



Shadoxhurst Parish Council

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WORKING FOR THE COMMUNITY OF SHADOXHURST

Shadoxhurst Newsletter August 2018

PLEASE STAY IN TOUCH

August and Harvest Time

We have been basking in sunshine for some time and the lovely green colour on the rec ground has gone a funny shade of yellow / brown, as have our gardens. And then at last we had some rain...

The time for our Village Fete fast approaches, and we make no apology for mentioning it more than once in this issue. We will be needing some help on the day and with setting up the day before. More activities and attractions are planned so put the **30th September** in your diaries, for a really Fun Sunday.

The closing date for information and inclusions for the October edition is the **25th September**. If you would like something included, please email it to David at amberherne@btinternet.com

Planning News

You probably have heard by now that the application for 21 houses at Farley Close was refused by the Planning Committee in June. They also voted to refuse the 60 houses at Tally Ho Road at their recent July meeting. Thank you to everyone that sent in comments and objections. Either of these could return whether as new applications or as a direct appeal, but for now the fields are protected. The application for the 14 houses behind Delcroft, Woodchurch Road is likely to come to Committee on September 18th.

Chelsea Gold Medal and Best in Show

We celebrate some wonderful news that Ellouise Hasler-Stott, from Park Farm Close is the 2018 Chelsea Flower Show's "RHS Young Chelsea Florist of the Year". We heartily congratulate Ellouise who was asked to design and create "A floral throne for a spring themed Wedding", and was the only person to win a Gold Medal.



My Chelsea experiences have been lovely - I've now competed for 4 consecutive years. In 2017 - I didn't place - I came away without a medal - the first time for me which really was upsetting - but it fuelled my desire to come back in

2018 and correct that, and I'm so glad I did. Ellouise works from home as **Flowers by EG**. She told us:

"If love were a season, it would be spring. My design shows how all things can grow together from the ground up. I drew inspiration from that link between marriage and spring - the beginning of spring growth and the growth of a partnership between two people.

"My throne is seen to be growing out of the ground, with the materials growing and entwining around one another. The main colour in the design is yellow, as to me that's the colour of spring and the sunshine creating a new season. The greenery represents new growth, gradually giving way to the explosion of colour that is nature's way of falling in love."

"My business is solely about making bespoke and well designed floral pieces to really capture the customers wants & needs! I enjoy making pieces that hold a high sentiment to families or friends - funeral work to me is very important to me - I think it should be done to celebrate that loved one and give them the best last day possible."



Shadoxhurst Methodist Church 150th Anniversary Celebrations

We would like to say a big thank you to all who joined in our celebrations and made it such a happy occasion.

Neighbourhood Watch (NHW) Update

The following is a summary of reported activity in Shadoxhurst based upon the latest local Police statistics for May 2018.

May	Totals	Year	Totals
2015	2	2014	17
2016	2	2015	41
2017	0	2016	43
2018	10	2017	57
		2018	31

Conclusion:

May 2018 has seen a notable increase in the incidence of violence or sexual offences – this being a sharp monthly increase and not a steady increasing trend with no single area of the village being responsible.

Hot Topics

Respect for the Pavilion and Rec Field resource – a number of the fence rails have been damaged and rubbish left near the football goal/adult fitness equipment. This is a village resource which needs to be treated with respect – please report those who aren't.

Scams – these continue to feature whereby approaches are being made from people attempting to gain bank account information, by offering refunds advising monies are due, these may purport to be from banks or other entities. Remember if it sounds too good to be true it probably is.

The recent spate of hot weather has meant many of us have had doors and windows open through much of the day – please remember to secure your property should you leave it. Also, there have been a number of tool thefts from sheds and vehicles around the Ashford area – remember to lock away items not being used and if left in your vehicle make sure they are out of sight.

Top security tips for home and when away: • At home, avoid leaving keys or other valuables on display near windows or doors.

• Consider installing a quality safe to the appropriate British/European standard.

- Safes should be bolted to a solid wall or floor and concealed, for example in a cupboard or fitted wardrobe.
- When you go out, only take with you what you need – leave valuables at home.
- When out and about, keep valuables out of view (for example in a zipped pocket) and spread them around your person.
- Use a purse chain if you can.
- If you have a bag, keep it fastened and to the front of your body where you can see it.
- Never leave your belongings unattended or in easy reach, for example on the top of a pram, a shopping trolley or a mobility scooter.

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, there is a dedicated page on the Parish Council website which includes all reports (<http://www.shadoxhurstpc.kentparishes.gov.uk/parish/neighbourhood-watch/>)

Peter Webb neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator for Shadoxhurst

IT'S BACK!

