

ACOL VILLAGE VOICE

March 2022

UKRAINE

Village Voice does not comment on, or involve itself with, matters political or religious. It was created as a voice for villagers, to allow the dissemination of relevant information and to provide a channel for community interaction. However, due to the unique circumstances, I feel justified in offering a couple of thoughts.

The current suffering and amazing courage and resilience of the Ukrainian people is both awful and inspiring. We have never had a conflict so comprehensively and graphically illustrated as we are currently seeing on our TVs every day, and it has brought a level of awareness and involvement that previous wars have not. As a result there is an outpouring of sympathy and support across Europe and the rest of the free world which is both humbling and uplifting. The sight of ordinary citizens of Poland and Berlin throwing open their homes to displaced people, and the generosity of ordinary people in raising incredible sums for the Disasters Emergency Committee brings a beacon of hope into a very dark place.

If you wish to help, you may like to know that Quex Park Farm Shop is acting as a collection point for donations, both monetary and material, for the displaced people of the Ukraine.

Jon

QUEENS PLATINUM JUBILEE

The Acol Platinum Jubilee Party

The Acol Platinum Jubilee Garden Party is confirmed for Saturday 4th June from 2 pm, in the garden of Thane House, Crispe Road. We understand that Saturday may not suit some people, but a deciding factor was that The Village Hall was available as a standby in case of wet weather and the evening will be topped-off with a fireworks display at Quex. So far around 60 people have confirmed their intention to join in the festivities.

For the kids there will be a Bouncy Castle and games, such as Hook-a-Duck, Tin-Can-Alley and "Guess the name of the Guardsman Teddy Bear" and other activities with Platinum Jubilee themed prizes - and a Tug-of-War and a Tombola for the grown-up kids.

We'll have bunting and other decorations to suit the occasion and although completely optional it would add to the fun if people dressed in red, white, and blue or royal related fancy dress.

It's a bring your own picnic which can include food to cook on the barbecue and drinks. Some celebratory cakes and other nibbles from village sources will be provided. We might be able to get an ice-cream van to visit. Please also bring your own chairs and/ or picnic blankets.

This will be a great opportunity for our community to come together in celebration after a couple of strange years that have made socialising difficult, and we are grateful to Acol Parish Council for providing funding to help make this happen.

If anyone has mobility issues but would like to attend, we will do our utmost to make this happen.

Richard Steel (for the Organising Committee)

ACOL VILLAGE HALL SUPPORT FUND - 200 CLUB

Winners for the Month of March 2022 were:

Member no. 78 who won 1st prize of £20.00

Member no. 54, who won 2nd prize of £10.00 and

Member no. 8, who won 3rd prize of £5.00

£35.00 has been donated to the Village Hall funds

The next draw will be on Wednesday 6th April 2022. Should you have any questions, or wish to join the scheme, please contact Iris Osborne (838829).

FORTHCOMING VILLAGE HALL EVENTS

Mon 7 th Mar.	11.00am	Parish Council Meeting
Sat. 1 st April.	Afternoon	AHS SPRING SHOW
Tues 5 th April.	7.30pm	AHS Monthly meeting

ACOL HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Acol Horticultural Society is starting its monthly meetings, socials and shows and we are hoping for a full programme for 2022. The first meeting was held on 1st March, when Jim Buttress was the speaker.

The next monthly meeting will be on **Tuesday 5th April at 7.30pm** when **David BARRY** will be the speaker on '**ACTORS BEHAVING BADLY**'. David has been in several TV programmes like 'Please Sir'. He has also worked with some of the best, including Baron Laurence Olivier and Vivien Leigh, so a very entertaining evening is guaranteed.

Entry is free to members and £3 to non-members. OR you can join the Society: - £4 for a single membership and £7 for a couple.

Before that evening, on **Saturday 2nd April at 2.30pm** is the '**SPRING SHOW**'. This is the first Spring Show since 2019 and will hopefully be a good one. If you would like to see daffodils and other spring flowers grown to perfection (or near perfection!) then come along. If you have any flowers that you are proud of OR you have a flare for floral art OR you like cooking, there could be a chance for you to make an entry in the show.

Schedules are available from Theresa Ling tel. 846963

Bill Yeoman.

