

ACOL VILLAGE VOICE

September 2018

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 foundations have been laid, in accordance with the Structural Engineer's advice and building regulations approval.

Construction of the new kitchen extension is now underway.

Unfortunately, the work will inevitably inconvenience regular 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 enhancement to the facilities we can offer.

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

Jon Inchley

ACOL VILLAGE HALL SUPPORT FUND - 200 Club

Winners for the Month of September 2018 were:

Member no. 90 who won 1st prize of £19.00

Member no. 94, who won 2nd prize of £11.40 and

Member no. 54, 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

Sat. 22nd Sept. 2.00pm

AHS AUTUMN SHOW

Mon 24th Sept. 6.00pm

ACOL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Wed. 3rd Oct. 4.45pm

Police Information Session

USEFUL INFORMATION

PCSO (Support Officer)

Debbie Forsyth, our new PCSO, offers apologies for cancelling her first Information Session in August, due to sickness. She will now be holding sessions on Wednesdays, 3rd October and 7th November, from 4.45 to 5.30pm. She will be able to answer queries you may have about local policing or progress any of your concerns through appropriate authorities.

REFUSE COLLECTIONS

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

Recycling (blue), red bag & waste food

17th September
1st October

10th September
24th September

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.

Wednesday 3rd October, 4.45 to 5.30pm, Police Information Session.

Saturday 20th October, afternoon, AHS Gardeners' Supper.

Wednesday 7th November, 4.45 to 5.30pm, Police Information Session.

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

Hopefully incidents will be reduced by the recent traffic calming, but please report anything untoward to 844706.

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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SEASONAL WINTER 'FLU VACCINATIONS 2018

Vaccination Clinics will be held on the following days:

Saturday 6th October and Saturday 10th November from 9.00 am to 1.00 pm.

Appointments are now available and can be made in the usual way via the surgery.

Eligible and "at risk" patients will receive a reminder on their "Repeat Prescription List" and will be invited to make an appointment on either of those days.

If you have any concerns about your eligibility or availability of the vaccination, please contact Reception. So please book now to ensure you get your preferred date and time.

A PATIENT VOICE FOR CANCER SERVICES

Kent and Medway Cancer Action Partnership are looking for people with experience of cancer, whether as a patient, carer or family member, to share their experiences, thoughts, ideas, whether good or bad. It is their belief that patients and their families are the experts and value their thoughts.

Further information or how to become involved can be obtained calling: 01233 651905 or by email to Tracy on: ekhuft.kmcc.ppe@nhs.net or visit: www.KMCC.nhs.uk

MISSED APPOINTMENTS

Please continue to ensure our resources are always used appropriately.

Last Month: 42 PATIENTS DID NOT attend their DOCTOR'S APPOINTMENT!

40 PATIENTS DID NOT attend their NURSES APPOINTMENT!

DON'T NEED IT - CANCEL IT! KEEP FORGETTING - GET TEXT REMINDER SERVICE

FRIENDS AND FAMILY SURVEY

Last month a total of 191 patients responded as follows:

Extremely likely/Likely - 92%; Extremely unlikely/Unlikely - 4%; Unsure/Don't know - 4%

SURGERY CLOSURE DAYS

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

Staff Training - Thursday 27th September; Wednesday 17th October and

Thursday 29th November.

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.

A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY!

Our ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BAZAAR will be held on SATURDAY 24th NOVEMBER.

As this is our most popular event, Tables are highly sought after, and are on sale NOW! So please book early to avoid disappointment, as many have already been sold!

PATIENT GROUP MEETING

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

RNLI Birchington & District Fundraising Branch

We are still urgently seeking new volunteers to help sustain the branch beyond this year. Please let me know if you can help. Despite that we've had a busy and successful summer...

Thanet District Council granted a Permit to me - Richard Steel, as Branch Chairman - for our Annual Street Collection along Station Road on Saturday 11th August, which raised £447.99 for the RNLI; no expenses were incurred in connection with this fundraising.

A collection at our annual Sea Service on Sunday 19th August, at St. Thomas, Minnis Bay, realised £136.58, our Tea Dance on July 29th raised £281.01 and a stall at Co-op Food & Drink on 23rd June raised £107.68.

Collections from Lifeboat boxes and tubs hosted by businesses in our area, to whom we are pleased to welcome our most recent addition, the "Dog and Duck", Pluck's Gutter, have so far this year raised around £2,000. It looks like the total of these contributions will be at least matched by our branch's share of both the Co-op Community Fund and first year contributions from new supporters signed at local RNLI "Face-to-Face" activities. A heartfelt "thank you" to all our volunteers and supporters.

Coming-up, we have a Quiz Night at Church House, on the evening of Friday 28th September, there will be another Tea Dance, with a seasonal theme, on Sunday 4th November, and we'll again be taking-part in the Remembrance Day Parade, this year on Sunday 11th November.

Do visit our Facebook page www.facebook.com/rnli.birchington/ and, thanks to Fiona of "Chang Crafted", we are now on Instagram www.instagram.com/rnlibirchington/

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PLEASE PASS ON THIS EDITION OF VILLAGE VOICE to any friends from outside the village who might be interested in knowing what is going on in Acol. Non-residents of Acol can become subscribers to the Village Voice at the cost of £7.50 for 12 editions, the charge covers the cost of printing and posting to a nominated address.

Advertising

For a box advertisement of about 8cm x 9cm the cost is £10 for inclusion in 3 editions, £15 for 6 editions and £25 for 12 editions.

Please place contributions to Village Voice in the post box on the wall of the Village Hall (by the main door) or e-mail to villagevoice@btinternet.com.

This edition of Village Voice has been sponsored by Village Textiles, whose generosity is much appreciated

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 October 2018.