



Shadoxhurst Parish Council

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Shadoxhurst Newsletter October 2021

PLEASE STAY IN TOUCH

Welcome to the October edition of the Newsletter

Village Quilt Unveiled

The 4th September was a memorable day in the village's history when the Ashford Mayor Cllr Callum Knowles and our Parish Chair, Martin Richmond-Coggan together unveiled the Village Quilt.

Sheila Ellis said "it was such a good day and we had lovely weather too! Everything went smoothly, which is always good, everyone that came to the unveiling were offered a glass of wine.

The Mayor was most impressed with our quilt. It looks so good in its home in the Village Hall. High Tea followed which everyone enjoyed. The Shadoxhurst History Club provided details on all the listed buildings itemised on our Quilt, we had a corner to show off some of the items and crafts that we do as a sewing group. There was also a slide show of how and why our Quilt was made.

Our grateful thanks to the Parish Council for giving our Quilt a home. Also grateful thanks to our local Framers Simon Beaugie Picture Frames of Shadoxhurst for donating the frame. I am also grateful to Matt Dowle, Peter Webb, Bernard Howe and David Ledger for actually lifting the heavy framed Quilt into place.

I hope you will all see it in its setting when you visit the village hall, well you can't miss it! We are proud that it is now part of the village. Thank you to all the ladies of the Sewing Club for all their time and effort that they put into the sewing of the quilt as well as helping with the organisation of the unveiling.

Our raffle raised £70, half of which we are donating to a charity close to one of our members hearts, The Debra Charity. If you would like to join our club do get in touch, we are a really friendly, welcoming group that meet once a fortnight on a Thursday night to help each other, work on our

personal projects (be it knitting, quilting, dressmaking, crocheting etc) and generally have a chatter!"



"Your Parish Council Needs YOU"

PARISH COUNCIL VACANCY

- Do you want to serve your community?
- Do you have time or expertise which could benefit your community?
- Do you want to make a difference to all those around you?
- Are you concerned about your local area?
- Do you want to represent the views of local people?

If you would like to make a difference, and be involved in shaping the future of your local Community, why not step forward and apply to fulfil this role?

Shadoxhurst Parish Council is looking for a new Parish Councillor - someone who has an interest in the village and its environment and energy and enthusiasm to work with the team – if you are interested or would like more information, please contact the Clerk, Caroline Laming Shadoxhurst@parishcouncil.onmicrosoft.com

News

Drainage work on the Recreation field

The company doing the work have at last confirmed they will be working relaying the drainage over the whole field from Monday 11th October for about seven days. This is much needed work, and we apologise for the short-term disruption.

The drainage work will mean football fixture rearrangements on the weekend of the 16th October and reduced use for all in that time.

Quiz Night December

We are pleased to report that the much acclaimed and popular Quiz Night makes a welcome return on the **4th December** in the Village Hall starting promptly at 7.00pm. To reserve a table of 6 people, pre-booking is essential, please ring **Karen on 732276**, tickets are only £5 per person, please bring your own refreshments. Please be aware that some Covid restrictions may be in place so we can have a safe event.

Christmas Craft Fair

There will be a Christmas Craft Fair on **Saturday 27th November** from 10.00am to 2.00pm in the Village Hall. If you would like to book a table, please contact Hannah on 01233 733653 or 07963 717063. Entry is free and refreshments will be available.

Charity Christmas Market

Green Farm Community Garden are holding a Market on **Sunday 5th December** between 12.00 and 3.00pm, look out for posters, entrance off Duck Lane.

Tea and Tots

Shadoxhurst Tea & Tots started up recently, but due to work changes for one of the organisers it is currently on hold. If you can help with re-establishing this on a Thursday please contact Emma or Alexandria on the Facebook page or email ShadoxhurstTeaandTots@gmail.com

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. No audition required!

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 email arkdrama2000@outlook.com

You can visit our website www.arkdrama2000.co.uk or Facebook page for further details.

King's Head

Please support the pub, they are working hard to keep offering good food and drink to us all. Ring to book a table for the last Sunday of the month charity quiz and of course if booking to eat on any day. More information can be found

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

Village Forum

Members of the Forum met on Monday the 13th of September at 7.30pm in the Hall. Although we still don't have a person to lead, some great ideas for future village events were suggested. Some are already in the new "Save the Date" feature on the back page.

The next meeting is the **Monday 18th October at 7.30pm** in the Village Hall. 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.

Green Farm Community Garden and Pop-up Coffee Shop

We want to thank the Kings Head and all of you who have come to the recent Quiz Nights for your great support for the Community Garden, which has been the chosen charity.

