

ACOL VILLAGE VOICE

APRIL 2023

KING'S CORONATION CELEBRATIONS

The Acol Coronation Celebration Committee are pleased to confirm that a Garden Party will take place on Saturday 6th May from 1:30 pm in the garden of Thane House, Crispe Road. The good residents of Acol are invited to attend and join the festivities.

The event will be similar to last year's Platinum Jubilee Garden Party. Once again there will be a Bouncy Castle, face painting (1:30 to 2:30) and crafting activities for the children.

It's a bring your own picnic food and drinks or food for sharing. Paper plates, napkins, celebratory cakes and other nibbles will be available and if it's a warm day we plan on supplying a selection of ice-creams and ice lollies. Although there will be some seating, we suggest you bring your own picnic chairs or blankets. We'll have bunting and other decorations to suit the occasion.

Like last year we plan on having a tombola. We already have a small selection of prizes but if anyone has anything that they could donate it would be very much appreciated. The proceeds from last year will be added to this year's with a view to funding a commemorative bench in the Crispe Road playing field.

It's another opportunity for our community to come together in celebration, made possible with funding from Acol Parish Council for the event, by the Village Hall Management Committee supplying the children's Coronation Mugs and through the generosity of Wendy and Gavin for hosting it in their garden.

If we are unlucky with the weather the alternative venue for the event will be in the Village Hall from 2 pm. Unfortunately, it will mean no bouncy castle!

If anyone has mobility difficulties or other concerns but would like to attend, we want to do our utmost to make this possible for you. Please get in touch with Karen 07955 096 467

Karen Ault

ACOL VILLAGE HALL SUPPORT FUND - 200 Club

The next draw will take place on the 3rd May 2023. Results of the April draw (held on 5th April 2023) will be published in the next edition of Village Voice. Should you have any questions or wish to join the scheme, please contact Iris Osborne (838 829)

FORTHCOMING VILLAGE HALL EVENTS

28th Apr 7.30pm Acol Book Club

17th Apr 11.00 am. ACOL PARISH COUNCIL

2nd May 7.30pm. AHS - Darren Everest will talk on "How I Grow Dahlias"

ACOL HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

The AHS SPRING SHOW, held on 1st April, was a wonderful event. Many tables had been set up and all were full! Personally, I had not expected many people would be able to attend, due to weather and traffic, but I was very much mistaken. I passed apologies from David Hayfield, the AHS President, as he was unwell and could not attend. I was amazed at the number of displays, flowers, cakes and photographs. They were all spectacular.

Sheila Bransfield

Acol Horticultural Society's next meeting is on **Tuesday, 2nd May** when the subject is "How I grow Dahlias." The speaker will be Darren Everest who is a renowned dahlia expert.

The **Spring Show** was a reasonable show considering the weather. However, we had some very good exhibits in the flowers and in particular the Floral Art had some excellent displays. It was good to see some new faces in attendance and thanks to those who entered their flowers and supported the Acol Horticultural Society and a village event. It would be good if more of you good people of Acol would come along and support these events.

A QUIZ NIGHT will be held on **Saturday 13th May** in Acol Village Hall starting at 7.00pm for 7.30pm. The cost will be **£7, which includes supper** (which will be 'cod bites or sausage and chips'). Make a team up or just come along and a team desperate for your wealth of knowledge will be found. **It is important that you contact Steve or Theresa on 01843 846963 to book your place and make a choice of food.**

Saturday 13th May 7 for 7.30. "Quiz Night" Tickets £7 (includes supper)

Tuesday 6th June at 7pm "Rose Show"

Saturday 29th July Macmillan Cancer Support Fundraiser. Details later.

All these events will take place in Acol Village Hall.

Remember we meet on the first Tuesday of the month.

You can join the Society:- £4 single and £7 for a couple.

Bill Yeoman.

VILLAGE INFORMATION

VILLAGE HALL

I explained the number of hall bookings last month and they continue to increase. There are still a few spaces, so please ring if you wish to book a meeting or event - 841 691.

BOOK/FILM CABINET

Please don't forget there is a cabinet outside the Village Hall with books and DVDs for your use. If you wish to exchange those you have, that is welcome, but the cabinet is quite full! For clarity, the cabinet is not locked, it is closed with a shackle, and easily opened by unscrewing the shackle.

REFUSE COLLECTIONS

Refuse (black)), Garden Waste (green)
& waste food
10th April
24th April
8th May

Recycling (blue), red bag & waste food
17th April
1st May

Ring TDC on **577115**, if you have problems, or **577 727** with queries.

