

# **ACOL VILLAGE VOICE**

*November 2017*

## **SENIOR CITIZEN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY**

Once again, this year the Village Hall Committee will be inviting all over 60s living in the Village, together with some friends of Acol, to an evening of companionship, fun, music and food, to be held on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December. We are pleased to advise that Vera and Charlie George have once again very kindly offered to provide a hot Christmas meal, for which we are most grateful. We have also booked the "Greyhound Buskers", the Ukulele Band which has so royally entertained us for the last two years

Enclosed within this edition is a form that we would be grateful if eligible villagers and guests would fill out and return to the post box on the wall of the Village Hall, so that we can assess numbers for catering.

In order to raise funds for the event we will be putting together a CHRISTMAS HAMPER to raffle. Therefore, any DONATIONS OF CHRISTMAS PRODUCE would be gratefully received. Please contact Jon on 847705, or any other member of the Management Committee.

## **CHRISTMAS PARTY**

I regret to advise that there were no expressions of interest in the idea of holding a Christmas Party for all age groups on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December. Therefore, we have to thank Robin Burrows for his kind suggestion and offer of entertainment from Ozzie and the Uglies, but decline on this occasion.

## **ACOL VILLAGE HALL SUPPORT FUND - 200 Club**

### **Winners for the Month of November 2017 were:**

Member no. 19, who won 1<sup>st</sup> prize of £19.50  
Member no. 68 who won 2<sup>nd</sup> prize of £11.70 and  
Member no. 147, who won 3<sup>rd</sup> prize of £7.80.

£39.00 has been donated to Village Hall funds

The next draw will be on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2017. Should you have any questions, or wish to join the scheme, please contact Iris Osborne 01843 840901.

## **FORTHCOMING VILLAGE HALL EVENTS**

27 <sup>th</sup> Nov. 2.00pm	<b>PARISH COUNCIL Meeting</b>
2 <sup>nd</sup> Dec 7.30pm	<b>AHS Christmas Party</b>
9 <sup>th</sup> Dec. 7.30pm	<b>Senior Citizens Christmas Party</b>
15 <sup>th</sup> Dec. 7.00pm	<b>Community Carol Service</b>
16 <sup>th</sup> Dec. 7.30pm	<b>Reindeer Drive</b>

## **Minster Surgery**

### DID YOU MISS YOUR SEASONAL WINTER 'FLU VACCINATION?

There is still an opportunity to have a "Flu Vaccination" as some additional appointments are now available and can be made in the usual way via the surgery, in person or by phone.

### MISSED APPOINTMENTS

Last month: only 22 PATIENTS DID NOT attend their DOCTOR'S APPOINTMENT  
and only 22 PATIENTS DID NOT attend their NURSES APPOINTMENT  
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### FRIENDS AND FAMILY SURVEY

Last month patient's responses to "would you recommend our Practice" were as follows:  
Extremely likely/Likely - 92% ; Extremely unlikely/Unlikely - 3% ; Unsure/Don't know - 5%

### WOULD YOU LIKE TO WIN A HAND MADE DOLL'S HOUSE FOR CHRISTMAS ?

A very generous patient has kindly donated a beautiful Doll's House. This is just one of many excellent prizes that can be won in our "GRAND CHRISTMAS RAFFLE" with all proceeds going towards our project to purchase a "Hi-Tech PC Based ECG machine"

A full list of prizes can be seen on our notice board in the waiting room.

The draw will of course will be made at our ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BAZAAR on Saturday 18th NOVEMBER from 0900 onwards at the OLD SCHOOLS HALL, MINSTER

### SURGERY CLOSURE DAYS

Please note that the surgery will be closed from Midday onwards on the following days:

Staff Training - Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November

Please ensure that you have sufficient medication to last you during this time.

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.

### PATIENT GROUP MEETING

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

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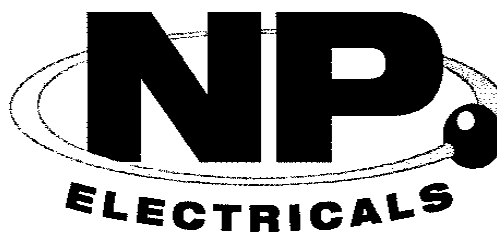
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### **NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH**

Contact Iris Osborne, 840901, for information and updates for NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH.

