

ACOL VILLAGE VOICE

August 2018

TRAFFIC CALMING - HAPPENING NOW

Starting at the Southern end of the Village it crept inexorably Northwards. What was that eerie sound? Birdsong, and blessed silence!

The first day or two of peace were punctuated from time to time by the aggressive motorists who believed that "Road Closed " signs only apply to others, followed by the crashing of gears as they were forced to turn around and go back whence they came. There were even idiots driving so fast that they were unable to stop in time, who skidded into traffic cones surrounding holes in the road. Sadly, on the first morning, our friends in Plumstone Road saw significant congestion as traffic from opposing directions met in the middle of single track lanes and backed up because none would yield! But they learned quickly, and within a couple of days traffic has found alternative routes.

After a week, peace and tranquility reign. Neighbours converse, not about the unending stream of racing traffic and the impossibility of crossing the road, but about how the brief respite takes them back to what it used to be like to live in a village, where walking down the road did not entail taking your life in your hands. Sadly, all good things come to an end, and work will finish at the beginning of September. Only then will we see what impact the traffic calming measures will have.

However this month will live long in the memory. For the rest of the UK it will be the hottest summer in 42 years - but for Acol; it will be forever the silent summer of 2018.

ACOL VILLAGE HALL SUPPORT FUND - 200 Club

Winners for the Month of August 2018 were:

Member no. 77 who won 1st prize of £19.00
Member no. 109, who won 2nd prize of £11.40 and
Member no. 128, who won 3rd prize of £7.60

A total of £38.00 was donated to the Village Hall funds

Should you have any questions, or wish to join the scheme, please contact Iris Osborne (840901).

FORTHCOMING VILLAGE HALL EVENTS

Mon 30th Jul - Wed 5th Sep

MINSTER ROAD CLOSED, ROAD WORKS FOR
TRAFFIC CALMING.

Sat 11th Aug

2.30pm

AHS NOSH 'N' NATTER

USEFUL INFORMATION

ROAD CLOSURES - INSTALLATION OF TRAFFIC CALMING

THE STREET closed between Plumstone Rd and Margate Hill from 6 to 24 Aug.

ACOL HILL closed between Margate Hill and Crispe Road from 23 to 24 Aug.

ACOL HILL closed between Crispe Rd and Manston Rd from 27 to 31 Aug.

REFUSE COLLECTIONS

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

Recycling (blue), red bag & waste food

20th August
3rd September

13th August
27th August

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

VILLAGE HALL

Please ring **841691** to enquiry about hall availability. Bookings already coming in for 2019, so please apply early if you will need to use the facilities.

REGULAR BOOKINGS

Monday afternoons (term time) - Pam's People

First Tuesday evening - AHS meeting

All other Tuesday evenings, Dance Fitness Class

Wednesday 9.00 to 16.30 (term time), Village Textiles

Alternate Wednesday evenings - Life Drawing Art Group

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

Friday 9.00 to 16.30 (term time), Village Textiles

Monthly, Saturdays, 10am-4pm - Phoenix Quilters.

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

FUTURE EVENTS BOOKED

Saturday 22nd September, 2pm - AHS AUTUMN SHOW.

MONDAY 24th SEPTEMBER, 6pm - ACOL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Saturday 20th October, afternoon, AHS Gardeners' Supper

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH.

Acol's Co-ordinator, Iris Osborne (840901), will keep you advised of anything suspicious and what appropriate precautions to take, so please send her your contact details, if you haven't already.

CCTV CAMERAS

The cameras have useful in providing details to the police for recent incidents, so please ring 844706 as soon as possible after any problems occur, giving day and time to enable locating appropriate recordings.

ACOL PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council website can be found at: www.hugofox.com/community/acol-parish-council-13724/contact/. You can ring the Parish Council on Mondays (9am-5pm) on 844706, or the day after a Bank Holiday, or the Clerk any day (9am-5pm) on 832243. **Please ring these numbers if you have problems and do not know who to contact.**

THE NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE HELD AT 6pm MONDAY 24th SEPTEMBER.

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MINSTER SURGERY

CQC INSPECTION MAY 2018

We are very pleased to announce that following the inspection by the Care Quality Commission on 15th May 2018, we have now received the final result and our overall rating was classified as "Good". The full report can be seen on their web site at www.cqc.org.uk

IT'S HOLIDAY TIME!

Please remember to order your Repeat Prescriptions in good time, and most importantly, check whether your "Annual Review" is imminent. Please also remember that our Healthcare Professionals take their holidays at this time as well and our resources may be slightly stretched, so please make your appointments in good time and ensure they are used appropriately.

MISSED APPOINTMENTS - A BIG INCREASE - NOW OVER 100 !:

Last Month: 50 PATIENTS DID NOT attend their DOCTOR'S APPOINTMENT

51 PATIENTS DID NOT attend their NURSES APPOINTMENT

So that's 101 PATIENTS WASTING VALUABLE APPOINTMENTS and TIME
DON'T NEED IT - CANCEL IT! KEEP FORGETTING? - GET TEXT REMINDER

SURGERY CLOSURE DAYS

Please note that the surgery will be closed as follows:

Bank Holiday - Monday 27th August - closed all day

Staff Training (from 1pm onwards): Thursday 27th September; Wednesday 17th October.

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 and check when their medication review appointment is due.

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.

FRIENDS AND FAMILY SURVEY

Last month a total of 198 patients responded with the following results:

Extremely likely/Likely - 91%; Extremely unlikely/Unlikely - 4%; Unsure/Don't know - 5%

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Our Christmas Bazaar will be held on Saturday 24th November and tables are on sale now and going fast!

PATIENT GROUP MEETING

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

VILLAGE HALL - WORK IN PROGRESS

If you travel along The Street during the next couple of months you will see significant changes are underway at the Village Hall. The boundary wall to the road has been removed, and footings have been dug. We currently await the Structural Engineer's report as to the appropriate way to treat the septic tank in front of the Hall (installed when the Hall was built but never used because Mains sewerage became available). Once this matter has been satisfactorily settled, then foundations will be laid, and construction of the new kitchen extension will begin.

Unfortunately, this will inevitably inconvenience Hall users, but every effort will be made to minimise the disruption, and to ensure that minimal kitchen facilities will be maintained as far as possible. However, we may be obliged to refuse bookings where use of a proper kitchen is an essential requirement.

We will keep you updated on progress, and advise you when a target completion date has been agreed, but we remain confident that this year's Senior Citizens Christmas Party will be the inaugural event, celebrating the completion of this major piece of work!

However, we need to start thinking how we might exploit this new facility to the benefit of the villagers. If you have any good ideas, please pass them on to a member of the AVH Management committee

Jon Inchley

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