



Shadoxhurst Parish Council

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Shadoxhurst Newsletter APRIL 2018

STAY IN TOUCH

Yes, it's April already

The year continues apace and so a warm welcome to the second edition of our new look. In this edition we have so much to include, that we have slightly dropped the font size in places. Please let us know if it is now too small. The closing date for information and inclusions for the June edition is **the 25th May**. If you would like something included, please email it to David at amberherne@btinternet.com

Spring Village Tidy and Clean Event

Thanks go to Villagers Greg, Peter, Margaret, Christine, Val, Karen, Ron, Kim and the 1st Shadoxhurst Cubs & Beavers Team, Colin and Stuart for helping at the Tidy up event. As well as litter picking on the Recreation field, there was scrub and bramble removal and ditch clearing and the phone box and noticeboards were also cleaned. Great team effort, thank you.

Showcasing Businesses Event Cancelled

Surprisingly and disappointingly, our call for businesses to come and be involved in an event on the 21st April to publicise themselves drew only a small response. So, we have decided to cancel it and have a re-think.

Coming Soon to our Village...



We don't have the date yet, but April was promised for the new signs to go up. Keep your eye out for the announcement on the Village Web site. The new limit will replace the current 40mph speed limit as it is and will apply from Woodchurch Road from the village entrance near Church Lane all the way to Stubbs Cross Post Office on Tally Ho Road. It also brings the anomaly of Duck Lane into the 30mph limit.

It will take a lot of getting used to driving slower. We hope that villagers will keep to the limit so those following and perhaps wishing to speed will get a clear message.

We must thank our KCC Ward Councilor, Cllr Mike Angel for his help with getting the finance together to make it all happen.

Village Fete September 2018

Following the success of last year's event, we are looking to provide another day of interest and opportunity for the village.

As such events do require support, not only on the day of people attending the event but also to help manage activities on the day as well as set-up and clear-down, are you prepared to help?

We're not looking for an open-ended commitment but, if you have a few hours available on the 29th (Saturday for set-up) and/or the 30th (event itself) and would like to help please let me know.

Support is needed to erect the marquees, help with serving food (hot and teas and cakes), serving drinks, directing parking, running games for children as well as clearing down after. The intention is to provide cover for all activities without it becoming onerous so please let me know if you are prepared to help. Thank you.

Peter PeterLisWebb@Hotmail.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 for regular updates. Over 200 residents have now joined the Shadoxhurst 'Nextdoor', group. <https://nextdoor.co.uk/neighborhood/feed/>

Neighbourhood Watch (NHW) Update

General messages received from Ashford Police.

Protect your Garden

- *Maintain hedges and fences to prevent unwanted visitors from entering your garden
- *Close your garden gate and lock it from the inside
- *Store bins and ladders carefully so they can't be used as climbing aids
- *Store tools and equipment somewhere secure after use so they don't get stolen or used to break into your home
- *Secure sheds and garages with suitable locks and consider fitting shed alarms and security lights
- *Disable lawn mowers and other large machinery when not in use and chain items together or to a solid anchor point
- *Security mark valuable items – taking photographs and recording details such as serial numbers and identifying marks can also help to identify items if they get lost or stolen.
- *Consider registering valuables on a property database such as www.immobilise.com

Protect your personal information

Email accounts contain a wealth of sensitive information. Criminals can use your email to reset passwords or obtain personal and financial information, such as your bank details, full address or DOB, leaving you vulnerable to identity theft and fraud.

Secure your email account with two simple steps:-

- 1 - Use a strong, separate password
- 2 - Enable two-factor authentication

Phantom Debt Fraud

Action Fraud has recently experienced an increase in the number of calls to members of the public by fraudsters requesting payments for a “phantom” debt. The fraud involves being cold-called by someone purporting to be a debt collector, bailiff or other type of enforcement agent. The fraudster may claim to be working under instruction of a court, business or other body and suggest they are recovering funds for a non-existent debt.

The fraudsters are requesting payment, sometimes by bank transfer and if refused, they threaten to visit homes or workplaces in order to recover the supposed debt that is owed. In some cases, the victim is also threatened with arrest. From the reports Action Fraud has received, this type of fraud is presently occurring throughout the UK.

