

# **ACOL VILLAGE VOICE**

**January 2018**

*A Very Happy New Year to all our Readers.*

## **Senior Citizens' Christmas Party**

The evening continued the long tradition of inviting our Senior Citizens to a Christmas party, and this year proved to be another triumph, and was thoroughly enjoyed by all its participants. Nearly 40 people sat down to a delicious Christmas Dinner of Turkey and all the trimmings, followed by dessert and Cheese and biscuits. It was a magnificent spread, and we once again owe a vote of thanks to all involved in its preparation, cooking and serving. Thank you for all your hard work.

The meal was followed once again by a musical entertainment from the 'Greyhound Busker' Ukelele Band, which got everyone singing along and provided a thoroughly enjoyable evening for all. The Village Hall Management Committee made a suitable donation to the Band for their chosen charity on behalf of the attendees.

Finally, a quick word of thanks to those who donated to, and supported the Christmas Hamper Draw, which raised £109 towards the costs of the event. Thanks must also go to the Parish Council, Village Hall Management Committee and Acol Horticultural Society for their generous donations, and ensured that sufficient funds are in the kitty for Christmas 2018.

## **Reindeer Drive, 17<sup>th</sup> December**

This year's Reindeer Drive took place on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30pm: This highly popular event was once again run for us by Bill Yeoman, and provided a chance for everybody in the village, of all ages, to join in with some festive fun and games. Thanks to Bill, Josie and all the team for once again providing an exciting and fun-filled evening.

## ACOL VILLAGE HALL SUPPORT FUND - 200 Club

### Winners for the Month of December 2017 were:

Member no. 46 who won 1<sup>st</sup> prize of £19.00  
Member no. 34, who won 2<sup>nd</sup> prize of £11.40 and  
Member no. 112, who won 3<sup>rd</sup> prize of £7.60  
£38.00 was donated to the Village Hall funds

### Winners for the Month of January 2018 were:

Member no. 25 who won 1<sup>st</sup> prize of £19.00  
Member no. 78, who won 2<sup>nd</sup> prize of £11.40 and  
Member no. 133, who won 3<sup>rd</sup> prize of £7.60  
£38.00 was donated to the Village Hall funds

The next draw will be on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2018. Should you have any questions, or wish to join the scheme, please contact Iris Osborne (840901).

### **FORTHCOMING VILLAGE HALL EVENTS**

Tues 16 <sup>th</sup> Jan	2.00pm	Parish Council Meeting
Sat, 27 <sup>th</sup> Jan		St Mildred's Coffee Morning
Sat. 10 <sup>th</sup> Feb.	1.00 to 5.00pm	AHS Valentine Afternoon Tea

## **ACOL PARISH WEB SITE**

Acol PC would like to learn whether, and how, its website -

[www.acolparishcouncil.co.uk/](http://www.acolparishcouncil.co.uk/) - is reaching village residents, visitors and other stakeholders.

An online survey, accessible from the News Section of the website, is being run throughout January, and all Village Voice readers are invited to participate. The survey results, and any actions arising, will be published in Village Voice, as well as on the website.

In case of any problem(s) in completing the survey, please contact Cllr. Richard Steel. [richardjohnsteel@outlook.com](mailto:richardjohnsteel@outlook.com) Tel. 845363.

## **2018 INFORMATION**

### **REFUSE COLLECTION - MONDAYS**

Firstly, apologies for a blip over Xmas/New Year. Correct dates were in the December Village Voice, but we put out blue bins a week early!

**Refuse (black) & waste food      Recycling (blue), red bag & waste food**

8<sup>th</sup> January

15<sup>th</sup> January

22<sup>nd</sup> January

29<sup>th</sup> January

5<sup>th</sup> February

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.

### **VILLAGE FACEBOOK WEBSITE**

You can keep updated with village events, notices and everything that's going on, or to impart your own information, by linking into our Facebook page: [facebook.com.acol.village](https://www.facebook.com/acol.village)

### **VILLAGE HALL**

Please ring **841691** to book 2018 dates in the Hall. The calendar is rapidly filling!

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

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.

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

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

### **2018 EVENTS BOOKED SO FAR**

**THURSDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY, ALL DAY, TDC AND KCC ELECTION**

**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> January, 2pm, ACOL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

**Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> January, St Mildred's Coffee Morning**

**Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> February, 1 - 5pm, AHS Valentine's Tea**

### **NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH.**

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

### **CCTV CAMERAS**

Please don't forget to report any incident in The Street to 844706.

### **PARISH COUNCIL OFFICE**

The Parish Council website can be found at: [www.hugofox.com/community/acol-parish-council-13724/contact/](http://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 AT 2PM ON TUESDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2018.**

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## **MINSTER SURGERY**

### CHRISTMAS BAZAAR and PRIZE WINNERS

Thank you to everyone who supported us and helped make the various events we held during 2017 such tremendous successes.

A full list of the all the winning numbers and lucky prize winners are on display in the surgery.

### FUND RAISING PROJECT - TARGET ACHIEVED - EQUIPMENT ORDERED!

We are extremely grateful to the many patients and friends who have made such generous donations, and together with the monies made from our raffle and Christmas Bazaar we are delighted to say we raised just over £2100 and have now purchased the new "ECG PC Based" equipment so desperately needed. Raising such an amount in just a few months since we launched the project in September, is unbelievable.

### SURGERY TRAINING DAYS 2018

Please note that the surgery will close at 12.00 Mid-day on the following days:

Thursday 25th January; Wednesday 21st February; Wednesday 21st March.

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 to receive "non urgent" confidential health advice and information.

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

### MISSED APPOINTMENTS

Last month

\*31 PATIENTS DID NOT ATTEND THEIR DOCTOR'S APPOINTMENT

\*44 PATIENTS DID NOT ATTEND THEIR NURSES APPOINTMENT

A TOTAL OF 75 MISSED AND WASTED APPOINTMENTS.

So - DON'T NEED IT? CANCEL IT!

It's SO EASY: By Phone, By Text, On Line - Just do It! PLEASE!

### FRIENDS AND FAMILY SURVEY

Last month A total of 232 patients responded to the question "Would you recommend our Practice?" as follows:

Extremely likely/Likely - 86%; Extremely unlikely/Unlikely - 7%; Unsure/Don't know - 7%

### PATIENT GROUP MEETING

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

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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. 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](mailto:villagevoice@btinternet.com).

**This edition of Village Voice has been sponsored by Jon & Barbara Inchley in loving memory of Barbara's Mum, Cora Jones.**

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 5<sup>th</sup> February 2018.