

ACOL VILLAGE VOICE

May 2019

ACOL VILLAGE HALL SUPPORT FUND - 200 Club

Winners for the Month of May 2019 were:

Member no. 78 who won 1st prize of £19.25
Member no. 107, who won 2nd prize of £11.55 and
Member no. 48, who won 3rd prize of £7.70

£38.50 was donated to the Village Hall funds

The next draw will be held on Wednesday 5th June 2019. Should you have any questions, or wish to join the scheme, please contact Iris Osborne (840901).

FORTHCOMING VILLAGE HALL EVENTS

Wed 15th May 7.00pm Nursery Fields Management Association AGM
Sat 18th May 7.30pm AHS Social evening
Thurs 23rd May All Day European Elections (unless advised otherwise)

VILLAGE INFORMATION

VILLAGE HALL

Please ring 841691 about hall availability.

REGULAR BOOKINGS

Monday afternoons (term time) - Pam's People

First Tuesday evening, Acol Horticultural Society meeting.

All other Tuesday evenings, Dance Fitness Class

Wednesdays, 9.30am-4.30pm (term time) - Village Textiles

First Wednesday, 4.45-5.45pm PCSO Debbie Forsyth (work permitting)

Alternate Wednesday evenings, Life Drawing Art Group

Every Thursday evening - Art Group. **Art Group Website:** www.acolartgroup.org/

Fridays, 9.30am-4.30pm (term time) - Village Textiles

Saturdays (monthly), 10am-4pm - Phoenix Quilters

(Check hall calendar or email Sheila.Bransfield@btinternet.com for information)

EVENTS COMING UP

Wed 15th May, 7pm, Nursery Fields Management Association AGM.

Sat 18th May, AHS Social Evening.

Thur 23rd May, all day, E.U. ELECTION (unless otherwise advised).

Tue 25th June, 11am, Acol Parish Council Meeting.

REFUSE COLLECTIONS

**Refuse (black) Garden (Green) &
waste food**

13th May

27th May

10th June

Recycling (blue), red bag & waste food

20th May

3rd June

If you have problems putting your bins out ring TDC, **577115**, or queries to **577727**.

CCTV CAMERAS

If you experience any traffic incident in The Street, please report to 844706.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Please ring Iris Osborne on 840901 to register for updates on local incidents.

KENT POLICE

The dedicated phone number for the East Division Rural Team: **07980 978202**.

VILLAGE FACEBOOK WEBSITE

Village events and notices are on [facebook.com.acol.village](https://www.facebook.com/acol.village).

ACOL PARISH COUNCIL

Acol PC website: www.hugofox.com/community/acol-parish-council-13724/contact/

You can ring Parish Council, 844706, Mondays 9am-5pm, or the Clerk any day (9am-5pm) on 832243. Please ring if you have problems and do not know who to contact.

Please accept our apologies for the need to change the date of the Annual meetings. Our next meeting will include some of the missing items and will be held at **11am on Tuesday 25th June**

Sheila Bransfield

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ACOL PARISH COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of the Parish Assembly Meeting of the Council held at the Village Hall, Acol, on 3rd May 2019 at 5.00p.m.

Present: Councillors Miss Bransfield (Chairman), D. Hayfield, J. Inchley and Mrs. I. Osborne

Also present: Roy Wade (Clerk), no residents attended.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor M. Johnson.

2. MEMBERS INTEREST

No matters of interest were disclosed.

3. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT FOR 2018/19

The Chairman read the report for the year 2018/9 as follows:

- i) I offer apologies for the absence of village organisations' annual reports. There was insufficient time for this meeting and will be requested for next time.
- ii) Many thanks to all the many volunteers throughout the village who contribute so much to the well being of the villager and its residents.
- iii) We were sad to lose 2 villagers last year, Leslie Phillips on 16 December and Bob Lawrence on 25 December.
- iv) Sir Roger Gale MP has been appointed to the Privy Council and is now The Rt Hon Sir Roger Gale MP.
- v) Traffic calming has not deterred traffic from using Acol. In fact, traffic volume has increased with the many construction vehicles travelling through. On one day alone 90 such vehicles were counted.
- vi) I received a telephone call from Nonnington Parish asking how we had acquired the scheme. I told them that it took us 20 years, but they should persist with Kent Highways.
- vii) Kent Highways' new Highways Manager has refused to attend a public meeting to speak to villagers. He wants to meet Parish Councillors to hear of villagers' views.
- viii) Kent Highways told Cllr Crow-Brown that a bid had been submitted for funding to extend Columbus Avenue, but we have heard no more and it has not yet been implemented.
- ix) The Crown and Sceptre building has finally received a new roof, after its removal 2 years ago.
- x) Manston Industrial Park continues to expand with the new Maple Leaf estate. We will remain vigilant concerning sewage disposal.
- xi) The Village Hall now has a new kitchen, thanks to Cllr Mrs Osborne for acquiring funding. Cllr Inchley will report.
- xii) The Parish Council agreed to provide a salt bin on Nursery Fields, which will be purchased in the autumn.
- xiii) The road sign outside the Chapel of Rest, Plumstone Road, was damaged and Kent Highways have agreed to repair in character.
- xiv) The Parish Council Website was set up a few years ago but maintenance ceased on 1 April, with no notice to the Parish Council. This contravenes Regulations and negotiations are under way to set up a new site, which will be maintained by the Parish Clerk.

