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Shadoxhurst Newsletter June 2021

PLEASE STAY IN TOUCH

Welcome to the June edition of the newsletter for 2021. As restrictions ease, we can look forward to being out and about and more sociable. People are of course still very wary and it is good to continue with precautions.

The Kings Head is making good progress and with the pub and shop now open seven days a week, life is beginning to become a bit more relaxed. Further good news is that the Chatterbox Coffee Club is back on a Tuesday afternoon.

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

amberherne@btinternet.com.

Parish Council Updates

Two New Parish Councillors and another resignation

We warmly welcome Emma Yeomans and Karen Farnell who have recently been co-opted on to the Parish Council. We look forward to working with them both.

We have recently had a resignation from Rob Crowley who has had to step down due to many other commitments. We thank Rob for his four years or so on the Parish Council. He has been very active and worked hard to get the exercise equipment installed at the rec, along with other improvements, fencing and the recent repainting of the play equipment. His most recent project was the recent erection of the new village sign. We thank him for his tremendous work behind the scenes as well as the visible aspects just mentioned.

We thus have another vacancy. If you are interested to join the Team, then please contact Caroline our Parish Clerk. If you

would like an informal chat with Martin the Parish Chairman, his details are in the third column of this page.

As we said last time, we are still very much in the planning stage with the two phases of community improvements. It is ambitious and an exciting project, which will result in vastly improved new facilities for the village, we welcome your thoughts and views.

With our recent changes in Councillors, this is now being co-ordinated by Karen. If you would like to get involved, or tell us what facilities you think we should be aiming for, please contact Karen at

karen.shadoxhurstpc@gmail.com

New Village Sign

Hopefully, you will have all seen the new village sign. We will be organising a formal unveiling soon as an early event to help kick-start village events once again.



Booking the Hall and Pavilion

If you want to plan ahead and would like to provisionally book the Village Hall for an event later in 2021, then we ask you to go through the Parish Council web site

alternatively, please email Caroline shadoxhurstvhp@gmail.com which is an email for hall and pavilion booking only.

Next Parish Meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council has been delayed due to present restrictions and is on **Wednesday 23rd June** at 6.00 pm and will be held in the village hall. Rules and social distancing will still need to be applied which means limiting numbers. If you intend to come to the meeting, please contact Caroline to ensure we are not exceeding the present restricted limit for the hall.

The following meeting is **Wednesday 14th July at 6.00pm** and hopefully there will be less restrictions by then. Please see website www.shadoxhurst.info and notice boards to stay up to date.

Contacting the Parish Council

Our Parish Clerk **Caroline Laming** only works on Wednesdays and Thursdays. The best way to communicate with Caroline is to phone and leave a message if no answer. Ring **07729 734149** (office hours) or email: shadoxhurst@parishcouncil.onmicrosoft.com

If you would like to talk to the Chairman, please contact Martin on **01233 808707** martin.shadoxhurstpc@gmail.com

Planning Matters

Delcroft is back!

We have just been notified the reserved matters detailed application is **21/01002/AS** for 12 dwellings, including demolition of the Delcroft bungalow on Woodchurch Road for access. The outline application that was granted for the 12, is **18/00572/AS**.

Land rear of Brinklow Bungalow, Woodchurch Road ref 19/00806/AS. There is still no sign of a decision yet.

Land southeast of Criol Barn, Bethersden Road, 21/00681/AS outline application for up to 12 dwellings (10 are shown) and access. This is a return of a similar application for 12 houses submitted then withdrawn last year.

Hornash House This time, not so good news

Following the dismissal of the appeal, the owner has submitted another planning application. It is very much like the one for the six houses refused and the appeal subsequently dismissed, this time it is for **five houses. The application number is 21/00768/AS.** Please make your views known, even if you have previously written, this is a new application.

The battle to save the house continues. The Parish Council has written numerous times to ABC to get them to take action. Procrastination is partly in place. We acknowledge it is not easy for ABC to take action. The roof has been open to the weather now for a year. There is total inaction for having it protected by the owner. Dialogue continues, but there is no action. The application to demolish and replace is still live, so there are now three active applications there. The other two being **20/01222/AS and 20/01224/AS.** You can continue to send comments onto the ABC Planning Portal.

If you haven't already done so, we suggest that you sign Zoe's petition so we can continue to raise the profile that way. The current number of signatures is over 900. We need many more signatures to get this fully debated by the Borough Council, so please pass the information onto friends and family if they have yet to sign, and they want to see this old house protected. It is a part of our village history, irrespective of changes made over the years.

