



Shadoxhurst Parish Council

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WORKING FOR THE COMMUNITY OF SHADOXHURST

Shadoxhurst Newsletter February 2019

PLEASE STAY IN TOUCH

New Year, New News...

Welcome to the first edition of 2019. As we closed 2018, Southern Water had to provide tankers for taking the sewage from the pumping station behind Mace Terrace. Residents faced major disruption for the third time in as many weeks.

January began with a busy second week, which included the Forum and Parish Council meetings, various clubs reconvening after the break, the village quiz (big thanks to Karen and Ron for all the organising and raising almost £400) and a public consultation in the Hall regarding yet more development heading for our village.

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

Planning News

Around 200 people came to the open event on 13th January. Parish Councillors were on hand for the five hours to talk about two potential developments. One is a re-issue of the GreenVolt refusal for 60 houses on Tally Ho Road this time with the promise of some permanent green buffer land for the village. The other for a 'retirement community' of 34 units behind houses on the south side of Woodchurch Road. A survey was also carried out and some of the results are detailed on the back page. Thank you to all who called in.

Survey Results

We had 145 survey sheets completed and these were analysed and some of the % results are on the back page. Analysis of the myriad of comments is continuing.

There is now a live outline application for up to 1000 houses in 3 phases at Court Lodge, Kingsnorth. This stretches from Stubbs Cross and Long Length across to Pound Lane. It will include a primary school in phase 1 along with some 300 houses. A roundabout will be created at Long Length / Magpie Hall Road junction. The application number is **18/01822/AS** if you would like to comment. We have known about this and three further developments are going to happen in Kingsnorth as they have been allocated in the new Local Plan.

Elections Looming

On Thursday May 2nd there will be elections in Ashford for both Parish and Borough Councillors. Their respective four year terms of office end in April and Borough wide elections will be held.

From our village perspective, for the last couple of years we have had a full complement of Parish Members. Many are re-standing but if you are interested in becoming a Member, then please contact our Parish Clerk, Judith Batt on 733994 who will explain the process. The details will be posted on the two village noticeboards once the paperwork is released by the ABC Election Department.

We have a membership of seven, and if seven people or less stand for election, then there is no need for a ballot. If eight or more people step forward, then ballot papers will be issued, and you will be able to cast your votes on the 2nd May.

Our polling station is at the Village Hall as usual that day, opening at 07.00 and closing at 10.00pm and every vote really does count. If you are likely to be away that day, postal and proxy voting is available, and details about these are obtained from the Electoral Commission at <https://www.yourvotematters.co.uk/>

You can check on the ABC website to confirm if you are on the electoral roll. If you are not on there, then the final date to register to enable you to vote on 2nd May is Friday 12th April.

Women's Institute (WI)

The local WI meets at 7.30pm every second Wednesday of the month at Stubbs Cross Mission Hall, please ring Mandy 501774 for details.

New Event...Music Quiz Night 5th April 2019

Following the Village Quiz Night in January we have a new event on **Friday 5th April**. Tables of up to 8, please ring Cheryl on 421746 to book a table. A bargain at £6 per person, please bring your own refreshments.

Library Van

The Library van calls here every fortnight parking at the Lonefield bus stop on a **Wednesday 3.25 – 3.55pm**. It will be here on the following dates: **Feb 13th & 27th, March 13th & 27th, April 10th & 24th**. Being the second Wednesday of the month, the date currently coincides with the monthly Parish Council meetings.

Neighborhood Watch (NHW) Update

This month is one where we need to work, as a community, against a small number of people who are causing nuisance and damage around the village using, it is understood, catapults to damage property. There have been a number of incidents relating to damage to external lights and roadside mirrors

along Hornash Lane. It may be that the culprits are also responsible for similar damage being caused along Bromley Green Road.

