

ACOL VILLAGE VOICE

October 2017

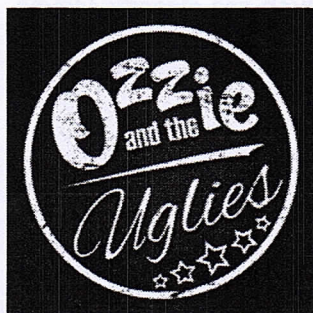
SENIOR'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

Once again, this year the Village Hall Committee will be inviting all over 60s living in the Village, together with some friends of Acol, to an evening of companionship, fun, music and food, to be held on Saturday 9th December. We are pleased to advise that Vera and Charlie George have once again very kindly offered to provide a hot Christmas meal, for which we are most grateful. We have also booked the "Greyhound Buskers", the Ukulele Band which has so royally entertained us for the last two years

In order to provide this service to our most deserving citizens, we need to raise additional funds. While some local organisations will make their usual generous donations, we still need to augment this by putting together a CHRISTMAS HAMPER to raffle. Therefore, any DONATIONS OF CHRISTMAS PRODUCE (which are in date) which you would wish to win for yourself in a hamper would be gratefully received. Please contact Jon on 847705, or any other member of the Management Committee

ALSO: Please Don't Forget our Reindeer Drive on 16th December. Put a reminder in your diary for this fun-filled and frenetic evening!

The response to the suggestion of a Christmas event for the younger generation was rather disappointing - clearly this has not excited the level of interest we had hoped for, and therefore we have had to think again.



Robin Burrows of Vine Cottage has suggested that we hold a Christmas Party for all age groups on Sunday 17th December, probably starting at 6.30pm.

He has also offered the services of his band - Ozzie and the Uglies - to provide a couple of hours of live music. All that would be required would be for attendees to provide drinks and nibbles, and pay an entrance charge (as yet to be determined) on the door. The band are a professional covers band, and they have a vast repertoire ranging from modern Funk to Sixties

classics. They perform throughout the Thanet area and can be found gigging most weeks - see their website: <https://www.facebook.com/ozzieandtheuglies/>

If you are interested in attending, please contact a member of the Village Hall Committee as soon as possible - if there is not enough interest then the proposed event will have to be cancelled, as it would be grossly unfair to the band if their efforts were not rewarded with good attendance.

NB The QUIZ, planned for 14th October has been cancelled due to lack of advance interest

ACOL VILLAGE HALL SUPPORT FUND - 200 CLUB

Winners for the Month of September 2017 were:

Member no. 26, who won 1st prize of £19.50
Member no. 37, who won 2nd prize of £11.70, and
Member no. 7, who won 3rd prize of £7.80.

Winners for the Month of October 2017 were:

Member no. 112, who won 1st prize of £19.50
Member no. 126, who won 2nd prize of £11.70, and
Member no. 75, who won 3rd prize of £7.80.

£78.00 has been donated to Village Hall funds

The next draw will be held on 1st November. Should you have any questions, or wish to join the scheme, please contact Iris Osborne on 01843 840901.

RELEVANT INFORMATION

VILLAGE FACEBOOK WEBSITE

Please note The new Facebook page that is up and running: [facebook.com.acol.village](https://www.facebook.com/acol.village)

REFUSE COLLECTION - MONDAYS

Refuse (black) & waste food

Recycling (blue), red bag & waste food

16th October

9th October

30th October

23rd October

6th November

Ring TDC, **577115**, to arrange collection if you are unable to put your bins out.

Or Ring the 'Recycle for Thanet' line on **577727** with any queries you may have.

VILLAGE HALL

Please note that there is now a 2018 diary for bookings, some of which are already coming on. Please ring 841691 if you need to book the hall.

REGULAR VILLAGE HALL DIARY DATES

Monday afternoons (term time) - Pam's People

First Tuesday evening - AHS meeting

All other Tuesday evenings, Dance Fitness Class

Alternate Wednesday evenings - Life Drawing Art Group

Every Thursday evening - Art Group. **Art Group Website:** www.acolartgroup.org/

Monthly, Saturdays, 10am-4pm - Phoenix Quilters.

(Check hall calendar or email Sheila.Bransfield@btinternet.com for information)

DIARY DATES FOR THIS YEAR

Sat 28th October, eve - AHS Race Night

Sat 4th November 10.30a.m. to 2.00pm - AHS Autumn Fayre

Tue 7th November 7.30pm, AHS AGM

Mon 27th November, 2pm, Acol Parish Council meeting

Sat 2nd December, eve - AHS Christmas Party

Sat 9th December, eve - AVHMC Seniors' Dinner

Fri 15th December, eve - St Mildred's Carol Service

Sat 16th December, eve - AVHMC Reindeer Drive

OUR NEW PROJECT

To purchase a SECA Electro Cardio Graph machine with interpretive software. The approx. cost of the equipment is £2000.00 + vat and our target is to achieve this by Christmas

MISSED APPOINTMENTS

Last Month: 30 PATIENTS DID NOT attend their DOCTOR'S APPOINTMENT

37 PATIENTS DID NOT attend their NURSE'S APPOINTMENT

THATS STILL 67 PATIENTS WASTING VALUABLE APPOINTMENTS and TIME!

