

Welcome to this edition of Acle News, the first we have been able to publish since February 2020, it's good to be back!! It goes without saying that much has changed over the past two years in the way that Covid 19 and its variants have wreaked havoc with people's lives and lifestyle, and whilst it is still prevalent, many clubs and organisations are now attempting to "pick up the pieces" and return to some sort of normality whilst conforming with whatever Government guidelines are in force at the time, the emphasis must still be on people's safety.



As for Acle Society, we have no firm dates yet for a possible Spring social evening with a guest speaker or possible Summer outing in June/July, but these will be advertised later and we are awaiting confirmation that we may hold the Annual Craft & Produce Show at Acle Academy late Summer. There is, however, two dates that you can put in your diaries – Sunday 24th April – when there will be a group walk to Tunstall, please meet at the far end of Damgate Lane (by the industrial units) for a 2pm start.

The second is an EASTER CRAFT & GIFT FAYRE, organized by Sam Pizey, being held in the Recreation Centre on Sunday 10th April, with proceeds towards Acle Society which will be used for a community project. Please give this event support and offer help if you can.

You will find included with this issue, an insert of the Acle Village Directory (reformatted by Ray Ashworth) which you can keep or display for those handy local contacts of clubs and organisations. We have had to make changes this year, for the time being anyway, regarding the publishing and delivery of the newsletter and the village directory which we hope you understand. Since 1973, we are proud of the fact that we have been able to publish and deliver, free of charge, a copy of the quarterly Acle News, to each and every household in the village since the Society was founded – some 187 editions to date and more recently the Village Directory was added. With the village rapidly expanding we cannot undertake, both financially and logistically, to deliver copies to every household at this point of time, so a reduced number of copies will be left at various outlets for you to collect in person – these include Wilkerson Ironmongery, St Edmunds Church, the Library, the Recreation Centre Social Club and The Chocolate Box and our thanks are due to them for making the space for this to happen.



Whilst a copy of this newsletter will be available electronically, we hope that many of you will find this paper copy useful as not everyone has access to a computer or internet. The next edition should be out in May, meanwhile stay safe and we wish you well.

John Harriss – Chairman – Acle Society

For further information about the Acle Society please contact our chairman, John Harriss, tel 01493 751057

JUBILEE DAY CELEBRATION: The Parish Council will be running a weekend of events for the Queens Jubilee in June 2022, including a big band concert, childrens party and a street party. More information to follow for this extended Bank Holiday weekend.



NORFOLK KNITTERS & STITCHERS: this group makes items for charity which are sent all over the world for those in need, as well as for many charities in this country. They knit and stitch items of clothing for babies, children and adults, if you would like to join the Acle team, the group meets at 10.30am on the last Saturday of the month at the Recreation Centre Bowls Hall, for more information please contact Ann Kent on 01493 750185.

ACLE CRICKET CLUB: junior training starts again on Wednesday 27th April from 6.30pm-8pm for children in school years 1 (age 6+) to year 8. The cost is £45 and the last session is Wednesday 20th July. Training for the Under 15's and Under 17's is on a Tuesday night (start date to be confirmed). For more information, contact Dave Heath on 07958 809189. The club is always on the lookout for new players for their senior teams. They have 4 Saturday teams, a Sunday team, midweek games, an Over 40's side and an Under 19's team. Anyone interested in joining any of these should contact Shane Tovell on 07907 678174.

ACLE CANASTA CLUB: meet on the second, fourth and fifth Monday of the month from 2pm-4pm in St Edmunds Parish Hall, Norwich Road. Their contact is Vic Walsham, tel: 01493 752273

ACLE OUTDOOR BOWLS CLUB: With summer fast approaching, they are looking forward to the new season. Always looking for new member's whether experienced or novice to support the club and continue the growth. League games are mainly evenings, but the bowling green is available for use most times during the day. If you would be interested in joining, the season starts mid/late April. For more information, please ring the Chairman Roy Himpleman on 01493 751636 or Secretary Jayne Greenacre on 01493 751129.

