

ACOL VILLAGE VOICE

September 2019

KEEPING THE RECREATION GROUND SAFE FOR ALL USERS

There are still problems on the Recreation Ground with some dog walkers showing little consideration for other users - particularly children.

Unfortunately, although most dog walkers are picking up their dog waste in bags, some people have been leaving these bags on the picnic table! There really is no excuse for this because we have now arranged with TDC that a black bin for rubbish, including dog waste bags, will be located outside the Crispe Road entrance gate.

Furthermore, David Hayfield is going to make some more signs to place around the field, advising people of this fact and asking people to be considerate and use the facility provided.

It is also appropriate to remind people walking their dogs to please keep them on a lead when within the confines of the Recreation Ground.

ACOL VILLAGE HALL SUPPORT FUND - 200 Club

Winners for the Month of August 2019 were:

Member no. 83 who won 1st prize of £19.25
Member no. 109, who won 2nd prize of £11.55 and
Member no. 121, who won 3rd prize of £7.70

Winners for the Month of September 2019 were:

Member no. 39 who won 1st prize of £19.25
Member no. 11, who won 2nd prize of £11.55 and
Member no.109, who won 3rd prize of £7.70

£77.00 was donated to the Village Hall funds

The Support Fund for the Village Hall has now been running for 29 years and, during that time, it has raised over £17.500 for help with the maintenance and refurbishment of the Hall.

Membership of the fund is available to all, and on receipt of £1 a month or £12 a year you will be given a number which is entered into the monthly draw. The draw takes place on the first Wednesday of every month, and 50% of all money collected is allocated to the Village Hall and the remainder 50% is divided into 1st, 2nd, and 3rd prizes. Results are published monthly in Village Voice.

If you would like to join the scheme, please call me and I will arrange to allocate you a number and arrange for the collection of your money. The Village Hall Management Committee will be pleased to have your support. Thank you.

The next draw will be held on Wednesday 3rd October 2019.

Iris Osborne (840901).

Acol Village Hall Management Committee

FORTHCOMING VILLAGE HALL EVENTS

Sat 14 th Sep	9.00am	AHS Marquee erection
Sat 21 st Sep	2.30pm	AHS AUTUMN SHOW
Mon 7 th Oct	11.00am	Acol Parish Council Meeting

VILLAGE INFORMATION

REGULAR BOOKINGS

(Term-time bookings start again in September)

Monday afternoons (term time) - Pam's People (recommencing 16th September)

First Tuesday evening, Acol Horticultural Society meeting.

All other Tuesday evenings, Dance Fitness Class

Wednesdays, 9.30am-4.30pm (term time) - Village Textiles (recommencing 18th September)

Alternate Wednesday evenings, Life Drawing Art Group (recommencing 11th September)

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

Fridays, 9.30am-4.30pm (term time) - Village Textiles (recommencing 13th September)

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

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

EVENTS COMING UP

Saturday 21st September, 2pm, AHS AUTUMN SHOW.

Monday 7th October, 11am, ACOL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING.

Saturday 19th October, evening, AHS GARDENERS' SUPPER

PCSO

Our PCSO, Debbie Forsyth, has combined her police surgeries for the villages and they are now held at 12.15 on the 1st Wednesday of the month at Monkton Village Hall.

REFUSE COLLECTIONS

Refuse (black) Garden (Green) &
waste food

16th September

30th September

Recycling (blue), red bag & waste food

9th September

23rd September

7th October

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**.

ACOL PARISH COUNCIL

You can keep informed through our website - acolparishcouncil.co.uk.

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

Sheila Bransfield

ACOL HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Once again, we are appealing for volunteers to assist with the erection of the Marquee at 9.00am on Saturday 14th September.

If you are willing to help, please ring Steve and Teresa on 846963

Your help would be much appreciated. Thank you.

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MINSTER SURGERY

SEASONAL WINTER 'FLU VACCINATIONS 2019

Vaccination Clinics will be held on the following days from 9.00 am to 1.00 pm:

Saturday 28th September - FOR OVER 65's ONLY

Saturday 26th October - For ALL eligible patients.

Appointments are now available for both clinics and can be made in the usual way via the surgery or via 'MYGP" App.

Eligible and "at risk" patients will receive a reminder via text, email or post and will be invited to make an appointment.

If you have any concerns about your eligibility or availability of the vaccination, please contact Reception.

SURGERY LAUNCHES NEW "GOLD CARD" FACILITY

This is a new initiative designed and produced by your Patient Liaison Group in conjunction with our Frailty Team. The "GOLD CARD" contains a comprehensive list of contacts and telephone numbers that patients, family and friends can immediately refer to in time of a crisis or emergency. It is designed to help those patients with long term, life limiting or life-threatening illnesses, including those suffering from cancer or receiving palliative care, who might need advice, help or support urgently.

The "GOLD CARD" will be handed to patients when visited by our Frailty or District Nursing teams, or you can request one at the surgery. It will be updated regularly, as we all know, things often change! It is also hoped that this will be eventually rolled out across Thanet.

MISSED APPOINTMENTS

Last Month: 37 PATIENTS DID NOT attend their DOCTOR'S APPOINTMENT!
39 PATIENTS DID NOT attend their NURSES APPOINTMENT!
SO THATS 76 PATIENTS WASTING VALUABLE APPOINTMENTS and TIME!
DON'T NEED IT - CANCEL IT! KEEP FORGETTING - GET TEXT REMINDER SERVICE
OR BETTER STILL: - USE "MYGP" App.!

FRIENDS AND FAMILY SURVEY

Last month we received 185 patient responses to "would you recommend our Practice" and are as follows:

Extremely likely/Likely - 86%; Extremely unlikely/Unlikely - 6%; Unsure/Don't know - 8%

'SURGERY CLOSURE DAYS

Please note that the surgery will close from 1.00 pm onwards on the following days:

Staff Training - Thurs. 26th Sept.; Wed. 24th Oct. and Thurs 27th Nov.

Please ensure that you have sufficient medication to last you during these times, and of course, please don't forget to include all the family who may require repeat prescriptions. 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 you and your family. For Urgent/Life threatening cases please dial 999 as normal.

A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY!

Our ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BAZAAR will be held on SATURDAY 23rd NOVEMBER.

PATIENT GROUP MEETING

If you have any issues you would like to raise at our meeting in September, or require further information on any of the above, then please contact Mary Hodgson on 842764.

ACOL HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

AUTUMN SHOW

SATURDAY 21st SEPTEMBER

**In the Marquee at the rear of
the Village Hall**

Doors open at 2.30pm Admission £1.00

**Tea Coffee and Cakes Ice Creams
will be available
in the Hall.**

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