

ACOL VILLAGE VOICE

June 2023

DOGS ON THE RECREATION GROUND

In my capacity as a member of this community, please can I remind Villagers that the Recreation Ground is not a Public Space.

The land belongs to the Quex Estate, and they generously lease the land to the Parish Council at a peppercorn rent. The Parish Council, as leaseholders, are responsible for maintaining the Rec., and have long established the rules regarding the exercising of pets on the Recreation Field.

In recent months there have been a few reports of dogs not on leads at the Recreation Field attacking other dogs which have been on leads resulting in at least 2 residents having to take their dogs to a vet. This is unacceptable, and a clear breach of the regulations under which villagers are permitted to exercise their dogs there.

Put at its simplest, no dogs should be off their leads at the recreation field when other dogs are present, and under no circumstances whatsoever should dogs be allowed into the children's playground section.

Please ensure that all dog owners observe these simple rules.

Karen Ault

NEWS FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) of Acol's new (following the 4th May election) Parish Council took place on Friday 12th May, when Chenice Butterworth was co-opted to join Wendy and Gavin Winpenny, and Richard Steel as Councillors. Sarah Corby also volunteered to join, forming a full complement of five Councillors, and was to be co-opted at a further meeting on Monday 5th June. Richard was voted in as the Council Chairperson and expressed thanks on behalf of the Council and village for the long years of service of the outgoing Chair, Sheila Bransfield, and former Councillors Mrs Osborne, Inchley and Hayfield. It is planned to provide a lasting tribute to their work for, and commitment to, our community. Richard has gone from being the youngest, when previously a Councillor, to by far the oldest, which he thinks a good thing - not that he is so old, but that our new Council is now better able to represent Acol families and young people!

It was agreed that future Parish Council meetings will usually be held at approximately bi-monthly intervals on Thursday evenings at 7.30 in the Village Hall, and the hope is that as many villagers as possible will be able to attend. The next meeting will be on Thursday,

22nd June. The dates of meetings for the remainder of this year are on the Acol Parish Council website... www.acolparishcouncil.org.uk/ along with the AGM minutes and a host of other information. The website is being reviewed and updated and will work alongside the Acol Facebook page... www.facebook.com/Acol.Village (The Acol Kent Facebook Group remains an independent discussion group for all our community members.) We are keen that the website and Facebook page are useful and effective village resources and are keen to hear from people on what they like/ dislike and any other views about content.

A standing item on future Parish Council agendas will be "Highways", affording the opportunity to discuss any related matters such as speeding and speed limits, littering, traffic calming measures, vehicle weight restrictions and The North Thanet Link, concerning which the AGM was followed by a presentation from James Wraight, the Kent County Council Project Manager. This is a key development for Acol and, in part, addresses the requirement for a village bypass that has long been campaigned for. If you haven't already, please respond to the consultation at <https://letstalk.kent.gov.uk/north-thanet-link>. (The Parish Council will also submit a response.)

There is now a 7.5 tonne vehicle weight limit through Acol (with exceptions for vehicles that are engaged in delivering services within the village) but it is apparent that many truck operators are disregarding the restriction. We have CCTV on The Street at The Village Hall, so are likely to have video evidence of vehicles that are in contravention of the weight limit, and can report such incidents to the Police or vehicle operators at <https://www.kent.police.uk/contact/af/contact-us/contact-us-to-discuss-something-else/> stating the vehicle's registration number, the time it was observed, the Village Hall postcode (CT7 0JA) and the fact that we have video proof. Dave Hayfield has kindly agreed to check the CCTV to confirm that we have evidence, but please provide accurate times against which he can check. Contact Dave by email at sheila.bransfield@btinternet.com

Regrettably, there have been several incidents involving dogs that were off their leashes on Acol's Recreation Ground - some entailing injury to other dogs or their owners. All users of this open space are reminded that dogs must be kept on their leads and on no account are permitted in the Children's Play Area. Any further incidents of dogs out of their owners' control will be reported to the Thanet Dog Warden and, if injury is involved, to the Police. Please help to keep our Rec as a safe space for the enjoyment of all our community.

