

ACOL VILLAGE VOICE

September 2022

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS 2022

Children's Party

As many of you will know, Jessica Adams of Nursery Fields has agreed to organise a Christmas Party for village children and their wider families (regardless of Acol residency) 10.00am - 12.00 noon on Saturday 26th November.

Entertainment will include a soft play area and a Disco, and there will be food supplied. Further details will appear on the Acol Facebook Group, but pre-booking will be required. The Village Hall Management Committee will be providing financial support to the event.

Adults Party (formerly Senior Citizens Christmas Party)

The event will take place on the evening of Saturday 10th December 7.00 for 7.30pm. The Management Committee have identified a local caterer who will provide a catering service comprising a three-course hot meal and coffee.

We have also secured the attendance of "The Greyhound Buskers" Ukelele Band who have provided such wonderful entertainment for the last few years. Final details are being arranged and we will advise you further as soon as we have finalised the meal etc.

Please note that we will be making tickets available on a first come, first served basis and that the Hall can only accommodate 40 attendees for a sit-down meal. So, if you know of anyone from the wider community who is a supporter of events in our Village - Horticultural Society, Art Group etc., then please make sure they are aware that they need to book their meal as soon as tickets come available - probably at the time of the October edition of the Village Voice.

Reindeer Drive

Bill Yeoman has once more agreed to hold our annual Reindeer Drive on 17th December. This very popular event for all ages is an excellent excuse for fun and laughter in the run-up to Christmas. It will include a bring and share supper (bring your own drinks!), and tickets will be available on the door.

Letter from Jim Barber:

Dear friends,

This year we are once again going to celebrate Christmas within the village with our community Carols in the village hall on Friday 16th December at 7pm. There will be all your favourite seasonal Carols and the concert will as ever be followed by refreshments with home-made soup.

We are so aware that Covid has made the last 3 years impossible, but we really hope that this year will be different.

Please come along on the 16th and start your Christmas celebration with us, we really look forward to seeing you.

Yours Jim Barber.

ACOL VILLAGE HALL SUPPORT FUND - 200 CLUB

The next draw will be on Wednesday 7th September 2022. Should you have any questions, or wish to join the scheme, please contact Iris Osborne (838829).

FORTHCOMING VILLAGE HALL EVENTS

Sat 24th Sept. 2.30pm **AHS Autumn Show**

Tues 4th Oct. 7.30pm **AHS Meeting - Jacqueline Aviolet
- 'I Am a Tulip, What Are You?'**

AUTO SPEEDWATCH

At the next Acol Parish Council meeting (Monday 26th September, 11.00 at The Village Hall) the Council will consider a report recommending the installation of an Auto Speedwatch system for the village.

Auto Speedwatch is based-upon a solar-powered device that captures images of the rear of speeding vehicles and sends these, together with speed and registration data for checking, to an Internet Dashboard. Community Speedwatch volunteers then need to check and verify the information for onward transmission to the Police via the Community Speedwatch system. Communities that have already introduced the system have seen significant increases in the numbers of speeding offences reported, followed by correspondingly reduced speeding incidents.

Whilst Auto Speedwatch can reduce the load on volunteers in roadside sessions and help maintain a more consistent speeding deterrent, its backing by Kent Police is contingent upon there being active Speedwatch teams in the communities in which they operate. Acol struggles to maintain an active Speedwatch presence, and we are therefore appealing, once more, for additional volunteers to come forward to help in mounting regular Speedwatch sessions on our roads. The time commitment is minimal - typically two or three hours per month. Initial training is online and followed in practical session with experienced volunteers.

Please contact Richard Steel - email richardjohnsteel@outlook.com or call 07770 281113 - to register your interest.

VILLAGE INFORMATION

IMPORTANT ADVICE

On 28th June 2022, the Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act introduced new powers for police forces to ban Travellers setting up camp illegally on other people's land. This will now be a criminal offence and, if they refuse to move, they could be liable to up to 3 months in prison or a fine of up to £2,500 or both and/or seizure of their vehicle. The Home Office advise that the government has a £10 million capital grant fund for 2022/23 to support local authorities in providing accommodation for them. If villagers notice any illegal parking, please advise the Parish Council in order that police action can be taken.

