



Shadoxhurst Parish Council

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Shadoxhurst Newsletter August 2019

PLEASE STAY IN TOUCH

August Already

Welcome to the August edition of 2019. With the schools now holidaying and good weather to enjoy, the summer is underway. We have had a few very hot days recently. As the two new developments at Chequers Green and Berberis Place are coming towards completion and occupation, we offer a warm welcome to you and all new residents moving in and coming to live in Shadoxhurst.

Looking ahead, please support our **Harvest Village Fete** on the **29th September**, it is our biggest village event of the year and will be bigger and better than before. There is a request for help, the more people we have to help, the lighter the load will be for everyone else.

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 Ledger at amberherne@btinternet.com

Parish News

As stated in the last Newsletter, our Parish Clerk, Judith Batt has retired after over 20 years of service to the Parish and the village. Judith has also been Clerk to five other Parishes so was in effect doing it as a full time job.

She currently has reduced down to three Parishes, and at some point will reduce further until retiring. We always had the advantage over the other parishes as Judith is local and lives in the village.

On behalf of all the current and past members of the Parish Council, as well as

the village, I would like to take this opportunity to thank Judith for all the work she has done over the last 22 years for us all. The job has changed much in that time, it was then more a case of letters to write and reply to, now it is daily emails flying in all directions and we have come to expect answers and replies so much faster. Not to mention numerous policies and risk assessments. We wish Judith and her Husband Alan a very long and happy retirement.

Our new recently appointed Parish Clerk is **Caroline Laming** and we give her a very warm welcome. Caroline is new to being a Clerk and so we ask you to be gentle with her while she gets the hang of the numerous duties. She only works part time so is not always available. Currently the best way to communicate with Caroline is by the parish email which is... shadoxhurst@parishcouncil.onmicrosoft.com

If you would like to book the Hall or Pavilion, then we ask you to either go through the web site at

www.shadoxhurstpc.kentparishes.gov.uk/

alternatively, please email Caroline on shadoxhurstvhp@gmail.com

Finally, we now have someone to help us with odd jobs and caretaking, so we also welcome Matt Dowle to our fold.

Barn Dance 18th August

The **Shadoxhurst Countryside Trust** is organising a barn Dance at the King's Head on **Sunday 18th August**. There will be food available and lots of dancing. This will be a great event, the first barn dance in many a year, helping to raise money to establish the Trust. The tickets are a bargain and only £5 available from Stuart 01233 733492 or Cheryl on 01233 421746. Or you can buy them at the King's

Head. Please come and join in the fun. It will be another new event for our village.

The monthly King's Head Quiz for good causes and charities recently held their end of July Sunday Quiz to also raise money for the Countryside Trust. It raised over £150 and was great fun.

The emerging Trust has already reached over £1500 pledged from people. The new potential Trustees and the Parish Council are extremely grateful to all who have so far generously pledged. If you would like to pledge some money to help kick-start this journey, then please see the insert included once again 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.

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 also phone her on 01233 733540 to find out more.

Shadoxhurst Harvest Fete Sunday 29th September 2019

10.00am - 3.00pm

Following the success of the past two years we are planning another event for the end of this summer. We are building upon the experience gained and are looking to once again recreate the look and feel of a local village fete providing a variety of stalls, activities and entertainment for those attending.

We are seeking to promote local groups and crafts wherever possible – if you would like to have a stall or display and

interesting vehicle or machine, then I'm sure space can be found – please contact me with details.

The recurring challenge to the event remains helpers before, during and after the event – 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.

Peter Webb 01233 732901

Lead village fete co-ordinator email

Peter707R@Hotmail.com

Speedwatch



News

The Shadoxhurst Speedwatch Team started their monitoring in mid June. There are 10 approved locations within the village – covering the main routes and vehicle travel directions e.g. Church Lane, Woodchurch Road, Hornash Lane and Tally Ho Road. Activities have been undertaken on all roads although Tally Ho Road and Hornash Lane have seen most activity due to the high volume of speeding vehicles observed.

Of the first 19 sessions for which information has been uploaded, over 4,600 vehicles have been monitored of which 735 have been identified as exceeding the limit by 5mph or more. The average speed of those offenders has been consistently at close to 40mph – that's the average! The last 5 sessions have seen about a quarter of offenders being in excess of 40mph.

The highest speed recorded so far has been 62 mph – with 50+mph not being unusual in any given session.