ACLE THURSDAY EVENING ART GROUP: based at the Methodist Church, are a small group of amateur artists who enjoy painting for pleasure in a relaxed and friendly environment. The group meets every Thursday evening, 7.30pm-9.30pm and would welcome more members of any ability (we do not have a tutor). If you are interested and would like further information, please contact John Harriss on tel: 01493 751057

ACLE RANBOWS/BROWNIES & GIRL GUIDES: meet at the following times in the main hall of Acle Primary School. Rainbows Wednesdays 5-6pm Brownies Tuesdays 6.30pm Guides Wednesdays 6.45pm. **Rainbows** is for all girls aged 4-7. Rainbows learn by doing – they get their hands dirty, do sports, arts and crafts and play games. ... through taking part in a range of different activities with girls their own age, Rainbows develop self-confidence and make lots of new friends. **Brownies** introduces girls (age 7-10) to a world of new opportunities, challenges and fun. Girls go along to camps, holidays, day trips and sleepovers. They get together with their friends at regular meetings where they learn new hobbies, get creative, develop skills and have outdoor adventures. **Guiding** (10+) helps girls and young women develop their leadership skills. Guiding helps to develop a sense of responsibility and independence. Guiding empowers girls and young women to discover and develop the very best within themselves while having fun.

ACLE SOCIAL BLIND CLUB: is a club for those with sight problems, meeting on the last Thursday of the month. From autumn to spring meetings are held in the Acle Methodist Church (2pm-4pm) and from May until September they take trips out for lunch at various venues, but never too far away. If you, a friend or family member would be interested in joining or would like to know more, please ring Janet on 01493 751267. The club is open to residents of Acle and surrounding villages.

ACLE MENS SHED: report that, with the help of Acle Parish Council and the Recreation Centre, they will soon be taking delivery of "the sheds". These will be positioned at the Recreation Centre and will provide a community space for men to connect, converse and create.

ACLE TABLE TENNIS CLUB: anyone fancy a game of table tennis? A small group meet in Acle St Edmund Church Hall on Friday evenings between 7.30pm-10pm. If you would like to join them or would like to know more, please ring Janet on 01493 751267.

ACLE EVENING W.I.: Meetings are held second Thursday of the month at, 7.30pm, in St Edmunds Parish Hall, Acle. New members always welcome. Contact 01603 270416 for further info. The following events are planned.

March 10th "Chernobyl Childrens Charity" – speaker Alison Stannard

April 14th "Norfolk Historic Churches Trust" – speakers Chris Armstrong & Mark Wilson

ACLE COMMUNITY GYM: is a friendly sociable gym for all ages and abilities. Instruction and help is given by professional instructors and still only £5 per sessions on Fridays 9.30-12.30pm
You can find the gym upstairs in the Bure Room of the recreation centre, so join in to get 2022 off to a good start.



ELCA LADIES: hold monthly meetings in the Acle Methodist Church Room, starting at 7.30pm on the second Tuesday of the month. New members are always welcome. Please contact Pam Lambert on 07824 325385.

Their programme continues as follows: -

March 8th "My Life as a Paramedic" – speaker Freya Parker
April 12th "Treasures and Curiosities of Norfolk Churches" – speaker David Berwick
May 10th "The Work of the RSPCA" – speaker Leanne Neave
June 14th "The History of the Workhouse" – speaker Janet Edwards

Membership fee for 2022 is £15.00 per person and guests are £3.00 per meeting.

ACLE ALLOTMENT ASSOCIATION: if you are interested in taking on the challenge of an allotment please do not hesitate to contact their Secretary (Matt Morris, the AAA Secretary) at mattmorris1984@hotmail.com or on 07917 224102. You can always take a look at their website at <https://gwilym013.wixsite.com/acleallotments> for more information.

ACLE & DISTRICT 49+ CLUB: this friendly club meets on the first Tuesday of each month (except August) at 2pm in St Edmunds Parish Hall, Norwich Road. New members are always welcome and the contact is John Harriss on 01493 751057. Their programme continues as follows;

March 1st "South America" – speaker Mike Stopp
April 5th "History of the Edrich Family" – speaker Rodney Edrich
May 3rd "East Anglian Childrens Hospice" – speaker (to be confirmed)
June 7th TBA

The annual membership remains at £4.00 per person. Members pay £1.50 per person and visitors £3.00 per person, per meeting – both amounts include refreshments.

ACLE SOCIAL CLUB: had a change of management last summer and brought in a new menu. Brad, Lisa and the team welcome you to a place for the whole family for sports, music most Saturday evenings and Sunday afternoons, eating and socialising and don't forget, to renew your membership for 2022.