VILLAGE HALL

Please ring 841691, with enquiries about the use of the Hall, existing events or any new bookings. Messages can be sent to Sheila.Bransfield@btinternet.com but they do not always get through in good time, so phone calls are better.

Please note a valuable addition to the Hall; a resident has kindly donated an electronic organ for use by Hall users. If anyone would like to practice or learn to play, please ring 841691 to fit in an appropriate date and time.

REFUSE COLLECTIONS

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

12th September

26th September

5th September

19th September

3rd October

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

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Advice to newcomers, we have a contact in the village who updates everyone who is registered with her about local problems that could impact upon us. Ring Iris Osborne on 07951 072914.

KENT POLICE

East Kent Division Rural Police Team can be contacted on 07980 978202, with enquiries.

PCSO

Please contact our PCSO, Eileen Shrubsole, at eileen.shrubsole@kent.police.uk with queries.

ACOL PARISH COUNCIL

Our website is at acolparishcouncil.org.uk or you can ring 844706 for any information you need. Our next meeting will be at 11am on Monday 26th September.

Sheila Bransfield

ACOL HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

The Acol Horticultural Society is holding its Autumn Show on Saturday, 24th September at 2.30pm in the marquee at the rear of the Village Hall. This is the last chance of the year to show your prowess as a grower of vegetables and flowers, as a maker of the finest cakes, jams and pickles, or as a painter, photographer, flower arranger or maker of things. There are also classes for children under 14 years with cash prizes. Please show your support for the village of Acol by coming along and enjoying the atmosphere and exhibits. Better than that - become an exhibitor.

Schedules are available from **Steve and Theresa, tel. 846364 or myself, tel. 845217.**

This show also incorporates the Thanet Beekeepers' annual Honey Show, where various types of honey and bee related products will be on show.

The marquee will be erected at 9.00 am on **Saturday 17th September.** Anyone who is available to help is welcome to come along to the hall. Your assistance would be very much appreciated.

Following the Autumn Show, on **Tuesday 4th October at 7.30pm** in the Village Hall the monthly meeting will see **Jacqueline Aviolet** talking on '**I Am a Tulip, What Are You**'. An entertaining evening is assured. Remember 15th October when it will be the **Gardeners' Supper.** Details to be confirmed.

It is free to members and £3 to non-members. OR you can join the Society: - £4 single and £7 for a couple.

Bill Yeoman.

MINSTER SURGERY

Covid-19 and FLU VACCINATION PROGRAMME - UPDATE:

WINTER 'FLU Vaccination AND COVID BOOSTER Vaccination Programs:

PLEASE NOTE:

ALL booster Vaccinations will be administered at the Vaccine Centre except for housebound Patients

ALL 'Flu vaccinations are likely to be held at the Surgery and will be confirmed by Text message

All eligible Patients will receive a text message in due course inviting them to book an appointment for their Vaccinations.

Minster Surgery Invites you to Come and join us at "The World's Biggest Coffee Morning" on Friday 30th September from 10.00am to 1.00 pm

In Aid of Macmillan Cancer Support.

For further information search: coffee.macmillan.org.uk/about

PLEASE NOTE The Surgery will be closed on:

Thursday 22nd September - From 1pm onwards - for Staff Training

If you need to see a doctor during these times

Please Call 111 for NON-URGENT confidential help and advice for you and your family.

For COVID-19 help and advice - Call 119

For URGENT/LIFE threatening Cases Call 999 as normal



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ACOL ART GROUP

If you would like to try your hand at drawing or painting, **Acol Art Group** meets every Thursday afternoon in the Village Hall from 1.30pm.

Whether you are an established artist or a beginner, you are all welcome to join the group.

We would be pleased to see you.

Editor's 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.

Advertising

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Contributions for the next edition must be received by 5th October 2022.