Shadoxhurst Parish Council

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Shadoxhurst Newsletter August 2022

PLEASE STAY IN TOUCH

Welcome to the August edition of the Newsletter

'Picnic in the Park' a great success

We would like to extend a big thank you to all those who attended the event, hopefully you will agree it was a great success and the weather remained on our side. Below is a photo of "Opus 32" who entertained us with their enthusiastic singing of many famous songs.

We also had two great performances of many popular 1970's classics from "That's 70's Band" below.

A big thank you to all the Village Forum members and helpers who worked hard to set up the day and keep the various activities flowing through the afternoon as well as clearing up at the end. It was great to see the recreation field bustling again.

Car Boot Sale 31st July

Come and support the next big event of your local village activities on **31st July**.

Cars £7, Vans £10, Vehicles with trailer £13 (please pay on the day). Car Booters can set up **from 9am** and entry for buyers (free) **from 10am**.

Refreshments will be available from the Pavilion. No Business vehicles or food trucks please. To reserve a space (just to help us gauge numbers) – contact John Collison 01233 733653. All funds raised will go towards organising future village events.

Village Forum

The Forum comprises villagers who have an interest in arranging and running activities for the village – helping to create a village community and raise funds for future events. The Forum meets on the first Monday of the month in the Shadoxhurst village hall from 7.30pm. New attendees are always welcome.

The group has engagement with the Parish Council which allows the sharing of information in both directions.

The Race Night booked for September has had to be postponed to next year. The next Forum event (after the Boot Fair) will be **First Aid training** on the **11th August** then the **Quiz Night** on the **8th October**. If you would like to book a table, please contact Karen on 01233 732276.

Coming Forum events include a **Craft Fair (26th November) and a Christmas Wreath Making Workshop (3rd December). A Tabletop Sale is being arranged for a Saturday in January.**

The next Forum meeting is **1st August at** 7.30pm or contact Peter Webb 01233 732901 Peter707R@Hotmail.com. To get on the mailing list please email David on amberherne@btinternet.com (Please put **'Join Forum'** in the subject heading).

Free First Aid Training

On Thursday 11th August, Wayne who lives in the village and is a fully trained First Aid Instructor is offering a free demonstration and training event on resuscitation and using the defibrillator and more. If you are new to this, then this is a great opportunity to learn. Even if you have done this before, refreshers are invaluable, and we are grateful to Wayne for his generous offer. There are two slots on the 11th, one at **6.00 pm** and the other at **7.00 pm**, so just an hour of time and a life can be saved. If you would like to attend, please let Hannah know on 01233 733653, she is co-ordinating numbers.

King's Head

The pub is currently open all day and every day, opening at 11am (12 on Sundays) with food served between 12 – 3 and 6 – 9pm (Sundays 12- 6pm).

A live band **"Move over Dali"** will be playing on **Sunday evening 12th August**.

They are holding a quiz night on the **first Sunday** every month from 7pm with food, but please contact them to book a table. You can also find weekday offers including "Happy Hours" and drink deals and an "over 60's lunch" on Mondays. You can ring them **01233 556413 or** email at info@kingsheadshadoxhurst.co.uk

www.kingsheadshadoxhurst.co.uk/

and the Facebook page at www.facebook.com/KingsHeadShadoxhurst.

Green Farm Community Garden and Pop-up Coffee

You can visit and support Green Farm's Charity, the Pearce Coggan Foundation, at their pop-up café in the Community Garden off Duck Lane **every Thursday 10.00am-12.00pm** where you can have a coffee, some cake, buy some veg and, if you like, learn about the charity. They are in the process of recruiting a new horticultural apprentice; if you know anyone who might be interested, please email mandm@pearcecoggan.org or call 01233 808707.

Free Tennis for Children

The free tennis sessions have proved very popular with the children in and around Shadoxhurst and over 30 children have already benefited from the coaching. Please contact Caroline for further information 07729 734149 shadoxhurstfreetennis@gmail.com

Men in Sheds

There has been some interest in this following the last newsletter and a plan is forming. If you would like to be part of the new village group, please let David know amberherne@btinternet.com or 01233 733540

Neighbourhood Watch (NHW) Update

Recent criminal activity in the local area has involved the theft of machinery, motorcycles and bikes. None of these appear to have been "chance" events and the victims would likely been monitored over a period of time to identify where items are stored and possible security. If you have items of value then please:-

- Where possible keep them locked in secure buildings
- If outside, then consider covering items to disguise their existence.
- Security mark items or keep details of serial numbers
- Install security lights and/or cameras
- Be aware of vehicles / pedestrians acting suspiciously near or on your property.

As a reminder, items can be reported 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.

