



ACLE NEWS

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Hello and welcome to this latest edition of **ACLE NEWS**, the 194th to be published since the society was founded in 1973. We have copies of each and every edition 'on file' and they provide an interesting record of many of the milestone events that have happened here over the past 50 years, they should also provide an invaluable source of information to anyone researching Acle's more recent past.



We are pleased to report that the rather fine bench seat, commemorating the first fifty years of the ACLE SOCIETY is now in position alongside the notice board on South Walsham Road and we would like to record our thanks to the Parish Council for their help and support in bringing this project to completion, along with Sam Pizey fundraising through her bingo evenings. We hope it will be a useful spot to "rest-a-while" and watch the world go by.

With no prescribed membership of Acle Society it is worth reminding all residents, whether new or long established, that all social events arranged by the society are open to all, everyone is welcome and as such we were pleased to welcome fifty people to our spring social evening held on St George's Day, 23rd April when the Reverend Martin Greenland gave a most interesting illustrated talk on the life of bees, wasps and other pollinating insects, so vital and necessary to the development and growth of all fruits, flowers and vegetables. His talk was enjoyed by all. The evening concluded with refreshments and a raffle and we thank all who attended for their support.

News of other forthcoming events, including this years annual show of Produce & Craft is included later in this newsletter

John Harriss - President, Acle Society

ACLE SOCIETY: Our updated ACLE DIRECTORY is now available and this local information booklet is available "free to all" within local shops and outlets. Thanks to our Ray Ashworth for his hard work in maintaining this publication.

Our annual PRODUCE & CRAFT SHOW this year, will be held at the Recreation Centre on Saturday 31st August. This will be the 50th show to be staged and sponsored by the society – a golden milestone for us. Schedules are now being prepared and will soon be available for collection from the usual village outlets. We would like to record thanks to Keith and his staff at the now closed Wilkersons who have stocked copies of our schedules and newsletters for many years.

Some minor changes have been made, the Photographic section now includes "Flowering Shrubs", "Sport" and a "Weather Related" photo. A Lemon Drizzle Cake is the set cake recipe, whilst a handmade Greetings Card for a golden anniversary is included in the handicraft section.

The show is open to the residents of Acle and surrounding areas and we look forward to seeing you there either with section entries or just attending the public viewing afternoon.

Sam Pizey will be hosting a BINGO EVENING on behalf of the society on Wednesday 22nd May. See village notice boards or facebook events for more details.



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ACLE BLIND CLUB: a reminder that they continue to meet monthly (October to April) at 2pm in the Methodist Church. During the summer months (May to September) members enjoy lunches out. New members are always welcome and the contact for more information is Janet, tel no. 01493 751267.

ACLE RANGERS FOOTBALL CLUB: the oldest Sunday Club remaining in Norfolk, have reached their half century milestone and report as follows;

“Rangers are now coming to the end of their 50th anniversary celebrations, the most recent on Sunday 28th April with a “50 miles for 50 years” event which saw members and supporters walk, run and cycle ride for 3 charities namely; Gt Ormond Street Hospital, Dementia UK and Motor Neuron Disease – raising a grand sum of over £5000. This was a huge effort, in appalling weather conditions and everyone took a soaking. There was a big welcome back at the Social Club followed by a karaoke evening rounding off a day that was enjoyed by all who took part showing the true Acle Rangers spirit. Our final celebration is a Dinner & Dance on Friday 31st May at The Holiday Inn (Cromer Road, Norwich) with a three course meal and live music. Rooms are available at a discounted rate for those wanting an overnight stay and a coach will be available for those that need transport. We would like to get as many ex-players as possible and everyone is welcome to join us on what should be an enjoyable night to remember to cap a memorable season. Tickets at £40 each are available from **Colin Tovell 07860 186033, Martin Tovell 07765 550671 & Paul Barford 07775 908847**. Finally the club are producing a 110 page brochure of Rangers’ 50 years ‘A must read for anyone connected with the club’ and they will be on sale at the Dinner & Dance priced at £10. As ever, we are lucky to receive the support of so many residents, so your backing is always much appreciated.”



