



Shadoxhurst Parish Council

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Shadoxhurst Newsletter August 2021

PLEASE STAY IN TOUCH

Welcome to the August edition of the newsletter for 2021. As this is being compiled at the end of July, it is raining! Well we have had some summer weather.

As events are now being planned, the Dates for your Diary item makes a welcome return to the Newsletter on the back page. If you have recently moved into the village, may we warmly welcome you to Shadoxhurst.

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

Parish Council Updates

We recently co-opted our seventh member at last and we welcome Derek Williams to the Parish Council. Derek was a Parish Councillor some years back and wanted to return to help.

We also welcome Bob Cooper as our Caretaker to help with practical issues, thank you for stepping forward to fill the gap left by Matt earlier this year.

If you are interested in joining the Parish Council, we may soon have another vacancy so please talk to our Chairman, Martin (number in the next column) if you are interested in joining. We are a busy team, but it is all for our community.

Village Survey - ideas for the Village Hall, Pavilion and Rec

Please help the Parish Council focus our efforts on improving the village facilities that mean the most to you. We've put together a short survey for you to complete. The survey is found by typing in bit.ly/3y5l8sr (if receiving an email version use control and click on the link).

The link will also be shared on the Shadoxhurst Facebook groups.

If you are unable to complete the survey online, **please call 07554 977 226** to take the survey over the phone. We hope these two options will cater for all, rather than have a paper version.

Village Sign

The Village Sign will be officially 'unveiled' on **Saturday 28th August 2021** at 2.00pm. It will coincide with food and drink provided by Lance and the team at the Pub. It will be a good reason to get folk back together again for a 'do' in the village to celebrate both the continuation of the King's Head and being able to mingle and meet outside.

Booking the Hall and Pavilion

If you would like to book the Village Hall for an event in 2021 or 2022 then we ask you to go through the Parish Council website at

www.shadoxhurst.info

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

Next Parish Meeting

There are still complications holding meetings and it was decided not to hold one this month and so the next meeting of the Parish Council is **Wednesday 8th September** at 6.00 pm in the village hall.

The following meeting is **Wednesday 13th October at 6.00pm** Please see website and the two notice boards to stay up to date.

If you would like to talk to the Chairman, please contact Martin on **01233 808707** or

martin.shadoxhurstpc@gmail.com

Village Fete

As COVID restrictions relax, the Parish Council would like to look to revive the Village Fete in some form to get the community together outdoors in 2021

We have a provisional date in mind of Saturday **25th September**, but in order to make it a success, we need your help!

There are a number of opportunities to support the event, including helping with organisation, taking a pitch for a stall and most importantly, acting as a steward on the day, even for an hour or so. We have had a limited response so far, so if you can get involved for this free event, please do get in touch with Emma Yeomans on emma.shadoxhurstpc@gmail.com.

Flooding



The recent summer heavy rain resulted in the King's Head car park and surrounding area flooded once again. There are ongoing negotiations with ABC about recent building work and finding solutions to the problems here at the lowest point of the village.

Recreation Field Drainage

Rec. drainage work is planned for August / September, but we don't yet have a start date. It will be disruptive as new drains are to be laid across the whole field. We apologise for any inconvenience, but it is very short term, and the benefits will be substantial to have a usable field throughout the winter months for all users.

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

Planning Matters

Brinklow Refused

You may well have heard by now that the application **Land rear of Brinklow Bungalow, Woodchurch Road ref 19/00806/AS** has been refused. There may be another application or an appeal, but a decision has at last been made.

Hornash House

The three applications here, one for five houses, the one to demolish the house and the other to build a replacement have all been withdrawn by the applicant on the advice of the Planning Department.



As you see from the photograph, the roof has recently been covered by a tarpaulin after a year of exposure to the weather. However by the 30th July (within a fortnight) the west side was once again adrift and the roof exposed to the weather. We are pressing for ABC action again.

Once again we commend you to sign Zoe's petition (if you have not already done so), so we can continue to raise the profile that way. We are still some way off the magic number of 1500 signatures to have this debated at a full Council meeting.

So please pass the information onto friends and family if they have yet to sign. Please only sign once. This old house is a part of our village history and heritage, 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.

Shadoxhurst Church

"We say farewell to Rev'd Caroline as she retires in September. Her last service is Holy Communion on Sunday 5th September at 8.30 am. Rev'd Bruce will continue his Curacy training with this 3rd year with us.

