

# **ACOL VILLAGE VOICE**

## **March 2018**

### **WATCH OUT THERE ARE VILLAINS ABOUT**

Kent residents are being warned of doorstep criminals taking advantage of the current bad weather. Anyone calling at your home offering to do work on your roof, guttering, driveway, or inside your property, should be treated with caution.

Accepting work from a doorstep criminal can result in paying much more than you intended for very poor, unnecessary and sometimes dangerous work.

Doorstep criminals are targeting Sandwich residents claiming they need building work carried out to their homes including roof or chimney repairs.

The criminals became forceful and intimidating when a resident refused the work.

If you require work done to your home get at least three quotes and never give a doorstep caller cash. For a list of Kent County Council approved traders visit [Checkatrade](#) or phone 0333 0146 190.

Please look out for neighbours and report any suspicious doorstep criminals to your Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinator.

Also, from Iris Osborne on Monday March 5<sup>th</sup>:

Please be aware that suspicious characters in a van were seen in the village this afternoon and ran off when challenged.

Please make sure your properties are secure and report any further concerns to me.

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

#### **Winners for the Month of February 2017 were:**

Member no. 125 who won 1<sup>st</sup> prize of £19.00

Member no. 48, who won 2<sup>nd</sup> prize of £11.40 and

Member no. 28, who won 3<sup>rd</sup> prize of £7.60

£38.00 was donated to the Village Hall funds

The results of the draw to be held on 7th March will be published in the next edition of Village Voice.

The following draw will be held on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2018. Should you have any questions, or wish to join the scheme, please contact Iris Osborne (840901)

## FORTHCOMING VILLAGE HALL EVENTS

Sat 7 <sup>th</sup> Apr.	2.30 to 4.30pm	<b>AHS SPRING SHOW</b>
Mon 9 <sup>th</sup> Apr.	6.00pm	<b>Acol Village Hall Management Committee AGM</b>
Tues 10 <sup>th</sup> Apr.	2.00pm	<b>Acol Parish Assembly and Parish Council AGM</b>

## Pilgrims Hospice Lottery

I have been made aware that the Pilgrims Hospice Lottery Office in Canterbury has been canvassing within the Village for new membership. Certain of those included on my collection list were concerned, and wondered if I was no longer the collector for the round.

Please be assured that I continue in this role, and should anyone wish to join, please contact me and I will happily add you to my list.

Iris Osborne

01843 840901 [irisosborne789@btopenworld.com](mailto:irisosborne789@btopenworld.com)

ACOL HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

## SPRING SHOW

SATURDAY 7<sup>th</sup> 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

SUNDAY 21<sup>st</sup> APRIL

Acol Village Hall

Doors Open 2.30 - 4.30pm Staging

Judging 5.00pm

Afternoon Tea 4.30 - 5.00pm

## **USEFUL INFORMATION**

### **ROAD CLOSURE**

THANET WAY/ CANTERBURY ROAD WEST will be subject to NIGHT CLOSURES, from ST NICHOLAS ROUNDABOUT to MINSTER (PROSPECT) ROUNDABOUT, 7pm to 5am, on FRIDAY 16<sup>th</sup> MARCH and MONDAY 19<sup>th</sup> to THURSDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> MARCH.

### **REFUSE COLLECTIONS**

Refuse (black) & waste food

19<sup>th</sup> March

2<sup>nd</sup> April

Recycling (blue), red bag & waste food

12<sup>th</sup> March

26<sup>th</sup> March

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

### **NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH.**

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

### **VILLAGE HALL**

Please ring **841691** to book 2018 dates in the Hall.

#### **REGULAR BOOKINGS**

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)

#### **2018 EVENTS BOOKED**

**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> April, all day, AHS SPRING SHOW**

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> April, 2pm, Acol Parish Assembly and Parish Council AGM.**

**Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> April, all day, AHS LATE SPRING SHOW**

**Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> May, evening, AHS are holding a Murder Mystery evening.**

### **CCTV CAMERAS**

If you witness or are subject to any incident in The Street, please ring 844706 to enable culprits to be identified.

### **VILLAGE FACEBOOK WEBSITE**

Don't forget the village Facebook page: [facebook.com.acol.village](https://facebook.com/acol.village). You can keep up to date with events or notices for the village.

### **ACOL PARISH COUNCIL**

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/)

**THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE THE PARISH ASSEMBLY, FOLLOWED BY THE PARISH COUNCIL AGM, COMMENCING AT 2PM ON TUESDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> APRIL.**

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**

### ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY - A REMINDER!

In common with all NHS premises Minster Surgery operates a "Zero Tolerance Policy". Unfortunately, there has been an increase in abusive language used when telephoning the surgery, which is totally unacceptable and will not be tolerated.

Like many other NHS Services, we have had an unprecedented demand on our services throughout the winter months which has been exacerbated by long term absence of staff. However, we have now taken steps to help resolve this.

### NEW FACILITY IN THE WAITING ROOM

A new automatic voice guidance "Weight Management System" has now been installed in the waiting room free for Patient's use. It is very easy to use - just step on and follow the instructions, which then provides you with a printout of the results.

### MISSED APPOINTMENTS

22 PATIENTS DID NOT ATTEND THEIR DOCTOR'S APPOINTMENT.

47 PATIENTS DID NOT ATTEND THEIR NURSES APPOINTMENT.

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

### ANNUAL SPRING FAYRE SATURDAY 12TH MAY

This will take place at the Old Schools Hall Minster as usual. Tables are on sale now at £8 for small and £12 for large so please book early to avoid disappointment.

### "WALK FOR LIFE" ACTIVITY PROGRAMME

This will resume this month so please come and join us in a walk around the local area for about an hour or so, with the aim of meeting people, becoming more active and enjoying our community. They take place every Thursday at 10.30 so please come along and join us, or If you would like further information please contact the surgery.

### "FRIENDS AND FAMILY" SURVEY

Last month responses were as follows:

Extremely likely/Likely - 92%; Extremely unlikely/Unlikely - 6%; Unsure/Don't know - 2%

### 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: Wed 21st March; Thurs 26th April; Wed 23rd May

#### **BANK HOLIDAYS;**

The surgery will be closed all day on:

Good Friday 30th March and Easter Monday 2nd April

Monday 7th May; and Monday 28th May

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.

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

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**PATIENT 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).

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#### Advertising

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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> April 2018.