SHADOXHURST ART & PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION

We're very excited to announce our village Art & Photography Competition for 2018. The theme (of course) is: **SHADOXHURST**

We know there's lots of talent out there, so please bring your drawings, paintings or photographs to 7 Park Farm Close or drop them off at the coffee club in the Pavilion, Hornash Lane, between 2pm – 4pm on Tuesday afternoons. Remember to include your name, address & contact details. If you are under 13 years old, please tell us your age too.

Closing date is Saturday 22ND September 2018.

All entries will be displayed in an exhibition at the **Shadoxhurst Harvest Fete on Sunday 30th September.**

Winning entries will be published in the village newsletter and on the village website.

Last year's winners were The Old Schoolhouse by Jan, Bluebells by Val and Harvest Time by Jim.



Please join in the fun & get busy, we can't wait to see your entries

Club News

The **History Club** visited Woodchurch Museum recently - highly recommended. <http://www.woodchurchmuseum.com/>

The **Sewing Club** held a very successful Coffee Morning and raised just over £200, thank you to all who came and supported the morning. A very big thank you to those who baked, helped and got involved.

Shadoxhurst Village Forum News

Hello from the Village Forum Chair. I hope you are enjoying this lovely weather and keeping cool somehow. Even though we are now at the start of the school summer holidays, we would really appreciate your thoughts on some new ideas for social events in the village. They could be for any age group, or for all age groups (like our Fete!), but we need your ideas on what we might try!

Please let us know what you think would enhance village life or improve social isolation.

Our next meetings are on the 7th August and 13th September in the Pavilion at 7.00pm.

I look forward to seeing you at the Fete on 30th September, but you can contact me with any ideas you may have whenever you like. My email is cherylvander@tiscali.co.uk.

Boot Camp Fitness

You can get fitter on Mondays 7.15-8.15pm and Wednesdays 6.00-7.00pm with the Go Fit Boot camps. Check Facebook @gofitashford or ring Ashley 07526 689225. Sessions are on the Rec until the end of September.

1st Shadoxhurst Scout Group

Beavers (aged 6-8) Mondays
Cubs (8-10½) Tuesdays
Scouts (10½ -14) Wednesdays

Contact Simon on 07704 789155 & raven.slatercannon@gmail.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 to get regular updates.

Over 200 residents have now joined the Shadoxhurst **'Next Door'**, group which is part of a much wider community group involving all the other villages. https://nextdoor.co.uk/neighborhood_fed/

The **"Shadoxhurst, a Kent Village"** Facebook Page now has 489 members! Join us if you can, so we can reach 500. It is a great place to stay in touch with Village life.

The active local **'Rural Means Rural'** Campaign is also on Facebook.

Please also visit the **Parish Website** <http://www.shadoxhurstpc.kentparishes.gov.uk/> which has lots of information about groups, clubs and meetings. It highlights each week's events and activities, including the fortnightly **Library Van** visits to **Lonefield, Wednesdays 3.25 - 3.55 pm**, so you can keep up to date.

Feedback is very welcome, and we would love to hear from you.

SHADOXHURST HARVEST FETE

SUNDAY 30TH SEPTEMBER

10AM - 3PM



FUN FOR ALL THE FAMILY!

Barbeque Train Rides Chair-o-Plane
 Beer Tent with Real Ale
 Throw a Welly Archery Classic Cars
 Live Entertainment Craft Stalls
 Traditional Games Teas & Cakes

Free entry

At the Recreation Ground

Hornash Lane

Shadoxhurst

TN26 1HT

www.shadoxhurst.info

Shadoxhurst Meadows

There are some very important Local Wildlife Sites in our village. The Mayor of Ashford, Ms Jessamy Blandford paid a visit on Sunday 22nd July to see all the good work to maintain these habitats at Moat Farm, Church Lane. The Kent Wildlife Trust (KWT) is one of her adopted charities and they do vital work to conserve and advise on how the meadows can be enhanced. The event marked the launch of fundraising for the Ashford Meadows Project.



The photo shows the retiring CEO of the Trust, John Bennett talking to guests who joined the Mayor (to his left) and were shown around the meadows to see the incredible variety of wild flowers that support butterflies, grasshoppers and a wealth of important insects. The fields were teeming with life.

Thanks go to Mike and Jan Bax for hosting the event. We are blessed with a

lot of byways and footpaths, and we will be helping to promote the use of these for villagers and visitors to see all the wonderful habitats in our village.

Energy Healing

Sheila Ellis is offering Energy Healing sessions on alternate Tuesday mornings at the Pavilion between 10.00 – 12.00 on 14th & 28th August then 11th & 25th September. This is a non-invasive therapy in a relaxed peaceful space.

These will be up to twenty-minute sessions at 10.00, 10.30, 11.00 and 11.30 am. There is no formal charge, but she will provide this for donations which will be put to the raising money for disabled toilet facilities at the Pavilion. Please ring Sheila (733540) if you would like to book or know more or.