PCSO

No news yet received about our new PCSO

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Iris Osborne continues to advise everyone of local issues. Please ring her on **07980 978 202** if you have questions or information.

KENT POLICE

Contact **07980 978202** for the East Kent Division Rural Police Team

ACOL PARISH COUNCIL

Access APC website at acolparishcouncil.org.uk or ring 844 706 for information or help.

Our next meeting will be at 11am on MONDAY 17th APRIL. Please ring the Parish Council in advance if there is an item you wish to raise for discussion. This will then be included on the agenda in order that all villagers are given the opportunity to contribute.

Sheila Bransfield

ACOL PARISH COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of the meeting of Acol Parish Council held in the Village Hall, Acol,
on Monday 30th January 2023 at 15.30 pm.

Present: Councillors Miss Bransfield ((Chairman), Hayfield, Inchley and Mrs. Osborn.
Also present: Mrs. K. Ault and Roy Wade (Clerk)

50. MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meeting held on 12th December 2022 be approved subject to an amendment to Minute 44 - Auto Speedwatch for Acol - to reduce the number of Speedwatch units to 1.

51. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr. Mrs. Winpenny.

52. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made.

53. REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN

The Chairman had no matters to report upon.

54. HIGHWAYS IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME

- Members noted that further information was still to be received from Cllr. Crow-Brown. It was noted that the signs restricting lorries of 7.5 tonnes from using certain village roads had been erected.

55. SPEEDWATCH

The Clerk reported that Clir. Mrs. Winpenny would report on this subject to the next meeting.

56. REPORT ON THE REFURBISHMENT OF THE CHILDRENS' PLAYGROUND

Councillor Hayfield reported that he was awaiting information from Clir. Mrs. Wright on the repair or replacement of the gate at the Recreation Ground. David reported that the entrance to the Recreation Ground would be cleared but that it had not been necessary for the grass to be cut.

57. CLERK'S REPORT

(i) Budget 2023/4 **RESOLVED:** That the draft budget considered amended (copy attached) be approved and submitted for approval to TDC.

(ii) FINANCIAL MATTERS

[a] Payments - the following payments has been made since the last meeting:

Roy Wade	Clerk's salary	£1,000.00.
D Hayfield	Energy costs	£65.00

[b] Bank Balance As at 19 January 2023 £15942.33

(c) Retirement of Clerk The Clerk reported that he intended to retire in April 2023 following the audit of the Council's financial records.

Members suggested that he approach the clerks of the other Thanet Parish Councils to see if any would be prepared to become the clerk to Acol Parish Council.

58. REPORTS FROM COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

No councillors were in attendance to report.

59. MATTERS OF REPORT BY MEMBERS

No matters were raised.

60. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was agreed to hold the next meeting at 11.00am on 17 April 2023.

Minster Surgery

SPRING COVID BOOSTER CAMPAIGN

NHS England are launching a campaign starting shortly to offer all patients aged 75 and over and to those patients who have a low immunity system - immune suppressed - or long-term health conditions.

Eligible Patients will be contacted directly by either the Surgery or NHS direct and offered the booster Vaccination.

Please note that all vaccinations will be carried out at the Surgery on days and dates to be advised.

For further information: search www.nhs.uk

REPEAT PRESCRIPTIONS

Many of our patients will be aware that there is a shortage of certain medications and becoming frustrated by this, but unfortunately it is completely out of our control.

To overcome this we must stress that patients submit their prescription requests at **least 72 hours in advance** to allow our pharmacies sufficient time to prepare the prescriptions and to reorder certain medications where necessary.

Please also do not forget that the Pharmacist can give you help and advice on minor ailments as well as your medication.

Thank you for your help and understanding at this difficult time.

Surgery Easter closure dates:

Good Friday 7th April - Bank holiday

Easter Monday 10th April - bank Holiday

Please ensure you have sufficient medication to last you through the Easter Bank Holiday weekend and most importantly remember that your pharmacy may also be closed throughout the Bank Holiday weekend, so make sure you submit your prescription request in good time as already stated above!

Useful contact numbers:

call 111 for non-urgent and confidential advice for you and your family;

call 119 for covid help and advice.

Call 999 - for urgent and life-threatening cases.

PATIENT LIAISON GROUP

We are currently seeking members from the younger generation, students and those who work from home to assist us in a large project we are planning in the summer, generally at weekends. So even if you are in employment and would like to get involved, please contact a committee member.

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