

ACOL VILLAGE VOICE

April 2024

News from The Parish Council

The rate of return of the Acol Household Survey was above 30%, which is excellent for surveys of this type. On behalf of all our community, heartfelt thanks to all respondents.

Analysis of the results will be posted to the Neighbourhood Planning webpage, when complete, as will progress along the Neighbourhood Plan Roadmap. Some understandable concerns were expressed about confidentiality and the possibility that, although the results will be anonymised, individuals would be identifiable through data such as household makeup in such a small community. As the PC Lead for Planning & Development, Councillor Gavin Winpenny has a pivotal role in processing the survey data, so it's fortunate that his "day job" is data analysis! Gavin has produced a report on Survey Data Handling, which is available on the Neighbourhood Planning section of the Acol Parish Council website. The following extract addresses most of the concerns that were raised...

"We will issue a report that provides insights from the data, along with a set of data presentations, primarily summary statistics aggregated by variable e.g. analysis by age group or analysis by gender. We will be cautious in the use of combined variable analysis, e.g. analysis of age group by gender, as these, by their nature, can be more identifying of people. We will also identify data limitations (e.g. missing data)."

One of the respondents asserted that "the community has a right to know... the extortionate and unnecessary expense from APC funds". All expenditure between Parish Council meetings is reported at each meeting. However, the cost of printing the survey was £138. Councillors time is, of course, unpaid, and no other costs or expenses related to the survey have been paid.

I should also stress that the reason it's so important for our community to develop its own Neighbourhood Plan is to give us a voice, that's on a par with District Planners', over developments that may affect us. **It is not instead of, but in addition to, other key workstreams for the Parish**, such as working to address the excessive traffic volume and speed, and pedestrian and cyclist safety.

The Local Government Boundary Commission has commenced a 10-week consultation on Thanet Ward boundaries and names based on the premise that the number of Thanet District Councillors will reduce from 56 to 42 at the next election. Among the consideration for Acol Parish Council are how the wards map to parish boundaries and how we are represented at Thanet District Council. (Currently there are three Thanet

District Councillors in a Thanet Villages Ward that includes Acol.) Anyone can contribute to the consultation online at the [Boundary Commission website](#).

We cannot adopt the BT telephone kiosk, at present, as it went beyond its minimum use level in a year around the time, last summer, we were announcing consideration of its adoption. We had planned to repaint the kiosk during April but will now ask BT to repaint it.

The next Parish Council Meeting on Thursday 18th April at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall will comprise the Annual Parish Meeting - with the opportunity for parishioners to raise any issues or matters of concern - and the Annual Meeting of The Parish Council, where we'll report on progress made over the last year and look ahead to the coming year. Please attend if you can.

Richard Steel (Chair)

ACOL VILLAGE HALL SUPPORT FUND - 200 Club

Winners for the Month of March 2024 were:

Member no. 46 who won 1st prize of £20.00.

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

Member no. 93 who won 3rd prize of £5.00.

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A total of £30.00 was donated to the Village Hall funds

The next draw will take place on the 1st May 2024, and the results publicised in the June 2024 Edition. Should you have any questions or wish to join the scheme, please contact Iris Osborne (838829)

FORTHCOMING VILLAGE HALL EVENTS

15 th Apr. 7.00pm.	VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE OPEN AGM
18 th Apr. 7.30pm	PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
7 th May 7.30pm	AHS -THE UNKNOWN SOLDIER - STEPHEN HARMER

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Acol Horticultural Society

Acol Horticultural Society's next meeting is at 7.30pm on Tuesday 7th May when the speaker, Stephen Harmer, will give a talk on "The Unknown Soldier".

Remember we meet on the first Tuesday of the month.

You can join the Society:- £4 single and £7 for a couple.

On Saturday 18th May we are holding a Quiz Night. This is a chance for you to show off your knowledge and brain power. It will start at 7pm for a 7.30pm kick off. Tickets are £7 and will include a supper. Places must be booked in advance in order that the correct catering can be delivered.

Tickets ordered from Steve and Theresa Ling.

Bill Yeoman.

VILLAGE INFORMATION

VILLAGE HALL

Hall use lessened during the Easter break but will now rapidly get back to normal from 15th April. As previously advised, anyone who has an interest in attending any of the classes or events can contact me on **841691** for information.

DON'T FORGET THE LOCAL ELECTIONS ON 2ND MAY SO THE HALL WILL BE IN USE ALL DAY. (Don't forget to take along some photo I.D., such as driving license, passport, etc. if you wish to vote.)

Please note that the regular Dance Classes on Thursday and Sunday are cancelled during most of May, as the Instructor is taking a well-deserved holiday! The dates he is away are Sunday 12th, Thursday 16th, Sunday 19th, Thursday 23rd and Sunday 26th May. Please also ring me if you need to contact any TDC Councillor or PCSO.

REFUSE COLLECTIONS

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

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8th April

15th April

22nd April

29th April

6th May

Ring TDC on 577115, if you have problems, or 577727 with queries.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH


Please contact Iris Osborne on 07951 072914 for any information you require.

ACOL PARISH COUNCIL

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www.acolparishcouncil.org.uk.

Sheila Bransfield

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Contributions for the next edition must be received by 5th May 2024.