



Shadoxhurst Parish Council

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Shadoxhurst Newsletter December 2021

PLEASE STAY IN TOUCH

Welcome to the December edition of the Newsletter

Christmas Craft Fair, a big success

On Saturday 27th November, despite the wet and windy weather, it was great to welcome so many of our local residents of all ages and others from nearby villages to our Village Hall for this truly festive event. We must thank our 'Forum Team' for planning and running the event.



Newly recruited volunteer Hannah, who has lived in the village less than a year took on the role of co-ordinator and with solid support from those around her the Christmas Craft Fair was a big success.

Hannah said "We had 14 craft stalls selling their creations and it was lovely to see them supported by a steady flow of visitors through the door. With a Tombola, Raffle & Home-Made Cakes, Mince Pies & Refreshments there was something for everyone to enjoy. Thank you to EVERYONE who helped and attended."

The 'Village Forum Team' are now busy planning a number of community events for 2022 and will have more dates for your diary soon. Feel free to let us know what you would like to see take place in the village and if you fancy becoming part of our friendly team of organisers we would

love to hear from you. Contact Hannah Collison on 07963 717063 or at hannah@inspiredcreations.uk.com

Quiz Night another success

Eight tables of quizzers had a great pre-Christmas get together trying to answer ten rounds of festive related questions. Our grateful thanks go to Karen and Ron Batterbee for all the hard work running the event. Other Forum Members were on hand to help. Thanks to all who came along to make it two great events in a week.



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 our village?
- 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 still 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

Murder Mystery returns

We will welcome back the "Murder Again" team to our village hall on Saturday 26th February doors will open at 7.15 for a 7.30pm start. They will be bamboozling us once again with "An Englishman in New York". We will be limited to 10 tables with a maximum of 6 per table. Bookings can be made after 2nd January via Lis on 01233 732901, ticket prices will be confirmed on booking, please bring your own food and drink.

Poonett and Farley Charity

The Charity has its origins in the 17th Century from two separate legacies when both helped to give money to the poor of the village. At some point in history they were combined.

It is recognised that in the 21st Century, life is very different. The Trustees are now giving two bursaries per year up to a maximum of £250 each. Guidance about being eligible is given below with some examples.

The recipient must live in the parish of Shadoxhurst and have a specific use / need for the bursary, to allow them to do something, buy something or go somewhere that without the bursary would not be achievable.

Examples might include helping:

1. towards a young person travel to visit universities prior to making a choice
2. to pay for a young person to attend a course
3. to purchase tools to enable someone to start an apprenticeship
4. towards a retired person travelling to visit an elderly relative
5. to purchase a disability aid that otherwise would not be supplied through the usual channels.

These examples are concentrating on the young and the more senior members of our community. If you wish to apply, please contact David Ledger at david.shadoxhurstpc@gmail.com or 01233 733540, who will provide more details.

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! If you know anyone who may be interested in joining the group, please email arkdrama2000@outlook.com. Or visit our website www.arkdrama2000.co.uk or Facebook page for further details.

King's Head

Although we can report that Lance has put in his notice and will be leaving the village in February, he is dedicated and committed to give excellent service to all customers in the meanwhile. With a Christmas menu available there is lots of good food and drink available.

The Brewery are actively looking for new tenants for the pub.

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 15th of November in the Hall. The next meeting is the **Monday 10th January at 7.30pm** in the Village Hall. 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

On Sunday 5th December, Green Farm held a Charity Christmas Market to raise money for the Pearce Coggan Foundation, which supports their Community Garden and Outdoor Family Camping projects and local schools, amongst others.



Stalls sold eco-friendly, locally made crafts and gifts, and even Santa had time to drop by!



You can visit and support Green Farm's Charity at their pop-up cafe every **Thursday 10am-12pm** where you can have a coffee, some cake, buy some veg and, if you like, chat about volunteering in the garden. The Entrance via Duck Lane signposted to **Green Farm Community Garden**. See also www.facebook.com/greenfarmcommunitygarden

Neighbourhood Watch (NHW) Update

Please be on the look-out for people seemingly with no reason to be in the village. In early November property damage and theft was linked to three youths (2 male and 1 female) who appeared to have been dropped off within the village but then went on to kill a number of chickens and damage property. If you do see suspicious activity then please report it via one of the channels below.

Reported Scams continue to feature in the area, perpetrated by unscrupulous individuals, usually focussing on peoples worries or concerns. Please be aware of the most recent items reported:-

- Fake emails seeking personal information ("phishing") purporting to be from Santander, Amazon, Antivirus software, DVLA
- Fraud – Courier where calls allege bank accounts have been compromised and cash needs to be withdrawn then collected, or payment diversion where a caller claims to be from a supplier and asks for a change to bank account details for invoice payments.
- Scams - text messages supposedly from family members advising of new phone numbers and asking for money. Text, call or email supposedly from HMRC requesting payments.

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 "takefive-stopfraud.org.uk"

Remember you can report items to the Police via 101 or using the Website (Chat is quicker and easier than using the phone). If you wish 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.

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

Clubs and Activities

Shadoxhurst Flower Club



The Club does not meet in January, so the next meeting is on the 2nd February featuring a demonstration by Ellouise called "Scents of Spring". The next meeting is a workshop led by Julia on the 2nd March both begin at 7.30pm. Visitors are welcome at all meetings. To stay in touch, please contact either Ann on 07989 586575 or Gaye on 01233 732212. Photo of Club Members at their stall at the Craft Fair.