Whilst people are at liberty to walk, ride their bikes or buggies, or drive around the village, please be vigilant of those acting with no obvious specific purpose i.e. aren't on their way to/from somewhere and seem to be loitering or acting suspiciously. Whilst the damage being caused may be seen as "fun", by those involved, the repercussions could be significant if people are injured as a result of the loss of a driveway mirror or security light.

If you know the names of the persons who are carrying out these crimes, which blight communities, please use Crime Stoppers. Such information will be passed to the Police anonymously and in absolute total confidence.

Crime Stoppers may be contacted on 0800 555 111

Reports of crime elsewhere around Ashford town and surrounding villages, continue to feature break-ins to property and vehicles. We need to remain alert and raise concerns early for any suspicious behaviour to avoid Shadoxhurst becoming a target should the criminals decide to move onto "new ground".

Remember

- Cars and vehicles remain a target, please leave absolutely nothing on show especially when parked up at night. Care with vans and commercial vehicles that have tools and equipment in them overnight. If you see people lurking around and peering into vehicles CALL THE POLICE.
- Garages, sheds and outbuildings - try to keep locked and as secure as possible. Remember tools stolen from here could be used to break into your main property
- Beware of distraction burglaries and bogus callers. These "parasites" will often target the disabled, elderly and the most vulnerable in our community.

Scam advice – whether approached by phone, post, email or text

- Remember – Your bank or the Police will NEVER ask for your PIN, your bank card or for you to withdraw money.

- Caution – NEVER share your PIN with anyone – the only times you should use your PIN is at a cash machine or when you use a shop's chip and PIN machine.
- Think - NEVER hand your bank card or any goods you have purchased as a result of a phone call to anyone who comes to your front door.
- Investigate – If you think you have been the victim of a scam, call the Police.

Importantly if you see a crime in progress ring 999. For non-urgent calls to the Police ring 101.

Working together we can keep Shadoxhurst a pleasant place to live with low levels of crime and deter those ne'er-do-wells who would try to destroy this life-style.

As always, 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.kentparishcouncil.gov.uk/parish/neighbourhood-watch/>)

Email: Peter707R@Hotmail.com or via the village Facebook page or via Nextdoor.

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

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Pilates Classes

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

1st Shadoxhurst Scout Group

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

Contact Simon on 07704 789155 or
raven.slatercannon@gmail.com

Munn Academy of Dance

Classes available for Ballet & Pointe, Tap, Modern-Jazz, Street, Gymnastic Dance, Musical Theatre & Singing in the Village Hall, for further information visit their

website www.munnacademy.co.uk, email lesleymunn@blueyonder.co.uk or call 01634 234168 / 07720719455.

Yoga

For information on the Thursday morning class or individual sessions contact Isabel via 07757 858642 or <https://www.facebook.com/yogawithisabelinkent/> or email her on yogaisabelkent@gmail.com

Shadoxhurst Village Forum News

Cheryl writes: "Well here we are in 2019 and January is racing along. The Village was treated again to a wonderful and fun quiz night, courtesy of Karen and Ron on 12 January. The raffle was well supported in terms of prizes and tickets. We would like to thank our quiz setters very much for their hard work and hope to persuade them to do it again at some stage. The Quiz raised £392.55 for future village events, so well done to everyone who supported the evening.

There will be another Quiz on 5 April, this time a Music Quiz for all those music buffs out there. Venue Village Hall. This is a joint fundraiser between our village and the Hospital Radio Maidstone, who continually raise funds to replace and repair bedside audio equipment on the wards and in their onsite studio at Maidstone. MC and quizmaster is one of the Hospital Radio Maidstone broadcasters."

Tickets are £6 from Cheryl Vander at Spruce Cottage (ring the bell on the gate) or any Tuesday Coffee Club 2-4 pm or ring to reserve your table of up to 8 people on 01233 421746. Bring your own drink and nibbles.