4. PUBLIC DISCUSSION FORUM

The Chairman closed the meeting as there were no residents present to put questions.

Time concluded: 5.07pm

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Prior to the commencement of the meeting Miss S. Bransfield, D. Hayfield, J. Inchley, and Mrs. I. Osborne took and signed the declaration of acceptance of office.

1. PARISH ELECTIONS MAY 2019

The Clerk reported that the above-named Members had been elected unopposed to Acol Parish Council for the period 2019 – 2023. There remained one place on the Council to be filled and the Clerk sought the instructions of Members.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk approach former Councillor Mel Johnson to enquire whether he is prepared to be co-opted to the Parish Council.

2. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

RESOLVED: That Councillor Miss Sheila Bransfield be elected Chairman of the Acol Parish Council for year 2019/20.

Cllr Miss Bransfield thanked Council for its continued support and took and signed the declaration of acceptance of office.

Councillor Miss Bransfield in the Chair.

4. APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIRMAN

Councillor Jonathan Inchley was appointed Vice Chairman of the Acol Parish Council for the year 2019/20.

5. REPORTS FROM VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS

The meeting received the following report from the Chairman of the Village Hall Management Committee:

This has proved to be an eventful year and a very busy one for our members.

Our only events this year have been the ever-popular Reindeer Drive and the Senior Citizens' Christmas Party and we plan to repeat them this coming year.

The Reindeer Drive (which is a Christmas based variant of a standard Beetle Drive) attracts many regular attendees, who have a really fun night. However, attendance from newcomers would enhance the experience as well as help first timers to integrate into Village life. We shall therefore focus on encouraging a wider participation next year.

Our Senior Citizens once more enjoyed an excellent hot Christmas dinner at the party and were again entertained by the Greyhound Buskers Ukulele Band. The Christmas dinner was the first event that made use of the newly extended kitchen. This had taken over three months to complete – the outer finish was not completed until after Christmas – but despite an anxious period it was brought into use the week before the party and proved to be more than suitable to cater for the 40 or so attendees. It was particularly pleasing to see the new dishwasher in use rather than volunteers washing up!

The kitchen extension was the principle focus of our attention this year, and it required our Secretary to devote a lot of her time and effort to enabling and coordinating the work.

She was successful in identifying and securing funding from:

KCC Members Grant - £7000.00

KCC Village & Community Halls Grants Scheme - £15000.00

Nonetheless, this meant that we also had to contribute a considerable amount from the Committee reserves to complete the task.

We wish to place on record our thanks to the following for their donations and assistance with furthering our plans:

Phillip Dadds, Architect - the provision of free plans and assistance with Planning and Building Regulations

**Acol Horticultural Society – the purchase of the range cooker
Acol Parish Council – donation of £1000**

As mentioned in previous years, the hiring of the Hall adds extensively to the Hall funds. Now that the kitchen extension is complete, we very much hope that this will

encourage more bookings as the facilities on offer are so much improved. The Management Committee would not be able to discharge its responsibilities half as well without the invaluable efforts of our Treasurer, Mary Hodgson and our Secretary, Iris Osborne. 2018/19 proved to be an especially busy time for them both and we are very much beholden to both these ladies, who facilitate everything we do. We should also acknowledge the efforts of Sheila Bransfield our booking secretary and David Hayfield as principle odd-job man. We are also grateful for the additional help that we receive, on many occasions, from other residents of the village. We are looking forward to another successful year - we hope to continue with the support of all those who have joined in our events, but we also look forward to seeing new faces. We operate the running of the Hall for the benefit of the village and hope that with the support from everyone our Hall will continue to be the hub of the village.

The Chairman reported that she would be contacting the secretaries of other village groups and report thereon to the next meeting.

6. REPRESENTATION ON OUTSIDE BODIES

RESOLVED: That appointments to the following Bodies be made at the next meeting:

Thanet Area Parishes Committee, Kent Association of Local Councils, Thanet Parish Forum, Thanet Rural Regeneration Group.

7. SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS/FINANCIAL MATTERS

(i) Audit for 2018/19

The Clerk reported that he would be meeting David Buckett, the recently appointed internal auditor on 17th June to submit the parish council's financial records for audit. Members were also advised that it would be necessary to report on this matter to Council on 25th June 22019.

RESOLVED: That the report be received and noted and that Council meet at 11am on 25th June 2019 to consider the report of Mr Buckett.

(ii) Schedule of Payments

RESOLVED: That the under-mentioned payments be made:

<u>Chq No</u>	<u>Payee</u>	<u>Details</u>	<u>VAT</u>	<u>Amount</u>
631	Thanet Hospice	Bob Lawrence	0.00	50.00 *
632	KALC	Annual Sub	26.73	160.39
633	Zurich Ins	Premium	0.00	352.53
634	R Wade	Salary (1/4) & Exp	0.00	453.92

Members noted the following:

Bank balance at 1 May 2019 - £12,492.59 and that Cheque 631 was authorised at the March meeting – Min. 82 refers.

