

ACOL VILLAGE VOICE

December 2018

Village Voice would like to wish all readers a very happy Christmas and a peaceful and healthy New Year.

The Editor would also like to thank all contributors, advertisers, sponsors and distributors, without whom the Village Voice could not happen.

A Special Christmas Message.

Start your Christmas at St Mildred's

Friday 14th December

Community Carols in the Village Hall at 7.00pm

This will be followed by home made soup and rolls.

Everyone is welcome to join in this popular village event

Sunday 24th December

Christmas Eve Carol Service at 3.00pm

Start your festive celebrations by coming to our traditional service at St Mildred's

All are welcome

THANK YOU

Just a few words of thanks at this festive season to all those who work selflessly in the background for the good of the Village and in the upkeep of its Hall.

I would particularly like to thank and pay tribute to the Village Hall Management Committee and their spouses, who have continued to serve the community to the best of their considerable abilities. Iris Osborne, for running the Support Fund, and for her efforts in identifying and accessing grant funding for us, so vital in allowing us to extend the kitchen, as well as her hard work as Secretary. I must also thank Mary, our Treasurer, for managing our funds so efficiently, Sheila for managing the Hall bookings and Karen, who brings much needed enthusiasm and commitment.

We must also thank Norman and Dave, who rally around whenever urgent maintenance is required - and who decorate our Hall and tree so beautifully every year, and the many others who contribute their time and energy for the benefit of others.

Jon

REINDEER DRIVE

This year's Reindeer Drive will take place on Saturday 22nd December at 7.30pm: This highly popular event will once again be run for us by Bill Yeoman, and provides a chance for everybody in the village, of all ages, to join in with some festive fun and games. No special skills are required, merely the ability to roll a die and add up the scores. Prizes will be given for the under 16's and adult winner.

There will be an American Supper (bring your own drink) and entry will be £3-00 for adults and £2-00 for children

ACOL SENIOR CITIZENS CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Senior Citizens Christmas Party will take place on Saturday 8th December (7.00pm for 7.30pm) in the Village Hall. Any Acol resident or 'friend of Acol' aged over 60 is cordially invited to attend as guests of the Village. There will be a traditional Christmas dinner cooked by Charlie & Vera, with wine or soft drinks. This will be followed by entertainment provided by the **Greyhound buskers**, and the draw for the Christmas Hamper

We gratefully acknowledge the generosity of The Parish Council and Acol Horticultural Society, for their donations which are crucial to allowing the AVHMC committee to put on this event.

ACOL VILLAGE HALL SUPPORT FUND - 200 Club

Winners for the Month of November 2018 were:

Member no. 133 who won 1st prize of £18.50

Member no. 30, who won 2nd prize of £11.10 and

Member no. 117, who won 3rd prize of £7.40

Winners for the Month of December 2018 were:

Member no. 157 who won 1st prize of £18.50

Member no. 136, who won 2nd prize of £11.10 and

Member no. 42, who won 3rd prize of £7.40

A total of £74.00 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

8 th Dec 7.00pm	Senior Citizens Christmas Party
14 th Dec 7.00pm	Community Carol Service
15 th Dec 7.00pm	AHS Christmas Party
22 nd Dec 7.30pm	REINDEER DRIVE
24 th Dec 3.00pm	Carol Service at St Mildred's

Minster Surgery

A BIG THANK YOU

We would like to thank all our Patients and Friends for their generosity and kindness in donating so many prizes for our raffle and tombola that was held at our Christmas Bazaar. With our fund raising going very well we are confident that we will reach our target by Christmas.

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY ARRANGEMENTS

Please note the surgery's open/closed arrangements over the Christmas period:

Christmas Eve 24th December	- Normal opening hours
Christmas Day 25th December	- Closed all day
Boxing Day 26th December	- Closed all day
Thursday 27th December	- Normal opening hours
Friday 28th December	- Normal opening hours
Monday 31st December	- Normal opening hours -
Tuesday 1st January	- Closed all day
Wednesday 2nd January onwards	- Normal opening hours

Should you need to see a Doctor during times when the surgery is closed, please call the "NHS 111 Service" either via the normal surgery number 821333 or call direct on 111 where you will receive "non-urgent" confidential health advice and information for you and your family. For Urgent/Life Threatening cases, please dial 999 as normal.

REPEAT PRESCRIPTIONS

Please ensure that you have sufficient medication to last you throughout the holiday period and that all Repeat Prescription Requests are submitted by Monday 17th December at the latest.

PATIENT QUESTIONNAIRES

We would also like to thank all those who completed our recent survey. A total of 243 replies have been received to date. A summary will be published on our notice board after Christmas.

SURGERY TRAINING DAYS 2019

Please note that the surgery will be closed from midday onwards on:

Thursday 31st January 2019 and Wednesday 27th February 2019

PATIENT GROUP MEETING

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

AND FINALLY - We would like to wish all our Patients and Friends a very Happy Christmas and a Healthy New Year

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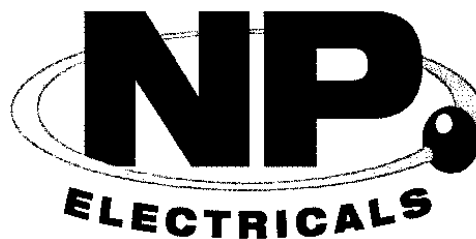
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KENT POLICE

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VILLAGE HALL

Please ring 841691 about hall availability. Please confirm any dates you may require for 2019, as many bookings are coming in.

REGULAR BOOKINGS

Monday afternoons (term time) - Pam's People (next term commences 21 Jan 2019)

Tuesday evenings, Dance Fitness Class (commences 15 Jan 2019)

Wednesdays, 9.30am-4pm (term time) - Village Textiles (commences 23 Jan 2019)

Alternate Wednesday evenings - Life Drawing Art Group (commences 16 Jan 2019)

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

Fridays, 9.30am-4pm (term time) - Village Textiles (commences 11 Jan 2019)

Saturdays (monthly), 10am-4pm - Phoenix Quilters (commences 19 Jan 2019)

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

EVENTS COMING UP

January 2019: TUE 15th 2PM, PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Sat 26th 9am - 12.30pm, Christian Unity Week Coffee Morning

February 2019: Sat 16th afternoon, AHS Valentine's Tea

REFUSE COLLECTIONS

Refuse (black) & waste food

10th December

24th December

7th January 2019

Recycling (blue), red bag & waste food

17th December

31st December

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

CCTV CAMERAS

Although the traffic calming has helped a little with reducing speed and volume of traffic, there are still incidents, so please report anything untoward in The Street to 844706.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Iris Osborne is our Village Co-ordinator and you can ring her on 840901 for information on anything happening locally. Please ensure she has your contact details for immediate updates.

VILLAGE FACEBOOK WEBSITE

Village events and notices are on [facebook.com.acol.village](https://facebook.com/acol.village).

ACOL PARISH COUNCIL

Acot Parish Council website: www.hugofox.com/community/acol-parish-council-13724/contact/

You can ring Parish Council, 844706, Mondays 9am-5pm, 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 WILL BE 2PM ON TUESDAY 15TH JANUARY 2019.

Sheila Bransfield

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Editors Note:

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.

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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 January 2019.