The link is [Petition - Ashford Borough Council- Planning Department. : Deny the planning application for demolition in order to save listed village dwelling - Change.org](#)

You can also go onto the two village Facebook pages and find the link there. Please share and spread the word, we need to get this back on the ABC agenda for some action.

Coffee Club returns

We are pleased to report that the Coffee Club recently re-started to meet. Our thanks go to Colin and Val for reopening the Club. They have tables inside and outside with some strict guidelines followed. Each week the numbers have increased, and everyone is pleased they can meet socially once

again. 'Track and Trace' is in place. Please pop in and support the Club if you can.

Every Tuesday afternoon 2.00 – 4.00pm.

King's Head News

Lance and the Team are very happy that the sun is now shining and they are fully open seven days a week for both the Farm Shop and the Pub. They recently held a quiz night and raised over £200. The Quiz nights continue on the last Sunday of each month (27th June, 25th July and 29th August) please ring to book a table for the quiz and of course if booking to eat on any day.

Check www.kingsheadshadoxhurst.co.uk/ and the busy Facebook page at www.facebook.com/KingsHeadShadoxhurst. Please contact them on **01233 732243.**

Shadoxhurst Church

Shadoxhurst Church: as with the rest of the nation, we await further government rulings about easing pandemic restrictions. To date, the maximum number we can hold at the church remains at 12 but please check with Helen West as things change.

Kingsnorth Church Cream Teas will be held again at the church on Sundays 3-5pm during July and August. Cake is also on offer! Tables in church or the grounds. Church Hill, Kingsnorth, TN23 3EG.

You can contact Helen on 01233 620433 Monday, Wednesday or Friday mornings. clerk.kingsnorthchurch@outlook.com

The Vicar, Caroline Mansley, is always available for a chat or prayer on 01233 629279 or vicar@kandschurches.org.uk

Sewing Club



The sewing club continued to meet via zoom in April but in May, with lockdown rules easing, we met up for a lunch in the garden of the King's Head (see photo). It was so delightful to finally meet up in person again.

We are hoping to continue our regular fortnightly meeting beginning on the 8th of July, but this will of course depend on whether lockdown is lifted entirely.

Also, we have set the date of 4th September 2021 for the unveiling of the Quilt depicting the map of the Village. I will be contacting all those who bought tickets for April 2020 and issue new tickets, or if you cannot make the new date then your tickets will be refunded. All will be welcome to the unveiling, but the tickets are for the High Tea after the unveiling. If you wish to buy a ticket for the High Tea, please do contact me on (01233) 733540, there is limited availability.

sheilaellis2009@gmail.com

Ark Drama 2000 is Back!

We are pleased to announce that we are back to rehearsals and will be soon staging a performance!

The date for your diaries is **Saturday 26th June at 6.30pm at Willesborough Church.** Entry is by donation, there is no need to book (subject to all relevant Covid restrictions being lifted on the 21st June).

If any young people aged between 7 and 21, who like to sing, dance or act and would like to know more details about the group please email them at

arkdrama2000@outlook.com

1st Shadoxhurst Scout Group

The Scout group is back and meeting in the hut again following guidelines. The Scout section will be back meeting after half term.

The Group is looking forward to supporting village events once again. They are holding their AGM and Awards on the 23rd July.

If you have a child wishing to join in, they have a few spaces in each of the three sections, so please get in touch. Over the past 18 months, Ashford District has 'lost' 25% of membership, this was reflected nationally, but Shadoxhurst 1st only reduced by three young people in that time.

We congratulate Simon who has now completed and passed the course for Group Scout Leaders. He wishes to thank everyone who helped and supported him and the Group over the past three years.

Finally, they are hoping to run a 'camp open day' for everyone to join in, experiencing sitting around a campfire 'scouting style', also to see all the improvements made to the scouting hall over the last year.

Please contact Simon at raven.1stshadoxhurst@gmail.com

Speedwatch

The team is asking for a few more volunteers for when monitoring can resume, please contact Roger on 01233 733581 or email him on

roger.shadoxhurstpc@gmail.com

Green Farm Community Garden and Pop-up Coffee Shop

With the better weather and the easing of Covid restrictions, the shop & pop-up coffee has moved back to the community garden. Every Thursday between **10 am and 12.00 pm** so please pop along for small amounts of freshly picked vegetables, home-made bread, Plurenden milk and selections of Green Farm produced meat.