We need to continue with activities to reduce the number of people who continue to ignore the speed limit and put themselves and villagers at risk, to this end we would welcome more volunteers to help run sessions. If you are interested, 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

A big thank you to all who got involved in July, those opening their gardens and the many who took the trouble to support it and visit the gardens. £352 was raised towards carrying out improvements to the Millennium Sign garden opposite the King's Head.

Stunning colour on the Safari at the Green Farm Community Garden.



Gardening Club

Four meetings have been held to date with circa 12 "members" from across the village on the books. We're an informal gathering of those with an interest and differing levels of experience in gardening. We are looking to help each other with day to day issues experienced with plants, planting, pests and planning.

At this stage we're not looking to arranging group visits but to find possible sites to visit and then organise within the group travel for those who wish to attend. Coming up will be discussions around end of season activities and then look at how to protect plants over the winter period e.g. by placement if within pots, taking cuttings or keeping in a warmer area. Next year planning will include sharing seed purchases rather than each buying a packet with excess seeds.

Also looking at holding some group meetings at members properties to see practically the challenges and successes they have worked with.

If you are interested in joining the group, please come along to the next meeting on **Monday 9th September** 2019 at 7.30pm in the Shadoxhurst Pavilion.

Planning News

1. The land at the rear of Brinklow Bungalow will at some point be going to the Planning Committee for a decision. The application is for 34 new dwellings for those aged over 55 only.

The Parish Council has objected to the scheme and the comments are now uploaded on the ABC website. The ABC reference number is 19/00806/AS, there is still time to make comments.

2. An early warning that a new application will soon be put in to ABC for the field to the rear of Farley Close. The previous application was for 21 houses, but in the appeal against the previous refusal, the Planning Inspector upheld the refusal but required more affordable housing. Now there will be 22 houses proposed in much the same layout, but with 9 affordable dwellings. Look out for details in due course.

Sewing Club

The Sewing Club recently celebrated its second anniversary with a glass of wine. I don't think much sewing took place after that! If you wish to join the 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, they meet every fortnight on a Thursday evening (7pm-9pm) in the Village Hall. **August meetings are 8th and 22nd and September meetings are 5th and 19th**

Neighbourhood Watch (NHW) Update

The latest data from the Police indicate a small number of incidents in May – although not items which affect the majority of the village. There was vandalism in the Recreation field, with damage being done to one of the swing seats, although thankfully we seem to have escaped any further damage by stones being fired at property.

Outside of the village there continue to be cases of thefts from vehicles and outbuildings – please continue to protect your belongings by locking them out of sight to remove the likelihood of opportunistic theft.

We do have a fire damaged property along Hornash Lane which has yet to be repaired – please keep an eye on any suspicious activity around the site/area until the property is made fully secure. Remember concerns / observations can be either phoned through to the Police using 101, logged via their website of anonymously via CrimeStoppers on 0800 555 111.

If you would like to help the Police in a pro-active manner, they are now recruiting for Police Support Volunteers. Some examples of what the role includes are:

- helping with local policing
- assisting front counters
- Neighbourhood Watch support
- general administration, such as updating databases, supporting CID and other departments.
- role-playing during police training

Volunteers must:

- be over 18 years old
- have more than three years' permanent and continuous UK residence
- live or work in Kent

If you or anyone you know is interested in becoming a Kent Police Support Volunteer please call Andrew Judd on 01233 896151 or via email at andrew.judd2@kent.pnn.police.uk

Peter Webb
Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator
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Ashford Borough Update

The two new Borough Councilors are now some three months into their four year term and have been busy with cases referred to them from all four villages and parishes they represent. The Planning Committee meets each month and George sits on that. At the first one in May, an application at Warehorne for 50+ houses was deferred for improvements and more infrastructure research. At the most recent meeting, an application in Hamstreet for 80 houses and a 60 bed care home was also deferred for similar reasons. David and George spoke to influence the Members present at both.

The two decisions were correct. Both sites are destined for housing as the sites are allocated in the Local Plan. Getting the design and layout right as well as knowing the services and roads can cope with the extra houses and families is vital. This gives hope that all applications will not just be rubber stamped for approval if there are serious concerns to be overcome.

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

george.sparks@ashford.gov.uk
david.ledger@ashford.gov.uk

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.