You can report suspicious calls like these to Action Fraud by visiting www.actionfraud.police.uk or by calling 0300 123 2040.

Knife crime awareness activities

Young people in Ashford were warned about the dangers of carrying knives during a two-week awareness campaign in February by Kent Police. Officers, Police Community Support Officers and Volunteer Police Cadets visited a number of schools, colleges and youth clubs.

They provided talks, sharing stories and encouraging young people to make better life choices with the aim to promote safety in the district, reduce knife crime and associated offences and tackle anti-social behaviour. School children and students were provided with an opportunity to ask questions.

Chief Inspector Andrew Somerville said: ‘Kent Police is committed to tackling knife crime and removing dangerous weapons such as knives from our communities. The aim of this specific campaign was to help educate young people by further raising awareness of the dangers of carrying knives and highlight some of the serious repercussions and devastating consequences of doing so.

‘We will not be complacent when it comes to knife crime and it is important that we work with youngsters at an early age as carrying knives can never become socially acceptable and it is more likely they will get hurt or arrested than stay safe.’

To close

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/>).

Additionally a dedicated page is being developed upon the Parish Council website which will include current and past reports at (<http://www.shadoxhurstpc.kentparishes.gov.uk/parish/neighborhood-watch/>).

**Peter Webb Neighbourhood Watch
Co-ordinator for Shadoxhurst.**

Proposed Gardening Club

There is a thought to re-start up this club and if you are interested in joining it, please ring Sheila on 733540.

SHADOXHURST

FORUM NEWS

Well the Easter bunnies have now hopped off and we are hopefully moving towards a warmer, drier Spring! Since the last newsletter, we have had a really successful 'Rural Means Rural' campaign with some very enthusiastic door to door awareness raising, culminating in the meeting in the Village Hall. Tony's map of what is really happening went down very well, as did the very knowledgeable guest speakers, and the rolling audio-visual display. A huge thank you to everyone who helped to make it such a success with around 120 people attending. The tea and cakes were lovely too and we still have a few raffle prizes unclaimed so dust off your tickets – the numbers will be published in the minutes of the March Forum meeting. We raised £266.60 on the day, with a further £40 donation shortly afterwards. This, together with the £300 already donated to RMR, gives the fund a £606.60 boost. We have since heard that they have reached their fund raising target.

It's not too late to get some RMR merchandising specifically mentioning Shadoxhurst, so let us know if you want a car sticker or a poster or even something for your front garden that's a little bigger than that. There is a small charge to cover the printing and carriage costs. Contact Will on 07928 378827.

The **Murder Mystery Evening** is fast approaching on **28 April**. Just one final table of 6 is available. £10 per ticket, to include a fish and chip supper. Bring your own drinks and nibbles. All orders and payment to Lis by 19th April.

Sadly, the Showcasing Shadoxhurst Businesses due to take place on 21 April has had to be postponed due to unforeseen circumstances but it is hoped that we can do this later in the year.

We have decided to join forces with Vanessa who runs the junior football teams for their Children's Christmas Party, to include other non-football playing junior villagers. Please get in touch with me, Cheryl, on 733124 if you would like your child/children to be

listed for a place for this. We intend that this should be financially co-supported by the Forum, but prizes for children's competitions /quizzes are always welcome. There will be two parties, divided by age appropriate arrangements. Ideally, we would like to know numbers by the time the summer holidays end so we can plan properly and provide more information at that time.

For the Coffee Club attendees, it has been confirmed that we will be having a Summer Strawberry Tea again this year so many strawberries, so little time to eat them! Many thanks to Colin and Val for all they do to make the Coffee Club such a great success, throughout the year.

Finally, don't forget the Forum Annual General Meeting on **Saturday 12 May in the Pavilion 2.30 – 4.00**, where decisions on going forward are planned. I hope to see you all there. **Cheryl Vander, Chair Shadoxhurst Village Forum**

Parish Council News

We will be arranging to install some adult fitness equipment at the recreation field, there will be an update on this in the next 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

A Matter of Life and Death

This is a free event on the **14th May** as part of 'Dying Matters' Awareness Week. There will be a short talk about the many options for the end of life care and funerals. After a break for tea etc. there will be an open discussion about the subject of death and dying, perhaps something we don't talk enough about.

