

ACOL VILLAGE VOICE

July 2018

TRAFFIC CALMING - HAPPENING SOON

More than 40 Villagers attended the meeting with KCC Highways on 25th June, so many of you will be aware of the proposals for traffic calming through the Village. The ultimate solution remains the provision of a by-pass via Columbus Avenue, but this work will at least slow down the traffic passing through the village, and possibly deter those who use the village as a race track, pending the long term solution as set out in the Local Plan.

You will also be aware of the views expressed by Villagers as to the appropriateness of the plans relative to the perceived needs. In all there was a good exchange of views, and whilst the proposals were broadly welcomed, there were a number who thought that the proposals did not go anything like far enough, particularly in respect of residents of Margate Hill.

However, the consensus was that the proposals as put forward should go ahead, modified in some small details, and KCC Highways agreed to take away a number of future enhancements for further consideration, including the extension of the 30MPH Zone from the edge of the Village to the Acol Roundabout beyond Cleve Court and the trial closure of Crispe Road to stop the Brooks End to Shottendane Road rat-run.

KCC Highways will shortly be sending a leaflet to each household in the Village giving details of the work to be undertaken and advising that work will commence on 30th July (the delay from the previous planned start date has been negotiated to allow the AHS Summer Show to take place on 28th July without disruption).

This traffic calming has been achieved as a result of many years of lobbying and with the support of many people down the years. We are grateful to all those who have contributed to this small victory for the village.

CROWN & SCEPTRE

Villagers will be pleased to know that the latest appeal by the developer against the enforcement notice issued by TDC in February has been firmly rejected by the Planning Inspectorate. Thus the developer should now be required to reinstate the façade of the Crown & Sceptre at the earliest possible moment.

We look forward to the restoration of our old building and the removal of the eyesore blighting the centre of our village, and are in regular contact with TDC Planning to try to ensure that they discharge their enforcement responsibilities.

POLICE SURGERY

Acol has a new PCSO, Deborah Forsyth, and she is keen to meet villagers and provide them with an opportunity to raise issues of policing etc. To that end she is proposing to hold what she hopes will be the first of a regular series of Police Surgeries on 1st August 2018, starting at 2.00pm for one hour. Please drop in to meet the PCSO and make her welcome.

ACOL VILLAGE HALL SUPPORT FUND - 200 Club

Winners for the Month of June 2018 were:

Member no. 16 who won 1st prize of £19.00
Member no. 91, who won 2nd prize of £11.40 and
Member no. 140, who won 3rd prize of £7.60

Winners for the Month of July 2018 were:

Member no. 69 who won 1st prize of £19.00
Member no. 48, who won 2nd prize of £11.40 and
Member no. 71, who won 3rd prize of £7.60

A total of £76.00 was donated to the Village Hall funds

Should you have any questions, or wish to join the scheme, please contact Iris Osborne (840901).

FORTHCOMING VILLAGE HALL EVENTS

Mon 9 th Jul	6.00pm	PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Sat 28 th Jul	2.00pm	AHS SUMMER SHOW.
Mon 30 th Jul - Wed 5 th Sep		MINSTER ROAD CLOSED, ROAD WORKS FOR TRAFFIC CALMING.
Wed 1 st Aug	2.00pm	POLICE SURGERY
Sat 11 th Aug	2.30pm	AHS NOSH 'N' NATTER

VILLAGE TEXTILES EXHIBITION - 4th & 5th AUGUST
at The Old School, Minster 10.00am to 5.00pm
Come and see an exhibition of the work of the Textile Artists
who meet in Acol Village Hall twice a week
- and enjoy a cup of tea and some delicious cakes!

USEFUL INFORMATION

REFUSE COLLECTIONS

Refuse (black), Garden (Green) & waste food

9th July
23rd July
6th August

Recycling (blue), red bag & waste food

16th July
30th July

If you have problems putting your bins out, ring TDC, **577115**, or **577727** with queries.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH.

Please ensure that Iris Osborne (on 840901) has your contact details to advise you of suspicious behaviour or local crimes.

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)

FUTURE BOOKINGS

Monday 9th July, 6pm, Acol Parish Council Meeting.

Saturday 28th July, 2.30 - 4.30pm, AHS SUMMER SHOW.

Wednesday 1st August, 2.00pm, PCSO SURGERY

Saturday 11th August, afternoon/early evening - AHS NOSH & NATTER

Saturday 22nd September, 2pm - AHS AUTUMN SHOW.

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.

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MINSTER SURGERY

NEW APPOINTMENT SYSTEM

With effect from 25th June the existing "sit and wait" appointment system will be replaced by a new "Acute Clinic" which will be primarily for general and minor ailments. For example: Coughs, Colds, 'Flu, Temperatures, Various Infections, Conjunctivitis, Sickness and diarrhoea, Severe Indigestion, Exacerbation of Asthma and COPD. A GP and/or Nurse Practitioner will be holding daily "Telephone Triage Clinics" every morning, who will then allocate appointments with the Acute Clinic where appropriate. Also available on the day, will be appointments for those patients who have previously seen a Doctor, had recent hospital referrals or have ongoing medical conditions. Medication Reviews will still be available to book in advance where necessary. For further detailed information please see the posters on our notice boards in the waiting room.

IT'S HOLIDAY TIME

Please remember to order your Repeat Prescriptions in good time, and most importantly, check whether your Annual Review is imminent. Please also remember that our Healthcare Professionals take their holidays at this time as well and our resources may be slightly stretched, so please make your appointments in good time and ensure they are used appropriately.

SURGERY CLOSURE DAYS

Please note that the surgery will close from 12.00 Mid-day onwards on the following days:

Staff Training - Wednesday 18th July;

Bank Holiday - Monday 27th August - closed all day

Please ensure that you have sufficient medication to last you during these times, and of course, please include all the family who may require repeat prescriptions and check when their medication review appointment is due.

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 you and your family.

For Urgent/Life threatening cases please dial 999 as normal.

MISSED APPOINTMENTS

Last Month: 31 PATIENTS DID NOT attend their DOCTOR'S APPOINTMENT

42 PATIENTS DID NOT attend their NURSES APPOINTMENT

FRIENDS AND FAMILY SURVEY

Last month a total of 226 patients responded with the following results:

Extremely likely/Likely - 90%; Extremely unlikely/Unlikely - 5%; Unsure/Don't know - 5%

PATIENT GROUP MEETING

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



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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.

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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 5th August 2018.