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Shadoxhurst Newsletter February 2022

PLEASE STAY IN TOUCH

Welcome to the February edition of the Newsletter

King's Head

Big changes at our Pub. Lance left in January and we thank him for his time with us and wish him well for the future and his next project.

The pub is currently closed for considerable refurbishment work and re-opens on Monday 14th February. You will see a lot of changes and improvements.

We welcome Katrina and Toby Strickett to our village and hope that their time at the pub will be very successful. This will be their third establishment and they currently manage The Woolpack at Brookland and The Ship Hotel in New Romney. They are putting a lot of time, effort and money into our pub and we wish them and the staff every success.

They will, once settled be open all day and every day, even offering breakfast between 9 – 11 each day. They will have a set main menu and an evolving 'specials board' that will change regularly, vegetarians and vegans will find choices.

Once again, we ask you to please support the pub, they will be working hard to keep offering good food and drink to us all. More information can be found at

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

Sugarcraft Demonstration

Tune into your creative side, join this fun evening with Hannah Collison who will be demonstrating how to make a selection of novelty cake toppers including this cute Easter Bunny in the photo. This is an unusual event and not to be missed, appealing to all ages.

It will be on **Friday 25th March 2022 at 7.00pm – 9.00pm** Shadoxhurst Village Hall. **FREE ENTRY** – Places are limited (Under 18's must be accompanied by a responsible adult). **Booking is essential.**



To make your booking:

www.inspiredcreations.uk.com
hannah@inspiredcreations.uk.com

Hannah Collison 01233 733653

If you need any more information or have questions, please do let her know.

Free Tennis for Children

Shadoxhurst Parish Council has been awarded a Reconnect Locality Grant Award to provide young children the opportunity to learn tennis, together with other ball sports, including indoor football and hockey for **FREE**.

We are delighted to announce that Caroline Laming, a qualified tennis coach and our Parish Clerk is now offering free tennis coaching in the Village Hall. Caroline was a Kent County Tennis Champion and was ranked no.1 in Kent for 8 years. She proudly shares these achievements with Emma Raducanu currently ranked 19 in the world.

With a coaching and playing career of over 35 years, two of these spent playing on a full tennis scholarship for the University of Memphis, Caroline cannot wait to bring her coaching, playing abilities and knowledge to the young children of Shadoxhurst and surrounding areas.

Beginning in spring on a Thursday, preschool ages 3-4 daytime (time to be arranged) and ages 5-7 from 3.15pm in the village hall, all equipment is provided. Please contact Caroline 07729 734149 or email shadoxhurstfreetennis@gmail.com

Murder Mystery returns

We 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. Due to very popular demand, the tables are already completely **sold out**. This is great news and ensures our first big event of the year will be a great success.

Vintage Fair

If the recreation field is dry enough on the 13th – 18th April which includes Easter Weekend we will host a Vintage Fair at the Rec with some nostalgic rides run by local Co. Marsh Vintage Amusements. It will be open from 12 to 8pm Wed-Sat and 12-6pm Sun-Mon. It will something very different for our village. We apologise in advance if the ground is too wet and the event has to be cancelled.

Village Forum

The Village Forum met twice recently to help to progress a number of events and activities in the coming year, the most notable of which is to be a "Picnic in the Park" style event, on **Saturday 4th June**, to celebrate the Queens Platinum Jubilee.

We are working to provide a free, entertaining and relaxing event for members of the village – further details will be provided as plans progress.

Coming Forum events include the Murder Mystery, Sugarcraft Demonstration, Music Quiz (**7th May**), Boot Fair (July), Race Night (September), Quiz (October) and Craft Fair (November).

If you would like to be involved and help with organising future events, please join us at future Forum meetings, the next is **7th March** 7.30pm or contact Peter Webb 01233 732901 Peter707R@Hotmail.com

To get on the mailing list so please email David on amberherne@btinternet.com (Please put 'Join Forum' in the subject heading).

