

# **ACOL VILLAGE VOICE**

**June 2024**

## **News from The Parish Council**

Resource availability for local Parish Councils, especially ones as small as Acol's, are very limited. Any funding must come from a Parish "Precept", which is a small component of Council Tax, set by the Parish Council, to pay for the work it undertakes. Councillors are volunteers, but a salaried Parish Clerk ensures the administration of parish business in accordance with relevant legislation and forms the biggest part of our expenditure. Other routine expenditure includes grounds maintenance, CCTV, building hire, insurance etc., and we endeavour to raise other funding - typically for one-off projects - through grant sources.

A lot of work goes on "behind the scenes". For example, we recently received a 77-page consultation on draft "Guidance and Validation Requirements for Minerals and Waste Applications". This is an area in which none of us has either expertise or capacity to respond, and that's likely to be true for most other parishes. We therefore suggested that any response be jointly commissioned through the Thanet Area Committee (TAC) which is a group set-up under the auspices of the Kent Association of Local Councils (KALC) to represent all Thanet Councils and Parishes. (Richard is currently the Vice Chair of TAC.)

Another group through which we aim to share the burden is the Thanet Rural Regeneration Group (TRRG) which was established to support closer working among Thanet Villages but, of late, has mainly overseen Speedwatch, which it originally funded. In the past month Richard attended a KALC organised workshop on "Community Resilience Planning" together with Cllr. Davina Ransom from Monkton PC. The workshop presented a convincing case for us, in these days of heightened threats from global warming, large scale development, the airport reopening and associated traffic growth to name but a few issues, all to have plans in-place. However, we also thought that all our villages have similar needs and that this is another area in which we can work together to reduce the burden on individual communities - so we aim to work with the TRRG to create our plans. This, fortunately, is an area in which additional support is available through a countrywide community resilience programme that's funded through The National Lottery.

There are sometimes opportunities to defray costs and/ or bolster resources through the help that our wider community can provide. We are very grateful to the support we receive from, for example, Speedwatch and litter-picking volunteers, but we would love to hear from anyone who may be able to spare a bit of time to work with us in other ways.

It seems that the forecourt of Olivia House - the white building next to St. Mildred's Church - that was occupied until towards the end of last year was being used as some sort of car sales/ repair business, and there were reports of cars tearing up and down that part of Plumstone Road, and of "overflow" parking outside neighbouring properties. We wrote to the property owner, asked Andy, our Police Beat Officer, to keep an eye on things, and wrote to Thanet DC querying whether any business is licensed at that site. Activity has abated for now, but, at the time of writing, we are uncertain of what other action may have been taken and will continue to monitor the situation.

At our next Parish Council meeting, on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> June at 19.30 in The Village Hall, we will consider co-option to fill the Councillor vacancy that arose following Chenice's resignation. Attendance is open to all.

Richard Steel (Chair)

### **ACOL VILLAGE HALL SUPPORT FUND - 200 Club**

#### **Winners for the Month of June 2024 were:**

Member no. 32, who won 1<sup>st</sup> prize of £20.00.

Member no. 87, who won 2<sup>nd</sup> prize of £10.00 and

Member no. 11, who won 3<sup>rd</sup> prize of £5.00.

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

The next draw will take place on the 5<sup>th</sup> June 2024. Should you have any questions or wish to join the scheme, please contact Iris Osborne (838829)

### **Acol Horticultural Society**

**Acol Horticultural Society's** next meeting is on **Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July** when we will be visiting **The White Mill at Sandwich**. It will include guided tours of the mill followed by tea/coffee and cake. We will leave Acol Village Hall at 6.30 pm, so if you require a lift be at the hall and I am sure we will squeeze you in. The cost is £5.

**A warning of things to come .....** The **Summer Show will be held on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> August** in the marquee at the rear of Acol Village Hall. If you would like to enter any of the many classes covering flowers, vegetables, fruit, cooking, handicraft art and floral art, contact Steve or Theresa. Remember the children, they have their own classes for which money can be won. To obtain a full schedule contact Steve or Theresa Ling, 01843 846963, or ask any committee member.

***Remember we meet on the first Tuesday of the month.***

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

## FORTHCOMING VILLAGE HALL EVENTS

20<sup>th</sup> Jun. 7.30pm

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

2<sup>nd</sup> July 6.30

AHS meeting and Trip to the White Mill at Sandwich

## VILLAGE INFORMATION

### VILLAGE HALL

Hopefully everyone is now aware of the General Election on 4th July and that, as a consequence, the Hall will be the Village Polling Station for that day.

Our Thursday/Sunday dance classes are now back to normal, but the Tuesday/Saturday classes will be disrupted from 20th July to 3rd September.

All our hall users will need to check the hall calendar for a while or ring me on **841691**. Please also ring me if you need to contact any TDC Councillor or PCSO.

### REFUSE COLLECTIONS

Refuse (black), Garden Refuse (Green) Recycling (blue), red bag & waste food.  
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17<sup>th</sup> June

10<sup>th</sup> June

8<sup>th</sup> July

1<sup>st</sup> July

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

### NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Please contact Iris Osborne on **07951 072914** for any information you require.

### 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](https://www.facebook.com/Acol.Village)).

Of course, other news and information is available on the Acol Parish Council website at [www.acolparishcouncil.org.uk](http://www.acolparishcouncil.org.uk) or ring **845363**.

Sheila Bransfield

## Asian Hornet Update

By late May, 2024 two Asian Hornet Queens had been found in Martins Mill, and one each in Etchinghill, Alkham and St. Margarets Bay. This means this Spring, 13 have been found across Kent and East Sussex with 7 being found in Four Oaks in Sussex. This is probably just the tip of the iceberg.

The Queens will still be looking for nest sites and some will be building and developing primary nests which are usually lower down or in buildings. Once the Queen establishes the primary nest she will stay in the nest and the workers take over foraging on her behalf. It is then they look for protein which generally means insects of any sort.

When the primary nest gets a reasonable size, they will re-locate, usually higher up, which is when the nest can get very large. This is no reason to stop keeping an eye open for them. Remember individual Asian hornets are not usually a threat to humans and are quite placid. On the other hand, getting too close to a nest is another matter, so if you see a nest keep well clear.

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