All proceeds go to the [Pearce Coggan Foundation](#) charity which is looking for volunteers to come to the garden, but also to help with our Inner-City Family Camping Programme; please talk to us if you come along. The entrance is in **Duck Lane**, signposted the **Community Garden**.

www.facebook.com/greenfarmcommunitygarden

Staying in touch...

The Community contact points are not monitored by SPC but include the following: the Shadoxhurst **'Next Door'** group which is part of a wider group of villages at nextdoor.co.uk/neighborhood_feed/

The **"Shadoxhurst, a Kent Village" Facebook Page** has now grown to two short of **1,800 members**. The **"Shadoxhurst Community" Facebook Page** has over **620 members**. Both pages are very active for up-to-date news.

History Club

The history club has been continuing with online meetings. A great deal of information is being put together for the quilt unveiling later in the year. We are currently investigating the listed buildings in our village community, especially those within the conservation area. Please feel free to email me if you have any information on these that we may be able to include.

We are hoping to meet in person sometime after 21st June, when hopefully lockdown restrictions will have eased and it is legal for gatherings over 6 people to meet indoors – a date will be confirmed at a later stage.

For any further information please email Egw2@hotmail.co.uk

Lis Webb – Coordinator Shadoxhurst History Club

Shadoxhurst Flower Club

The Club still aims to resume on the 7th of July which will be a garden visit, if intending to go, please contact Gaye after the 21st June announcement to ensure it still goes ahead. They also hope to return to hold their usual first Wednesday of the month indoor meetings on the 4th of August, unless there are further restrictions. To book for the garden visit or just stay in touch, please contact either, Ann Prebble on 07989 586575, email ann.prebble@yahoo.com or contact Gaye Sim on 01233 732212.

Methodist Church

The repairs to the floor and decorating have now been completed in the Methodist Church and, hopefully we will be able to resume Services on a fortnightly basis in July. In the meantime, there is a Zoom Service every Sunday at 10.30 a.m. (Meeting I.D. 810 7767 6852 Passcode 063154)

The family of Bob Farrow, who sadly died last year, has had a beautiful seat installed outside the Church. Bob was our Organist for a great many years.



Neighbourhood Watch (NHW) Update

The last two months has seen a sizeable number of alerts detailing various scams being attempted across the region – details are published regularly on the village Facebook and Nextdoor web pages.

The below are a summary of those covered:-

- Delivery Scams – beware goods being delivered when not ordered.

- Discount Card and holiday – offers not expected/applied for.
- HMRC – requesting data to be provided via a supplied link.
- DVLA Phishing Emails - DVLA will never ask for bank details over an email.
- Texts impersonating your Bank - If you receive a suspicious text like this and are not sure then contact your bank using a trusted number, which can normally be found on the back of your bank card.
- Pension Scams – A call out of the blue with a too good to be true offer.
- Impersonation of KCC Chartered Trading Standards Institute – a payment to cover legal costs is required to receive a refund of fraud against you.
- Post Office Phishing email – claiming there is a problem making a delivery and clicking a link is required – do not press the link.
- British Gas – a link needs to be followed to claim a refund.
- New Census Scam – You receive a text message pretending to be from UK Government Census stating that information is missing from your application and direction to a website to update your details to avoid a £1,000 penalty.

Unfortunately, vehicles speeding through the village remain a regular occurrence – please support the speed limit by driving responsibly. The limit is there to improve the quality of life for residents and to reduce the likelihood of death or serious injury to friends and neighbours taking exercise as well as the vehicle occupants.

There have been numerous reports in the media and posts concerning people being approached when out walking their dogs or dogs being taken from gardens. Please be vigilant to what is happening around you (avoid listening to music or using your mobile phone when walking). Vary your route and times plus consider walking with friends or neighbours. Incidents remain rare but please report suspicious vehicles or activities – take a picture if safe to do so – to the Police to allow them to possibly link what otherwise appear single/random items.

You can report items to the Police via 101 or using the Website (Chat apparently is quicker and easier than using the phone). If you would prefer to remain anonymous then use CrimeStoppers on 0800 555 111 or via their website <https://crimestoppers->

uk.org/give-information/forms/give-information-anonymously Please include details of all vehicles – make, model and colour, as well as registration plate details.

Call 999 if you feel threatened or in danger – or in non-urgent situations you can go to www.kent.police.uk/report or they do recommend something called 'LiveChat' www.kent.police.uk/contact (open 24/7).