New Vicar

We offer a very warm welcome to Rev Adam Childs who has now joined us to cover Shadoxhurst and Kingsnorth churches. He has moved into the rectory at Kingsnorth with his wife and two boys.

He has taken over from the Rev Caroline who retired last year, becomes part of the Ashford Town Parish group and can be contacted on 01233 629279.



Green Farm Community Garden and Pop-up Coffee

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

The Community Garden is supported by the Pearce Coggan Foundation, which supports Outdoor Family Camping projects and local schools, amongst others.

Neighbourhood Watch (NHW) Update

Ashford Domestic Abuse drop in (ONE STOP) has reopened, it is in the same location at Sure Start, The Willow Centre, Brookfield Road, TN23 4EY from 9.30 till 12.00 Tuesday mornings only.

If you need support and advice on domestic abuse, you will be given a warm welcome.

Do you have a smoke detector? You or a friend/relative may qualify for a home safety visit from the Kent Fire Services, who will offer advice and fit a free item, if:-

- You are aged 70 or over
- Living with dementia
- Have a long-term health condition
- Have young children or are pregnant
- Are a smoker

If you feel you qualify and would benefit from advice and the fitting of a free smoke detector, please email Neil Jones directly at the Ashford Fire Station and request a planned visit via the following contact details. Neil.jones@kent.fire-uk.org

Receiving unwanted scam and nuisance mail (which cannot be stopped by unsubscribing from the sender), is inconvenient at best but if you would like to help action being taken to stop it, then send items to the National Trading Standards (NTS) Scams Team, free of charge, to:- NTSST, Freepost, Mail Marshal.

To learn more about scams visit WWW.friendsagainstscams.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.

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

Clubs and Activities

Shadoxhurst Flower Club

The next meeting is a workshop led by Julia on the **2nd March** 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.

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 with Simon at raven.1stshadoxhurst@gmail.com

Shadoxhurst Sewing Club

We are sorry to report that Sheila Ellis will be moving away from the village and therefore departing from the club.

Sheila was one of the founders of the club and has provided invaluable support to members and will be missed by all those she has helped. Her legacy will be the village quilt which hangs within the village hall. The club met on Thursday the 21st and said a fond farewell to Sheila and wished her well in her new adventure.

The club continues to meet on the **1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month** in the village hall from 7pm until 9pm. If you have an interest in sewing, quilting or knitting then why not drop by and ask questions or share your knowledge with like-minded individuals. Please contact Peter Webb on 01233 732901 for information.

Shadoxhurst History Club

The History club meets at the village hall on the second Thursday of the month; it has been great to see new members joining. As well as collating photographs for the 2023 calendar, we are also embarking on a timeline display idea for the Jubilee celebrations. We are seeking any "old" pictures of notable places in the village and events from the past 70 years. If you have any, 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

The club welcomed new members in the New Year and continued its self-help approach to gardening in the village – discussions covered caring for weeping willows, climbing roses and fruit trees plus set-up and use of greenhouses.

If you'd like to join us, the next meeting will be **Monday 21st February** at 7.30pm in the Shadoxhurst Pavilion.

A date for the March meeting has not been set yet – if you are interested then contact me after the February meeting and I'll provide an update. Please 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

There is a lot of support for the "Chatterbox Coffee Club" and if you haven't tried it yet, they meet every Tuesday afternoon from 2.00pm to 4.00pm in the Pavilion. They recently had a talk on First Aid and the use of a defibrillator. Lifts are available if needed, please contact Colin on 01233 732784.

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.

Ashford Courtside FC

Ashford Courtside U7's team have had a good start to the second half of the season with three enjoyable home fixtures at Shadoxhurst.



The team is playing some fast and exciting football and are improving all the time.

Unfortunately, our U13's and U9's team haven't been able to play at our home ground since last year.

Ashford Courtside FC is always looking for enthusiastic people who would be interested in the growth and development of our Club.

If you are interested in getting involved and would like more information, please email our Club secretary Vanessa Grimmond - grimmond105@gmail.com

Methodist Church News

The Methodist Church are meeting fortnightly in their chapel on Church Lane and anyone is welcome to attend the services at 10.30 on Sundays, and stay for refreshments and a chat afterwards.