Kent Police

Contacting Kent Police
Report a non-urgent crime online **www.kent.police.uk/report**
Talk to us on LiveChat – available 24/7 **www.kent.police.uk/contact**
In an emergency, if crime is in progress or life is in danger call **999**
If deaf or speech impaired, text '**police**' and your message to **60066**
www.kent.police.uk

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

Clubs and Activities

Garden Club

Thank you to all those who visited our stall at the Queens Platinum Jubilee celebratory event on the 4th June – the stock of plants and seeds have been significantly reduced so I hope those who have them enjoy the fruits of their labours. Aside from managing and developing our own gardens we are also looking to improvements which can be made around the village, to this end our next meeting on the **25th July**, will be at the Kings Head following an assessment of the Millennium sign and area. If you would like to join us then please drop by at 7.30pm.

Usual meetings are the last Monday of the month in the Shadoxhurst Pavilion (off Hornash Lane) at 7.30pm, **BUT** next meeting is the **22nd August** (avoids bank holiday) – if you'd like to join us, please check with me first to confirm date/time. Peter Webb 01233 732901 or Peter707R@Hotmail.com

Photography Club

The Shadoxhurst Photography Club held its first meeting recently, if you would like to join the informal group, please contact Derek Williams on 07545 286789 or at williams_derek16@yahoo.co.uk .

Shadoxhurst Flower Club

The next meeting is on **Wednesday 3rd August** with a demonstration entitled "Chasing Rainbows" by Sue Shaw. Then Jane Padgem will be doing a demonstration on the **7th September**.

The Club would be pleased to welcome any ladies who were given complementary tickets to any of the meetings which were handed out at the Picnic in the Park event.

We do hope you will consider joining our friendly and welcoming club. Just come along to any of our meetings and we are sure you will have a lovely evening. To stay in touch, please contact either Ann on 07989 586575 or Gaye on 01233 732212.

Ashford (Kent) Art Society

Lectures and demonstrations are given by well-known local artists throughout the year with outdoor painting days arranged at venues You don't have to be an expert, or even have painted before as beginners are most welcome. If you would like to join them or find out more, contact secretary, Terry at terry.conybeare@talktalk.net or phone Philip Lawrence on 01233 731081.

Shadoxhurst Sewing and Craft Club

The members of the Sewing Club decided to sew a patchwork quilt to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee to donate it to a charity and agreed to donate it to Demelza Hospice Care for Children. In fact, it will be sent up to their headquarters in London. The members of the club will soon be visiting Demelza in Sittingbourne to present the quilt to them, to be shown around the hospice and see the work they do for children and their families.

For some of the members this was the first time sewing a patchwork, so a great achievement. The quilt was on display at the village's Picnic in the Park over the Jubilee weekend, along with their own personal projects they had been working on throughout the year

Along with working on their own projects the members have decided to knit cot blankets to comfort children who may have lost everything, like children from Ukraine or children here in the UK.

The Sewing Club meets on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month so if you are interested in joining us for some likeminded crafting, sewing, quilting, dressmaking, knitting please just come along – new members and new skills always welcome.

1st Shadoxhurst Scouts

The fun and adventure begin with: Beavers - Monday, Cubs – Tuesday and Scouts – Friday. Week by week our volunteers empower all our young people to try new things, make new friend and stand on their own two feet. Why not join in the fun, create new adventures and memories for life? Please contact Simon raven.1stshadoxhurst@gmail.com

Coffee Club

This is another thriving group in the village with a lot of support for the "Chatterbox Coffee Club". They meet **every Tuesday afternoon** from 2.00pm to 4.00pm in the Pavilion. In June the Club celebrated its 6th anniversary. Colin and Val were thanked for setting it up and organising it every week.

Lifts are available if needed, please contact Colin on 01233 732784.

Shadoxhurst History Club

Shadoxhurst History club meets on the second Thursday of the month (not August) in the village hall from 7pm to 8.30pm. If you would like more information, please email Lis on egw2@hotmail.co.uk

Ashford Courtside FC

Ashford Courtside U7's had an enjoyable end to the Season with a small tournament at their home ground in Shadoxhurst. This involved 3 other teams from the local area, with every team getting a medal and a trophy, and our team winning the Cup.

Our U9'S had an enjoyable morning playing in Pilgrims FC Tournament on Saturday 16th, finishing up Plate Winners of their group after a good season.

