



Shadoxhurst Parish Council

Protecting the Woodland Gateway to the Countryside

WORKING FOR THE COMMUNITY OF SHADOXHURST

Shadoxhurst Newsletter June 2019

PLEASE STAY IN TOUCH

Suddenly it is Summer

Welcome to the third edition of 2019. With a busy five months of the year behind us, it is time to look ahead and enjoy summer.

This is written the day after another successful event in the Village Hall, where 'Murder Again' once again entertained a packed hall with their fourth 'Who Done it' set this time at a village fete. Everyone had a good time, we raised over £330 and we all wish **Rhiannon Webb** good luck with her Mission to Africa in September. She is taking a working break to engage with under-privileged children in Africa and help with building construction, it is a great thing you are doing. Half the money raised went to help fund her trip, and half towards our own village projects.

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

Election News

In terms of the Borough elections things have changed and for the first time we now have two Ashford Independent Borough Councilors in our Weald South ward David Ledger and George Sparks. They will be bringing information and updates with each Newsletter. Among other committee responsibilities, George is now a member of the Planning Committee and David is now on the Overview & Scrutiny Committee which provides all the checks and balances on ABC decision making.

The contact points for both are: George 01233 732791 and David 01233 733540

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The Parish Council is currently made up of the following Members, Colin Carrol, David Ledger (Chairman), Martin Richmond-Coggan (Vice Chairman), Rob Crowley, Stuart Cass and we welcome a new Member, Paul Emanuel. At the time of writing, we still have a vacancy and hope we can co-opt one more person very soon. The contact point for all Parish Council matters is Judith Batt, please email her on shadoxhurst@parishcouncil.onmicrosoft.com

Village Land Trust

The **Shadoxhurst Countryside Trust** is starting to take shape and there are now six village trustees willing to take this exciting project forward. At a recent meeting, they set the first priority as raising money to be able to register formally with the Charity Commission and have to raise, or at least have pledged a minimum of £5,000 to register. This money will of course grow to be able to put the Trust on a positive footing.

The plan is to have a fund of money to be able to help with purchasing land for the Village to keep in perpetuity, whether it be a buffer to prevent the encroachment of further development in key places or maintaining boundary land. The aim is that it is for the use and the good of the village as a whole.

The trustees also welcome land owners to talk with them to gift land for the village. Once they have the basic level of money pledged, they will create and launch the Trust formally, this they will do at the Village Fete in September. This is an engaging project that will go some way to protecting the rural essence of Shadoxhurst.

The emerging Trust already has £600 pledged from the Trustees. If you would like to pledge some money to help kick-

start this journey, then please see the insert with this Newsletter for details. They are asking for a minimum of £20, but can be £50, £100 or more, whatever you feel you can pledge. Once the Trust is registered as a charity and opened a bank account, then they will be asking for the pledged money.

The Trust will also be setting up some fund raising events, one idea is for good old fashioned Barn Dance. Does anyone have or know of a Barn we could borrow? Please let them know. They are also considering holding a boot fair or craft fair, all fund raising ideas welcome.

Please complete the forms with pledges and send to Sheila on sheila.shadoxhursttrust2019@gmail.com or post / deliver to 8 Park Farm Close. You can phone her on 01233 733540 to find out more.



Speedwatch

At last we can operate this in our village. Long awaited, the Police have now given us the green light and following an on-site Police training, volunteers will be out during June. We have a growing team that aim to check vehicle speeds on different days and times in the village.

If you are able to help us with monitoring and reporting offenders to the Police, please get in touch with the team asap led by Roger Hills ring 01233 733581 or email hillsmorton@sky.com and he can give you more details.

Garden Safari 2019

An exciting new event for the village will take place on **Sunday 7th July** when a number of gardens will open their gates for charity. The chosen charity is the Green Farm Wildlife Community Vegetable Garden (more about this in the next edition) and the Village Safari will be from 12 noon to 4.00pm. It will be £5 per head and on the day the leaflet, with the all important map and list of gardens to visit will be on sale at the Village Hall, Green Farm in Duck Lane and the King's Head.

