

ACOL VILLAGE VOICE

October 2022

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS 2022

Children's Party. 10.00am - 12.00 noon on Saturday 26th November.

Open to all children from within the village, and to nephews/nieces or grandchildren of Villagers. £2 per child.

Entertainment will include a soft play area and a Disco, and there will be food supplied. Pre-booking is required.

Adults Party (formerly Senior Citizens Christmas Party)

The event will take place on the evening of Saturday 10th December 7.00 for 7.30pm. The event will be open to all adults within the village, and to any "friends of Acol" who participate/attend village events or Acol-based organisations.

Meal will comprise two courses -Turkey and all the trimmings followed by Christmas pudding (or alternative) and coffee. Wine/soft drinks will be included.

We have also secured the attendance of "The Greyhound Buskers" Ukelele Band, so a good time is guaranteed.

Please note that we will be making tickets available on a first come, first served basis and that the Hall can only accommodate 40 attendees for a sit-down meal. Attendance can be secured by completing the slip included with this edition and posting it in the Village Hall postbox, or by emailing me at inchley@btinternet.com with the name and contact details - address, phone number, of intended attendees.

Reindeer Drive

The annual Reindeer Drive will take place on 17th December 7.30pm

This very popular event is for all ages and is an excellent excuse for fun and laughter in the run-up to Christmas. It will include a bring and share supper (bring your own drinks!). and tickets will be available on the door.

Christmas Carols

Carols in the Village Hall on Friday 16th December at 7pm. There will be all your favourite seasonal Carols and the concert will, as ever, be followed by refreshments with home-made soup.

ACOL VILLAGE HALL SUPPORT FUND - 200 CLUB

Winners for the Month of September 2022 were:

Member no. 78 who won 1st prize of £20.00
Member no. 40, who won 2nd prize of £10.00 and
Member no. 68, who won 3rd prize of £5.00

Winners for the Month of October 2022 were:

Member no. 5 who won 1st prize of £20.00
Member no. 69, who won 2nd prize of £10.00 and
Member no. 25, who won 3rd prize of £5.00

£60.00 was donated to the Village Hall funds

The next draw will be on Wednesday 2nd November 2022. Should you have any questions, or wish to join the scheme, please contact Iris Osborne (838829).

FORTHCOMING VILLAGE HALL EVENTS

Sat 15^h Oct. 7.30pm AHS GARDENERS SUPPER - "RACE NIGHT"

Tues 1st Nov. 7.30pm AHS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Give or Take Cabinet

Just a reminder that our very own Give or Take cabinet, located outside our Village Hall, has been refreshed with a new selection of adult & children's fiction & non-fiction books. The cabinet also includes some DVDs and CD's which are completely free to take home and enjoy. Please feel free to add your own books to the cabinet as long as they are in good, clean condition. Keep an eye on the Acol Facebook page which we will update with any unclaimed books before they are donated to a local charity shop. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Chenice Butterworth or Karen Ault.

VILLAGE INFORMATION

VILLAGE HALL

Please ring 841691 with enquiries about hall use

Please remember the donated electronic organ for villagers to use. So far no one has come forward to book and the owner may soon remove and sell it.

REFUSE COLLECTIONS

Refuse (black) & waste food

10th October

24th October

7th November

Recycling (blue), red bag & waste food

17th October

31st October

Ring TDC on 577115, if you have problems, or 577727 with queries.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Please notify Iris Osborne on 07980 978202 if you have concerns about local problems.

KENT POLICE

Please direct enquiries to East Kent Division Rural Police Team 07980 978202

PCSO

We are currently trying to contact our new PCSO, as Eileen Shrubsole has moved on.

VOLUNTEERS

All villagers are grateful to our volunteers who undertake many tasks, big and small, for the benefit of our community.

ACOL PARISH COUNCIL

You can access APC website at acolparishcouncil.org.uk or ring 844706 for any information you need.

Our next meeting will be at 11am on Monday 21st November.

Sheila Bransfield

ACOL HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

On Saturday 15th October is the Gardeners' Supper. It will be a 'RACE NIGHT' when you will be able to enjoy an evening with the horses and indulge in a little or big flutter *without losing any money*. An evening of excitement is assured.

The cost is £7 which will include fish or sausage and chips, PLUS "gambling money" issued by the Acol Horticultural Financial Institution!

TICKETS MUST BE PREBOOKED IN ORDER THAT YOUR SUPPER CHOICE CAN BE PREORDERED - CONTACT STEVE OR THERESA ON 01843 846963.

The next monthly meeting will be on **Tuesday 1st November** when it will be the **Annual General Meeting**. This is your opportunity to join the Committee and offer opinions as what you would like the Committee to do. You can join the Society:- £4 single and £7 for a couple.

Bill Yeoman.

MINSTER SURGERY

COVID-19 BOOSTER and ANNUAL "FLU VACCINATION PROGRAMME

Please Note:

1. All Vaccinations will be administered at the **Vaccine Centre**, which is located adjacent to Wickes Building Supplies" and "Curry's Electrical Store"
2. You **MUST** have an appointment for your vaccination "WALK-INS" will not be allowed.