Broadband Update

We recently held a public meeting to discuss Broadband and welcomed the KCC Broadband Manager who heads a team that is delivering 'Superfast Broadband' to 96% of the County through BT Openreach. The Parish Council has been kept informed of 'progress' through many months of anguish by George who shared the highs and lows of the contract to deliver the service to us.

George told us that Shadoxhurst has been one of the problem villages, but did not know why, virtually everything that could go wrong, did go wrong. We were the only one to have a car write off a cabinet the day after it went live (Church Lane) and have a completely unexplained and fatal hardware breakdown (by the village hall).

As the current KCC / BT contract is being completed in September, our village is gradually being finished, hopefully you will have noticed a

difference by now. However, many of us have had problems, which included engineering issues, inexplicable data errors (they expect 3-4% errors nationally, we have recorded data errors levels of 26% !!) and migration troubles from the original Hornash Lane cabinet to the new ones.

You can test your speed at <https://broadbandtest.which.co.uk/> and you can check your own availability at

www.dslchecker.bt.com This is what your ISP checks when you start to ask questions. The other web site to check is www.openreach.co.uk and if you want any information from George's Team, email them on broadband@kent.gov.uk

It seems the exercise for Shadoxhurst has been nothing short of a nightmare. But as the funding recedes upon completion (Kent was the largest county broadband project across the whole country) then it will be time for us to give the ISP's a run for their money to get the best deals and value for money.

Finally, if you have problems with BT sales agents, ask them for their unique EIN, (employee identification number), so if they say something possibly untrue, KCC can trace that person. It also means you know a thing or two and they will sit up and take notice.

The tunnel light is brightening at last.

Police Survey

The Kent Police & Crime Commissioner has released his Annual Policing Survey. It is short and only takes a couple of minutes to complete, is available at www.kent-pcc.gov.uk/consultations. A hard-copy leaflet, and a large print version, are also available on request.

Chatterbox Coffee Club

Come along to the Coffee Club for tea, cake and a get together **every Tuesday afternoon 2.00 - 4.00 pm** in the Pavilion. Lifts can be provided for

those that need one, please ring Colin on 732784.

Help with the Fete required please...

If you can help on the day (Sunday 30th September) that would be much appreciated, as would help with erecting the two marquees on Saturday. Please ring Peter on 732784 who is collecting names, and we are still short of some men to help with the marquees. The more people helping on the day, the less work time needed and the longer you can enjoy the Fete.



At our fete we will be collecting food items to give to our **local food bank**. Please bring your donations along to the Pavilion between 10.00 am – 3.00 pm on Sunday 30th September 2018.

Village Sign Garden

The **Green Farm Community Garden** has volunteered to restore the area around the village sign back to a garden that shows our collective pride in Shadoxhurst. There were a lot of shrubs planted a few years ago that had got totally overgrown; these are on their way back and, as the ground

softens, we will be keeping the weeds under control.

We will be planting extra shrubs and lots of bulbs in the autumn. We would like to add bedding plants next spring but would need help with watering. Please call Martin at 01233 733997 or email martin@greenfarmkent.co.uk if you have plants to donate or time to commit to weeding and/or watering.

Village Contacts

1st Shadoxhurst Scouts, Cubs and Beavers

Simon 07704 789155

African Drumming Lesley 733387

Ark Drama 2000 Lis 732901

Courtside FC Vanessa 07526 431687

Flower Club Gaye 732212

Future Scholars Sarah 07821 143249

History Club Carol 732084

Line Dancing Kate 733015

Parish Council Judith 733994

Pilates Alex 861456

Poetry and Expression Ian 732084

Sewing and Craft Club Sheila 733540

Weekend Walking Jim 07788 245022

WI Mandy Spencer 501774

Wine & Home Brew Club Colin 732784

The Final Word: Village 30 MPH

We have just been told that the work will at last be carried out in August...

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

August: 7th Village Forum meeting 7.00pm in the Pavilion

8th Parish Council Meeting 7.00pm in the Pavilion

9th & 23rd Sewing Club 7.00pm in the Pavilion

14th & 28th Healing sessions from 10.00am in the Pavilion

16th History Club 10.30 in the Pavilion

September: 6th History Club 10.30 in the Pavilion

6th & 20th Sewing Club 7.00pm in the Village Hall

11th & 25th Healing sessions from 10.00am in the Pavilion

12th Parish Council Meeting 7.00pm in the Pavilion

13th Village Forum meeting 7.00pm in the Pavilion

30th Village Fete 10.00am – 3.00pm

October: 10th Parish Council Meeting 7.00pm in the Pavilion

13th Murder Mystery evening event