

ACOL VILLAGE VOICE

April 2018

SUPERFAST BROADBAND? - NOT LIKELY!

Wherever you go in Thanet, you will see barriers, holes and even workmen (occasionally!). Pavements are obstructed, roads are narrowed and people are frustrated, but soon most people will have access to superfast broadband via Virgin Media.

So what is superfast Broadband? The best bit rate in Acol is about 17Mbits/sec - many get less. Virgin promise 55Mbits/Sec - and there should be no unexplained outages or short (and very frustrating) breaks in service. But will we get Virgin Service in Acol? Well no is the short answer.

The Parish Council asked, but were told it was not cost effective. Individuals have asked, and were told that there were no plans to serve Acol at present, but that they should register an interest and it was possible that Acol may get a service in a second tranche of work in the future. I am not holding my breath!

All that can be done is for as many individuals in Acol as possible to "register an interest" and make as much noise as possible to try and change minds. Until that happens, Acol and an area of Cliffsend will be the only places on Thanet without access to Superfast Broadband!

ACOL VILLAGE HALL SUPPORT FUND - 200 Club

Winners for the Month of March 2018 were:

Member no. 46 who won 1st prize of £19.00
Member no. 53, who won 2nd prize of £11.40 and
Member no. 140, who won 3rd prize of £7.60

Winners for the Month of April 2018 were:

Member no. 51 who won 1st prize of £18.50
Member no. 39, who won 2nd prize of £11.25 and
Member no. 73, who won 3rd prize of £7.50

A total of £75.50 was donated to the Village Hall funds

The next draw will be held on Wednesday 2nd May 2018. Should you have any questions, or wish to join the scheme, please contact Iris Osborne (840901)

FORTHCOMING VILLAGE HALL EVENTS

Sat 7 th Apr.	2.30pm	AHS SPRING SHOW
Mon 9 th Apr.	6.00pm	Acol Village Hall Management Committee AGM
Tues 10 th Apr.	2.00pm	Acol Parish Assembly and Parish Council AGM
Sat 21 st Apr.	2.30pm	AHS LATE SPRING SHOW
Tues 1 st May	7.30pm	AHS - A Beginners Guide to Growing & Keeping Orchids - Chris Bartlett
Sat 12 th May	7.00pm	AHS MURDER MYSTERY EVENING

AHS COACH TRIP

Acol Horticultural Society have organised a coach trip on Sunday 8th July 2018, leaving about 0800 hrs and returning 1800 hrs.

We will be visiting the following gardens: In the morning we will be at Green Island Gardens, near Colchester where we will enjoy tea/coffee and cake. In the afternoon we will visit the RHS garden at Hyde Hall near Chelmsford.

The total cost will be £22.00 pp.

Please contact Bill Yeoman, tel. 01843 845217.

Bill Yeoman

ACOL HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

SPRING SHOW

SATURDAY 7th APRIL

Acol Village Hall

Daffodils

Tulips

Other Spring Flowers

FLORAL ART - DOMESTIC -

HANDICRAFTS - PHOTOGRAPHY

Teas etc.

Raffle

Doors Open 2.30 - 4.30pm

ACOL HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

LATE SPRING SHOW

For Daffodils and Tulips
Open to Members and Non-Members

SATURDAY 21st APRIL

Acol Village Hall

Doors Open 2.30 - 4.30pm

Afternoon Tea 4.30 - 5.00pm

USEFUL INFORMATION

ACOL ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY AND PARISH COUNCIL AGM WILL BE AT 2PM ON TUESDAY 10TH APRIL. VILLAGERS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND TO ASK QUESTIONS OR OFFER OBSERVATIONS ON VILLAGE MATTERS. VILLAGERS WILL ALSO BE WELCOME AT THE ANNUAL VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING AT 6PM ON MONDAY 9TH APRIL.