Peter Webb 01233 732901
Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator
Peter707R@Hotmail.com

Village Forum

We will be re-launching the Village Forum on Monday 28th June at 7.00pm in the pavilion. By then we hope that restrictions will be allowing greater numbers to meet. There will be more details emailed out nearer the time.

We will be looking for someone to lead the Forum and for someone to take notes of the meetings. Members continue to get various emails about news, issues and events in the village. It is free and is a good way of keeping up to date between newsletters.

This is a good time to get on the mailing list please email amberherne@btinternet.com

Please put 'Join Forum' in the subject heading so it can be easily spotted.

Gardening Club

In line with the plants in your garden, there are now "green shoots" on the horizon for a way out of the current CoVid restrictions and hopefully it won't be too long before the club can meet again – after the 21st June based upon the current lock-down release timetable, although up to 30 could meet outside although the weather has not been supportive of such activities recently.

If you have an interest in gardening and would like to meet in an informal group, then please drop me an email and I will let you know when meetings recommence.

Peter Webb Peter707R@Hotmail.com or 01233 732901

Pilates and Line Dancing

Pilates Classes have resumed on Monday evenings please contact Alex if interested.

The Line Dancers still hope to return to their usual Tuesday evening slot at the village hall in June. See box for contact details.

Mobile Library

The Library Van is still only on MONTHLY visits. There is a 'select and collect' arrangement so there is no need to enter. Please see their website at www.kent.gov.uk/libs for all the details. Or please call **03000 41 31 31** ask to be put through to the Ashford Library and then to speak to the 'Select and Collect' team and they can go through the process with you.

The van will be here next on Wednesday 30th June, followed by 28th July and 25th August between 15.25 - 15.55 parked as usual at Lonefield.

Ashford Courtside Football Club

Our U8 team is progressing well and have enjoyed the return to football. Next season they will play 7 aside, a new challenge that they are excited about.

Our U12 team (see photo) have also enjoyed the return and have put in some good team performances. The U12's will also have a new challenge next year as they move up to play 11 aside on the big pitch.



Ashford Courtside Blaze U13 team will be looking for new players to join for the 2021/22 season. Players will need to be going into school years 7 or 8 from September. We will be holding training sessions/ trials over the summer.

We hope to have a new U7 team playing in the Ashford District Youth Football League on a Saturday from September. We are now looking for a coach or somebody who is interested in completing the FA level one in coaching, this is a voluntary role. We are also looking for more players in this age group (school year 2) from September.

If you are interested in finding out more about the club, please contact Vanessa on grimmond105@gmail.com Or ring her on 07526 431687.

Or you can find out more at www.afccourtside.co.uk/ and www.facebook.com/AshfordCourtsideFC/

Village Contacts

All Local Numbers are area code 01233

1st Shadoxhurst Scouts, Cubs and Beavers Simon 07704 789155
Ark Drama 2000 Lis 732901
Courtside Football Club Vanessa 07526 431687
Flower Club Gaye 732212
Future Scholars Sarah 07821 143249
Gardening Club Peter 732901
History Club Lis 732901
Line Dancing Kate 733015
Neighbourhood Watch Peter 732901
Pilates Alex 861456
Sewing and Craft Club Sheila 733540
Speedwatch Roger 733581
Weekend Walking Jim 07788 245022
WI Mandy Spencer 501774
Wine & Home Brew Club Colin 732784

Ashford Borough Update

The newly elected Mayor for this year is Cllr Callum Knowles. He took over from Cllr John Link at the May Annual Meeting. Cllr Jenny Webb was elected as Deputy Mayor and her previous year as Mayor was cut short when the pandemic struck in 2020. Both are looking forward to getting back out into the community and want to be involved in events across the Borough. If you would like to book them for attending an event, contact Donna Sowerby on 01233 330349.

ABC are carrying out a much-needed **Housing Needs Survey** in the village later this month. The last was over 12 years ago, and it will help shape our village as to what is currently needed for affordable housing, whether assisted purchase or rental, identifying those with disabilities who need adaptations or move and those wishing to downsize. Please take time to respond and return the form, it applies to us all. The covering letter will give more explanation and information.

The ABC telephone number is 01233 331111 and ABC's website is at www.ashford.gov.uk/, please check this regularly for updates.

The contact points for our two Ashford Borough Ward Councilors are: George 01233 732791 and David 01233 733540

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

Late News

Criol Lane will be closed to through traffic on or after 10th June for up to two days for (much needed) repair work.