UPTON & DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB: with no gardening club based within the village, many Acle residents belong to the nearby Upton & District Gardening Club and for their benefit and information, we publish a list of future talks, all of which are held in Upton Village Hall and commence at 7.30pm. Annual membership is £8.00 per person and this is the only amount you have to pay for all meetings – representing great value for money. Visitors are charged at £2.50 pp per meeting and refreshments are available at 50p. New members are always welcome, as are visitors - Contact the chairman, John Harriss, on 01493 751057 for further details.

- 4th June A year in the life of a cottage garden – speaker Andrew Sankey
- 2nd July Basketmaking/demonstration – with Johnathan Carrie
- 6th August British Peonies – speaker Sarah Hammond
- 3rd September A year in Ashwellthorpe Woods – speaker Dr Anne Edwards
- 1st October How we reached our range and choice of vegetables – Paul Cornfield
- 5th November Reuse and Recycle – speaker Pauline Harper
- 3rd December AGM, Social Evening and Quiz

ACLE INDOOR BOWLS CLUB: Looking for a new sport to try? How about ‘indoor bowls’ – as challenging as you wish and yet a friendly family orientated sport. Acle Indoor Bowls Club are running ‘beginners courses’ on Tuesday morning and Saturday mornings, both from 10.00am. With no appointment needed and all equipment provided and at just £3pp per session this is an ideal entry into this sport. The club have produced 13 internationals so far – will you be the 14th? The club itself is a great place to meet new people and socialize over a drink. Give it a try, with nothing to lose, but guaranteeing a laugh or two!! Contact Denis Goodley (contact details at Rec Centre office) for further information.

1st ACLE GIRL GUIDES: meet weekly at the Primary School (Fletcher Way) and report the following; “Are you a girl aged between 10 & 14? Then guides could be the perfect group for you. We go to camps, we do amazing activities and loads more. We learn lots of information (its not like school). We complete badges in all sorts of areas so you have your time to shine and build your confidence. Guides have lots of fun, laughter and make memories together! Guiding is unique, exciting and different to any other club. This term we are learning to cook outside ready for camp and we have an activity day at Hautbois as well as a river trip coming up.” Visit girlguiding.org.uk for more details or contact jennycogman@gmail.com or 07851 296485 for further details for 1st Acle Guides.

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ACLE & DISTRICT 49+ CLUB: which meets in St Edmunds Parish Hall, Norwich Rd at 2pm on the first Tuesday of each month and their programme of meetings continues as follows;

- 4th June "Murder Mystery" Afternoon with Julie Porter
- 2nd July Social Afternoon, with strawberries and cream & Quiz
- 6th August "The Plague" a talk by Rodney Edrich
- 3rd September Great Yarmouth Venetian Waterways, a talk to be given by Janet Edwards
- 1st October "90 at 90" with Malcolm Metcalf
- 5th November "Sing-a-long" with Hank - Entertainment singer
- 3rd December TBA

New members are always welcome at this friendly club and the contact is John Harriss on 01493 751057. Annual membership is just £3.00pp, whilst all meeting fees remain at £2.00pp per meeting.

ACLE METHODIST CHURCH: have Sunday Services held at 10.30am as follows;

- 2nd June Café Church, 5pm-6pm
- 15th June Coffee Morning, 10am-11.30am
- 22nd June Young guitarists music evening with Elaine Brown, 7pm
- 20th July Coffee Morning, 10am-11.30am
- 21st July Church Anniversary with Revd. Steve Cullis, 10.30am
- 4th August Café Church, 5pm-6pm
- 17th August Coffee Morning, 10am-11.30am
- 21st September Coffee Morning, 10am-11.30am

Everyone is welcome to these services and events

ST EDMUNDS CHURCH: have regular Sunday service times 8am (2nd, 4th and 5th Sunday in the month) and 11am (1st and 3rd Sundays) and have the following events (at St Edmunds Church, unless otherwise stated);

- Acle Farmers Market at St Edmunds Church Hall for all your meat, fish, bread, fruit and veg – 9am til noon on the 2nd Saturday of each month, with upcoming markets on June 8th, July 13th, August 10th, September 14th, October 12th & November 9th
- Local churches will be "*Celebrating Nature*" on Sunday 8th September with a special service at 10.00am in St Edmunds Church and an opportunity for local organisations to share what they are doing with a display in the church hall (open to all) 11.00am-1.00pm. Enquiries to the Revd Martin Greenland (see below).
- On Sunday 16th June, from 3pm-5pm, there will be a **Piano Recital** where Mark McBride will be playing JS Bach and Chopin preludes with artistic interpretations. This will be held within the St Edmunds Church, with a suggested donation of £8. To reserve a seat for this afternoon event please contact Diane on 07969 341943 or email my3churches@gmail.com