There are two sessions, the afternoon one is 2.00 – 3.30pm and the evening is 7.00 – 8.30pm both in the Pavilion. The

finish time is flexible in case more time is needed for questions or discussion.

I offer a safe space to discuss these things and if you would like to know more, please ring David (733540) or email me amberherne@btinternet.com.

Line Dancing

The Club meets every Tuesday in the Village Hall at 7.00pm. Please ring Kate for further information 733015.

AFC Courtside Football Club



Emma giving a half-time talk to the U9's



U14's warm up for the Mersham game

It's been a busy couple of months as our teams having been cramming in fixtures to make up for lost time due to the poor weather. This is what our teams have been up to in **February and March**.

U8s – Our youngest team have played 3 matches, showing steady improvement and enjoying learning the basics of the game. **U9s** – The 9s have played four matches, managing to win them all as they continue their impressive first season. **U11s** – The 11s continue to put in a strong performance in the league as well as reaching the U11 Cup Final, a fantastic achievement. **U12s** – An excellent run of form for the Tornados has seen them win 3 matches in a row and reach the Semi Final of the U12 Cup. Fingers crossed they book their place in the Final! **U14s** – The Sonics have been steadily picking up wins in the League where they sit 3rd with games in hand. They've also been grinding out results in the group stages of the Cup competition.

Winter Training returns to Shadoxhurst as training on the 4G pitch at Towers School has now come to an end so the club will be returning to the Rec at Shadoxhurst for their Friday night training sessions from Friday 6th April. U8 and U9 – 5.15pm to 6.15pm. U12 and U14 – 6.15pm to 7.15pm.

The club would like to say a huge thank you to the Parish Council and Shadoxhurst Villagers who have done a fantastic job of improving the state of the pitches over the winter period, ensuring that football can go ahead as the weather improves. We are looking for new players at certain age groups for the upcoming 2018/19 season. The Club will be interested in trialing players for the following

teams. **U13s** – Children who will be in Year 8 in September 2018 – The team plays in the Ashford and District Youth Football League with games being played on a Saturday. **U15s** – Children who will be in Year 10 in September 2018 – The team plays in the East Kent Youth League with games being played on a Sunday. AFC Courtside club will be featured in an upcoming edition of Football Focus Magazine. The article will showcase the club as a whole, providing an insight into how a club such as ours provides grassroots football for so many local youngsters. We are looking for players in the U15 team from September (Year 10), ring **Vanessa 07526 431687** for further details.

Methodist Church's 150th

On **Sunday July 8th** 2018, the Methodist Church will be celebrating the 150th Anniversary of their present building with a special Service of Thanksgiving. All are welcome to both of these events.

The day before, on **Saturday July 7th**, the Chapel will be open from 10am - 4p.m. for refreshments and there will be a display of photographs, memorabilia, stories etc. connected with its past.

If anyone has anything that they would be prepared to lend to copy for this, please contact either Lisa Cooper, cooperplace@btinternet.com or 732178, or Phyllis Fagg, phyllisfagg@tesco.net or ring 638820.

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 Gaye 732212
History Club ring Carol 732084

Line Dancing ring Kate 733015
Pilates ring Alex 861456

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

Pilates Classes

Every Monday 6.00pm and 7.30pm
ring Alex 861456 or 07977 579708 or
email alexford.pilates@gmail.com

Women's Institute (WI)

Meet every second Wednesday of the month at Stubbs Cross, ring Mandy Spencer on 501774.

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

April: 11th Parish Council Meeting 7.30pm in the Pavilion
12th History Club 10.30 in the Pavilion
19th Sewing Club 7.00pm in the Pavilion
28th Murder Mystery evening event

May: 8th History Group Meeting at the Church
9th Parish Council Meeting 7.30pm in the Pavilion
12th Village Forum AGM 2.30pm in the Pavilion
14th A Matter of Life and Death 2.00pm and 7.00pm (Pavilion)