Come and visit us at the pop-up coffee shop on **Thursdays between 10 am and 12.00 pm**, have a coffee and cake, buy some veg and, if you like, chat about volunteering. The entrance is in **Duck Lane**, signposted to **Community Garden**.

www.facebook.com/greenfarmcommunitygarden

Neighbourhood Watch (NHW) Update

Reported Scams have been fewer in recent months, but they are still being perpetrated by unscrupulous individuals – usually focussing on peoples worries or concerns.

The most recent items reported:-

- Energy Scam Calls (particularly relevant following recent news items on likely price increases over the coming months).
- Fake NHS COVID pass emails and texts (again particularly relevant if you are considering travel abroad).

Latest advice to protect yourself from Fraud is by way of the "Take 5" campaign:-

1. Stop – Take a moment to stop and think before giving out your personal or payment card details.
2. Challenge – Could it be fake? It's okay to reject, refuse or ignore any requests you think seem suspicious (only criminals will try to rush or panic you).
3. Protect – If you believe you've been targeted by scammers, report it to Action Fraud on 0300 123 2040 or at actionfraud.police.uk.

More tips at [Take Five - To Stop Fraud | To Stop Fraud \(takefive-stopfraud.org.uk\)](https://www.takefive-stopfraud.org.uk)

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

Clubs and Activities

Shadoxhurst Flower Club

The next meeting is the AGM and a demonstration by Ellouise and Jane on 3rd November then a Christmas meeting with Jill on the 1st December, both 7.30pm. To stay in touch, please contact either Ann on 07989 586575 or Gaye on 01233 732212.

1st Shadoxhurst Scout Group

The Scout group is fully functioning with Beavers, Cubs and Scouts.

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

History Club

We have completed the first stage of the document detailing the listed buildings in Shadoxhurst. It was revealed at the quilt unveiling and is currently on display in the village hall.

We are continuing to research the rest of the listed buildings, not on the quilt, and hope to produce a fully completed booklet towards the end of the year. We are also looking at producing a "Now and Then" style calendar for 2023; if anyone has any old photographs of any part of the village, please email a copy egw2@hotmail.co.uk

We are now meeting in person with some Covid procedures in place. We meet in the village hall 7-8.30pm, see Dates for your Diary on the back page. If you would like to join us, or would like any further information on the club, please contact Lis on the email address above.

Lis Webb – Coordinator Shadoxhurst History Club

Ashford Courtside Football Club



Ashford Courtside FC have had a bright start to the season across all of our age groups. All three teams have new match day kits and we would like to thank local sponsor Lance and the Kings Head pub for sponsoring our U13 team.

Our newly formed U7 team enjoyed their first ADYFL tournament last weekend and continue to learn and improve together.

We now move venues for our winter training, but our home ground will remain at Shadoxhurst for our home fixtures. We would like to thank everyone for their continued support and look forward to welcoming you at a home game soon.



Gardening Club

The club has now met twice this year and welcome to our new members. Items discussed have included how to store vegetables and ideas for redesigning a garden space and items to grow in constrained borders.

We have also shared some of the garden produce and seeds collected – if you'd like to join us, the next meeting will be Monday 25th October at 7.30pm in the Shadoxhurst Pavilion (off Hornash Lane).

Let me know if you will be coming along so that I can ensure we have enough space/chairs!

Peter Webb Peter707R@Hotmail.com or 01233 732901

Ashford Borough Update

Our two Borough Councillors are part of the Ashford Independent Group which is the largest opposition group. George Sparks sits on the Planning Committee which is back to meeting monthly. There are still many planning applications being held up by the "Stodmarsh Lakes Nutrient Issue". Due to the many complexities, this may take a couple of years to finally resolve. George is also on the Appeals Committee and the River Stour Internal Drainage Board. He also observes at Cabinet, Audit and Overview and Scrutiny Committees.

David Ledger sits on the Overview and Scrutiny Committee which scrutinises the budget and the many decisions taken by ABC through the year. He also sits on the Local Plan and Planning policy Task Group and has recently been asked to sit on the Climate Change Committee.

The monthly Meet your Councillor drop-in surgeries were cancelled through the Covid 19 crisis. These are being resumed with the first on **13th October**, and then on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 12.00pm at the King's Head. Contact details for both Councillors are on the back page.

Parish Notes

Speedwatch

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

Staying in touch

The "Shadoxhurst, a Kent Village" Facebook Page has grown to over 1,900 members and the "Shadoxhurst Community" Facebook Page has over 655 members.

Next Parish Meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council is **Wednesday 13th October** at 6.00 pm in the Village Hall.

The following meeting is **Wednesday 10th November** at 6.00pm Please see our website and the two notice boards to stay up to date. Incidentally, we are looking to add two more notice boards in the near future and renew the current two.