They hope to move to meeting weekly again soon, although a shortage of ministers and preachers locally means that these services will be led by local people and may involve gathering together to listen to a pre-recorded podcast.

The services are listed on the back page but on Feb 13th, March 6th, April 17th and May 29th will include Holy Communion.

For further information please contact the area office at methchurch12@gmail.com

Ashford Borough Update

The Borough Council has had some notable successes tracing, catching and prosecuting fly tippers. The Environmental Enforcement Team started working in 2021 and within six months handed out fines totaling over £6,000 to nearly a dozen offenders.

Householders and businesses have a Duty of Care when employing someone to remove their waste. Waste carriers must be licensed and if you as a householder pay someone who does not have a license, then you have failed to take Duty of Care, and if the rubbish is dumped you would be liable to a Fixed Penalty Notice of £400. Always ensure you check they are registered, if in doubt, ring the Environment Agency on 03708 506506 or the website at [Access the public register for environmental information - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/topics/environmental-protection).

If you see any rubbish dumped you can report it to ABC on their Report It page on the website at [Information on fly-tipping and how to report it. \(ashford.gov.uk\)](https://www.ashford.gov.uk/information-on-fly-tipping-and-how-to-report-it).

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 9th March and 13th April. See back page for contact details.

Parish Notes

Parish Council Vacancy

Once again we must announce that 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

Speedwatch

Whilst the Speedwatch team have not been active lately the village continues to be supported by way of the Police undertaking speed monitoring activities, with enforcement notifications being issued to offenders identified. Looking forwards, if you would like to join the Speedwatch group and help with the future monitoring of roads within the village, please contact Roger on 01233 733581 or email him on roger.shadoxhurstpc@gmail.com

Staying in touch

The Parish Council has begun its own Facebook page at [20+ Shadoxhurst Parish Council | Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/20+ShadoxhurstParishCouncil), it is early days but we encourage villagers to follow the page to stay up to date. "**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**" pages.

Next Parish Meeting

The next meetings are **Wednesday 9th March and 13th April** at 6.00pm in the Village Hall. 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

As well as the new Facebook page, 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 please go through the Parish website calendar. Or 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.

The closing date for information and inclusions for the April edition is **the 25th of March**. 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 (Hall)

Thursdays

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

www.facebook.com/greenfarmcommunitygarden

(1st & 3rd of month, **Sewing Club** at 7.00pm and 2nd of month **History Club** 7.00pm, both in hall).

Fridays

Fish and Chip Van 5.00-6.00pm

Saturdays

At 9.45am **Weekend Walking** with Jim

Sundays

Limited Holy Communion Services at

Shadoxhurst Church contact Helen the Parish Church Clerk email

clerk.kingsnorthchurch@outlook.com

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 Katrina 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 Peter 732901

Shadoxhurst Church Helen 620433

Speedwatch Roger 733581

Weekend Walking Jim 07788 245022

WI Mandy Spencer 501774

Wine & Home Brew Club Colin 732784

Church Services

The Methodist Church:

There will be services on
February 13th & 27th
March 6th, 20th
April 3rd, 17th
May 1st, 15th 29th
Starting at 10.30

St Peter and St Paul:

Services presently continue on the 1st & 3rd Sunday with Holy Communion at 8am.

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 9th & 23rd Feb, 9th & 23rd March and 6th & 20th April** 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

February: 3rd & 17th Sewing 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
7th Village Forum 7.30 in the Hall
9th Parish Council Meeting 6.00pm in the Hall
10th History Club 7.00pm in the Hall
25th Sugar Craft Demonstration

April: 7th and 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

May: 7th Music Quiz in the Hall

SAVE THE DATE

26th February Murder Mystery Night
25th March Sugarcraft Demonstration
14th – 18th April Easter Weekend Vintage Fair (yet to be confirmed)
7th May Music Quiz
4th June Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebration 'Picnic in the Park' in the recreation field.
8th October Quiz Night