The King's Head will also be doing delicious Cream Teas between 12 and 4pm (no booking required). There will also be a raffle at the pub, so make sure you go there and say hello. Julie's hard work in their garden is renowned and much appreciated by the village. Thank you to Julie and Ian at the King's Head for their generous support for this event.

We are also joined in the safari by some residents living near Kingsnorth Church opening their garden, so being a bit of a long walk, you might need your car.

Please do support this event, if successful, we might do it next year. There is still time to get involved and open your garden, large or small, please let Cheryl know on 01233 421746.

Shadoxhurst Parish Church

We approach the end of a busy season in the Church Year with a service of Compline (late evening prayer) at Shadoxhurst Church on Tuesday 4th June 6.30 pm. This short service is during the Diocesan Novena or 9 Days of Prayer leading up to Pentecost, when we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit. There are booklets left in church for daily use during the 9 days.

Meanwhile our popular Songs of Praise continues on the 4th Sunday of every month - Gilbert Spencer leading our June one on 23rd June, 5 pm. Otherwise do join us for traditional Holy Communion from the Book of Common Prayer at 8 am on 2nd and 16th June.

On Thursday 23rd June, Ian Weir of New Romney was buried at Shadoxhurst Church. His wife Linda (nee Barker) grew up in the village and was pleased to find a home for Ian where she will also be buried in due course.

Rev Caroline Mansley 01233 629279

Shadoxhurst Harvest Fete Sunday 29th September 2019

10.00am - 3.00pm

Progress is being made to make this event an interesting and entertaining time for villagers – both young and not so young – with a variety of stalls, activities, entertainment, food and drink.

Do you have a veteran, vintage, classic or simply interesting vehicle, which you would be able to bring along to the event, display and chat about, I'd love to hear from you and hopefully include this year?

If you would like to donate a cake for the fete café or a raffle prize, please let me know and I can arrange collection or a drop-off point nearer the event.

The recurring challenge to the event remains helpers before, during and after the event – if you are able please support us by donating a few hours of your time. There are a number of tasks which need to be undertaken and I'm sure we can find something which will not be onerous but will help make the event a success we are striving for.

Updates will be included on the village Facebook and Nextdoor websites alongside the village bi-monthly newsletter. Peter Webb 01233 732901
Lead village Fete Co-ordinator

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Gardening Club

The Gardening Club is growing (!) and will have held three meetings by the time this latest newsletter is issued. If anyone would like to know when the next meeting is, or more details, they can contact me on Peter707R@Hotmail.com or 01233 732901.

Sewing Club

Our unfinished Village Quilt went on public show for the first time at the Creative Craft Show on the 13th April and was very much admired. It is still a 'work in progress', but now everything has been added that needs to be added and it is down to making the Titles at the top and bottom. There will also be a list of all the listed buildings and a key to what you see, such as TPOs, Public Footpaths, Listed Buildings etc. Once that has been done, we will be adding the backing and then actually quilting.



We still have no schedule for finishing but are hoping it will have its first outing as a completed quilt for the Harvest Fete at the end of September (fingers crossed).

If you wish to join our Sewing Club to help with community projects or work on your own projects with a little help from other members or wish to sit, knit or crochet or work on any other craft, we meet every fortnight on a Thursday evening (7pm-9pm) in the Village Hall. **June meetings are 13th and 27th and July meetings are 11th and 25th** in the Village Hall.

Neighbourhood Watch (NHW) Update

Once again reported incidents in Shadoxhurst remain few and far between with a theft of items from a vehicle and lawnmower both on Woodchurch Road, although un-connected.

I thank those in the village who have been pro-active in taking details of vehicles acting suspiciously in the village and reporting them on the village Facebook and Nextdoor websites. Photographs of vehicles makes it much easier to look out for and can provide the Police with intelligence of such activities around Kent – please report online, through the Police 101 number or you can report anonymously via CrimeStoppers which is on 0800 555 111.

Such pro-active activity will help to protect villagers from those prepared to take a chance on theft and makes the public aware that the village is a place where the residents care.

