

Shadoxhurst Village December 2017 Newsletter

Well this is the final edition of the year. And what a year. Planning permission for 31 houses on two cherished green fields, were two negatives countered by **many** positives including the Dog Show, Harvest Village Fete, vibrant weekly coffee afternoons, new clubs starting up, an activity Showcase event, improvements at the recreation ground both fencing and car parking, and the Village Forum getting stronger and busier. We wish you well for the coming festive season and wish you a very Happy Christmas and great New Year. Let's raise a glass to 2018 and a new look Newsletter.

Club Corner

Sewing and Craft Club ring Sheila on 733540

History Club ring Carol on 732084

Poetry and Expression ring Ian on 732084

Wine and Home Brew Club ring Colin on 732784

Line Dancing ring Kate on 733015

Flower Arrangers ring Gay on 732212

Ark Drama 2000 ring Lis on 732901

Weekend Walking ring Jim on 07788 245022

Courtside FC play matches on the Rec most weekends, please support them, ring Vanessa on 07526 431687 for details.

1st Shadoxhurst Scouts, Cubs and Beavers ring Simon on 07704 789155

Development Alert

Quote from Developers: "Greenvolt Development would like to invite all residents of Shadoxhurst and its surroundings to attend a public consultation drop-in event regarding future development proposals on land at Tally Ho Road, Shadoxhurst. The consultation will be held at the Village Pavilion on Thursday 14th December between 13:30 and 19:00pm.

The drop-in event will provide details of initial outline proposals, with members of our professional team available to discuss the proposal and answer any questions which you may have. Comments on the proposals will help to shape the future design of the proposed development.

Please come along and give us your feedback on the proposals for the site."

Rural Means Rural

With respect to the above, and in view of other sites that may or may not come forward in our village in the next few years (which could top 200 houses); there is a local campaign initiative started in nearby villages to defend where proposed development is threatening communities and retain and protect our ruralness. Indeed, the above proposal for Tally Ho Road is also for up to 200 houses. We could be swamped. Can we cope with 400 houses here, when there are also 5,750 houses due in Chilmington two miles away?

The Village Forum meets on the 11th December (7.00pm in the Pavilion), and due to shortness of preparation and delivery time, you may not get this in time (apologies) and will discuss 'Rural Means Rural'. Residents in other villages are writing to the Government and starting petitions to raise awareness. Can we afford to sit back and be engulfed without a fight? Email the Forum if you would like to help, learn more or simply give your opinion. We need to continue to talk about the things that are important to the village. Additional houses and traffic will certainly affect us all.

Shadoxhurst.forum@gmail.com

Village History Club

The Village History Club meets every fortnight and is looking at local projects already. Currently meeting on a Thursday morning 10.30 – 12.00 in the Pavilion. The next meeting is the 14th December. In the new year the first meeting is the 11th January. Please contact Carol on 732084 to find out more.

Quiz Night... 13th January 2018 7.00pm in Shadoxhurst Village Hall

£5 per person and £30 per table of six. Please ring **Karen on 732276** to book your tickets. Bring your own food and drink. Raising funds for the village. Please come and support this, the first village event of 2018.

The Chatterbox Coffee Club will have a festive break after the 19th December and reopens on the 9th January. Please drop in to see us any Tuesday afternoon after that between **2.00 and 4.00 pm in the Pavilion.**

Neighbourhood Watch (NHW) update

In November we were fortunate to meet Andrew Judd (Volunteer and Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator) and PCSO Oliver Welch at the village Forum meeting on the 16th. Andrew outlined how Neighbour Watch can help villagers to protect themselves, their possessions and support neighbours from the threat of burglary from criminals.

In terms of activity in and around the village, there have been no major incidents although a number of isolated cases which have impacted individuals. These have ranged from cycle thefts from locked sheds to milk and outside tap thefts from properties. Please check any outbuildings for ease of entry by criminals – a padlock on its own will not stop hinges being unscrewed if the screws are accessible from the outside. Drill larger holes in the hinge and add coach bolts with the domed head on the outside and nuts inside – one on each side of the hinge will stop the door being removed. Shed alarms are another option.

A number of “scam” telephone calls have been reported in the Ashford area – remember not to divulge Bank or Card details, to any person who calls you, unless you are 100% sure who you are dealing with. If a payment needs to be made – call them back on a number you can trust not from one they give you.

Finally, be careful when leaving items in your vehicle, even for a short time, as opportunist thieves will not hesitate to smash a window/break into your vehicle if they see something which they feel has value to them. Keep those presents safe!!! Have a safe and enjoyable Christmas and New Year.

Peter Webb Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator for Shadoxhurst

To contact the Parish Council please ring Judith Batt on 733994 or email judith.batt@btinternet.com

Let us all keep in touch...

The Village Forum has its own email:
Shadoxhurst.forum@gmail.com

Please drop an email to get onto the mailing list so you can get up dates more often.

Nearly 190 residents have now joined the Shadoxhurst ‘**Next Door**’, group.
https://nextdoor.co.uk/neighborhood_feed/

The “Shadoxhurst, a Kent Village” Facebook page now has 290 members!

Please also visit the Parish website at www.shadoxhurst/info which has lots of information about groups, clubs and meetings. It shows each week’s events. We continue to make improvements, so please check there regularly. These are all ways to get information and village news and updates out to everyone. Feedback is very welcome and we would love to hear from you.

Parish Council News

The Parish Council meets every **second Wednesday** of the month. We sometimes have problems with the timing of planning applications when we have to submit our views to Ashford BC within the same timescale as neighbours. The PC only looks at applications once, so if you are an applicant or a neighbour and you wish the PC to be aware of your views, then please check the agenda of the next meeting on the notice boards and the website. If in doubt, contact Judith, our Parish Clerk.

Dates for your Diary:

Every Tuesday Chatterbox Coffee Club 2 – 4 in the Pavilion

Every Last Sunday of the month at 7.00pm Charity Quiz in the King’s Head

December: **11th** Village Forum Meeting 7.00 pm in the Pavilion

13th Parish Council Meeting 7.30 pm in the Pavilion

19th Final Chatterbox Coffee Club at 1.00 – 4.00pm (booking essential)

January: **9th** Chatterbox Coffee Club reopens

10th Parish Council Meeting 7.30 pm in the Pavilion

13th **Quiz Night** 7.00pm Hall

February: **7th** Parish Council Meeting 7.30pm in the Pavilion

22nd Village Forum Meeting 7.00pm in the Pavilion