(iii) Cllr. Hayfield reported on the 2 quotations received in the sum of £60.00 for the replacement of the seats to the swings in the play area at the Recreation Ground.

RESOLVED: That the quotation of £60 for the replacement of 2 swing seats be accepted.

8. REPORTS FROM MEMBERS

Cllr. Mrs. Osborne – concerns at the traffic movement problems in Plumstone Road consequent upon the developments being carried out in the road.

Cllr. Inchley – Concerns at the proposals for the control of traffic movements in Alland Grange Road

9. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

It was agreed to hold the next meeting at 11am Tuesday 25th June 2019.

Time concluded 5.35pm

MINSTER SURGERY

ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL YEAR and a VERY SUCCESSFUL DECADE

During the financial year ending March 2019 we are able to purchase nearly £3000 of new equipment for the surgery. Our very first fund raising event was our SPRING FAYRE in MAY 2009, which raised just over £400! Since then we have raised just over £35,000. This would not have been possible without the support of all our Patients and Friends, so thank you all for your support and encouragement. A full list of the equipment we have purchased this year can be seen on our notice board in the surgery.

10th ANNUAL SPRING FAYRE

Our Annual Spring Fayre will take place on Saturday 11th May at Old Schools Hall Minster as usual, and entry is free. Tickets for our "Grand Spring Raffle" with many excellent prizes, are on sale now at the surgery and will be drawn on the day.

MISSED APPOINTMENTS

31 PATIENTS DID NOT ATTEND THEIR DOCTOR'S APPOINTMENT

49 PATIENTS DID NOT ATTEND THEIR NURSE'S APPOINTMENT

So Please remember - DON'T NEED IT? CANCEL IT! By Phone, By Text or On-line

"FRIENDS AND FAMILY" SURVEY

A total of 139 patients responded last month with the following results:

Extremely likely/Likely 94%; Extremely unlikely/Unlikely 4%; Unsure/Don't know 2%

SURGERY CLOSURE DAYS

Please note that the surgery will close at 12.00 Mid-day on the following days for the purpose of staff training: Wed. 15th May; Thurs. 27th June; Wed 24th June.

The surgery will also be closed all day on Bank Holiday Monday 27th May.

Please ensure you have sufficient medication to last you during these periods.

Should you need to see a Doctor when the surgery is closed, please call the NHS 111 Service via the normal surgery number 821333 where you will be transferred automatically, or you can call direct on 111, to receive "non urgent" confidential health advice and information for all the family, available 24 hours a day and 7 days a week For Urgent/Life threatening issues, dial 999 as normal.

PATIENT LIAISON GROUP MEETING

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The Crispe Charity

The Trustees of the Crispe Charity will meet in November to consider applications for grants to young people in the ecclesiastical parish of Birchington with Acol and also from organisations working with young people in the parish.

The Charity is able to make grants to individuals between the ages of 16 and 24 years, who have left school, and are beginning to study, or studying, at college or university, or are starting in an apprenticeship in their first job. The grants are to assist with the cost of books, equipment and course fees.

Grants to organisations are to assist with equipment and activities for young people.

Application forms are available from the above address.

Ann Story

MINSTER SHOW 2019

The Minster Show committee has always tried to include the surrounding villages in our annual show, but we are hoping to encourage you to become more involved in this year's show on Saturday 20th July, not only for the enjoyment but to challenge the other villages and to promote your village as well. This year we hope to run a Tug of War competition where we will be asking all the village pubs to enter, we would like this to be an annual event where the challenge to win the cup would help build a sense of community between them all. Also we would like to invite you to enter a float in the parade. This can be from any group/ business or friends in your village. We also have fancy dress categories for individuals or groups and families. Children get such a buzz walking in the parade so why not join in the experience? If you have been to the show you will have noticed the show tent which houses the exhibits entered to win various sections. These include cookery, floral art, photography, crafts, handicrafts, veg/fruit produce, preserves and much more. This year we have introduced a top prize of £100 adult and £50 children. Everyone who enters any exhibits excluding the colouring competition, will be given a raffle ticket for each item. A winning ticket will be picked at the show. Challenge your family and friends to who can win the most categories, it's great fun and exciting to go and see if you've won. Let's get those kids and big kids off their iPads and back to basics and hands on fun competing and being proud of their work. Think up your costume for the parade, this year the theme is Movies. That is such a large interesting theme for everyone. Join in the fun of the Minster Show it's such a happy, family day which has been going for 133 years. Show schedules will be on sale from 5th May at 50p pick one up and see what you can enter. They will be available in various places including Acol Village Hall and Attwell's of Minster.

If you would like to have a stall at the show then please contact Karen on 07813648214. If you would like to know any other information please do not hesitate to contact us on facebook also don't forget our website Minstershow.org.uk to check out the photos from past years.

Leanne McCarthy

Editors 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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Contributions for the next edition must be received by 5th June 2019.