Regular Neighbourhood Watch updates are provided on the Parish Council, village Facebook and Nextdoor websites in addition to the bi-monthly village paper newsletter. If you have any questions, then please feel free to contact me.

**Neighbourhood Watch Conference
and AGM – Saturday 22nd June 2019.
Location Norton Knatchbull School,
Hythe Road Ashford 9.00am start.**

This event will include speaker led sessions, until mid-day, from :-

Ashford District Policing update (9.40)
Speedwatch - Alan Watson (10.00)
Victim Support – Jan Turner and Paul Chapman (10.45)
Kent Fire and Rescue Service (11.00)
South East 4x4 (11.20)
Hypo Hound – medical assistance dogs (11.40)

If you would be interested in finding out more on any of these topics please feel free to attend the event – the NHW AGM will take place from 12.45pm if you would like to stay for that as well.

There will be stands at the event covering:-

Crimestoppers and Country Eye
Speedwatch
Alan Hocknell (Locksmith)
David Norris (ADT Alarms)
Ashford and District NHW.

Finally, to close – please refer to the last Newsletter for suggestions on how to keep yourself and property secure.

Peter Webb
Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator
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Affordable Housing Offer

It is thought important to re-run this article we featured in the last edition:

Ashford Borough Council are in the process of purchasing some of the properties currently being built on the two sites close to the Kings Head pub. On first let, **we would like to prioritise those with a local connection to Shadoxhurst where possible.** There will be affordable rented properties, as well as shared ownership properties.

Anyone wishing to be considered for the rented properties would need to be registered on 'Kent Homechoice', our choice based lettings system, and fulfil the criteria to be eligible for social housing, and for the type and size of properties that will be available.

The shared ownership properties will be advertised on the Help to Buy website, www.helptobuyese.org.uk, and anyone interested in them would need to register on that site to be able to view the details.

Donna Michael
Development Partnership Officer
Ashford Borough Council
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1st Shadoxhurst Scout Group

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

Please contact Simon via email:
raven@1stshadoxhurstscoutgroup.uk.



Booking the Village Hall

Just a reminder that the Village Hall and pavilion booking arrangements have changed. You can book through the web site or email Judith Batt, our Parish Clerk. She will get back in touch with you. Judith only takes telephone bookings or messages on Mondays to Wednesdays between 10am and 3pm. If you would like to book the hall or pavilion, please email her on shadoxhurstvhp@gmail.com

Shadoxhurst Village Forum News

Following the May AGM, we now warmly welcome a new Forum Chair, Anne Forbes, thank you for volunteering. We also thank Cheryl Vander for chairing the Forum over the last two years. She decided to step down this year.

We are looking for a Vice Chair to support Anne, if you would to help out and fill this role or talk about Forum issues then please contact her on anne.forbes1962@gmail.com

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. The methods of contact are being reviewed at present. To get on the mailing list please email:

amberherne@btinternet.com (this time).

The next meeting of the Forum is Tuesday 16th July at 7.30 in the Pavilion. (Note... date has changed).

Let us all keep in touch...

There are over 250 residents on the Shadoxhurst 'Next Door', group which is part of a much wider community group involving all the other villages. https://nextdoor.co.uk/neighborhood_fee_d/

The "Shadoxhurst, a Kent Village" Facebook Page now has over 760 members. There is also a more recent "Shadoxhurst Community" Facebook Page with currently over 90 members and growing. 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.

Ashford Courtside Football Teams

Ashford Courtside Blaze U10'S



Ashford Courtside are currently looking for players in the following age groups

U7'S, school years 1 / 2,
U11'S school years 5 /6,
U14'S school year 8/9,
U16'S school year 10 /11

If your child is interested in joining please contact our club Secretary Vanessa Grimmond on 07526431687 or contact Tim on 07970820018. Their Emails are:

tbayford@sky.com and
grimmond105@gmail.com

Ashford Courtside FC are Celebrating 10 years on Saturday 15th June and we will be at The Bill Holland's Recreation Ground, Hornash Lane, Shadoxhurst, if you would like to join in the Fun. Starting at 1pm and ending at 4.30pm.

