

ACOL VILLAGE VOICE

November 2021

Senior Citizens Christmas Party

The Village Hall Management Committee would like to invite all over 60s living in the Village, and any friends of Acol - Art Group or Horticultural Society members, or those who regularly attend our events - to be our guests at an evening of companionship, fun, music and food, to be held on Saturday 11th December. We have booked the caterers for the event who provided such an excellent repast in 2019. They will provide a full 3-course Christmas meal. We have also booked the "Greyhound Buskers", the Ukulele Band which has so royally entertained us in previous years.

We have included a reservation slip for the evening in this edition of the Village Voice so that we can ensure we cater for the appropriate number of attendees, so please complete it and return it in the Village Hall post box as soon as possible. Society Secretaries will also be provided with invitations for their members not resident in the Village, which should be returned to me, please

As usual, to help fund the evening we will be holding a CHRISTMAS RAFFLE to be drawn on the night of the event. There will be two Christmas Hampers among the prizes, but, any **DONATIONS** of Wine, or Christmas related goodies would be gratefully received. Please contact Jon on 847705, or any other member of the Management Committee.

From Jim Barber:

My dear friends.

After the time that we have all suffered over the past 18 months we thought it would be really nice to once again celebrate Christmas as we have in the past. So, on the Friday 17th December, we will be holding our Community Carols in the village hall at 7pm. There will be homemade soup and a small choir to sing along with. Come and join us as you have in the past and I look forward to seeing you again.

Yours

Jim Barber.

An Evening with Reindeer...

On Saturday 21st December Acol Village Hall Committee will be holding a Reindeer Drive in the Village Hall. It's a Christmas version of a Beetle Drive.

Anyone, any age, is welcome. You can come on your own, with a partner or as a group with friends. Bring your children - if they can add up, they can play (probably better than many of the adults!). If you are on your own or are shy and don't think you know anyone, I guarantee by the end of the evening you will have met, spoken to, and had a giggle with, almost everyone in the Hall. You will also probably shout in frustration at some time during the proceedings.

It goes like this:

It is played at tables of 4. People sitting opposite play as a pair. A Reindeer has been dissected into 8 component parts, the numbers on a dice representing those parts. You then each take it in turns to throw the dice until one table collects enough components to make a whole reindeer - at which point you shout '*REINDEER*'. The game then stops and the pair with most points move onto the next table. One of the remaining pair then moves one place round the table before the winning pair from the previous table arrive. Then it all starts again. That is where it becomes very sociable because you will never pair with the same person in consecutive games. In fact, you may never see your original partner for the rest of the evening! There will be prizes for those with the most points over the evening.

There are a few technical details and rules which I will explain on the night.

Of course, there will be a "bring and share" supper as well, and you will need to bring your own drinks.

What better way to get into the Christmas spirit?

Bill Yeoman

ACOL VILLAGE HALL SUPPORT FUND - 200 Club

Winners for the Month of October 2021 were:

Member no. 25 who won 1st prize of £20.00

Member no. 63, who won 2nd prize of £10.00 and

Member no. 71, who won 3rd prize of £5.00

Winners for the Month of November 2021 were:

Member no. 73 who won 1st prize of £20.00

Member no. 13, who won 2nd prize of £10.00 and

Member no. 126, who won 3rd prize of £5.00

£70.00 was donated to the Village Hall funds

The next draw will take place on the 1st December. Should you have any questions or wish to join the scheme, please contact Iris Osborne (838829)

FORTHCOMING VILLAGE HALL EVENTS

11 th Nov. All Day	TDC Election
27 th Nov.	Fire Brigade - Fire Safety talk for pre-school children
11 th Dec. 7.00pm	Senior Citizens (all 60+ welcome) Christmas Party
17 th Dec. 7.00pm	Community Carol Service
18 th Dec. 7.30pm	Reindeer Drive

VILLAGE INFORMATION

VILLAGE HALL

I'm very pleased to announce that Acol Village Hall continues its regular events:

Mondays - 9.30-10.30, Pilates; 1-3.30pm, Pam's People sewing group.

Tuesdays - Ballroom Dance Fitness classes; 1st Tues eve in month, AHS meetings.

Wednesdays - 9.30am-4.30pm, Village Textiles; 7-9pm, Acol Drawing Group.

Thursdays - Mornings, Private Dance Classes; 1.30-4pm, Acol Art Group.

Fridays every alternate week in term time - 9.30am-4.30pm, Village Textiles

Sundays - various times, Private Dance Classes.