All of our teams are excited to start back at the beginning of August.
Thank you to Shadoxhurst Parish Council, The King's Head and the local community for your support. We are currently looking for more players to join us for next season, please email Club secretary Vanessa Grimmond grimmond105@gmail.com

Ark Drama 2000

If you know of any young people who may be interested in any aspect of the theatre and may like to join our community group, please email arkdrama2000@outlook.com For further details please see our website www.arkdrama2000.co.uk

Methodist Church News

We meet weekly on Sunday mornings at 1030 at the Methodist Chapel, Church Lane, near the Duck Lane crossroads – all are welcome. On Sundays marked 'Podcast', (see back page) worship is led by members of the congregation using a short, pre-recorded service of 20-30 minutes which we listen to online. All are welcome to join us and to stay for refreshments and a chat afterwards. For further information please contact the area office at methchurch12@gmail.com

Ashford Borough Update

The monthly "Meet your Councillor" drop-in surgeries resume after a break in August on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 12.00pm at the King's Head. Next dates are **14th September and 12th October** If you need to contact the two Councilors in the meantime, their details are on page 4.

The ABC planning portal system has now changed and is live. If you were signed up to receive notifications about new applications, this has now stopped, you will need to re-sign up in the coming weeks, as not wholly functioning yet.

Parish Notes

Parish Councillor

We are sorry to report that Roger Hills has resigned from the Parish Council. Roger works very hard for the village in a number of ways, and we are very sorry that he is no longer on the SPC, and we thank you for the help and support you have given. We now have two vacancies - if you are interested or would like more information, please contact the Clerk, Caroline Laming Shadoxhurst@parishcouncil.onmicrosoft.com

Speedwatch

If you would like more information or to join the Speedwatch group, please contact Roger.shadoxhurstpc@gmail.com

Staying in touch

The Parish Council has begun its own Facebook page at (20+) Shadoxhurst Parish Council | Facebook, it is still early days, but we encourage villagers to follow the page to stay up to date.

Next Parish Meeting

The next meeting is **Wednesday 14th September** 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** or email him at: 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

To book the Village Hall or Pavilion for an event, please 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 October edition is **the 15th of September**. Please email David amberherne@btinternet.com

Key Information on One Page

Regular Events (see Village Contacts box for telephone numbers)

Mondays
At 6.00pm **Pilates** with Alex (Hall)
At 7.30pm (1st of month) Village Forum (Hall)
Tuesdays
At 2.00pm **Coffee Club** with Colin (Pavilion)
At 7.00pm **Line Dancing** Brenda & Kate (now meets at Stubbs Cross Hall)
Wednesdays
At 7.30pm (1st of month) **Flower Club** (Hall)
At 6.00pm (2nd of month) **Parish Council** meetings (Hall)
Thursdays
At 10.00am **Coffee and Cake at Green Farm Community Garden** (Duck Lane)
At 7.00pm (1st & 3rd of month), **Sewing Club** and 2nd of month **History Club** (both in hall).
Fridays
At 5.00-6.00pm **Fish and Chip Van** (Hall)
Saturdays
At 9.45am **Weekend Walking** with Jim
Sundays
Limited Holy Communion Services at **Shadoxhurst Parish Church** and the **Methodist Church** (see other box)

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 556413
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 501774
Wine & Home Brew Club Colin 732784

Church Services

The Methodist Church:

There will be services on
August 7th & 21st
Podcasts 14th & 28th
Sept. 4th & 18th
Podcasts 11th & 25th
Starting at 10.30

St Peter and St Paul:

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

Rev Adam Childs can be contacted on 01233 629279.

Mobile Library

The Library Van visits fortnightly, the website is at www.kent.gov.uk/mobilelibraries **The next visits are on Wednesday 10th and 24th August then 7th and 21st September** 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

August:
1st Village Forum 7.30pm in the Hall
3rd Flower Club demonstration 7.30pm in the Hall
4th & 18th Sewing Club 7.00pm in the Hall
11th First Aid Training 6.00 and 7.00pm in the Hall
29th Garden Club 7.30pm in the Pavilion

September:
5th Village Forum 7.30pm in the Hall
7th Flower Club demonstration 7.30pm in the Hall
1st & 15th Sewing and Craft Club 7.00pm in the Hall
8th History Club 7.00pm in the Hall
14th Parish Council Meeting 6.00pm in the Hall
26th Garden Club 7.30pm in the Pavilion

October:
3rd Village Forum 7.30pm in the Hall
5th Flower Club demonstration 7.30pm in the Hall
6th & 20th Sewing and Craft Club 7.00pm in the Hall
8th Quiz Night 7.00pm in the Hall
12th Parish Council Meeting 6.00pm in the Hall
13th History Club 7.00pm in the Hall
31st Garden Club 7.30pm in the Pavilion

SAVE THE DATE

11th August First Aid Training (Free)

8th October Quiz Night

26th November Christmas Craft Fair

3rd December Wreath Making Workshop