### **REFUSE COLLECTION - MONDAYS**

Refuse (black) & waste food

Recycling (blue), red bag & waste food

13<sup>th</sup> November

6<sup>th</sup> November

20<sup>th</sup> November

27<sup>th</sup> November

4<sup>th</sup> December

Ring TDC, **577115**, to arrange collection if you are unable to put your bins out.

Or Ring the 'Recycle for Thanet' line on **577727** with any queries you may have.

### **REGULAR VILLAGE HALL DIARY DATES**

Please note that there is now a 2018 diary for bookings, some of which are already coming on.

Please ring 841691 if you need to book the hall.

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Monday afternoons (term time) - Pam's People

First Tuesday evening - AHS meeting

All other Tuesday evenings, Dance Fitness Class

Alternate Wednesday evenings - Life Drawing Art Group

Every Thursday evening - Art Group. **Art Group Website:** [www.acolartgroup.org/](http://www.acolartgroup.org/)

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

(Check hall calendar or email [Sheila.Bransfield@btinternet.com](mailto:Sheila.Bransfield@btinternet.com) for information)

### **CCTV CAMERAS**

Please report any incident in The Street to the Parish Council on 844706.

### **PARISH COUNCIL OFFICE**

Ring 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 2pm ON MONDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER.**

Sheila Bransfield



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## MISCELLANEOUS MUSINGS

I am delighted to be able to report that the lady who interrupted a class in the Village Hall has subsequently graciously acknowledged her fault and apologised to the ladies affected. This is heartwarming, and represents the true spirit of Acol to our visitors. Thank you.

I am also pleased to acknowledge Barbara and the Ladies of the Embroidery Classes, who raised an impressive £225 as a result of their MacMillan Coffee Mornings.

Although I have always striven to ensure Village Voice maintains a strictly apolitical stance, but it is becoming more difficult as I am frequently being asked for updates on the future of Manston Airport. In the last few weeks we have had an announcement from Transport Minister Chris Grayling that Manston will be a solution for 'Operation Stack' until 2019, and may indeed become a customs post/holding area in the case of no Brexit deal being concluded. However it is clear that there is no funding for the proposed lorry park on the M20, so Government strategy seems to be cross your fingers and hope.

We have also had Thanet District Council approving a revised 'Local Plan' which redesignates Manston Airport from being an airport to housing and light industrial use. This of course requires the Government to accept the revised plan. I am sure that I am not the only one to have lodged my opposition on the grounds of the lack of local infrastructure and services to support the proposed 2500 houses on the airport site. Good to know that the voice of the people is listened to, isn't it?

We also believe that the RiverOak proposal to re-develop and expand the airport under the terms of a Compulsory Purchase Order is still alive, in spite of reports in the local press that the business plan is flawed. Still, Mr Grayling is in charge, so the man who has not delivered a solution to Operation Stack, has sat on his hands for more than a year while the Southern Rail industrial dispute rumbles on will no doubt procrastinate some more.

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## HIGHWAYS ENGINEER TO ATTEND PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

This could be a very important meeting, as Kent Highways have agreed to send a Highways Engineer to Acol on 27<sup>th</sup> November, with updates on the proposals and to answer questions.

Highways have made several mentions lately of the necessity for an extension to Columbus Avenue, which has become paramount since the excessive increase in traffic through Acol.

We have also heard that the extension has become a KCC Highways priority, so we can only hope for a satisfactory outcome in November.

It would very much assist our campaign to have as many villagers as possible in attendance. Bring your comments and questions and let's hope for the best.

As the clocks have gone back, the meeting time has reverted to 2pm, which we appreciate may be difficult or impossible for some. If so, please feel free to provide a list of your concerns, suggestions or questions to a Parish Councillor, who will deal with them on your behalf.

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## ACOL SENIOR CITIZEN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

I/We are aged 60 or over, and would like to attend the party on Saturday, 9<sup>th</sup> December in the Village Hall. I/We understand that the doors will open at 7.00pm.



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