

ACOL VILLAGE VOICE

November 2023

FORTHCOMING VILLAGE HALL EVENTS

Sat 25 th Nov.	7.30pm	AHS CHRISTMAS QUIZ
Sat 9 th Dec	7.00pm	ADULTS CHRISTMAS PARTY
Fri 15 th Dec	7.00pm	COMMUNITY CAROLS
Sat 16 th Dec	2.00pm	CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY
	7.00pm	AHS REINDEER DRIVE
Thurs 21 st Dec	7.30pm	PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

NEWS FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL

At the recent Parish Council meeting (26th October) Councillors thought our village would wish to support the national commemoration of the eightieth anniversary of D-Day on 6th June 2024, details of which may be found at <https://www.d-day80beacons.co.uk/> **We are appealing for volunteers to help organise our participation.** If you can help, please email clerk@acolparishcouncil.org.uk or call 01843 844706 and leave a message including your name and contact details.

At the suggestion of Mark and Lucie Godfrey, who had collated details of many overweight vehicles travelling through the village over several days (for which, many thanks) Richard has written, as Council Chair, to the three most prolific violators of the Acol thoroughfare 7.5 tonne weight limit.

Additionally, the first joint enforcement activity by the police and Acol Speedwatch Team has been planned for Tuesday 7th November. Wider enforcement activity, covering all Thanet villages, will take place later in the month.

Wendy reported on her meeting with Cllr. Neville Hudson, Chair of Birchington Parish Council, to learn more about its preparation of a Local Neighbourhood Plan and confirmed our own aim of developing an Acol plan, which will commence with an initial "village appraisal" and canvassing of residents' views.

The meeting featured a good deal of discussion of the extensive development, planned and underway, across Thanet, with concerns about continuing loss of grade 1 agricultural land, pressure on scarce resources and unscrupulous

developers. KCC Councillor Derek Crow-Brown also noted that the urgent need for new and improved infrastructure to accommodate new development was recognised by both the KCC and TDC Leaders.

Sarah outlined plans for a New Year's Eve Party in Acol Village Hall. Details to follow soon.

The next Parish Council meeting (Thursday 21st December at 7.30 pm) will consider the draft PC budget for 2024. Please contact any Councillor with suggestions or views you may have on what should (or should not) be included. Full minutes of the Parish Council meeting are on the Acol PC website, which now includes a meeting attendance record that will be updated for every future meeting.

Richard Steel (Chair)

ACOL VILLAGE HALL SUPPORT FUND - 200 CLUB

Winners for the Month of November 2023 were:

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

Member no.54, who won 2nd prize of £10.00 and

Member no.66, who won 3rd prize of £5.00.

£60.00 has been donated to the Village Hall funds.

The next draw will be on Wednesday 6th December 2023. Should you have any questions, or wish to join the scheme, please contact Iris Osborne (838829).

VILLAGE INFORMATION

VILLAGE HALL

We try to keep the Hall in good condition so that it is fit for purpose, and all hirers can be confident that the hall will be clean and tidy when they arrive. Sadly, there seems to be a tendency for people to leave unwanted "stuff" in the kitchen rather than take it home - if you don't want it then please suitably dispose of it. Unwanted or unclaimed raffle prizes will be welcomed at any of the numerous charity shops. Left-over party napkins, plates etc. should not be left in cupboards - especially when there is no foreseeable future use for them. Food or drinks should not be left in the refrigerator or Freezer.

HALL BOOKINGS

It is nice to be able to report that the Hall usage now matches or exceeds the usage pre-pandemic. However, that does mean that you need to book the Hall for an event (private or public) well in advance, and start thinking about 2024. If anyone wishes to check availability for hiring, please ring Sheila Bransfield on **841691**.

Editor's Note:

Please can anyone who receives notifications about Road Closures or planned Power Outages ensure that I am advised (inchley@btinternet.com) or ring 847705 at the earliest opportunity so that I may include the information in Village Voice and also advise hirers of the Hall. The closure of 30th October - 1st November meant that two hirings involving two sessions and about twenty embroiderers had to be postponed at the last minute due to lack of parking and heating for the hall. Please do not assume that, because you have received notification, that everyone in the Village has. Eg Dilnot Lane has an underground electric feed, whereas the Street is fed overground, so we don't get told about replacing poles. Further, because Dilnot Lane is not on the main road between Minster and Birchington, we got no prior notification that access to the Village and through the Village was to be closed!

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REFUSE COLLECTIONS

Refuse (black), Garden Waste (Green) & waste food	Recycling (blue), red bag & waste food
6 th November	13 th November
20 th November	27 th November
4 th December	

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

Details of Christmas collections will be published in the next edition. Please remember that there will be no Green Bin collection over the Christmas period.

THANET VILLAGES BEAT OFFICER

In case of need contact Police Constable Beth Nimmin. Her contact details are: Mobile 07969584306 : Email - 14331@kent.police.uk

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Iris Osborne continues to advise everyone of local issues. Please ring her on **07951 072914** if you have questions or require information.

KENT POLICE

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

ACOL PARISH COUNCIL

As well as Acol Village Voice you can find out more about what's occurring in Acol via Facebook on the Acol, Kent community page (www.facebook.com/Acol.Village).

For village chit-chat, news and views join the private Acol, Kent group which has been going since 2019 and now has over 350 members. Please remember that if you do invite anyone to join the group you should let them know that they will need to answer some membership questions and agree to follow the group rules. Please be kind and always remain courteous so that we can all enjoy the group and the social service it provides.

Of course, other news and information is available on the Acol Parish Council website at www.acolparishcouncil.org.uk or ring 845363.

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BT Phishing Scam

Scammers are sending emails claiming to be from BT. These messages state that you need to 'refresh' your account due to security measures. The emails include a fake link that will encourage you to 'verify' your account but it is all a scam to steal your personal data.

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ACOL HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

On Saturday 25th November at 7pm, Acol Horticultural Society is holding a Christmas Quiz. The usual rules will apply with tables of up to eight people. Bring your own drink and food to share on your table. It was decided to hold a seasonal quiz night instead of a party. An evening of fun is still assured with our normal Quizmaster.

As is customary with our Christmas party there will be no entry charge but there will be a raffle, in order to raise a little money to pay for wonderful prizes to be won by the winners, so you will need to bring some cash, please.

Please notify Steve or Theresa (01843 846963) if you wish to air your knowledge as we need to know numbers.

Remember we meet on the first Tuesday of the month.
You can join the Society:- £4 single and £7 for a couple.

This will be the last meeting until February next year.



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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.

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Contributions for the next edition must be received by 5th December 2023.