1st Shadoxhurst Scout Group

The Scout Group is fully functioning and very active with Beavers, Cubs and Scouts meeting every week.

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

Shadoxhurst Sewing Club



Thank you to everyone in the Sewing Club who joined together to produce Christmas items for sale at the Shadoxhurst Craft Fair. We were given a table under our quilt in the hall and many people came up to admire it and talk to us about it as well as buying our wares.

We had abandoned our Christmas outing in favour of a get together in the hall on the 2nd December. Not quite the same but a good atmosphere and lots of laughter. Our last meeting of the year will be on the 16th December and the first of the New Year of 2022 will be on the Thursday 6th January from 7 to 9pm. From all the Members of the club we would like to wish everyone a Happy Christmas and New Year.

Shadoxhurst History Club

The History club meets monthly at the village hall on the second Thursday of the month – the next dates are on the back page. Our next major project will be to collate and produce a calendar for 2023. If anyone has any "old" pictures of notable places in the village, please bring them along to a meeting or email a copy to

egw2@hotmail.co.uk. For any further information on the club please also message me via the same email address.

Lis Webb coordinator

Gardening Club

We have continued with regular meetings and the sharing of experience and information between members – recent topics have included planting and caring for weeping willows, climbing roses, pruning and care of fruit trees, garden planning and preserving vegetables.

We have also shared some of our garden produce and seeds collected – if you'd like to join us, the next meeting will be Monday 17th January 2022 at 7.30pm in the Shadoxhurst Pavilion (off Hornash Lane). Future topics are driven by members – green houses is next. Let me know if you will be coming along so that I can ensure we have enough space/chairs! Peter Webb 01233 732901 or email Peter707R@Hotmail.com

Coffee Club

The final get together of the year will be on the 21st December, then a break of a couple of weeks, reopening on the 4th January. They meet every Tuesday afternoon from 2.00pm to 4.00pm.

Ashford Borough Update

The Borough Council are restricting face to face meetings while there is present uncertainty over the new variant. The December Full Council meeting has been cancelled with the next scheduled for early March.

David Ledger sits on the Task Group that Overview and Scrutiny Committee has set up to scrutinise the budget setting process currently in hand for the financial year 2022/23. He also sits on the Climate Change Advisory Committee meeting shortly. The Council is very mindful of the importance meeting Carbon neutral targets and there is a lot of time being put to this across all departments.

The monthly "Meet your Councillor" drop-in surgeries happen on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 12.00pm at the King's Head. Next dates are 12th Jan, 9th Feb and 9th March. See back page for contact details.

Parish Notes

Speedwatch

Whilst the 30 mph limit along Tally Ho Road does seem to divide opinion over how

appropriate it may be, 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 the Speedwatch team have not been active lately the village is still seeing regular attendance by Police undertaking speed monitoring activities, with enforcement notifications being issued to offenders identified (17 in August and 70 in September). To help the team, 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. There is also "Nextdoor".

Next Parish Meeting

There is no meeting in December and so the next meeting of the Parish Council is **Wednesday 12th January** at 6.00 pm in the Village Hall.

The following meeting is **Wednesday 9th February** at 6.00pm Please see our 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** 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, you can email Caroline which is an email for hall and pavilion bookings only. shadoxhurstvhp@gmail.com

For those without computers, Caroline's phone number is on the back page.

Wishing a very Happy Christmas to you all

The closing date for information and inclusions for the February edition is **the 25th of January**. 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 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 10.00am **Coffee and Cake at Green Farm Community Garden** (Duck Lane)

www.facebook.com/greenfarmcommunitygarden

(Alternate weeks, **Sewing Club** at 7.00pm Hall and 2nd Thursday of month **History Club**).

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 Sunday of the month charity Quiz Nights at the **King's Head**

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

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

Christmas Church Services

The Methodist Church:

Sunday 19th Dec. 10.30 a.m.
Carol Service

Christmas Eve 11.30 p.m.
Carols by Candlelight

St Peter and St Paul:

Christmas eve 5.00 p.m.
Crib Service

Christmas Day 8.00 a.m.
Christmas Communion

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 12th & 26th Jan, 9th & 23rd Feb, 9th & 23rd March** between 15.25 - 15.55 parked at Lonefield.

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/

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

January: 6th & 20th Sewing and Craft Club 7.00pm in the Hall

10th Village Forum 7.30pm in the Hall

12th Parish Council Meeting 6.00pm in the Hall

13th History Club 7.00pm in the Hall

17th Gardening Club 7.30pm Pavilion

30th Quiz Night 7.00pm King's Head

February: 2nd Flower Club AGM with Ellouise & Jane 7.30pm (Hall)

3rd & 17th Sewing and Craft Club 7.00pm in the Hall

9th Parish Council Meeting 6.00pm in the Hall

10th History Club 7.00pm in the Hall

26th Murder Mystery Night

27th Quiz Night 7.00pm King's Head

March: 2nd Flower Club Meeting 7.30pm in the Hall

3rd & 17th Sewing and Craft Club 7.00pm in the Hall

9th Parish Council Meeting 6.00pm in the Hall

10th History Club 7.00pm in the Hall

25th Sugar Craft Demonstration

SAVE THE DATE

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 (yet to be confirmed)