We hope to resume Songs of Praise during the autumn – watch this space.

As restrictions ease, we are taking things slowly. To date, the maximum for numbers at our services in Shadoxhurst has been 12, we are taking that up to 20.

Every blessing to you all this summer from SS Peter and Paul Church."

You can contact Helen the Parish Clerk on 01233 620433 Monday, Wednesday or Friday mornings or email

clerk.kingsnorthchurch@outlook.com

On behalf of the Parish Council and the Village we wish Rev'd Caroline well and hope she has a very happy and long retirement. We thank her for all she has done in and for the village over these last five years she has been with us.

Coffee Club

We are pleased to report that the Coffee Club continues to meet each Tuesday afternoon at the Pavilion and in good weather outside in the Rec. 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 now well established for both the Farm Shop and the Pub. They recently held another successful Quiz night. The Quiz nights continue the last Sunday evening of each month (29th August then 26th September).

Please ring to book a table for the quiz and of course if booking to eat on any day.

Once again, please support the pub, they are working hard to keep offering good food and drink to us all.

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

Sewing Club

The Sewing Club are commencing their meetings starting on Thursday 5th August and then fortnightly, Thursday 19th August. Precautions will be in place. If you wish to join us, please contact Sheila on 01233 733540 or by email sheilaellis2009@gmail.com

On Saturday 4th September the Mayor and/or the Deputy Mayor will unveil the quilt at 2pm at the Village Hall. All High Tea tickets are now allocated. There will be a presence from the History Club with information about the Listed Buildings depicted on the Quilt, a raffle of a quilt made by one of the members and a slide show of the story of the quilt, plus a few items for sale made by members. Everyone is welcome to come along between 2pm and 4pm.

1st Shadoxhurst Scout Group

The Scout group is fully back and meeting in the hut again following guidelines.

The Group is looking forward to supporting village events once again.

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.

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

Speedwatch

Whilst the 30-mph limit along Tally Ho Road does seem to divide opinion as to is it too slow, it was implemented at the request of villagers following a survey in 2016. It is the limit, whether you agree with it or not, – people walking, cycling or simply attempting to enter/leave their properties are put at greater risk by those who choose to break it.

Whilst many villagers will have seen the Speedwatch teams out and about in the village how many have spotted/been spotted by the Police? You might be interested/reassured to know that in the period January to May this year, 179 drivers will have been issued with an enforcement letter by the Police.

These are in addition to letters issued as a result of the Speedwatch activities.

For those who continue to challenge the need for a responsible speed limit imagine what would have been the result of yourself, or family, being involved with a collision with a Land Rover travelling at 88mph along Tally Ho Road? There would have been multiple deaths and life changing injuries for those in the vehicles and any pedestrians.

Why 88 mph? Well that is the speed recorded on the 4th July at 17.41 – I wonder what “reason” was given when the Police hand delivered their letter.

The team is asking for a few more volunteers to help with monitoring, 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 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 1,830 members. The “Shadoxhurst Community” Facebook Page has over 640 members. Both pages are very active for up-to-date news.

History Club

The History club has been meeting via zoom since January and has been working on a project regarding listed

buildings to accompany the Sewing Club Quilt. This will be available for public viewing at the launch of the quilt: a draft copy having already been sent to the owners of the properties.

We are pleased to announce that our next meeting is scheduled for **Thursday 12th August at 7pm** in the village hall.

Please email egw2@hotmail.co.uk for further details.

Lis Webb – Coordinator Shadoxhurst History Club

Methodist Church

Hopefully we will be able to resume Services on a fortnightly basis soon. In the meantime, there is a Zoom Service every Sunday at 10.30 a.m. (Meeting I.D. 810 7767 6852 Passcode 063154)

Below is the beautiful seat installed outside the Church by the family of Bob Farrow. Dedicated to Bob who was our Organist for a great many years who sadly died last year, and his Wife Winnie.



Shadoxhurst Flower Club

The Club resumed on the 7th of July which was a garden visit. They will hold their usual first Wednesday of the month indoor meetings on the 4th of August and 6th September, unless there are further restrictions. To stay in touch, please contact either, Ann Prebble on 07989 586575, email ann.prebble@yahoo.com or contact Gaye Sim on 01233 732212.

Neighbourhood Watch (NHW) Update

In previous Newsletters I have reported upon various Scams being perpetrated across the County, thankfully the number of alerts has reduced although this should not mean we do not need to remain vigilant. Remember I post updates on the two village

Facebook groups, Nextdoor and the Parish Council websites.

