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J.B.W.Webber

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**Sent:** 19 March 2017 19:09  
**To:** J.B.W.Webber (J.B.W.Webber@kent.ac.uk)  
**Subject:** Poem

Hi Beau

The poem I read out appears below. It has no title. You may say that I read it out today and that it was composed by a member of our legal team after spending five days in Margate last week.

Kind regards  
Tony

A place where people sit in the pub  
Talking about waiting for the yellow stickers in Morrisons  
Where need wheedles for change in the street  
Christmas lights in March  
Woolworths still boarded and  
Cleaners dream of a job answering phones

A place where hope has remained.  
Where lives must go on, babies grow,  
Men must still provide, must dream

This is a place of defiance.  
Where gentle sarcasm and biting cynicism  
Tell the world at large that we  
Still live  
Still hope

Well, there was a ceremony at Ramsgate just a few yards from the Maritime Museum, to mark the 75th anniversary of the Channel Dash with the dedication of a new memorial to those 13 of the 18 members of the six Fairey Swordfishes who died in their low-level attack on the German battleships and battlecruisers who were escorted by a hugely impressive force and the firepower of some 250 high quality Luftwaffe aircraft. It was in effect a suicide mission. The mayors of Margate, Ramsgate and Broadstairs were there, as were their deputies. Ela and I were there with other representatives of the Royal British Legion. There were about eight standards of the Legion, plus representatives of the Channel Dash Association, one of whom looks like he might have been one of the survivors (not sure), plus members of the Royal Naval Association, press, some clergy and others. About 60 people in all, I'd guess, but it was freezing cold. I took photos. There was then a flypast of three helicopters that have flown all the way from Yeovilton, where the squadron that bears the same number is now based, and its formation was accompanied by an Apache helicopter where presumably members of the MOD were taking commemorative photos. They flew overhead and then off towards Broadstairs. Had Manston been open, they would doubtless have gone there first or afterwards.

**Alexandra Rose**

3 hrs

Thank you for accepting me to this group. My father was Adjutant at RAF Manston in the late '50s, early 60s and every time I re-visit the area it is so sad to see a once thriving, neat and exciting aerodrome closed up. I remember when the US were based there - though I wouldn't want anyone to suffer the ear splitting din their ground based engine tests made! Air Sea Rescue helicopters, the 'old fashioned' control tower, RAF families mixing with the local population and many many people employed at Manston. And later with the coming of commercial traffic. It's total madness in an area deprived of so much employment to leave this superb piece of infrastructure unused. Though it is probably a pipe dream, why on earth isn't it considered for Londons third airport? Fantastic hardened runway, maritime approach runs for aircraft, excellent and fast links to London and a real need for employment and pride in the area. So for now I wish you all really well, and it's a delight to see John Buckleys polite, courteous comments on this page. I still salute the Spitfire each time I pass the great museum, and like to think it 'might' just be the one my father flew!!

How local people feel:

Jerusalem Video :



Dot Favell :

I tell you if ever anything showed what we are fighting for this cam clip is it. Gloag and her cahoots just don't get it do they. All they can see is pound signs. This is OUR land, this is OUR HERITAGE, this is the last green part of Thanet before the whole bloody Isle of Thanet gets swallowed up in housing and half empty industrial sites. Look at this and weep TDC councillors because this is what YOU should be fighting for as well. And shame on those who won't or don't.

## Finn McCool

23 August 11:24

And I quote... "I was working in the airport late one night, when came and landed an eerie flight, for Ann Gloag from Scotland began to deboard, and suddenly to my surprise...

she did the mash

she did the Manston mash...

the Manston mash

it was an aviation smash!

she did the mash

it took off in a flash..."



## Finn McCool

23 August 11:34

From the Broadstairs sands in the Thanet East,  
to the Toby Carvery where the locals feast,  
the Thanetarians came to fight Ann Gloag,  
realising she was nothing but a common rogue!

Out from her castle, Ann's voice did ring  
Seems she was troubled by just one thing  
She came to Kent and went to the TDC committee  
and said, "whatever happened to my garden city!?"

When everything's cool, and Ann's gone back to her land,  
and the Manston Mash is the hit of the land,  
For you, the supporters, this mash was meant too  
When you get on your flight, make sure to give her a BOO!  
(by Oscar)

## Katrina Melita Vella

3 hrs

Hi Guys

Wrote a poem about our beloved Manston, if it can be used at all to help the cause please use it!

