

ACOL VILLAGE VOICE

March 2018

WATCH OUT THERE ARE VILLAINS ABOUT

Kent residents are being warned of doorstep criminals taking advantage of the current bad weather. Anyone calling at your home offering to do work on your roof, guttering, driveway, or inside your property, should be treated with caution.

Accepting work from a doorstep criminal can result in paying much more than you intended for very poor, unnecessary and sometimes dangerous work.

Doorstep criminals are targeting Sandwich residents claiming they need building work carried out to their homes including roof or chimney repairs.

The criminals became forceful and intimidating when a resident refused the work.

If you require work done to your home get at least three quotes and never give a doorstep caller cash. For a list of Kent County Council approved traders visit [Checkatrade](#) or phone 0333 0146 190.

Please look out for neighbours and report any suspicious doorstep criminals to your Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinator.

Also, from Iris Osborne on Monday March 5th:

Please be aware that suspicious characters in a van were seen in the village this afternoon and ran off when challenged.

Please make sure your properties are secure and report any further concerns to me.

ACOL VILLAGE HALL SUPPORT FUND - 200 Club

Winners for the Month of February 2017 were:

Member no. 125 who won 1st prize of £19.00

Member no. 48, who won 2nd prize of £11.40 and

Member no. 28, who won 3rd prize of £7.60

£38.00 was donated to the Village Hall funds

The results of the draw to be held on 7th March will be published in the next edition of Village Voice.

The following draw will be held on Wednesday 4th April 2018. Should you have any questions, or wish to join the scheme, please contact Iris Osborne (840901)

FORTHCOMING VILLAGE HALL EVENTS

Sat 7 th Apr.	2.30 to 4.30pm	AHS SPRING SHOW
Mon 9 th Apr.	6.00pm	Acol Village Hall Management Committee AGM
Tues 10 th Apr.	2.00pm	Acol Parish Assembly and Parish Council AGM

Pilgrims Hospice Lottery

I have been made aware that the Pilgrims Hospice Lottery Office in Canterbury has been canvassing within the Village for new membership. Certain of those included on my collection list were concerned, and wondered if I was no longer the collector for the round.

Please be assured that I continue in this role, and should anyone wish to join, please contact me and I will happily add you to my list.

Iris Osborne

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ACOL HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

SPRING SHOW

SATURDAY 7th APRIL
Acol Village Hall

Daffodils Tulips
Other Spring Flowers
FLORAL ART - DOMESTIC -
HANDICRAFTS - PHOTOGRAPHY

Teas etc. Raffle

Doors Open 2.30 - 4.30pm

ACOL HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

LATE SPRING SHOW

For Daffodils and Tulips
Open to Members and Non-Members

SUNDAY 21st APRIL
Acol Village Hall

Doors Open 2.30 - 4.30pm Staging
Judging 5.00pm

Afternoon Tea 4.30 - 5.00pm

USEFUL INFORMATION

ROAD CLOSURE

THANET WAY/ CANTERBURY ROAD WEST will be subject to NIGHT CLOSURES, from ST NICHOLAS ROUNDABOUT to MINSTER (PROSPECT) ROUNDABOUT, 7pm to 5am, on FRIDAY 16th MARCH and MONDAY 19th to THURSDAY 22nd MARCH.

REFUSE COLLECTIONS

Refuse (black) & waste food

19th March

2nd April

Recycling (blue), red bag & waste food

12th March

26th March

Ring TDC, **577115**, if you are unable to put your bins out, or **577727** for queries.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH.

Please ring Iris Osborne on 840901 to report or be kept informed of suspicious behaviour.

VILLAGE HALL

Please ring **841691** to book 2018 dates in the Hall.

REGULAR BOOKINGS

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/

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

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

2018 EVENTS BOOKED

Saturday 7th April, all day, AHS SPRING SHOW

Tuesday 10th April, 2pm, Acol Parish Assembly and Parish Council AGM.

Saturday 21st April, all day, AHS LATE SPRING SHOW

Saturday 12th May, evening, AHS are holding a Murder Mystery evening.

CCTV CAMERAS

If you witness or are subject to any incident in The Street, please ring 844706 to enable culprits to be identified.

VILLAGE FACEBOOK WEBSITE

Don't forget the village Facebook page: [facebook.com.acol.village](https://facebook.com/acol.village). You can keep up to date with events or notices for the village.

ACOL PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council website can be found at: www.hugofox.com/community/acol-parish-council-13724/contact/

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE THE PARISH ASSEMBLY, FOLLOWED BY THE PARISH COUNCIL AGM, COMMENCING AT 2PM ON TUESDAY 10TH APRIL.

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.

Sheila Bransfield

MINSTER SURGERY

ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY - A REMINDER!

In common with all NHS premises Minster Surgery operates a "Zero Tolerance Policy". Unfortunately, there has been an increase in abusive language used when telephoning the surgery, which is totally unacceptable and will not be tolerated.

Like many other NHS Services, we have had an unprecedented demand on our services throughout the winter months which has been exacerbated by long term absence of staff. However, we have now taken steps to help resolve this.

NEW FACILITY IN THE WAITING ROOM

A new automatic voice guidance "Weight Management System" has now been installed in the waiting room free for Patient's use. It is very easy to use - just step on and follow the instructions, which then provides you with a printout of the results.

MISSED APPOINTMENTS

22 PATIENTS DID NOT ATTEND THEIR DOCTOR'S APPOINTMENT.

47 PATIENTS DID NOT ATTEND THEIR NURSES APPOINTMENT.

Please remember - DON'T NEED IT? CANCEL IT! By Phone, By Text, On Line.

ANNUAL SPRING FAYRE SATURDAY 12TH MAY

This will take place at the Old Schools Hall Minster as usual. Tables are on sale now at £8 for small and £12 for large so please book early to avoid disappointment.

"WALK FOR LIFE" ACTIVITY PROGRAMME

This will resume this month so please come and join us in a walk around the local area for about an hour or so, with the aim of meeting people, becoming more active and enjoying our community. They take place every Thursday at 10.30 so please come along and join us, or If you would like further information please contact the surgery.

"FRIENDS AND FAMILY" SURVEY

Last month responses were as follows:

Extremely likely/Likely - 92%; Extremely unlikely/Unlikely - 6%; Unsure/Don't know - 2%

SURGERY CLOSURE DAYS

Please note that the surgery will close at 12.00 Mid-day on the following days for the purpose of staff training: Wed 21st March; Thurs 26th April; Wed 23rd May

BANK HOLIDAYS;

The surgery will be closed all day on:

Good Friday 30th March and Easter Monday 2nd April

Monday 7th May; and Monday 28th May

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 all the family.

For Urgent/Life threatening issues, dial 999 as normal.

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PATIENT GROUP MEETING

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information on any of the above, then please contact Mary Hodgson (842764).

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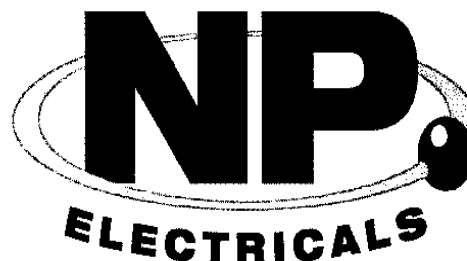
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PLEASE PASS ON THIS EDITION OF VILLAGE VOICE to any friends from outside the village who might be interested in knowing what is going on in Acol. Non-residents of Acol can become subscribers to the Village Voice at the cost of £7.50 for 12 editions,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

Advertising

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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 April 2018.