

ACOL VILLAGE VOICE

December 2022



Village Voice would like to wish all readers a safe and peaceful Christmas and a healthy New Year.

THANK YOU

To start with, a few words of thanks to all those who work selflessly in the background for the good of the Village and in the upkeep of its Hall.

I would particularly like to thank and pay tribute to the Village Hall Management Committee and their spouses, who have continued to serve the community to the best of their considerable abilities. Iris Osborne, for running the Support Fund, and for her hard work as Secretary and Treasurer, Sheila Bransfield for managing the Hall bookings and Karen Ault, Jude Manser, Chenice Butterworth and Bill Yeoman.

We must also thank David Hayfield, who willingly undertakes whatever urgent maintenance is required - and who erects and decorates our tree so beautifully every year, and the many others who give of their time for the benefit of others.

I should also thank the regular hirers of the Hall, who so obviously value and enjoy the facilities, and without whom we would not be able to ensure the upkeep and provide the enhancements for the benefit of all villagers.

On a personal note, I must also thank Bill Yeoman, Karen Ault and Jude Manser for helping me distribute the Village Voice each month, whatever the weather.

Jon

CHRISTMAS EVENTS

The Children's Party

This had been a great success and was well attended. We would like to thank Jessica Adams for arranging everything and also all those who assisted with the event. A total sum of £101 was paid by the Committee for the cost of the Soft Play item - other costs were met by the admission fee charged. It was hoped that the event will be held again next year, as it was pleasing to have an event once again for children being held in the Village.

Evening Entertainment

David Hayfield had helped organise a social evening and organ recital. There was no charge, and those attending provided their own food and drink. The event had proved to be very enjoyable, and it was hoped it could be repeated in the New Year.

Adults Christmas Party

I am pleased to be able to say that the Christmas Party will be going ahead with the catering provided by Tessa's Kitchen as planned on 10th December, (despite the clash with the World Cup Quarter final match!) with plenty of people signed up for an evening of food and frivolity.

Community Carols in the Village Hall

This traditional community carol concert will begin at 6.00pm on Friday 16th December, and will be followed by home made soup and rolls. Everyone is welcome to join in this popular Village event.

Reindeer Drive

This year's Reindeer Drive will take place on Saturday 17th December at 7.30pm. There will be an American Supper (bring your own drink) and entry will be £5-00 for adults and £2-00 for children.

ACOL VILLAGE HALL SUPPORT FUND - 200 Club

Winners for the Month of November 2022 were:

Member no. 117 who won 1st prize of £20.00

Member no. 182, who won 2nd prize of £10.00 and

Member no. 115, who won 3rd prize of £5.00

A total of £30.00 was donated to the Village Hall funds

The next draw will take place on the 4th January 2023. Should you have any questions or wish to join the scheme, please contact Iris Osborne (838829)

FORTHCOMING VILLAGE HALL EVENTS

10 th Dec 7.00pm	Adults Christmas Party
12 th Dec 11.00am	PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
16 th Dec 6.00pm	Community Carol Service
17 th Dec 7.00pm	REINDEER DRIVE
3 rd -6 th Jan All day	Private booking
7th Jan	Bee Keepers

VILLAGE INFORMATION

VILLAGE HALL

I cannot believe it is a whole year since the last Christmas issue. It's amazing!

All remaining Saturdays this year are fully booked for Christmas events.

The 2023 diary is filling up rapidly. Please advise me as soon as possible if you wish to book for an event.

January starts with FabTec Quilters, 3rd-6th (inclusive).

Bee Keepers are in all day on Sat 7th Jan.

All other bookings will be advised in January Village Voice.

REFUSE COLLECTIONS

Refuse (black) & waste food

Recycling (blue), red bag & waste food

19th December

12th December

2nd January 2023 ?

26th December ?

9th January

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

PCSO

We have still not been advised of our new officer. Please contact Cllr Derek Crow-Brown if you have a problem.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Iris Osborne continues to constantly alert villagers to local issues. Please ring her on **07980 978202** for information, or to report any suspicious activity you may have noticed.

VOLUNTEERS

Villagers are forever grateful to the volunteers who tackle many tasks not covered by Official bodies.

KENT POLICE

East Kent Division Rural Police Team can be contacted at **07980 978202**.

ACOL PARISH COUNCIL

You can access the APC website at acolparishcouncil.org.uk or ring 844706 for any information or contacts you may need.

Our next meeting will be at 11am on **Monday 12th December**. 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 to advise other villagers.

Sheila Bransfield

ACOL HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Acol Horticultural Society has its winter break after Christmas and will hold its first meeting of 2023 on **Tuesday 7th February 2023** at Acol Village Hall starting at 7.30p.m. when **Chris Stewart** will talk about "Hop Pickers of Kent".

Following that on **Saturday 11th February** there will be a 'Valentine's Afternoon Tea'.

Then on **Tuesday 7th March** **D. J. March** will be showing us "The Story of Country Cheeses with Tasting"

We have decided that owing to dwindling exhibits in the Shows we will only be holding two shows in 2023. The Spring Show will be on 1st April (*honestly*) and a late Summer/Autumn Show on 2nd September. It would be heartening to see the children of Acol getting involved, especially as there is **money** to be won. So parents **please** give your little'uns some encouragement to take part.

Meanwhile the Acol Horticultural Society would like to wish all its members and residents of Acol a very merry Christmas and a healthy, prosperous and happy New Year.

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

Bill Yeoman.



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MINSTER SURGERY

COVID-19 BOOSTER and ANNUAL "FLU VACCINATION PROGRAMME

Please Note:

- 1. All Covid19 and Booster Vaccinations** will be administered at: **The Vaccine Centre** which is located between Wickes Building Supplies and Curry's Electrical Store.
- 2. Flu Vaccines** are currently being administered **at the Surgery**
- 3. All Patients** aged 50 and over are now eligible for a Covid-19 booster - no appointments necessary, just walk in!

Opening times: 8.00 - am 6.30.pm; Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday

FLU Vaccination - not had yours yet? PLEASE Contact the surgery to make an appointment asap.

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY ARRANGEMENTS

Christmas Eve 23rd December am: normal opening hours
pm: Emergencies only

26th & 27th December - Closed All day

28th - 30th December - Normal opening hours

3rd January 2023 - Normal opening hours

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

Repeat Prescriptions - Please continue to submit them as per normal also allowing for time to be processed by the Surgery and your Pharmacy.

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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

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 e-mail contributions to Village Voice to inchley@btinternet.com

This edition of Village Voice has not been sponsored.

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 January 2023.