STOP PRESS: Another Murder Mystery evening is proposed for **25th May**, "A Fate Worse Than Death". The proceeds here will be shared between funding Rhiannon Webb (from Ark Drama) taking a working break to engage with under-privileged children in Africa and help with building construction, and our village projects.

Our next Village Forum meeting is on **Thursday 14th March** in the Pavilion at 7.30pm. The Forum is designed for residents to get together and discuss important matters in the Village. Concerns can be fed into the Parish Council. Events are also organised to raise funds for projects in the village.

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. The Forum Chair, Cheryl has also put her email address for contacting her directly. cherylvander@tiscali.co.uk

Over 200 residents have 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 over 550 members! Join us if you can.

Please look out for the active local 'Rural Means Rural' Campaign which is also on Facebook.

Keep up to date with activities and please visit our Parish Website www.shadoxhurstpc.kentparishes.gov.uk/ which has lots of information about groups, clubs and meetings.

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

Garden Safari 2019

The proposal to hold a village Garden Safari event in July is progressing and we have some volunteers willing to open their gardens for a day. The idea is that the open gardens are listed in a leaflet and people can walk around the village getting to see the different styles of garden and raise some money in the process. We could do with a few more gardens so if you would like to help, open your garden and join in, please ring Cheryl 421746 or Sheila and David on 733540. It can be front or back gardens, large or small, pristine or simply for wildlife. Every garden is different.

There are a few people interested in re-starting the village Gardening Club, so we are going to have a launch meeting for gardeners of all standards, simply those who want to know and do more, on 18th March in the Pavilion at 7.00pm. Please come along if this appeals.

Loneliness can be all year

There's probably someone down your road who hasn't seen anyone all week.

We can help!

If you, your neighbour, relative or friend need a weekly visitor or phone call please contact us. Remember we will

need permission to receive a referral. We operate in Tenterden rural, Hamstreet and district, and Romney Marsh. For more information please phone **CARM** on 01233 758122 or please visit our website www.carmromneymarsh.org.uk

Chatterbox Coffee Club

As well as CARM, we have our local weekly drop in event, all are very welcome. Come along to the Coffee Club for tea, cake, chat 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.

Ashford Courtside Sonic's Football Teams

If you would like to know more about the five teams of varying ages, Under 6's, U9's, U10's and U13's as well as the U15's that play on the Bill Hollands' Recreation Ground, please give Vanessa a ring on 07526 431687 or email on grimmond105@gmail.com

Improving our village in 2019

We will be holding another litter pick in March to coincide with this year's Keep Britain Tidy Spring Clean initiative. It will be held on Saturday 16th March, please meet at the Pavilion at 9.45am. Email David amberherne@btinternet.com to let us know you are coming.

Village Fete 2019

Shadoxhurst Harvest Fete – Sunday
29th September 2019

The village is looking to run another fete this year – are you able to spare three hours (either 9.30am – 12.30pm or 12.30pm – 3.30pm) to help out?

There will be a variety of roles to help including running games for children, directing car parking, selling raffle tickets and helping on the hot and cold food and drink stalls.

If you are prepared to help, then please contact Peter by email @ Peter707R@Hotmail.com or by phone 01233 732901.

Village Hall Cleaning and Caretaking

The Parish Council will shortly be going out for tenders for the contract and if anyone in the village wishes to apply, please contact our Parish Clerk, Judith Batt on 733994 or email shadoxhurstpc@onmicrosoft.com

Shadoxhurst Flower Club

The Shadoxhurst Flower Club first met over 50 years ago and continue to meet on the first Wednesday of every month at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. They have demonstrations most months and two or three workshops; there is also a garden visit in the Summer. If you would like to go along and meet them, they provide a very warm welcome to all who come along. All flower arrangements are raffled at the end of the meetings.