Cllr. Richard Steel (Chairperson)

ACOL VILLAGE HALL SUPPORT FUND - 200 Club

The next draw will take place on the 7th June 2023, and results will be printed in the July Edition of Village Voice. The subsequent draw will take place on 5th July. Should you have any questions or wish to join the scheme, please contact Iris Osborne (838829)

FORTHCOMING VILLAGE HALL EVENTS

22nd Jun. 7.30pm **Acol Parish Council Meeting**
30th Jun 7.30pm **Acol Book Club**
4th July 6.00pm. **AHS - Visit to the Orangery at Chartham**

Letter from Sheila Bransfield:

Please allow me to explain my absence from the recent Parish Council election. In the run up to the election I was unwell for a few days, and did not receive notification from Thanet District Council about applying for re-election. When notification did finally arrive, it contained none of the information I needed - no contact details of the sender, and no dates for submitting applications.

The next thing I knew was that word had got around the village that I had stood down from the Parish Council. Please be assured that I would not have voluntarily done so without first notifying fellow Councillors and villagers.

Please accept my apologies for this error.

Sheila Bransfield

ACOL HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Acol Horticultural Society's next meeting is at **6pm Tuesday, 4th July** when we will be visiting The Orangery at Chartham. It is a garden open for the National Garden Scheme. Details at the June meeting.

Remember we meet on the first Tuesday of the month.

You can join the Society:- £4 single and £7 for a couple.

A date for your calendar is Saturday 29th July when Carol and Brian Hall will be holding a **Macmillan Cancer Support Fundraiser**. This event will have tea/coffee and food including many delicious cakes. There will be an excellent raffle and a tombola for you to take your chances with.

It will kick off at 2pm until, either all the food is gone, or all your money has gone towards this worthwhile cause. There will be no entrance fee but donations for any food and drink you consume will be gratefully received.

Bill Yeoman.

VILLAGE INFORMATION

VILLAGE HALL

If you wish to book a meeting or event please ring 841691 to check availability.

BOOK/FILM CABINET

Please don't forget there is a cabinet outside the Village Hall where you can borrow or donate books and DVDs.

DEFIBRILLATOR

It is worth reminding villagers that there is a defibrillator beside the door to the Village Hall. Instructions on how to access it are clearly displayed on the outside of the cabinet, and full instructions on how to use it are inside the cabinet.

REFUSE COLLECTIONS

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

5th June

19th June

3rd July

Recycling (blue), red bag & waste food

12th June

26th June

Ring TDC on 577115, if you have problems, or 577727 with queries.

PCSO

No news yet received about our new PCSO

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

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

KENT POLICE

Contact 07980 978202 for the East Kent Division Rural Police Team

ACOL PARISH COUNCIL

Access APC website at acolparishcouncil.org.uk

THE ASIAN HORNET INVASION.

The Asian Hornet is a serious threat to our native insects, especially pollinating insects and in particular honeybees.

I would like to draw your attention to the spread in the UK of the Asian Hornet. A queen of this species is believed to have been imported in terracotta pots into France from China a few years ago and quickly spread across France and Europe and has been prevalent in Jersey where it is a dangerous pest. Over the last 3 or 4 years they have been found in the UK and where possible the nests have been destroyed by specialist teams. This year confirmed sightings have been made in Folkestone, Ashford and Canterbury. There has also been an unconfirmed sighting of one in Broadstairs and Womanswold.

If seen the official advice is DO NOT kill but try and take a photo and inform authorities, using the *Asian Hornet Watch app* or email to alertnonnative@ceh.ac.uk. They have ways of monitoring them and finding nests which can then be destroyed. Teams wear special protective clothing as the stings and attacks can be fatal. **Therefore, do not under any circumstances approach or interfere with any nests.**

They have a similar life cycle to wasps and European hornets which generally no threat. I have arranged for posters to be displayed at the Village Hall (visible outside). These posters give a good illustration of the Asian Hornet and shows comparisons to other similar insects.

Bill Yeoman.

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Please e-mail contributions to Village Voice to inchley@btinternet.com

This edition of Village Voice has been sponsored by Nancy Chidwick in loving memory of her husband Norman, who sadly passed away on 5th June 2020. Norman was a much loved and active member of the Acol community, and is still sorely missed by all his family and friends.

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 July 2023.