Woodchurch Wagon

Our neighbours in Woodchurch now have their own minibus which can be hired by groups and societies. Launched on the 4th August it is part of a wellbeing initiative by ABC which is designed to increase transport options in rural areas and to reduce social isolation. It is a not for profit scheme and the bus can be hired through the Woodchurch Hub by all clubs and societies in and around Woodchurch (including Shadoxhurst), as well as ad-hoc groups formed by local residents. telephone 01233 861381 or email:

enquiries@woodchurchhub.uk

Shadoxhurst Village Forum News

We are still looking for a Vice Chair to support our new Chair Anne Forbes, if you would like to help out and fill this role or talk about Forum issues generally then please contact her on:

anne.forbes1962@gmail.com

The Forum is available 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

The next meeting of the Forum is Tuesday 10th September at 7.30 in the Pavilion. The next one is Thursday 31st October !

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 webpage which has lots of information about groups, clubs and meetings.

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

Ark Drama 2000

Do you have a child between 7 and 21 that loves to sing, dance and act?

Ark Drama 2000 is a community group where young people can perform to their hearts content. We have been entertaining our audiences in Ashford and Folkestone since 1999 with shows such as Scrooge, Oliver, Bugsy Malone and Into the Woods. If you know anyone who may be interested in joining the group, please phone Lis on 01233 732901 or Jeff on 01233 502528, email Lis, Peter or Frederick at arkdrama2000@outlook.com or you can visit our website www.ardrama2000.co.uk or Facebook page for further details.



Chilmington Green

You will have seen from the A28 the massive house building programme that has been on the plans for decades with an eventual total of 5,750 houses has begun to be built. Finally, the first houses are being completed and the first residents are moving in during August.

Ashford Courtside Football Club

Ashford Courtside Blaze U 11's



Last Season's U15's came 3rd in East Kent Youth Football League Division 2 and move to Division 1 at the start of this Season and will be playing on a Sunday.

The 2019 / 2020 Season is just around the corner and we still have spaces available in U16's and U11's for players to join us. We have a good group and looking forward to a new season and new challenge together!

We have 2 x U7's teams who will play in the Ashford and District Youth Football League on a Saturday along with our U10's and U11's. If your child is going into year 5 or 6 and would like to play football this season and join a friendly, hard-working team then please get in touch.

Pre-season starts in August at The Bill Hollands Recreation Ground, Hornash Lane, Shadoxhurst.

For more information please contact Vanessa on 07526431687 Or contact Tim on 07970820018. Their Emails are:

tbayford@sky.com and
grimmond105@gmail.com

Green Farm News

The Green Farm Wildlife Community Vegetable Garden is a key facility of the Pearce Coggan Foundation (charity status applied for). PCF's primary purpose is to promote health and wellbeing to disadvantaged young people living in inner cities through family groups camping at Green Farm, getting outdoors and active. The Garden is used by local schools, community service and individuals who all benefit from being in the environment. The Community Garden was open during the recent Garden Safari. Volunteers are always welcome.

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
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

Flower Club

The next club meeting is a workshop featuring Margaret Gibb on the **7th August** in the Hall. On the **4th September**, there is a demonstration by Trudie Easton. Please contact the Club's Secretary, Gaye on 732212 for further information.

Coffee Galore

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.

Not forgetting of course every week our own **Chatterbox 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 on a Tuesday, please ring Colin on 01233 732784.

Bonfires

We have been asked to request that residents take care over having bonfires during the day and to please respect your neighbours. Wind strength and direction is key, check for neighbour's washing out or windows open and if in doubt please don't light the fire. If you do have a bonfire, be aware when the wind changes and if it starts to affect your neighbours, please put the fire out.

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 Flower Club Workshop with Margaret Gibb 7.30 in the Hall
 8th & 22nd Sewing Club 7.00pm in the Hall
 14th Parish Council Meeting 7.30pm in the Pavilion
 18th Barn Dance 7.00pm at Kings Head

September: 4th Flower Club Demonstration 7.30pm in the Hall
 5th & 19th Sewing Club 7.00pm in the Hall
 10th Village Forum 7.30pm in the Pavilion
 11th Parish Council Meeting 7.30pm in the Pavilion
 8th & 22nd Sewing Club 7.00pm in the Hall
 29th Village Fete 10.00am - 3.00pm

October: 2nd Flower Club Workshop with Angela 7.30 in the Hall
 9th Parish Council Meeting 7.30pm in the Pavilion