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

Parish Web Site

We continue to improve the website and encourage those who can, to make regular use of it to stay up to date and see Parish documents go to www.shadoxhurst.info

Booking the Hall

If you would like to book the Village Hall or Pavilion for an event, then we ask you to go through the Parish website calendar.

Alternatively, please email Caroline shadoxhurstvhp@gmail.com which is an email for hall and pavilion bookings only. Those without computers, Caroline's phone number is on the back page.

Litter Picking

If you would like to help to give the village an autumnal spruce, please meet at the Pavilion on 23rd October at 10.00am.

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

Regular Events (see Village Contacts box for telephone numbers)

Mondays

at 6.00pm **Pilates** with Alex (Hall)

Tuesdays

At 9.15am **Pilates** with Anne-Marie (Hall)

At 2.00pm **Coffee Club** with Colin (Pavilion)

At 7.00pm **Line Dancing** Brenda and Kate (Hall)

Wednesdays

At 7.30pm (1st of month) **Flower Club** with Gaye (Hall)

Or email Ann at ann.prebble@yahoo.com

At 6.00pm (2nd of month) **Parish Council** meetings (Pavilion)

Thursdays

At 9.30am **Tea and Tots** (under 5's) with Emma (Hall)

ShadoxhurstTeaandTots@gmail.com

At 10.00am **Coffee and Cake at Green Farm Community Garden** (Duck Lane)

www.facebook.com/greenfarmcommunitygarden

(Alternate weeks, **Sewing Club** at 7.00pm Hall)

Fridays

Fish and Chip Van 5.00-6.00pm

Saturdays

At 9.45am **Weekend Walking** with Jim

Sundays

Limited Services at **Shadoxhurst Church** contact Helen the Parish Church Clerk email clerk.kingsnorthchurch@outlook.com

Last of month Quiz nights at the King's Head

Ashford Courtside Football Club

If you are interested in finding out more about the club, please contact Vanessa 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/

Key Information on One Page

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

King's Head Lance 732242

Line Dancing Kate 733015

Methodist Church Lisa 732178

Neighbourhood Watch Peter 732901

Parish Council Chair Martin 808707

Pilates Alex 861456 (Mondays) and

Anne-Marie 07983 443480 (Tuesdays)

Sewing and Craft Club Sheila 733540

Shadoxhurst Church Helen 620433

Speedwatch Roger 733581

Weekend Walking Jim 07788 245022

WI Mandy Spencer 501774

Wine & Home Brew Club Colin 732784

Methodist Church

There will be a Service at the Methodist Church on the following dates -

October 3rd, 17th and 31st, November 7th and 28th. On 14th November there is a United Service for Remembrance Sunday at the Anglican Church.

There is a Circuit Zoom Service on October 10th and November 21st (Meeting I.D. 810 7767 6852 Passcode 063154) and on October 24th (Meeting I.D.850 9222 9478 Passcode 180729).

Mobile Library

The Library Van is now back to fortnightly visits, and they have a new website at www.kent.gov.uk/mobilelibraries The next visits are on **Wednesday 20th Oct, 3rd & 17th Nov, & 1st Dec.** between 15.25 - 15.55 parked at Lonfield.

Ashford Borough Council

The ABC telephone number is 01233 331111 and ABC's website is at www.ashford.gov.uk/.

The contact points for our two Ward Councilors are: George 01233 732791 and David 01233 733540 george.sparks@ashford.gov.uk david.ledger@ashford.gov.uk

Contacting the Parish Council

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

Dates for your Diary

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
14th History Club 7.00pm in the Hall
18th Village Forum 7.30pm in the Hall
25th Gardening Club 7.30pm Pavilion
31st Quiz Night 7.00pm King's Head

November: 3rd Flower Club AGM with Ellouise & Jane 7.30pm (Hall)
4th & 18th Sewing Club 7.00pm in the Hall
10th Parish Council Meeting 6.00pm in the Hall
11th History Club 7.00pm in the Hall
13th Family Remembrance Village Green 11.00am
14th Remembrance Day Service 10.30 Shadoxhurst Church
27th Christmas Craft Fair from 10.00am – 2.00pm in the Hall
28th Quiz Night 7.00pm King's Head

December: 1st Flower Club Christmas Meeting 7.30pm in the Hall
2nd & 16th Sewing Club 7.00pm in the Hall
4th Quiz Night 7.00pm in the Hall
5th Charity Christmas Market 12.00 – 3.00pm Green Farm
8th Parish Council Meeting 6.00pm in the Hall
9th History Club 7.00pm in the Hall

SAVE THE DATE

27th November Christmas Craft Fair

4th December Quiz Night

2022

26th February Murder Mystery Night

25th March Sugarcraft Demonstration

14th – 18th April Easter Weekend Vintage Fair (yet to be confirmed)

3rd June Queen's Platinum Jubilee weekend celebrations