DON'T NEED IT - CANCEL IT! KEEP FORGETTING - GET TEXT REMINDER SERVICE

FRIENDS AND FAMILY SURVEY

Last month we received 252 patient responses as follows:

Extremely likely/Likely - 92%; Extremely unlikely/Unlikely - 4%; Unsure/Don't know - 4%

'WALK FOR LIFE' ACTIVITY PROGRAMME

Join us every Thursday morning at 10.30 for a walk around the local area for about an hour or so, and meet old and new friends. Bring your pets as well.

SURGERY CLOSURE DAYS

The surgery will close from 13.00 on Wed. 18th Oct. and Thurs 30th Nov.

Please ensure that you have sufficient medication to last you during these times.

Should you need to see a Doctor when the surgery is closed, please call the NHS 111

Service via the normal surgery number 821333, or you can call direct on 111, to receive non-urgent confidential health advice. For Urgent/Life threatening cases please dial 999.

A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY!

Our ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BAZAAR will be held on SATURDAY 18th NOVEMBER.

As this is our most popular event, Tables are highly sought after, and are on sale NOW! So please book early to avoid disappointment, as we only have a few left.

PATIENT GROUP MEETING

If you have any issues you would like to raise at our meeting in October, or require further information on any of the above, then please contact Mary Hodgson on 842764.

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ACOL HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

AUTUMN FAYRE

**Saturday 4th November
In Acol Village Hall**

Doors Open 10.30am to 2.00pm

RAFFLE TOMBOLA CRAFT

Soup & Rolls at Midday

For more information/booking of stalls ring 845546

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH. Ring Iris Osborne on 840901 for information or to be included in notifications of suspicious activity or crimes.

CCTV CAMERAS

Please report any incident in The Street to the Parish Council on 844706.

PARISH COUNCIL OFFICE

Ring the Parish Council on Mondays (9am-5pm) on 844706, or the Clerk any day (9am-5pm) on 832243.

Please ring these numbers if you have problems and do not know who to contact.

THE NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING IS 2PM ON MONDAY 27TH NOVEMBER.

Sheila Bransfield

Minster Surgery

Dr. CROSFIELD

Unfortunately, Dr. Crosfield will be unavailable during the next few weeks due to a family bereavement. The surgery has taken the steps to introduce Locum GP's into the Practice to cover her absence and we ask that you bear with us during this time. We would also like to reassure you that the practice will strive to maintain the usual high level of commitment to the patients at all times.

In the meantime, our thoughts and condolences are with Dr Crosfield and her family during this difficult time, and we look forward to her speedy return.

SEASONAL WINTER 'FLU VACCINATIONS 2017

The second vaccination Clinic will be held at the surgery on Saturday 14th October from 9.00 am and 1.00 pm.

Appointments are available and can be made in the usual way via the surgery.

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To the Lady who Burst into the Village Hall on Wednesday Morning 27th October, and whoever left a threatening note on a car mistakenly parked in the private road adjacent to Nursery Fields.

That Wednesday morning (the day of the Ploughing Match) was a nightmare for traffic, and clearly some emotions were running very high. However, the Village Hall is NOT open to the public during a hiring, and nobody has the right to burst in and harangue elderly ladies attending a MacMillan Coffee Morning and sewing class, whether they had parked improperly on private property or not. This is as much a trespass as the parking which so exercised you.

To compound that by not introducing yourself or explaining by what right you think you can upset a room full of people is inexcusable.

The ladies you vented your spleen upon have been visiting Acol on a fortnightly basis for some years, but were entirely unaware that part of Nursery Fields is a Private Road (has the Residents Committee thought of erecting some signage beside the road to make this more apparent?). Having fought their way through the traffic they just saw some parking spaces and took advantage of them - this was not some Machiavellian plot to upset the residents of Nursery Fields, whatever you may have believed in your over-wrought state at the time.

A polite knock on the door, a simple introduction, and a polite explanation would have avoided quite unnecessary distress - the ladies were more than happy to move their cars once they understood the situation.

Similarly, whoever was responsible, the scrawled note and implicit threat contained therein (your details have been noted) was unpleasant, offensive and did the residents of Nursery Fields no credit. Whatever happened to good manners and community spirit?

Jon Inchley
Chair, Village Hall Management Committee

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Editors 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.

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 postage.

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 place contributions to Village Voice in the post box on the wall of the Village Hall (by the main door) or e-mail to inchley@btinternet.com.

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In Loving Memory of DAVID REYNOLDS (23/10/37 - 23/10/2015).

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 November 2017.