

# *ACOL VILLAGE VOICE*

*November 2018*

## **VILLAGE HALL KITCHEN EXTENSION**

Work is progressing well on the kitchen extension, and we are happy to report that everything appears to be on track to be completed by the end of this month. When complete we will have a larger space, a brand-new high-spec range cooker, generously provided by Acol Horticultural Society, a bigger refrigerator with freezer compartment, and a commercial dishwasher, for which we are seeking a generous donor.

As a result of the renovation, we need to dispose of an electric oven, a John Lewis 4 ring ceramic hob, a recirculating cooker hood and an under counter integrated larder fridge. If anyone is interested, or knows of anyone who might be interested, please contact a member of the Village Hall Management committee. All we ask in return is a small donation towards our funds. If there is no interest, then we shall attempt to dispose of them by 'Freecycling' them.

All being well, the first event using the new facilities will be the.....

## **..... 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 8<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 three 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.

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

**Winners for the Month of November 2018 will be advised in the  
December edition**

The next draw will be on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2018. Should you have any questions, or wish to join the scheme, please contact Iris Osborne 01843 840901.

### **FORTHCOMING VILLAGE HALL EVENTS**

7 <sup>th</sup> Nov. 4.45 - 5,30pm	Police Information Session
3 <sup>rd</sup> Dec 2.00pm	Acol Parish Council Meeting
5 <sup>th</sup> Dec. 4.45 - 5,30pm	Police Information Session
8 <sup>th</sup> Dec. 7.00pm	Senior Citizens Christmas Party
14 <sup>th</sup> Dec. 7.00pm	Community Carol Service
22 <sup>nd</sup> Dec. 7.30pm	Reindeer Drive

## **Minster Surgery**

### **SEASONAL WINTER 'FLU VACCINATIONS 2018 - NOT HAD YOURS YET?**

There is still an opportunity to have a "Flu Vaccination" on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> November and appointments are available and can be made in the usual way via the surgery, in person or by phone. **SO DON'T DELAY - BOOK YOURS TODAY**

Eligible and "at risk" patients, including infants between 2-4 and those over 6 years old, will have already received a letter and been invited to make an appointment, but If you have any concerns about your eligibility please contact Reception as soon as possible.

### **MISSED APPOINTMENTS**

This month 44 PATIENTS DID NOT attend their DOCTOR'S APPOINTMENT

and 42 PATIENTS DID NOT attend their NURSE'S APPOINTMENT!

Remember! Don't need it - cancel it! FORGET? Get text reminder service on your mobile phone, its free and easy to do, just tell us your mobile number and we do the rest.

### **FRIENDS AND FAMILY SURVEY**

Last month patients we received 100 responses to "would you recommend our Practice" and they are as follows:

Extremely likely/Likely - 88% ; Extremely unlikely/Unlikely - 8% ; Unsure/Don't know - 4%

### **A HAND MADE SWISS CHALET DOLL'S HOUSE**

A very generous and clever patient has kindly donated this beautiful Doll's House as one of many excellent gifts and prizes in our GRAND CHRISTMAS RAFFLE. A full list of prizes and all details can be seen on our notice board in the waiting room.

**ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BAZAAR** - will be held on Saturday 24th November from 0900 at THE OLD SCHOOLS HALL MINSTER

### **SURGERY CLOSURE DAYS**

Please note that the Surgery will be closed from Midday onwards on Thursday, 29<sup>th</sup> November.

Please ensure that you have sufficient medication to last you during these times.

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 on111, to receive non-urgen confidential health advice and information for you and your family. For Urgent/Life threatening cases please dial 999 as normal.

### **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 on 842764.

### **Congratulations**

I am pleased to acknowledge Barbara and the Ladies of her Embroidery Classes, who raised an impressive £341.05 (up from £225.00 last year) as a result of their MacMillan Coffee Mornings in the Village Hall.

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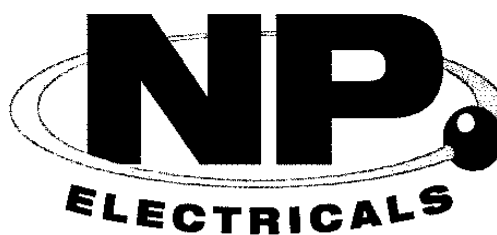
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## ***RELEVANT INFORMATION***

### ***GENTLE YOGA***

Please don't forget the trial sessions being held in the Village Hall on Tuesdays, 11.30am-12.45pm, until 4<sup>th</sup> December. It was a shame that no one attended the first one, because it sounds like a great way to relax.

"Yoga is ideal if you would like to improve your flexibility, strength and balance. It also helps reduce aches and pains, lowers blood pressure and stress, the list goes on." If you have any questions, ring Jill on 07800 501494, and she's on Facebook at Jill's Yoga, has a website [www.jillsyoga.jimdo.com](http://www.jillsyoga.jimdo.com) and email [jill.pantony@btinternet.com](mailto:jill.pantony@btinternet.com).

### ***SPEEDWATCH***

Please note that the Speedwatch Co-ordinator will be attending the Parish Council Meeting at 2pm on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> December with an update. He is also hoping for new volunteers to participate in the scheme.

### ***PCSO (Support Officer)***

Debbie Forsyth is keen to meet with and speak to villagers. Please attend her Information Session if you have any queries or concerns regarding policing

### ***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
12 <sup>th</sup> November	19 <sup>th</sup> November
26 <sup>th</sup> November	3 <sup>rd</sup> December

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 HALL***

Please ring 841691 about hall availability. 2019 bookings are coming in, so please apply if you need to use the facilities.

### ***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. **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.

### ***VILLAGE FACEBOOK WEBSITE***

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

### **ACOL PARISH COUNCIL**

Acol Parish Council website: [www.hugofox.com/community/acol-parish-council-13724/contact/](http://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 MEETING OF ACOL PARISH COUNCIL - 2PM, MONDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> DECEMBER.**

Sheila Bransfield



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**Contributions for the next edition must be received by 5th December 2018.**