

ACOL VILLAGE VOICE

October 2023

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS 2023

Community Carols in Village Hall - 15th December at 7.00pm.

Children's Party

Jessica Adams has organised another Christmas Party for village children and their wider families (regardless of Acol residency) 14.00 - 16.00 on Saturday 16th December.

There will be a children's Entertainer and a soft play area, and there will snacks provided. Further details will appear on the Acol Facebook Group, but pre-booking will be required and will cost £2-00 per child. 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 9th December (7.00 for 7.30pm). The Management Committee have invited the caterer to provide a similar repast for this year.

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, because 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 using the reply slip overleaf, which must be returned to the Village Hall post box.

Reindeer Drive

Bill Yeoman has once more agreed to run our annual Reindeer Drive on the evening of 16th 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.



FORTHCOMING VILLAGE HALL EVENTS

Thurs 26 th Oct	7.30pm	PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Tues 7 th Nov.	7.30pm	AHS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

ACOL CHRISTMAS PARTY

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I/We are adults.

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I/We wish to attend the party on Saturday 9th December in the Village Hall.

Name:

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Phone No.:

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email address.....

email address.....

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Address

Name:

Phone No.:

email address.....

Address

Please indicate any special dietary requirements below:

NEWS FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL

Among the agenda items for the next Parish Council meeting will be an Acol Local Area Plan. As part of our preparation, Wendy (Planning & Development Lead) had a very helpful meeting with Councillor Neville Hudson, the Chair of Birchington Parish Council, which has just finished drafting Its own LAP and is embarking on the final stage in its development - community consultation. A great deal of effort will be involved in the development of our own plan, but this will be a vital step in ensuring that we are able to maximise our community influence and input to any development that may affect us. Currently, Acol is the only Thanet village that is not affected by new building projects!

All Acol Parish Councillors are now involved in operating Speedwatch, as well as our lovely volunteers, Karen, and Lucie, but we could still do with more help. Please let me know if you can spare an hour or two.

From Chenice... 'As the lead for children & families within our community, I am thrilled to announce that I am organising a Reverse Advent Drive within Acol for the fifth year running. All donations will be going to "Community Kindness - Thanet", again, this year to help with their incredible work in Thanet. This year marks their biggest Christmas appeal to date, and I encourage all villagers to donate up to 24 non-perishable food/drink items or brand-new gifts. Please contact me at cllrchenicebutterworth@acolparishcouncil.org.uk for more information, or to arrange collection/drop off of your items before Monday 11th December 2023.'

The minutes of Parish Council meetings will no longer be published in Village Voice, but will always be available on the PC website - www.acolparishcouncil.org.uk/ - normally about a week following meetings, and copies can be provided on request.

The next meeting is on Thursday 26th October at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall. All are welcome.

Richard Steel (Chair)

ACOL VILLAGE HALL SUPPORT FUND - 200 CLUB

Winners for the Month of September 2023 were:

Member no. 121, who won 1st prize of £20.00.
Member no. 53, who won 2nd prize of £10.00 and
Member no. 54, who won 3rd prize of £5.00.

Winners for the Month of October 2023 were:

Member no.66, who won 1st prize of £20.00.
Member no.48, who won 2nd prize of £10.00 and
Member no.27, who won 3rd prize of £5.00.

£60.00 has been donated to the Village Hall funds.

The next draw will be on Wednesday 1st November 2023. Should you have any questions, or wish to join the scheme, please contact Iris Osborne (838829).

VILLAGE INFORMATION

VILLAGE HALL

We owe grateful thanks to Bill for keeping the Hall floor in tip-top condition and others who take time to keep our beautiful hall and its surroundings in pristine condition.

This month the exterior doors of the Hall have been re-varnished, the taps in the toilets have been replaced with push taps and the boiler has been serviced. We have also arranged for all the electrical appliances used in the Hall to be PAT tested.

HALL BOOKINGS

As anticipated last month, Hall usage has exceeded expectations. It is wonderful to see so many meetings and events, all of which help to fund the maintenance, etc. If anyone wishes to check availability for hiring, please ring Sheila Bransfield on 841691.

Most of the dance classes have now returned to normal, but the Instructor for those held on Sundays and Thursdays will be taking some holidays, on Sunday 8th, Thursday 12th and Sunday 15th October, after which all will return to normal.

BOOK/FILM CABINET

The cabinet appears to be extremely well used, which is wonderful!

DEFIBRILLATOR

No information has been received that the Defibrillator has been used, thankfully, but remember that it is available for use at any time. Just follow the instructions printed on the cabinet to obtain the access code and follow the instructions inside. The equipment has received its annual service visit this month.

REFUSE COLLECTIONS

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

9th October

16th October

23rd October

30th October

6th November

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

THANET VILLAGES BEAT OFFICER

We now have a new beat officer, Police Constable Beth Nimmin, replacing the role of the PCSO which is no longer supported. 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

APC website is available online at www.acolparishcouncil.org.uk/ or ring **845363**.

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 15th December at 7pm. There will, of course, be all your favourite seasonal Carols.

Please come along on the 15th and start your Christmas celebration with us, we really look forward to seeing you.

Yours

Jim Barber.

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ACOL HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Acol Horticultural Society's next meeting is at 7.30pm on Tuesday 7th November when it will be the **Annual General Meeting**. This is your opportunity to vote for the Committee you would like to carry on running and organising the Society. You may even consider joining the committee and/or making suggestions on what we should do. Please make an effort to attend this meeting and show support for the Society.

Remember we meet on the first Tuesday of the month.

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

A date for the future is 25th November. This will be the last meeting of 2023. Instead of the usual Christmas Party this year it has been decided to hold a Christmas Quiz. The usual rules will apply, with tables of up to eight people. Please make a note on the calendar.

Bill Yeoman.



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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 November 2023.