ACLE PATIENT PARTICIPATION GROUP: invites anyone registered with the Acle Medical Practice to join their Patient Participation Group. They meet every six weeks with practice staff to discuss matters as well as wider health and care concerns. Membership also offers contact with other patient participation groups, as well as regional NHS policy makers, management and medical staff. The Group also invites you to become a Corresponding Member - you will receive agendas, minutes and information available to active Group members, you will be welcome to take part in projects and get involved in working groups, you can attend committee meetings, and you are welcome to make your views known on any matter affecting the group. If you wish to become a Corresponding Member, you can contact them on ppgamp@gmail.com, or 'phone Anthony Oldfield on 01493 754095 or Pam Sullivan on 01493 369175.

ACLE UNITED FOOTBALL CLUB: Anyone new to the area that would like to support the team on Saturday afternoons would be made most welcome. Match day helpers, particularly anyone that can put out advertising boards on First Team match days and new committee members are required, so if this interests you, please call Jim on 07768 286757. The first team, managed by Ed Thompson have been in a decent run of form recently and the reserves have just announced their new manager Brad Rea.

ACLE COFFEE MORNINGS: These are held in St Edmunds Parish Hall, Norwich Road on Thursday mornings, Market Day, usually starting at 10am unless otherwise stated – please lend your support by going along. The St Edmunds Parish Hall booking agent is Jill Page 01493 751125 or 07947 889652 or jillpage54@hotmail.co.uk and the hall is also available for one off occasions or for regular clubs, classes or groups.



ST EDMUNDS CHURCH: have regular Sunday service times 8am (2nd, 4th and 5th Sunday in the month) and 11am (1st and 3rd Sundays) and the following events

Services in St. Edmund's Church: -

Events and services (see above) including Easter and a special organ playing event will be posted in the calendar on the website www.abychurches.co.uk

At St. Edmund's Parish Hall:-

Farmers' Market: Saturdays March 12th & 14th May

The 2nd **Acle Winter Beer Festival** is scheduled for the weekend of 4th - 6th March. A free-entry, charity fundraising event to be held in the Church Hall hosting a selection of ales and cider sourced by local brewer Humpty Dumpty. All profits to be shared between Acle Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Acle Rainbows. Look out for further details on notice boards and Facebook page Acle Winter Beer Festival. Thanks for local sponsors and Acle Parish Council in helping to support this event.

ACLE CHURCHES TOGETHER: would like to invite you to the upcoming events:

Thursday 7th April at 7.30pm Methodist Church A Lentern Talk by Susanna Gunner

Holy Week

Tuesday 12th April at 7.30pm St Edmunds Church Stations of the Cross

Wednesday 13th April at 8pm St Edmunds Church Compline

Good Friday (15th) at 10.30am Methodist Church Joint service with procession through the village to St Edmunds Parish Hall

Easter Sunday (17th) at 5.30am St Marys Church, Fishley Dawn Service. Those wishing to walk over the field to St Marys may meet at the Recreation Centre car park at 5.15am. Breakfast refreshments afterwards in the Methodist Church

"All are very welcome to these events – we would love to see you"



ACLE METHODIST CHURCH: see facebook page for current services – search Acle Methodist Church. Pop along for a coffee morning, on Thursdays 10am-11.30am and watch out for Saturday mornings with stalls for Acle Churches Together funds.

UPTON HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY: For the benefit of those Acle residents who are members of this society, would they please note the following changes – all meetings, which are held in Upton Village Hall will now take place on the first Tuesday of each month and start at the earlier time of 7.30pm.

The annual membership fee for 2022 remains at £7.50 per person, which covers all meetings, whilst for those that renewed in 2020 there will be no charge as all meetings after March that year had to be cancelled due to lockdown.

The cost of a casual visit remains at £2.50 per person per meeting, and refreshments are still 50p. If you are interested and would like further information regarding this local gardening club, please contact the chairman John Harriss on 01493 751057. New members are always welcome.

March 1st Dr Ian Bedfords talk features "Wasps"

April 5th Paula Stone will be speaking about "Herbs"

May 3rd TBA

Although not organised by the Horticultural Society, but of interest to many, there is no planned Plant Sale at Upton this year.



BOTTOM LINES:

Acle Society are indebted to **Acle Parish Council** for sponsoring this edition of Acle News, which incorporates the 2022 Acle Village Directory insert.

If you would like to help with the newsletter production or social media element on behalf of the Society, please contact below.

The next edition is due in May 2022. Items should reach the editors, John Harriss &/or Jamie Pizey by 10th April 2022; preferably by e-mail to aclesociety@hotmail.co.uk or by phone 01493 751057
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REMEMBER – CLOCKS "SPRING" FORWARD SUNDAY 27TH MARCH 2022