14th SEPTEMBER.

Sheila Bransfield

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SCAMMERS USING POLICE PHONE NUMBERS TO TARGET THE VULNERABLE

Fraud detectives are warning residents to beware of criminals who are using police phone numbers to target vulnerable people.

Those responsible are not actually calling from a Kent Police station but are changing their caller ID to make it appear like they are - a process known as 'spoofing'.

Since the beginning of July, the Police have received at least three reports of this nature from people living in Faversham, Gravesend and Gillingham. On each occasion the victim was contacted by someone claiming to be from Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs, who told them they were wanted for tax evasion and would shortly be contacted by a police officer. They were then asked what their local police station was, giving the fraudster the opportunity to research the phone number for that station and arranging for an accomplice to pretend to call back on it. Two of those targeted were so worried about being arrested that they agreed to pay the bogus police officer around £900 each to settle the amount they were told they owed.

Detective Sergeant Alec Wood of the Kent and Essex Serious Crime Directorate said: 'Criminals are always looking for new ways in which to win the trust of those they target and calling from a number that appears to be a police number is the latest trick up their sleeve. It is important to remember that a police officer will never ask you to pay money over the phone, nor will they threaten you with arrest for not paying.'

'Never give out your personal information in response to an incoming call or rely upon the caller ID as the sole means of identification - particularly if the caller is asking you to do something that will affect you financially.'

'If somebody rings you asking for this information, do not give it to them. Instead, hang up the phone and call a trusted number from a different phone or wait at least five minutes to ensure the line has cleared and you are not still talking to the same fraudster or an accomplice.'

'Contact your bank immediately if you think you may have been scammed and also report the incident to Action Fraud.'

'Remember the ABC rule to help protect yourself and others against fraud - never Assume someone is telling the truth, never Believe what they say unless you are confident that they are who they say they are, and always Confirm the details they have provided.'

MINSTER SURGERY

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR PATIENTS - SEASONAL WINTER 'FLU VACCINATIONS 2020

FOR OVER 65' s AND AT RISK PATIENTS:

Vaccination Clinic will be held on Saturday 12th September from 9.00 am to 3.00 pm
Appointments will be available to book on receipt of your letter which is being sent out to eligible patients.

FOR ELIGIBLE AND AT RISK PATIENTS UNDER 65

Vaccination Clinic will be held on Saturday 10th October from 9.00 am to 3.00 pm
However, this date is yet to be confirmed as we are awaiting confirmation from NHS England of vaccine availability.

PLEASE NOTE:

1. Due to Covid 19 we will be adhering to strict infection control measures and all patients attending **MUST wear face coverings** and adhere to **Social Distancing Measures** by keeping 2m apart at all times and follow the direction signs indicated
 2. To ensure Social Distancing measures can be accommodated there will be **NO PARKING AT THE SURGERY**
 3. Eligible Patients will receive a letter inviting them to make an appointment and it is **ESSENTIAL** that you bring your letter with you to the clinic, as it includes your personal code, as without it, **WE WILL NOT** be able to give you your vaccination.
- If you have any concerns about your eligibility, or mobility issues that could present difficulties, please contact Reception.

REPEAT PRESCRIPTIONS- DELIVERY

Please note that following further recent lifting of Covid19 restrictions, prescriptions will no longer be delivered to patients.

SURGERY CLOSURE DAYS

Please note that the surgery will close from the following days:

Staff Training - Wednesday 23rd September; Thursday 22nd October from 1pm
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 and confidential advice and information for you and your Family. For Urgent/Life threatening cases please dial 999 as normal.

PATIENT GROUP MEETINGS

Due to Covid 19 restrictions, we are currently holding our meetings using video conferencing, however, if you have any issues you would like to raise or require further information on any of the above, then please contact: Mary Hodgson on 842764.



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 e-mail contributions to Village Voice to inchley@btinternet.com

This edition of Village Voice has been sponsored by Barbara Inchley, in memory of her Mum's friend Mabel Woolaston, who sadly passed away in July of this year.

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 October 2020.