

ACOL VILLAGE VOICE

May 2021

LOCKDOWN IS EASING - BUT DO WE WANT TO CELEBRATE WHEN ITS OVER?

Restrictions are gradually being lifted, and we are slowly edging along the path to freedom and normality from June 21st. Of course we have to be careful not to jump the gun, or underestimate the possibility of problems on the way, but with more than 50% of the population having already received one Covid vaccination we can surely be cautiously optimistic?

That being the case, it has been suggested that it might be appropriate to hold a Village Fete on the Recreation Ground this Summer to mark the occasion and to recognise the support provided by, and to, the community over the last 15 months. By holding such an event outdoors and fully utilising the space available, we would minimise the risks, while giving us the opportunity to meet and mix with neighbours. Of course such an event will require volunteers to organise, and to run stalls, bake cakes, make teas etc etc.

Should you wish to get involved, or have any thoughts or suggestions then please drop a note, together with your name and contact details in the Village Hall letter box, or register your interest via the Acol Village Facebook page.

Jon

ACOL VILLAGE HALL SUPPORT FUND - 200 Club

Winners for the Month of April 2021 were:

Member no. 83 who won 1st prize of £20.00
Member no.115, who won 2nd prize of £10.00 and
Member no. 42, who won 3rd prize of £5.00

£35.00 has been donated to the Village Hall funds

The next draw will take place on the first Wednesday in every month.

Should you have any questions or wish to join the scheme, please contact Iris Osborne (84090)

VILLAGE INFORMATION

VILLAGE HALL

In accordance with the Government Roadmap, the Village Hall will remain closed at least until 21st June 2021. Bookings are now being taken for future events.

RECREATION GROUND

Both Parish Council and some Villagers have been in touch with TDC about the missing dog waste bin. TDC advise that it was removed for cleaning and will soon be returned or replaced.

Parish Councillors are aware of work required at the Recreation Ground. The fence needs attention and there are some repairs and replacements required for the childrens play area. These are in hand, but delays have been unavoidable in the present circumstances. Work will commence as soon as possible.

CHAPEL OF REST

The grit bin and back-up bag have been moved to the Chapel's car park.

The bench outside the Old Forge has been removed, as the owner wants to sort out his garden. It was old and decayed, so it has been decided to dispose of it. However Jonathan Cole, the Undertaker, has offered to provide a new one on his land.

REFUSE COLLECTIONS

Refuse (black), Green Garden waste Recycling (blue), red bag & waste food & waste food

10th May

17th May

24th May

31st May

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

PCSO

In the absence of village surgeries, if you have any problems, you can email PCSO Debbie Forsyth at 60457@kent.police.uk.

CCTV CAMERAS

Please report ANY incident in The Street to 844706.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

You can contact Iris Osborne (840901) if you wish to be updated on local crime or see anyone behaving suspiciously.

KENT POLICE

East Kent Division Rural Team can be contacted on **07980 978202** for queries or enquiries.

ACOL PARISH COUNCIL

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COVID-19 VACCINATION PROGRAMME - UPDATE

Vaccination Clinics are continuing to be held at the Saga Vaccination Centre in Westwood Cross and invitations are being sent out to all vulnerable and at-risk patients and all those over the age of 40.

Further up to date information can be found on the following website:

www.nhs.uk/coronavirus

Currently we are receiving plentiful supplies of both the Oxford Astra Zenica and Pfizer vaccines and concentrating on the giving the second doses to patients, so if you have not received your second dose, or even your first dose **BOOK NOW!**

Please note: Once you have had your vaccination you may be asked to sit and wait for a few minutes, depending upon individual circumstances.

NATIONAL LOCKDOWN ROAD MAP

With the last part of stage 2 now in place, giving greater access to many services, Please DO NOT get complacent, exercise caution and follow the rules.

For Everyone's Safety - Remember:

"Wash Hands" "Cover Face" "Make space" "Let Fresh Air In"

New Persistent cough? Loss Taste/Smell? High Temperature?

Book a Test - Call 119



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SURGERY CLOSURE DAYS

STAFF TRAINING - Wednesday 19th May - from 1 pm onwards

SPRING BANK HOLIDAYS: Closed Monday 31st May

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

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