If anyone is interested in taking part in any of these events or classes, please ring 841691 for contact details.

REFUSE COLLECTIONS

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

8th November

22nd November

6th December

Recycling (blue), red bag & waste food

15th November

29th November

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

PCSO

Our PCSO, Eileen Shrubsole, can be contacted at eileen.shrubsole@kent.police.uk, or please ring Parish Council on 844706.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Iris Osborne keeps us advised on events or happenings within or near Acol. If you are not in touch and would like to receive regular updates, please ring her on 07951 838829.

KENT POLICE

You can contact Kent Police East Kent Division Rural Team on 07980 978202 if you have any enquiries or information.

ACOL PARISH COUNCIL

Our website can be accessed on acolparishcouncil.org.uk. Please ring 844706 for any information you need.

The next Parish Council meeting has been arranged for 11am on Monday 8th November.

Sheila Bransfield

URGENT REMINDER - QUEENS JUBILEE MUGS

The Parish Council would like to present every child in the village up to the age of 16 with a Jubilee Mug to celebrate the Queens Platinum Jubilee next year.

If you would like your child/children to receive one of these mugs, then please could you put a note in the Village Hall post box, giving the full name(s) of the child/children, and their age on 4th June 2022, together with your address.

We need this information in the next few weeks please, as we need to place an order for the official Jubilee mugs.



BS7671 Qualified Electrical Engineer

ELECSA
Part of the ICA Group

Part 'P' Registration No EPP2390

All Electrical Work Undertaken

Free Quotations ~ Competitive Prices
Quality Workmanship ~ Fully Guaranteed

Call Nic Moring on 07714580978

www.npelectricals.co.uk

YOUR M.P. At Your Service

SIR ROGER GALE

holds regular advice surgeries for
Margate, Herne Bay & The Villages

for appointments and for advice on
urgent problems:

Ring: 01843 848588 (a.m. from 10.00)

Web: www.rogergale.co.uk

Email: galerj@parliament.uk

Write: **HOUSE OF COMMONS**
London, SW1A 0AA

ACOL PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT Minutes of the meeting of Acol Parish Council held in the Village Hall, Acol, on Monday 20th September 2021 at 5.30pm.

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

Also Present: KCC Councillors Crow-Brown, Ms Wright and Mrs Winpenny, Roy Wade (Clerk) and 2 residents

22. CO-OPTION TO COUNCIL

The Clerk reported that Members had met Mrs, Wendy Winpenny on 26th August 2021 to consider her application to be co-opted to the Parish Council.

RESOLVED: That Council formally adopt and appoint Mrs. Winpenny as a councillor and invite her to join the meeting.

Councillor Mrs. Winpenny took and signed the declaration of acceptance of office and joined the meeting.

23. MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Meeting held on 26th July 2021 be approved and signed by the Chairman.

24. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

No apologies for absence were received.

25. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No disclosures of interest were made.

26. REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN

The Chairman reported upon the following matters which had arisen since the last meeting: Villagers have been advised that mugs are available for the Unique Queen's Platinum Jubilee in 2022, which Acol Parish Council will buy for the village children.

RESOLVED: That (A) a provision of £250 be set aside for the purchase of mugs for all children 16 and under within the Village; and (B) Cllr Inchley to place an item in the Village Voice advising the Village of the initiative.

27. REPORTS OF THE POLICE/COMMUNITY WARDENS/PCSOs

No officers were present to report.

28. REPORT ON THE REFURBISHMENT OF THE CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND

Councillor Hayfield reported that a quotation in the sum of £4656.00 had been received from Yates Playgrounds for the provision of a children's roundabout to be sited within the Recreation Ground.

Councillor Hayfield also reported that the cost of installation would not exceed £250.00 and would be carried out by the Minster P.C. maintenance team.

RESOLVED: {A} That the quotation from Yates Playground be accepted and the order for the equipment placed; and {B} the equipment to be installed by Minster P.C. at a cost not exceeding £250.00.

29. CLERK'S REPORT

The Clerk reported that he was still arranging with HMRC the method for the payment of the Clerk's PAYE and that he was only drawing his salary net of PAYE.

30. FINANCIAL MATTERS

(a) Payments –

Council noted that the following payments had been made since the last meeting:

Chq No	Payee	Details	VAT	Amount
711	KALC	2 info books	12.00	72.00
712	Hughes	4 x grass cuts	0.00	280.00
713	K Ault	Sign paint	0.00	40.26

RESOLVED: That the following payments be approved:

Chq No	Payee	Details	VAT	Amount
714	Yates Equpt	Roundabout	776-00	4656-00
715	Hughes	2 x grass cuts	0.00	140.00
716	R Wade	Salary (2 nd)	0.00	560.00

The bank balance at 1 September 2021 was £13,880.70.

