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Shadoxhurst Newsletter February 2018

Welcome to our new look

A new year and a new look. We hope you like it. There is a lot going on in the village and the Newsletter will now come out regularly at the beginning of February, April, June, August, October and December. The deadline for articles and copy will be the 25th of the preceding months. If you would like something included, please email it to David at amberherne@btinternet.com.

In this edition you will find articles on The Scouts, Village Forum and a few of the clubs. There will be a regular page 2 spot for the Neighbourhood Watch and there will be details of clubs, contacts and dates for the diary on page 4. Please let us know what you think about the new look and the content by emailing the above address. Have a great February and March. (Remember, the closing date for information for the April edition is 25th March).



Methodist Church 150th Anniversary

This photograph was taken on the Church's 100th anniversary in 1978. Celebrations are being planned for July this year when the Methodist Church in Shadoxhurst is celebrating the 150th Anniversary of the chapel building in Church Lane. As part of their celebrations they would like to have a display of photographs, mementos, memories, stories etc. connected with the chapel

over these years. If anyone has anything that they would be prepared to let us copy for this, please contact either Lisa Cooper, cooperplace@btinternet.com tel. 732178, Janet Boothroyd, Quince Cottage, Church Lane Next door to the Chapel) 732656 or Phyllis Fagg, phyllisfagg@tesco.net tel. 638820.

Showcasing Shadoxhurst Businesses

Last year we held an event that Showcased many of the village's clubs, societies and activities. We intend to repeat that, but before we do, we would like to Showcase the Businesses in our village. The date is **Saturday 21st April 2018** and will be at the Village Hall opening at 10.00 am through to 3.00 pm.

If you would like a stand, table or six foot space to show off your business, please email your details to Cheryl at cherylvander@tiscali.co.uk. It is first come first served and space is limited. The Village Forum members will provide teas and coffees. Each space will cost £20. Half tables are £10.

Neighbourhood Watch (NHW) Update

For those with access to the internet, regular updates and current items are published on both Nextdoor (<https://nextdoor.co.uk/neighborhood/feed/>) and Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1721139798106705/>).

The benefit of this approach is to provide detailed information direct to you in a very timely manner.

The main issue in the last month has been the targeted thefts of vehicle trailers – with some attempts being made in broad daylight. These thefts are taking place around Ashford but focussed on rural areas where most trailers are kept. If you have any items on your property which could be taken then please take action to protect yourself. This can be simply move it out of sight of the road/pathways, cover it in a tarpaulin, chain it to a solid object, fit a wheel clamp and / or tow hitch lock.

Thefts from vehicles have also featured – be they items left visible in cars (either don't leave possession in the vehicle or lock it in the boot) or trade tools left in vans.

Again, please be aware this activity is taking place and take steps to avoid it happening to you.

Finally, please be aware of who you are dealing with if approached by a door-step or telephone caller. Unfortunately, there are those out there who are quite comfortable with stealing money from householders on the pre-text of work needing to be undertaken.

If you are unsure then offer to take their contact details and refer to a family member, friend or neighbour – if they are genuine they will be happy with this approach. Do not hand over any money on the promise that something will be done.

A recent review of the staffing levels of the **Ashford Community Policing Team** has resulted in staff numbers increasing, in part due to greater use being made of the online reporting tool. As a result, the number of rural officers has doubled.

A Task Team has been introduced which will focus on district hot spots, emerging issues for anti-social behaviour and crime. They will also address ongoing issues such as school parking and speeding.

Peter Webb neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator for Shadoxhurst

Parish Council News

There is not much to report at the moment that doesn't appear elsewhere in the Newsletter. We continue to meet on the second Wednesday of the month. If you need to contact the Parish Council, please do so by contacting:

Judith Batt on 733994 or email judith.batt@btinternet.com

Planning Threats

There is a planning application for 21 houses at the rear of Farley Close. If you wish to find out more about this application it is at **17/1888/AS** <http://planning.ashford.gov.uk/Planning/details.aspx?systemkey=108316&pageIndex=0>

We know that soon there will be an application for 60 houses or more on the north side of Tally Ho Road.

Club News

History Club

The Club continues to meet every fortnight on a Thursday (10.30 – 12.00) at the Pavilion. At a recent meeting people brought photographs and documents and work began on scanning for an electronic village archive. One of the old photos shows the village pump on the green taken from Quince Cottage.

Also, at a recent meeting there was a talk about how to go about tracing your family tree by a Club Member. The next meetings are **8th and 22nd February**, please contact Carol on 732084 for details.



African Drumming

The Club meets Thursdays every week at 7.00pm. Please ring Lesley for details and directions 733387.

Sewing and Craft Club

Meeting fortnightly 7.00pm – 9.00pm on a Thursday, anyone with little or lots of experience can come along, ring Sheila 733540 for details.

Shadoxhurst Flower Club

Meeting with demonstrations, the first Wednesday of the month at 7.30 in the Village Hall. Please ring Gay on 732212 for more details.

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FORUM NEWS

A belated Happy New Year to all the Shadoxhurst Village Residents. Some of you will already know that the **Quiz Night** on 13 January was a great success and everyone had a lot of fun with some tricky questions! There were only 4 points between the first and second place teams, and I can confirm there is a very keen competitive streak in many of us, all in good spirits of course! After expenses, the grand total was £347.80. Well done to you all!

Our next proposed event is Showcasing Shadoxhurst Businesses. Page 1 has more detail about what will be available for you to showcase your business (if you have one), and I am sure we will add to our funds yet again. But the principal behind this event is so that residents are made aware of the type of businesses that operate in our very own village. In return, perhaps we can use those businesses from time to time to generate some mutual benefits and so we all know what is available right on our doorstep.