ALL PATIENTS WILL BE CONTACTED BY TEXT MESSAGE INVITING THEM TO HAVE THE BOOSTER OR THE FLU VACCINE INDIVIDUALLY OR BOTH TOGETHER

The next available clinic to have both Vaccinations at the same time is on Saturday 15th October.

Shingles vaccination

Are you aged 70-79 and not had your shingles Vaccination yet?

Then PLEASE contact the surgery and make an appointment as the vaccination is available any time.

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ACOL PARISH COUNCIL

The minutes of the meeting of Acol Parish Council held in the Village Hall, Acol, on Monday 26th September 2022 at 11.00am.

Present: Councillors Miss Bransfield (Chairman), Hayfield, Inchley, Mrs. Osborne and Mrs. Winpenny.

Also present: Cllr. Crow-Brown (KCC), Roy Wade (Clerk) and 3 residents.

30 MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Meeting held on 25th July 2022 be approved subject to an addition to minute 25, Highways Improvement Programme, “ to include an item on every agenda under the heading “Highways”.

31 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr Linda Wright.

32 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made

33 REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN

The Chairman reported upon:

- (i) Legislations on Travellers and the powers to deal with illegal encampments.
- (ii) PCSO details were awaited on the person appointed to this position.
- (iii) Manston Airport - a second Judicial Review is proposed to be sent to the Secretary of State and further information is awaited.
- (iv) The Chairman paid tribute to the many volunteers in the village who undertake various works not conducted by any Council authorities.

34 AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS 2021/22

The Clerk reported that the audit had now been completed and that he was awaiting the formal report which would be reported to Council.

35 AUTO SPEEDWATCH FOR ACOL

Council considered the report of Richard Steel on measures to instal solar powered devices to record speeding vehicles, etc. Richard advised that the effectiveness of the scheme would primarily depend on the recruitment of residents to monitor the scheme. The cost of an Auto Speedwatch was £620.45, which included the first year's data charge. Members were mindful of going ahead with the scheme but were of the view that several units would be required throughout the Village. Cllr Crow-Brown advised that he and Cllr. Linda Wright may be prepared to make a grant from their KCC Members grant scheme towards the cost of the scheme. The Clerk advised that no provision had been made in the current budget for these costs.

Members noted that the proposed weight restriction orders for Acol were scheduled for approval in November 2022.

RESOLVED: That:

(A) the scheme to provide Auto Speedwatches within the Village be approved in principle, subject to provision being made in the 2023/24 budget.

(B) application be made to Cllrs. Crow-Brown and Linda Wright (KCC) for grant assistance in respect of purchasing the units.

36 REPORT ON THE REFURBISHMENT OF THE CHILDRENS' PLAYGROUND

Councillor Hayfield reported that:

works to restore the Recreation Field gates were in hand and a local company had been asked to supply and fit.

the bolts securing the swings had been kindly repaired by Dan Campion, and

the basketball frames had been repaired to allow continued use and consideration would be given in 2023 to their replacement.

37 CLERK'S REPORT

Parish Bank Account – The Clerk reported to the last meeting that Nationwide, with whom the Council has a bank account, were closing all business accounts with effect from 6th September 2022. This had now been done and the Council's balances put into a holding account. Application had been made to Lloyds Bank to open an online account and the procedures should be completed within the next 2/4 weeks.

Financial Matters

Payments Made – No payments had been made since the last meeting.

Payments for Approval – No payments were submitted for approval.

Bank Balance – The bank balance at 1st September 2022 was £12,479.11.

38 REPORTS FROM COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

Cllr Crow-Brown reported upon:

Complaints at the conditions in Crispe Road,

A complaint regarding a cesspit had been referred to Monkton P.C.

A presentation by SWA to KCC in respect of Minster,

A 5G mast was being erected on Westgate Cricket Ground, and

His attendance at a Battle of Britain event

39 MATTERS OF REPORT BY MEMBERS

Cllr. Mrs. Osborne reported that Coles Funerals Co. would be replacing next Spring the seat outside the Chapel of Rest. Mr. Jonathan Cole to be thanked for his generous gift to the Village

40 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on 21 November 2022.

Time concluded:12.12p.m.



Acol Childrens Christmas Party

26 Nov 2022 | **10-12** Acol Village Hall

Disco, Snacks, soft play/bouncy castle! Food

Donation of snacks/cakes etc welcome!

£2 per child (babes in arms free)

Please prebook a place by emailing:
acolchristmasparty@hotmail.com

Entry may be available on the day but limited places. All children must be supervised by a responsible adult at all times.
Any volunteers to help chaperone welcome!

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ACOL ART GROUP

If you would like to try your hand at drawing or painting, **Acol Art Group** meets every Thursday afternoon in the Village Hall from 1.30pm.

Whether you are an established artist or a beginner, you are all welcome to join the group.

We would be pleased to see you.

Editor's 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.

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