The following is a summary of Scams reported since the last newsletter:-

- Vaccine Passport Phishing Email
- Protect Your Devices – ensure you have up to date software
- PayPal Scam
- Suspicious E-mails – forward suspicious emails to report@phishing.gov.uk to help remove scams and malicious websites

Dog walkers please continue to remain vigilant when out and about with your family members – thankfully reports of approaches and thefts seem to have reduced over recent months but this does not mean the threat has gone away. Simple actions to help keep you safe are to be aware of who and 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.

Remember 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 any vehicles – make, model and colour, as well as registration plate details.

Call 999 if you feel threatened or in danger – see contact details below for ways to contact the Police in non-urgent situations.

Peter Webb 01233 732901

Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator

Peter707R@Hotmail.com

Village Forum

We postponed the Village Forum from the intention to meet in June and the next meeting has been set for **Monday the 13th of September at 7.30pm** in the Hall.

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 so please email David on amberherne@btinternet.com Please put ‘Join Forum’ in the subject heading.

Gardening Club

At long last we will be able to recommence meeting – a date for anyone interested is 16th August (2021!), which is a Monday, in the Pavilion at the Recreation field, off Hornash Lane.

As previously mentioned, this an opportunity for like-minded people, with an interest in learning/sharing knowledge on all things linked to your garden – if you are unsure, then why not come along and try at the forthcoming session. No further commitment.

Let me know if you will be coming along so that I can ensure we have enough space/chairs! Peter Webb 01233 732901 / Peter707R@Hotmail.com

Pilates and Line Dancing

We now have two Pilates Classes with Alex on Monday evenings and Anne-Marie on a Tuesday mornings 9.15-10.15am. See box for contact numbers.

The Line Dancers have returned to their usual Tuesday evening slot at the village hall. See box for Kate's contact details.

Weekend Walking

The Group continue to meet at 9.45 each Saturday morning for a two-hour walk. They are local walks, but they don't always start from the village hall, so best to ring Jim (see box) to confirm the start point. All are welcome to come along.

Mobile Library

The Library Van still has monthly visits using a 'select and collect' arrangement. Please see details on their website at www.kent.gov.uk/lib

or call **03000 41 31 31** ask to be put through to the Ashford Library and then to speak to the 'Select and Collect' team.

The next dates are Wednesday 25th August then 22nd September between 15.25 - 15.55 parked at Lonefield.

Ashford Courtside Football Club

Ashford Courtside FC has a new under 7 team for 2021/2022 season. The team are enjoying training sessions together and are looking forward to playing matches from September at their home ground in Shadoxhurst. There are a number of players in the team who have siblings in our older age groups which supports our Club values of being a family friendly club.

Preseason training for all three age groups will begin on **Friday 20th August** with the new season starting at the beginning of September

We would like to thank Shadoxhurst Parish Council and the village residents for their continuing support.

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/

Tea and Tots

Shadoxhurst Tea & Tots is a new stay and play group based in Shadoxhurst Village Hall. The group is open to under 5's and their parents or carers and runs **every Thursday morning from 9.30am - 11am.**

Attendance is £3 per adult, with child places free (refreshments are included). The group is organised by two volunteers, Alexandria Clapp and Emma Yeomans, who live in the village with their young children.

Please contact us on Facebook or ShadoxhurstTeaandTots@gmail.com

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 (Mondays) & Anne-Marie 07983 443480 (Tuesdays)
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 ABC telephone number is 01233 331111 and ABC's website is at www.ashford.gov.uk/.

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

Dates for your Diary:

August: 5th & 19th Sewing and Craft Club 7.00pm in the Hall
 12th History Club 7.00pm in the Hall
 16th Gardening Club 7.30pm in the Pavilion
 28th Village Sign unveiling 2.00pm on site

September: 1st Flower Club 7.30pm in the Hall
 2nd & 16th Sewing and Craft Club 7.00pm in the Hall
 4th Quilt Unveiling 2.00pm in the Hall, free (High Tea, ticket only)
 8th Parish Council Meeting 6.00pm in the Hall (tbc)
 13th Village Forum Meeting 7.30pm in the Hall
 25th Village Fete

October: 6th Flower Club 7.30pm in the Hall
 7th & 21st Sewing and Craft Club 7.00pm in the Hall
 13th Parish Council Meeting 6.00pm in the Hall (tbc)