I do hope you can support those businesses that do attend, by coming along, and for the businesses who are interested in attending or just finding out a bit more about this event, then ring me (Cheryl) on 733124. The date is 21st April in the Village Hall, from 10 – 3.00. I am also looking for a couple of volunteers to hand out leaflets and some others volunteering to organise the teas/coffees etc.

We will be organising another **'Murder Mystery' evening** on the **28 April**, again this will be in the Village Hall. It was a sell out last time, so look out for more details nearer the time.

There seems so much about new housing developments both here in Shadoxhurst and in the surrounding areas. You may be interested in the campaign **Rural Means Rural** which is a collective of several villages in our part of the South East. We will be featuring this and telling you more about how we fit into this at our next Forum meeting. **Which leads me to the date: 22 February 2018 at 7 pm in the Pavilion.** I am hoping we can demonstrate our newly purchased projector to good effect on the night!

I hope to see you all there.

Cheryl Vander
Chair – Shadoxhurst Village Forum

Courtside Football Club

It's been a busy season so far, as the club has expanded from 3 to 6 teams of varying age groups. All are making good progress in league and cup competitions. The winter period has seen a decrease in fixtures due to the weather and waterlogged pitches, being the story of December and January. At present the club play all home matches at Shadoxhurst and will return to training in March.

The club held a Christmas Bingo evening in the Village Hall for players in the u11, u12 and u14 age groups. It was a very enjoyable evening and raised £160 for the club and will hopefully become an annual event.

As part of the club's continuing commitment to providing football for all youngsters in the community we will introduce an **u5/u6** Development Squad at the start of the next season. This will be most children's first experience of playing football. The club aims to ensure that they will have fun, play with a smile on their face and enjoy learning in a non-competitive environment.

Scouting News

by Simon Slater-Cannon

1st Shadoxhurst Scout group has places for young people aged 10 – 14 years in our newly formed Scout troop. We have been building our Beaver and Cub sections, and both enjoy the opportunity to explore the world around them and are now looking to expand our Scout troop with the same aims.

Our Beavers kicked our 50th anniversary year off by achieving second and third place in the District 5 a side football match last weekend. A tremendous achievement and the first time, in memory, that a group had two teams in the semi-finals.

If you are interested in contacting me regarding Scouting, then please email me, in the first instance, at raven.slatercannon@gmail.com.

History Club Request

This year marks the 100th anniversary of the end of WW1 and the Act of Parliament giving some women the right to vote. Ashford BC are keen to hear any family stories relating to

- 1) If Shadoxhurst has one key World War 1 story to tell, what would it be?
- 2) Are there any notable women in Shadoxhurst Parish who worked, or made a significant contribution to the war effort during WW1?
- 3) Did Shadoxhurst have any key individuals involved in the women's suffrage movement?

If you have any information or stories on any of these questions, then please contact Carol 732084 as soon as possible initially as she is collating the information. It is hoped to include these in Borough wide exhibitions.



Annual Village Spring Clean

As part of the annual spring clean the Green Farm Community will be tidying and replanting the area around the Millennium sign. On the **24th March** we will once again hold a litter picking event to tidy the village for the months ahead. Although Michael does a cracking good job, there are bits he doesn't get to. Please contact David and email at amberherne@btinternet.com if you can help on the day. The more there to help, the more we can do.

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 regular updates

189 residents have now joined the Shadoxhurst 'Next Door', group. <https://nextdoor.co.uk/neighborhood/feed/> there are regular NHW updates on 'Next Door' too.

The "Shadoxhurst, a Kent Village" Facebook Page now has 326 members! Again, it is a great place to stay in touch with Village life.

The local 'Rural Means Rural Campaign' also has a Facebook Page.

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, including the fortnightly Library Van visits so you can keep up to date. We are continuing to make improvements to the site, please check there regularly.

These are all ways to get information and village news and updates out to

everyone. Feedback is very welcome

Club Contacts

1st Shadoxhurst Scouts, Cubs and Beavers ring Simon 07704 789155
African Drumming ring Lesley 733387

Ark Drama 2000 ring Lis 732901
Courtside FC play matches on the rec most weekends, ring Vanessa 07526 431687 for details.

Flower Club ring Gay 732212
History Club ring Carol 732084
Line Dancing ring Kate 733015
Poetry and Expression ring Ian 732084

Sewing and Craft Club ring Sheila 733540

Weekend Walking ring Jim 07788 245022

WI ring Mandy Spencer 501774

Wine and Home Brew Club ring Colin 732784

and we would love to hear from you.

Chatterbox Coffee Club

Finally, a reminder to come along to the Coffee Club for tea, cake and a get together every Tuesday afternoon 2-4pm in the Pavilion.

Dates for your Diary:

Every Tuesday Chatterbox Coffee Club 2 – 4pm in the Pavilion
Every Last Sunday of the month at 7.00pm Charity Quiz in the King's Head

February: 14th Parish Council Meeting 7.30pm in the Pavilion
22nd Village Forum Meeting 7.00pm in the Pavilion

March: 14th Parish Council Meeting 7.30pm in the Pavilion
17th Village Forum Meeting 7.00pm in the Pavilion
24th Village Litter Pick and Spring Clean

April: 11th Parish Council Meeting 7.30pm in the Pavilion
21st Showcasing Shadoxhurst Businesses
28th Murder Mystery evening event