31. REPORTS FROM COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

Cllr Crow-Brown submitted a printed report and a précis follows:

Cycle Route Birchington to Margate

A consultation is being held as part of Active Travel scheme being funded by central government. KCC have been granted £6.1m for 4 proposals.

Waste & Recycling

Residents had been invited to comment on a questionnaire regarding lifting of many restrictions imposed during the Pandemic.

Drone Trial Roads

Trials are being conducted with drones to inspect road conditions, potholes, tarmac condition, trees & street lighting.

Sturry link road

This plan has been approved by KCC for a £30m relief road that will take traffic from the Sturry level crossing to a viaduct over the River Stour, flood plain and railway.

Cllr. Ms. Wright reported that she had (i) given reflective signs to Cllr. Hayfield for use within the Village, (ii) attended a function at Manston Airport attended by Prince Michael of Kent; and (iii) an allocation of £250 from her KCC Members allowance which Acol P.C. could apply for.

32. MATTERS OF REPORT BY MEMBERS

Cllr. Mrs. Osborne reported on discussions with Rob Searle to reactivate the TRRG and Speedwatch and that she would keep Council advised.

Cllr. Inchley reported that the Village Hall had returned to its pre-pandemic usage and the period of the lockdown had been used to redecorate the Hall. Wi fi and a phone were to be installed together with a loan bookcase. The floor was to be refurbished and 3 new external doors would be fitted. Investigations were still underway for the provision of and siting of a defibrillator.

Cllr. Hayfield reported that the police had asked to view footage on the CCTV system.

33. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting was agreed to be held at 11am on 8 November 2021

Meeting closed at 1.15pm

MINSTER SURGERY

VACCINATION PROGRAMME - UPDATE

The Covid-19 Vaccination programme for both the Booster and all those over 15 will continue to be rolled out at the SAGA Vaccination Centre in Westwood Cross throughout November and December, every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday with Drop-In Clinics on Saturdays.

Thanet Community Bus Service will continue to run during this period with the charge being £3 per journey and can be booked on 01843 602030.

All eligible Patients will by now have received an invitation to have the jab, which will be the Pfizer vaccine.

But please Note: You must have had your second vaccination at least 6 months before being eligible for the Booster.

Not had yours yet? There are still many patients who are unvaccinated and many others who have not yet had two vaccinations, **So Please Book Now** or just turn up at our DROP-IN CLINIC.

WINTER FLU vaccine All patients over 65 and those considered to be vulnerable and at risk will have already received an invitation from the surgery to receive the Vaccination. So if you have not received your invitation please contact the surgery as soon as possible.

Covid-19 cases are still quite high throughout Thanet with coughs and colds quite prevalent in many local schools so PLEASE use common sense and follow the guidelines.

PLEASE NOTE

It remains COMPULSORY to wear Face Masks when attending the Surgery.

"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 60% of patients are receiving a Face-to-Face appointment where necessary.

DO YOU NEED HELP - BUT NOT MEDICAL?

The Surgery now has a team of Social Prescribers that can refer patients to a range of non-clinical services to help support their health and well-being. For further information contact the surgery or visit :

www.england.nhs.uk/personalisedcare.com

SURGERY CLOSURE DAYS

STAFF TRAINING - Thursday 25th November - from 1.00 pm onwards

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 COVID-19 help and advice - Call 119

For URGENT/LIFE threatening Cases Call 999 as normal

MINSTER MOT & REPAIR CENTRE LTD

Unit 24, Telegraph Hill Industrial Estate,
Laundry Road, Minster, Ramsgate, Kent CT12 4HY
Telephone (01843) 823131
VAT Reg. No. 309 6619 83

Trusted Traders

**MOTs, Servicing and
all Repairs
undertaken.**

**Collection & Delivery Service
available.**

**Give us a call or email us at
David.minmot@outlook.com**

MKT Gas Services

www.mkjgasservices.com

Boiler servicing & installation
Landlord certificates
Gas ovens and fires
Free estimates

Mel Johnson: 07858 508 292
mkjgasservices@btinternet.com

**gas
safe**

Editor's Note:

PLEASE PASS ON THIS EDITION OF VILLAGE VOICE

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 not been sponsored.

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 December 2021.