Chatterbox Coffee Club

Every week the Coffee Club continues to be popular and well supported. Pop in for tea, cake, chat and a get together **Every Tuesday Afternoon between 2.00 - 4.00 pm in the Pavilion.** Lifts can be provided please ring Colin on 01233 732784.

Village Contacts

1st Shadoxhurst Scouts, Cubs and Beavers Simon 07704 789155
Ark Drama 2000 Lis 732901
Courtside Football Club Vanessa 07526 431687
Fete Team Peter 732901
Flower Club Gaye 732212
Future Scholars Sarah 07821 143249
Gardening Club Peter 732901
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
Speedwatch Roger 733581
Weekend Walking Jim 07788 245022
WI Mandy Spencer 501774
Wine & Home Brew Club Colin 732784

Two Vacancies

Sadly, Judith our Parish Clerk has handed in her notice after over 20 years of service and so we now have a vacancy, if anyone would like to discuss taking on this position which is for eight hours a week, please ring David Ledger on 01233 733540 for an informal discussion.

The Parish Council is looking towards employing a person to do part time Caretaking duties at the Hall and Pavilion. It would only be a couple of hours a week. If you would like to discuss this with the Parish Council to be considered for this role, please ring Stuart Cass for an informal discussion on 01233 733492.

Coffee Mornings

There is a Coffee Morning at the Methodist's Chapel, Church Lane, Shadoxhurst held **every second Monday of the month between 10.00 – 11.30 am.** There is a small raffle raising money for a different charity each month.

There is also a similar Coffee Morning event held at the Stubbs Cross Mission Hall, Magpie Hall Road, **every fourth Wednesday of the month, also 10.00 – 11.30 am.** All are very welcome to drop in.

History Club News

This year Shadoxhurst History Club has been finding out more about our village, including our conservation area with its listed buildings and monuments. We've also been investigating the history of Ashford town, and discussing broader topics such as the Magna Carta.

For those of us interested in historical research, there have been visits to Ashford Museum and Ashford Reference

Library, with presentations to explain how to access the many resources that are available.

We are hoping to produce a 2020 Shadoxhurst History Club calendar for sale at the end of the year. If you have any old photographs that you think we could use, please let us know.

The History Club meets regularly in the Pavilion and new members are always welcome. For more information please phone Carol on 01233 732084.

Flower Club Update

On 3rd July, the Flower Club have a visit to a garden at Eagles Wood, Lenham. There will be refreshments and all are welcome to attend. Please contact the Club's Secretary, Gaye on 732212 for details of the cost and timings. The next club meeting is the **7th August** in the Hall.

Car Parking at the Village Hall

The car park is still being used by some residents and their visitors at times. As said in the last edition, this often conflicts with hall bookings and thus reduces the limited spaces we have. There were a couple of events recently with reduced spaces for attendees at the hall and so we ask that residents do not use the car park. This is a final warning as the Parish Council is considering other measures in order to safeguard the legitimate parking.

We ask for your co-operation in keeping the car park for bone fide hall use and we don't want to have to start keeping the gates closed.

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

June: 12th Parish Council Meeting 7.30pm in the Pavilion
 13th & 27th Sewing Club 7.00pm in the Hall

July: 3rd Flower Club Outside Visit (Contact Gaye 732212 for details)
 7th **Shadoxhurst Garden Safari 12.00 – 4.00pm**
 10th Parish Council Meeting 7.30pm in the Pavilion
 11th & 25th Sewing Club 7.00pm in the Hall
 15th Gardening Club 7.30pm in the Pavilion
 16th Village Forum Meeting 7.30pm in the Pavilion

August: 7th Flower Club Workshop with Margaret Gibb 7.30 in the Hall
 10th Parish Council Meeting 7.30pm in the Pavilion
 8th & 22nd Sewing Club 7.00pm in the Hall

September: 29th Village Fete 10.00am - 3.00pm