You can contact The Revd. Martin Greenland via www.abychurches.co.uk or directly at The Rectory, Norwich Rd, Acle or 01493 750393

ACLE UNITED FOOTBALL CLUB: would be pleased to hear from any new players moving into the area recently. The A's would also welcome any match day helpers. The season has now ended and despite losing their first 5 games of the season, Acle United recorded an 18 match unbeaten run to finish runners up in the Anglian Combination Premier Division!! To contact the club please call Jim Stimpson on 07768 286757.

ACLE CHURCHES TOGETHER: will be putting their walking boots on for their annual prayer walk on Sunday 23rd June starting at 2.30pm at St Edmunds Church and finishing up at Acle Methodist Church. They will be stopping outside and praying for various village businesses and organisations. Refreshments will be available at the end at the Methodist Church. Everyone is welcome to join.

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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, as are guests, at £3.00 per meeting. Please contact Pam Lambert on 07824 325385 for further details. Their programme for next period follows;

- 11th June Yoga for better health, with Marie Williams
- 9th July “Don’t tell ‘em your name Pike”, with Darren Stride
- August (TBC) Outing to East Ruston Vicarage Gardens
- 10th September Living History at Blickling Hall, with Liz Scott

ACLE EVENING W.I.: Meetings are held 2nd Thursday of the month at, 7.30pm (except June*), in St Edmunds Parish Hall, Acle. New members always welcome. Contact Frances Mobbs, 01603 270416 for further info. The following events are planned.

- 13th June Birthday meeting and lunch, with speaker Wally Webb (*note 2.30pm)
40+ years broadcasting with BBC Radio Norfolk
- 11th July Mindful, Meaningful Beauty, with speaker Claire Belcher
- 8th August Garden Party – by invitation only
- 12th September Cheesy Chat, with speaker Cheryl Cade
- 10th October What the Normans did to and for Norwich, with Adrian O’Dell MA
- 14th November Holly Wreaths, with speaker Jo Keeble
- 12th December Hit Singles of the sixties and seventies, with speaker Steve Burns

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: are now starting their season and are excited to announce their first ever Ladies & Girls (soft ball) training sessions on Monday evenings 6.30pm-8.00pm. These are free of charge and the focus is on having fun. All equipment is provided and no experience is needed. For more information contact Alex on 07979 368891. With five teams turning out each weekend and training at all levels throughout the summer evenings, this well supported club have the following events lined up

- 15th June Darts Night, at Acle Social Club
- 30th June Ovamill Day, at Acle Playing Field
- 20th July Karaoke/Acles Got Talent, at Acle Social Club
- 10th August Bingo, at Acle Social Club
- 31st August Club Night/Night East, at Acle Social Club/Great Yarmouth
- September TBC End of Season Golf Day
- 16th November End of Season Dinner, at Carrow Road
- 7th December Christmas Disco/Party, at Acle Social Club



For further information on any of the above contact aclecricket@gmail.com search on facebook or pop along to a training evening.

And finally: If you enjoy walking or running and wondering if a local group exists, then give your nearest Parkrun a look. This event can be found every Saturday morning, from 8.30am, at Lingwood Village Hall. It’s a friendly welcoming environment and suitable for all ages and abilities. You don’t have to run, as there are walkers every week at this 5km gentle field/path course – you don’t even have to walk, as they welcome volunteers every week to help with anything from time keeping, setting up/down or just clapping people around the course. For runners, there is also a running group at the same venue, each Thursday evening (6.45pm) where the Lingwood Leg Its meet up for 5-10km regular runs around the local area. For further information on any of these, contact Jamie on 07745 359315

*The next edition is due in late Autumn 2024. Items should reach the editors, John Harriss &/or Jamie Pizey by **21st September 2024**; preferably by e-mail to aclesociety@hotmail.co.uk or by phone 01493 751057*

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