VILLAGE INFORMATION

VILLAGE HALL

Please ring 841691 about Hall availability.

THE HALL WILL BE CLOSED FOR A WEEK, 25TH TO 30TH APRIL, FOR A COMPLETE REFURBISHMENT TO THE FLOOR.

Hopefully new hall doors will be fitted as soon as weather conditions permit.

The library cupboard now contains CDs, DVDs and books people no longer require, for others to take and, hopefully, replace with others.

Regular Bookings

The Hall is now back into normal use with our regular bookings:

STORM & POWER CUTS

We remembered the frozen food saved from the Seniors' Dinner for Easter that was in the hall freezer. We moved to our deep freeze for which we ran a generator. It is now back in the hall.

SPECIAL MEETINGS AND EVENTS:

Saturday 2nd April, all day, AHS SPRING SHOW.

Saturday 14th May, evening, AHS QUIZ NIGHT.

Saturday 4th June, daytime, Hall in reserve for Jubilee Fete arranged for Recreation Ground, weather permitting.

PLEASE NOTE THE HALL IS BOOKED FROM TUES 30th AUG TO FRI 2nd SEP, INCLUSIVE FOR FABTEX QUILTERS, SO WILL BE UNAVAILABLE TO OTHERS.

PCSO

Contact Eileen Shrubsole, PCSO, at eileen.shrubsole@kent.police.uk

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

If you need information or wish to receive regular updates, ring Iris Osborne on 838829.

REFUSE COLLECTION - MONDAYS

Refuse (black), Garden Waste (green)
& waste food

14th March

28th March

Recycling (blue), red bag & waste food

21st March

4th April

Ring TDC, **577115**, to arrange collection if you are unable to put your bins out.

KENT POLICE

Police East Kent Division Rural Team is available on **07980 978202** for enquiries or information.

ACOL PARISH COUNCIL

Access our website at acolparishcouncil.org.uk. or ring 844706 for any information you need.

The next Parish Council meeting has been arranged for **11am on Monday 7th March 2022**.

Sheila Bransfield

MINSTER SURGERY

Covid-19 VACCINATION PROGRAMME - UPDATE:

The Vaccine Centre can now be found adjacent to "Wickes Building Supplies" and "Curry's Electrical Store" and has been called "Thanet (Broadstairs) Vaccination Service (LVS)

The new centre will be open every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday from 8am to 5pm

- Booster Jabs are now available for everyone over 18 but please remember there must be 12 weeks since your second Vaccination.
- Older teens aged 16-17 are now eligible for a second dose but must be at least 12 weeks after their first
- Those aged 12-15 are now also eligible for a second dose after 12 weeks.
- Those aged 5-11 where they or a family member are clinically vulnerable are also eligible

Not had yours yet? There are still many eligible patients who are unvaccinated and many others who have not yet had two vaccines or even their Booster, so don't wait until it's too late! You can still get seriously ill with Covid or worse - infect others!

PLEASE NOTE it will still be mandatory to wear Face Masks in all NHS Settings.

Dr M Van Vuuren

Dr M Van Vuuren has decided, after nearly 20 years at the Surgery, to hang up his stethoscope and retire. On behalf of his Patients and friends we would like to wish him a long and happy retirement.

Repeat prescriptions

Please ensure you submit your prescription request at least 3 working days beforehand to allow processing time at surgery and your chemist. Requests submitted prematurely will be held until the due date unless a specific reason is given.

Annual Reviews

During your consultation it may be possible to consider issuing 3 monthly prescriptions for certain patients, so please ask your Healthcare Professional to discuss this with you.

"FACE-TO-FACE" appointments

Patients will continue to receive a telephone consultation from a doctor before being offered an appointment with the relevant healthcare professional. Currently **81%** of patients are receiving a Face-to-Face appointment where necessary.

PLEASE NOTE: Appointments **CANNOT** be made by email, only via telephone or "Econsult "


Surgery Closure Days (Training) from 1pm onwards

Thursday 24th March

If you need to see a doctor during these times

Please Call 111 for NON-URGENT confidential help and advice for you and your family.

For URGENT/LIFE threatening Cases Call 999 as normal.

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Contributions for the next edition must be received by 5th April 2022.