

ACOL VILLAGE VOICE

January 2022

A Very Happy New Year to all our Readers.

Senior Citizens' Christmas Party

An unreserved apology to all Villagers and friends who were disappointed at the last minute cancellation of the Senior Citizens Christmas Party this year. As you will know, in the week leading up to the event there was an unforeseen upturn in the infection rate and lots of confusing and ambiguous 'government advice' about large gatherings indoors in confined spaces.

When 25% of the 40 people who had originally signed up had dropped out, and many others were expressing concern at the potential risks of going ahead, the Management committee felt that we could not reasonably press on and hold the event, so the decision was made to postpone it until a later date.

All the freezable elements of the meal were therefore placed into the Hall freezer for later use, the 'Greyhound Buskers' were advised of the cancellation. It is now our intention to have a celebratory meal when the current 'Omicron spike' has passed and things are on a more stable footing, and we hope all our guests will be able to attend at that time.

Watch This Space!

Jon

ACOL VILLAGE HALL SUPPORT FUND - 200 Club

Winners for the Month of January 2022 were:

Member no. 19 who won 1st prize of £20.00

Member no. 68, who won 2nd prize of £10.00 and

Member no. 13, who won 3rd prize of £5.00

£35.00 has been donated to the Village Hall funds

The next draw will be on Wednesday 2nd February 2022. Should you have any questions, or wish to join the scheme, please contact Iris Osborne (838829).

FORTHCOMING VILLAGE HALL EVENTS

Mon 17 th Jan	11.00am	Parish Council Meeting
Sat, 22 nd Jan	Morning	All Saint's Coffee Morning
Sat. 12 th Feb.	Afternoon	AHS Valentine Afternoon Tea

VILLAGE INFORMATION

Still strange times, one minute everything seems OK, then no one is sure and then all seems to be getting back to normal! Let's hope for continued improvements into 2022.

VILLAGE HALL

Please ring 841691 about Hall availability.

Information has already been provided about the closure of the hall for a complete week, 25th to 30th April, for the floor to be refurbished and there are now notices displayed within and without the hall. If anyone needs help or more information please ring the number given below. As you know the Defibrillator was fitted in December and now all the appropriate notices, links to NHS and paperwork has been completed.

The new hall doors have arrived, but cannot be fitted until better weather. Apologies to hall users for the main door sticking - too much rain this year - but all will soon be better!

Regular Bookings

Hall bookings started back with Dance Classes on 2nd January and Pilates on 3rd.

Drawing Group restarts 5th January, every Wednesday 7-9pm.

Private Dance Class and Art Group are back on 6th January to continue through the year. Dance Classes will continue on Thursday mornings and Sundays.

Pam's People restart on Monday 17th January, 1-3.30pm, term times.

Village Textiles restart Wednesday 19th January, 9.30 - 4.30pm, term times and alternate Fridays starting 28th January, 9.30 - 4.30pm.

These regular bookings will continue all year.

REFUSE COLLECTION - MONDAYS

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

6th January

13th January

20th January

27th January

3rd February

Ring TDC, **577115**, to arrange collection if you are unable to put your bins out.

PCSO

Contact Eileen Shrubsole, PCSO, at eileen.shrubsole@kent.police.uk, or ring APC on 844706.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

If you need information or help, ring Iris Osborne on 838829.

KENT POLICE

Police East Kent Division Rural Team is available on **07980 978202** for enquiries or information.

ACOL PARISH COUNCIL

Access our website at acolparishcouncil.org.uk, or ring 844706 for any information you need.

The next Parish Council meeting has been arranged for **11am on Monday 17th January 2022**.

Sheila Bransfield



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MINSTER SURGERY

Covid-19 VACCINATION PROGRAMME - UPDATE:

- Booster Jabs are now available for the over 40's but please remember there must be 3 months since your second Vaccination.
- Older teens aged 16-17 are now eligible for a second dose but must be at least 12 weeks after their first
- Those aged 12-15 are still only eligible for a single dose.
- The Covid-19 Vaccination programme will continue to be rolled out at the Saga Vaccination Centre in Westwood.

To date nearly 200,000 Vaccinations have been administered at the Centre.

Not had yours yet? There are still many eligible patients who are unvaccinated and many others who have not yet had two vaccines or even their Booster, **So Please Book Now** or just turn up at any DROP-IN CLINIC.

WINTER FLU vaccine All patients over 50 and those considered to be vulnerable and at risk will have already received an invitation from the surgery to receive the Vaccination. If you have not received your invitation please contact the surgery as soon as possible.

"FACE-TO-FACE" appointments

Patients will continue to receive a telephone consultation from a doctor before being offered an appointment with the relevant healthcare professional. Currently **62%** of patients are receiving a Face-to-Face appointment where necessary.

PLEASE NOTE it will still be mandatory to wear Face Masks when attending the Surgery.

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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 both by Jon & Barbara Inchley in loving memory of Barbara's Mum, Cora Jones, who passed away on 3rd January 2014.

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 February 2022.