The 2019 programme is brimming with events. The next meeting is on the 6th March with a demonstration by Patricia Ellis called "Out of the Box". On the 3rd April there will be a Workshop led by Ellouise Hasler-Stott, who you recall was the 2018 Chelsea Flower Show's "RHS Young Chelsea Florist of the Year". The garden visit will be on the 3rd July, details not finalized. If you would like more information, please ring Gaye on 732212.

Creative Shadoxhurst - Be part of it

Do you draw or paint, maybe you're a photographer? Or do you create visual art with wood or other materials. You might be a creative writer or possibly a story teller, maybe you work with fabric to make clothing or decoration? Are there any musicians out there? These are just a few of the many creative ways that many people in our community choose to express themselves.

An event aimed at showcasing Shadoxhurst's creative talent is being planned for **Saturday the 13th of April** at the Village Hall. The free to enter event called "Creative Shadoxhurst" will be an opportunity to showcase your talent, network with other people or maybe establish collaborations. If you are interested in participating in Creative Shadoxhurst please email Ian at ianprocter1@yahoo.co.uk for more information.

If you simply want to visit Creative Shadoxhurst to see what's going on you will be made very welcome. It opens at 11.00am. Watch out for more information.

Village Contacts

- 1st Shadoxhurst Scouts, Cubs and Beavers** Simon 07704 789155
- African Drumming** Lesley 733387
- Ark Drama 2000** Lis 732901
- Courtside Football Club** Vanessa 07526 431687
- Flower Club** Gaye 732212
- Future Scholars** Sarah 07821 143249
- Healing / Therapy Sessions** Sheila 733540
- History Club** Carol 732084
- Lesley Munn Dance Academy** Lesley 01634 234168
- 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
- Yoga** Isabel 07757 858642

The Weald of Kent Protection Society

Weald of Kent Protection Society is a registered charity dedicated to protecting our unique Wealden towns, villages and countryside from the effects of damaging and unsuitable development, preserving its charm and

character for future generations to enjoy. We welcome active members to help us with a range of activities,

from scrutinising planning applications to organising events. If, like us you care about the Weald, please get in touch with Fay Merrick 01580 861246 www.wkps.org.uk secretary@wkps.org.uk



Survey Comments
Cloud to the question 'Name the most important things which should stay as they are?'

More results in the next edition as we don't have room to include them here. If you want to sign up for the Forum, the full results will be circulated soon.

Survey Questions % Replies	Yes	No
Q1 Do you want Shadoxhurst to remain a rural village?	100	0
Q2 Do you want to preserve key green spaces and fields?	99	1
Q3 Should a 'Green Buffer' be maintained to keep us separate from Ashford's growth?	99	1
Q4 Would you support the principle of the Foster & Payne development?	23	77
Q5 Would you support the principle of the GreenVolt development?	6	94
Q6 Would you support it if a large amount of buffer land was given over to the Parish?	61	39
Q7 Do you agree with the definition of the 'Village Confines' on the map?	88	12
Q8 Do you support SPC setting up a Trust for gifted land?	92	8

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:**
 - 13th Parish Council Meeting 7.30pm in the Pavilion
 - 21st Sewing Club 7.00pm in the Hall
- March:**
 - 6th Flower Club meeting with Patricia Ellis 7.30pm in the Hall
 - 7th History Club 10.30am in the Pavilion
 - 7th & 21st Sewing Club 7.00pm in the Hall
 - 13th Parish Council Meeting 7.30pm in the Pavilion
 - 14th Village Forum Meeting 7.30pm in the Pavilion
 - 16th Village Clean and tidy event 9.45 am Pavilion car park
 - 18th Gardening Club Launch, 7.00pm in the Pavilion
- April:**
 - 3rd Flower Club workshop with Ellouise 7.30 in the Hall
 - 4th & 18th Sewing Club 7.00pm in the Hall
 - 5th **Music Quiz Night**, 7.00pm in the Hall
 - 10th Parish Council Meeting 7.30pm in the Pavilion
 - 13th Creative Shadoxhurst 11.00am in the Hall