Our Airfield - Our Manston

Voices forever silent, no more on the radar screen,  
Their spirits still cocooned in their cockpits,  
Leaving invisible traces above the thunder clouds,  
Eternally free to touch the heavens while they fly.

Their faces are a collage of faces before theirs,  
Fading on the pages of photographs in time,  
But as they continue to fly in the sky of memories,  
They will be remembered in stories, written in the ink of history.

This place, where souls were lost and heaven was rewarded,  
Where Merlin engines roared with power that couldn't be tamed,  
Those mechanical eagles soared, punching clouds with fists of steel,  
Then teased them with an Ariel ballet of grace.

This runway yearns for a heartbeat once more,  
Looking for life to circulate into the arms of the airfield,  
and whilst the remembrance stones look on as guardians they wait,  
To see the skies come alive over Manston once more.

## **Wayne Hill**

16 January 10:19

O Manston Tree! O Manston Tree!  
Thy leaves are so unchanging  
O Manston Tree! O Manston Tree!  
Not only green when summers here  
But also when 'tis cold and drear  
O Manston Tree! O Manston Tree!  
Thy leaves are so unchanging...  
Never Surrender !!



Michael Grantham Absolutely Gillian! I was a regular user of the KLM service (and Flybe before them). The big airports are a pain to get to, a pain to park at, slow to get through security, and too long for waiting before flying. They just don't compare with the "local airport" experience!

Thanet Vision 2030: on the TDC website :

See, in their Vision, the airport will be back and at the centre of a thriving Thanet :

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Thanks [Alison Wilby](#) for the head's up !

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See attached PDF : Thanet Vision 2030.pdf

**Michael Cox**

24 August 12:48

During the last 70 years our politician and local government have let Thanet down badly. Gone are Dreamland ,the Lido, all 3 cinema's in Margate, The Hippodrome, 2 cinema in Broadstairs. Ramsgate 2 dog tracks, The Pavilion, the west cliffe hall 3 cinemas in Ramsgate the Marina complex Port Ramsgate , Pfizer's and many, many more attractions the Airport is the latest Please for gods sake wake up TDC its our last big asset, act now before this is added to the list.

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## Thanet

Thanet's economy has been renewed, driven by a busy airport at Manston with more passengers and freight coming into the area. Thriving offshore wind-farms have brought jobs to Ramsgate, with new creative businesses attracting more residents and visitors into Margate. The district is more prosperous and the average income in Thanet is now close to that of Kent.

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Education levels in Thanet are now on a par with the rest of Kent, with residents able to take advantage of higher-paid jobs, and the numbers of people starting up their own businesses has increased.

Deprivation has largely been tackled in Thanet's poorest neighbourhoods as a result of the major regeneration programme driven forward by the council. All parts of Thanet are attracting working age adults, young families and elderly people. A strong emphasis on tackling crime and anti-social behaviour has helped to make Thanet a much safer place.

The district is naturally beautiful, with a stunning coastline, and a rich and diverse heritage that is cherished and carefully maintained. Striking sculptures and stunning lighting are welcoming to both locals and visitors.

Activity levels are up, with residents and visitors taking advantage of opportunities for leisure and culture which have expanded to meet the needs of the population. Imaginative facilities for children and young people exist across the district, with the all-weather adventure playground popular with visitors and residents alike. Thanet's villages remain largely unchanged – picturesque and peaceful places to live and visit.



## Broadstairs

Broadstairs remains a traditional seaside resort with the town's lovely old buildings preserved and enhanced, and its reputation as a charming historic town has been maintained.



Its appeal as a quiet coastal town still attracts good numbers of visitors, who have helped to support an increase in footfall and business activity. The town's various festivals have played a key part in the success of Broadstairs as a tourist destination.

Pedestrians are prioritised throughout the town, and Broadstairs' small size makes it a welcoming town to explore on foot.



Margate has a new economic heart, founded on the success of the internationally-renowned Turner Contemporary gallery. Following extensive redevelopment, the town centre is now smaller, with a mix of shops and town houses. The Old Town is a vibrant creative quarter - full of cafés and restaurants that spill onto the street in summer. These are interspersed with niche shops and galleries selling the work of local artists.



Dreamland has been transformed into a striking 21<sup>st</sup> century attraction; a national centre for the preservation and celebration of the heritage and culture of seaside amusement parks and popular seaside entertainment.

