

# ACOL VILLAGE VOICE

January 2024

*Village Voice wishes all Our readers a Very Happy New Year.*

## News from The Parish Council

In recognition of their many years of service to our community, the first ever awards of "Freedom of The Parish of Acol" were presented to former Councillors Jon Inchley, Iris Osborne, Sheila Bransfield and Dave Hayfield at a reception attended by Sir Roger Gale, MP. Their names will be the first featured on a new Roll of Honour to be displayed in the Village Hall.



Freedom of the Parish is the highest honour that a parish council can bestow. In the past, Freedom of a Parish would have given recipients the right to graze sheep or cattle on common land and "to walk troops through the parish with drums beating and colours flying". Although it now carries no such powers, rights, or privileges, those who receive the honour can use the title of Freeman or Freewoman. From 2024 the Parish Council intends to annually invite the nomination of any villager who has rendered exceptional service to the community to be honoured with Freedom of the Parish and will establish an Awards Committee to consider nominations.

The main agenda item at the Parish Council meeting held on 21st December was agreeing the budget for the next budgetary year, commencing April 2024. In view of the harsh economic circumstances and the expectation that our County Council and other precepts are bound to increase markedly, Members agreed to cap its budget to avoid increasing its

own precept, which will require some spending from reserves, or raising finance from other sources. This should enable us to maintain a full programme of work in the coming year, although we noted that this must be a strictly one-off measure, we should pursue any opportunity for savings or achieving grant funding. Draft minutes of the meeting, and the budget, will be posted to [www.acolparishcouncil.org.uk/](http://www.acolparishcouncil.org.uk/) early in the new year. Please note that you can subscribe to email alerts from the News section of the website. It is planned that you will be able to subscribe to other topics, such as (Highways) road closures, soon.

Wishing you all a very Happy and Prosperous 2024, from Chenice, Gavin, Sarah, Wendy, and me.

Richard Steel (Chair)

### **ACOL VILLAGE HALL SUPPORT FUND - 200 Club**

#### **Winners for the Month of December 2023 were:**

Member no. 59 who won 1<sup>st</sup> prize of £20.00

Member no. 13, who won 2<sup>nd</sup> prize of £10.00 and

Member no. 19, who won 3<sup>rd</sup> prize of £5.00

#### **Winners for the Month of January 2024 were:**

Member no. 128 who won 1<sup>st</sup> prize of £20.00

Member no. 5, who won 2<sup>nd</sup> prize of £10.00 and

Member no. 94, who won 3<sup>rd</sup> prize of £5.00

A total of £60.00 was donated to the Village Hall funds

The next draw will take place on the 7<sup>th</sup> February 2024. Should you have any questions or wish to join the scheme, please contact Iris Osborne (838829)

### **FORTHCOMING VILLAGE HALL EVENTS**

6 <sup>th</sup> Feb 7.30pm.	AHS - Keeley Wilson talks on Foliage Plants and Plant Clinic
10 <sup>th</sup> Feb 2.00 for 2.30 pm.	AHS - A "Valentine's Tea"
15 <sup>th</sup> Feb 7.30pm	PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

## *In Memorium*

Sadly, the Christmas Holidays have been blighted by the passing of two residents of the Village.

Firstly, we lost Jay Quarrington. Jay lived with his partner John McMurray in Plumstone Road, where Jay was carer for John. We send our deepest condolences to John and Jay's family.

We also lost 'Cos' Costello a long-term resident of Nursery Fields, who died after an accident at home. Again, we send our sincere condolences to Cos's family.

## **VILLAGE INFORMATION**

### **VILLAGE HALL**

#### **HALL BOOKINGS**

We are still experiencing high levels of demand for Hall hirings. That means that you need to book the Hall for an event (private or public) well in advance. If anyone wishes to check availability for hiring, please ring Sheila Bransfield on **841691**.

#### **REFUSE COLLECTIONS**

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& waste food

15<sup>th</sup> January  
29<sup>th</sup> January

8<sup>th</sup> January  
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5<sup>th</sup> February

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**NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH**

Iris Osborne continues to advise everyone of local issues. Please ring her on **07951 072914** if you have questions or require information.

**ACOL PARISH COUNCIL**

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Sheila Bransfield

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**Editor's Note:**

Please e-mail contributions to Village Voice to [inchley@btinternet.com](mailto:inchley@btinternet.com)

This edition of Village Voice has been sponsored by Barbara Inchley in memory her mother, Cora Jones, who moved into the village in 2002, and sadly passed away 10 Years ago.

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