REFUSE COLLECTIONS

Refuse (black) & waste food

16th April

30th April

Recycling (blue), red bag & waste food

9th April

23rd April

7th May

Ring TDC, **577115**, if you are unable to put your bins out, or **577727** for queries.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH.

Contact Iris Osborne on 840901 for information on anything suspicious.

VILLAGE FACEBOOK WEBSITE

Keep an eye on village affairs at [facebook.com.acol.village](https://www.facebook.com/acol.village).

VILLAGE HALL

Please ring **841691** for enquiries or to book the Hall.

REGULAR BOOKINGS

Monday afternoons (term time) - Pam's People

First Tuesday evening - AHS meeting

All other Tuesday evenings, Dance Fitness Class

Wednesday 9.00 to 16.30 (term time), Village Textiles

Alternate Wednesday evenings - Life Drawing Art Group

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

Friday 9.00 to 16.30 (term time), Village Textiles

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

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

CCTV CAMERAS

Any incident or damage in The Street can be reported to 844706 for culprits to be identified.

ACOL PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council website can be found at: 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.

Sheila Bransfield

MINSTER SURGERY

WELCOME BACK!

We are delighted to announce that Sandra Houghton will be returning to the Practice on Tuesday 3rd April. Sandra left the Practice to become Practice Manager at a surgery in Herne Bay and will now return as Assistant Practice Manager at Minster.

SPRING FAYRE

Our Annual Spring Fayre will take place on Saturday 12th May at Old Schools as usual, Tables remain at £8 for small and £12 for large and are selling fast, so please book early to avoid disappointment

MISSED APPOINTMENTS

36 PATIENTS DID NOT ATTEND THEIR DOCTOR'S APPOINTMENT

47 PATIENTS DID NOT ATTEND THEIR NURSES APPOINTMENT

THIS IS STILL 83 UNUSED APPOINTMENTS and WASTED TIME

So Please remember - DON'T NEED IT? CANCEL IT! By Phone, By Text, or On-line.

"FRIENDS AND FAMILY" SURVEY

A total of 140 patients responded last month with the following results:

Extremely likely/Likely - 93%; Extremely unlikely/Unlikely - 3%; Unsure/Don't know - 4%

SURGERY CLOSURE DAYS

Please note that the surgery will close at 12.00 Mid-day on the following days for the purpose of staff training:

Thursday 26th April; Wednesday 23rd May; Thursday 28th June

BANK HOLIDAYS

The surgery will be closed all day on: Monday 7th May and Monday 28th May

Please ensure you have sufficient medication to last you during these periods, 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 on 111, to receive non-urgent confidential health advice and information for all the family, available 24 hours a day and 7 days a week For Urgent/Life threatening issues, dial 999 as normal.

PATIENT LIAISON GROUP MEETING

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

PLEASE CAN YOU HELP?

Wanted:

Someone to deliver monthly editions of Acol Village Voice to 38 houses in Acol. Delivery round covers Nursery Fields and Margate Hill.

What's in it for you? - Not a lot! You get wet when it rains, cold when it freezes and catch your hands on some pretty vicious letterboxes. On the plus side, you serve your community and meet some nice people on your travels.

For more details contact Jon Inchley on 847705.

THANKYOU

Jon



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The Crispe Charity

The Trustees of the Crispe Charity will meet in November to consider applications for grants to young people in the ecclesiastical parish of Birchington with Acol and also from organisations working with young people in the parish.

The Charity is able to make grants to individuals between the ages of 16 and 24 years, who have left school, and are beginning to study, or studying, at college or university, or are starting in an apprenticeship in their first job. The grants are to assist with the cost of books, equipment and course fees.

Grants to organisations are to assist with equipment and activities for young people.

Application forms are available from the above address.

Yours faithfully

Ann Story

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ACOL HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY
MURDER MYSTERY EVENING

IN VILLAGE HALL
ON SATURDAY 12TH MAY AT 7.00p.m.

ADMISSION
£6.00 per
head

Including SUPPER
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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.

This edition of Village Voice has not been sponsored.

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 May 2018.