The harbour arm bars and restaurants are now a significant draw for tourists and locals, with the town known as a place to come for a range of good food, with numerous farm shops and delis amongst the High Street shops. Locals and visitors both buy much of their food in the thriving weekly farmers market.

The beach remains the heart of Margate and the seafront is more pedestrian-friendly, with a family-friendly feel.

Job opportunities mean more of the town's young population remain, and other working age adults have moved in, creating a relatively young and affluent population profile. Opportunities in the town and more widely in Thanet have helped stabilise the previously transient population. Increased investment in buildings and pride in the area have driven up house prices, and driven out absentee landlords. The revival of the seafront, old town and high street means that the dilapidated boarding houses of the past have been converted into offices, art studios, guesthouses and up-market flats.

Sculptures from prominent artists and public art take pride of place, and the town is illuminated in the evening by stunning lighting on the Turner Contemporary gallery, harbour arm, and seafront.

The two most deprived wards - Cliftonville West and Margate Central – are no longer a draw for those searching for cheap rented accommodation. The gap in terms of prosperity and deprivation between these two wards and neighbouring ones has been narrowed significantly.



## Ramsgate

Ramsgate is a bustling town centred on its spectacular Royal Harbour. The historic architecture and marina are well-maintained and beautifully-lit. The public space is enhanced by the well-preserved Regency houses.



The marina has expanded to accommodate the growing popularity of boat ownership. The image of the town has been reinforced and enhanced as a premier sailing destination. This has helped support a lively visitor industry, with a renewed café culture, stylish shops, and a number of chic guesthouses and hotels. There is a nautical theme with oyster bars, seafood restaurants and sailing clothes shops; all established parts of the local economy.

It has a significant cross channel ferry operator and a large freight operator. Following the 2008-10 slowdown, increases in traffic caused capacity shortfalls among other Kent short sea crossing companies, which have been successfully attracted to Ramsgate. Faster rail links have also made the town more accessible to and from London, with Ramsgate an easy day out for many, particularly Londoners.

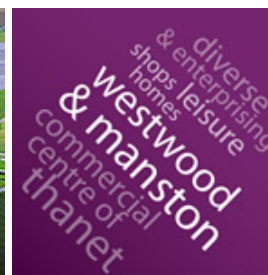
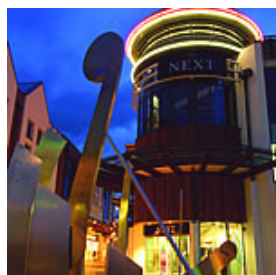
The maintenance of its offshore wind farms now represents a key source of employment. All of this new economic activity has provided jobs for many of the town's previously unemployed residents, which has helped tackle deprivation in Ramsgate's poorest neighbourhoods.



## Westwood

With the new town centre at its heart, Westwood has grown and flourished into a successful and complete community.

The town is easily accessible by public transport from the rest of Thanet and other parts of East Kent. It provides an excellent range of homes, schools, leisure, sports, shops and other facilities in a pleasant and convenient environment.



The new homes, close to the new town centre, sustain and benefit from a wide range of services which are accessible on foot and by cycle. In particular, the University, Thanet College, Marlowe Academy and Innovation Centre have helped create a diverse and enterprising community.



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## The Council's role in transforming Thanet

The Council is recognised for the quality of the services it provides, its attentiveness to the needs of residents, and for always keeping the needs of those who are less able to help themselves to the fore. Creating opportunity, especially for young people and young families to become prosperous, is at the heart of its endeavour.

Its positive relationship with business and the private sector has enabled Thanet to be successful in attracting investment from outside the district, which has been key to creating jobs in the area.

The Council has played a key role in making the changes in the District through its professionalism and willingness to get involved in innovative projects with its various partners. Over the past 21 years, it has continued to prioritise those activities and services that contribute to the vision wherever possible. It has also remained clear about its role in relation to services and activities which contribute to that vision – whether that be one of delivering, resourcing, or influencing.

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your poor (who have paid as much to park - or to catch the train across England - as for their flight),  
Your huddled masses of stacked planes yearning for a free slot in which to land,  
The wretched refuse of your teeming sky and overloaded runways.  
Send these, the homeless, tempest-tossed and diverted planes, to us at Manston Airport:  
We lift our lamp beside the White Cliffs of the Dover Straights."*

Dr. Beau Webber - May, 2014, with apologies to Emma Lazarus.