



Shadoxhurst Parish Council

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Shadoxhurst Newsletter October 2022

PLEASE STAY IN TOUCH

Welcome to the October edition of the Village Newsletter

Our New King

The Parish Council was saddened by the recent death of our Queen Elizabeth II. On the 12th September our Chairman announced a formal proclamation of the ascension to the throne of King Charles III. With the Platinum Jubilee earlier this year, it has been a monumental and historical year of national highs and lows.



Recreation Field

The Parish Council has put a lot of time and effort in keeping the Bill Hollands' Recreation Field in use. Many will know of the flooding making it unplayable for the football club at times. To resolve that, extensive drainage work was carried out to carry the water away to the Whitewater Dyke on southern side.

Due to the lengthy dry period this summer, some of the backfilled ditches sunk and became a tripping hazard. We have had these backfilled again three times. Courtside Football Club have been unable to practice and play on the field so far. We hope the soil will settle soon. The dry weather has shrunk other parts of the field

and the new surface to some of the play equipment has had to be attended to as well. The surface of the exercise equipment is also being dealt with soon.

'Car Boot Sale' another success

We would like to extend a big thank you to all those who supported the event whether as sellers or buyers. A big thank you to John, Peter and all the Village Forum members and helpers who worked hard to set up the day and keep everything working smoothly as well as clearing up at the end.

Quiz Night

Come and support the next big event of your local village activities in the Hall is on **8th October**. If you wish to book a table, please contact Karen on 01233 732276.

New Ping Pong Club

A new club begins in the Hall on **Tuesday 27th September from 10.00am to 12.00pm**. It is called 'Ping Pong' as a Table Tennis Club must follow the rules of play without deviation. This club is for those who just want to play and have a sociable time. The cost of £2 includes refreshments. Two second-hand full-sized table tennis tables have been obtained plus bats and balls.

Please contact **Hannah on 07963 717063** for more information. If there is interest to have an evening session, then this will be considered, so do let Hannah know. It is for all abilities who just want to play.

Church News

Due to some internal cracks and fallen plaster, the Church is currently closed as a

safety measure. It may well be due to the very dry period with ground shrinkage. A survey will need to be carried out and decisions will follow. For now, there are no services and no casual visits. The Remembrance Service will still go ahead at the Methodist's Church. News of the reopening will be placed on the church and parish noticeboards, as well as the SPC website, social media etc.

Pre-Christmas Events

There are three events to note. A Craft Fair in the Hall on **26th November from 10.00am to 2.00pm**. Then a Christmas Wreath Making Workshop **3rd December from 2.00pm to 4.00pm** also in the Hall. To book a table for the first one or a place at the second, please contact **Hannah on 07963 717063**. Thirdly, Green Farm is again hosting a Charity Christmas Market on **4th December from 12.00 – 3.00pm**.

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 most recent event was the Boot Fair on the 31st July 2022.

We need like-minded individuals to join and help us to both organise and run future events – if you can help then please join us at a forthcoming meeting – we meet on the first Monday of the month in the Shadoxhurst village hall from 7.30pm.

The group has engagement with the Parish Council which allows the sharing of information in both directions. The next Forum events are on page 1 and New Year events include a **Tabletop Sale on Saturday 21st January**. The next Forum

meetings are **3rd October and 7th November** at 7.30pm. Contact is Peter Webb Peter707R@Hotmail.com. To join the mailing list please email David on amberherne@btinternet.com (Please put 'Join Forum' in the subject heading).

King's Head

With a new sign and paint work, the pub is now open Tues. to Thurs. at 11am-10pm, Friday / Saturday 11am-11.00pm & Sunday 12-7.00pm. Food served between 12 – 3 and 6 – 9pm (Sundays 12- 6pm).



Live music: **8th October**, 'Steelworks Band' and **11th November** with 'Freak Flag'. The Christmas party menu is out soon. Quiz nights are the **first Sunday** of the month from 7.00pm 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" food deal on Fridays.

You can ring them **01233 556413** or email at info@kingsheadshadoxhurst.co.uk

www.kingsheadshadoxhurst.co.uk/

and checkout the Facebook page at

www.facebook.com/KingsHeadShadoxhurst

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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 began again in September and continue to be 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

Neighbourhood Watch (NHW) Update

There are increasing numbers of Scams being reported across the region and regular updates are posted on the village Facebook and Nextdoor pages. For those who may not have seen, or have access to, the social media posts then the following are examples.

Courier Fraud - Requests purporting to come from the Police to withdraw cash, hand over your Bank Cards or other personal data and hand the items over to Couriers. The Police will never ask for such action and the Couriers are usually unaware of the package contents and don't know what is being undertaken.

Energy Scam – phone approach saying that monies are owed and seeking an immediate bank payment. Never respond to the caller – use a number from a trusted source (e.g. previous utility bill) to call back and check the validity of any call received.
Amazon Scam – call, text or email referring to an order supposedly made and for contact if it's not genuine. Do not respond to such approaches as Bank/Card information will be requested to "cancel" the order

These are just examples, and many types are being tried so please be on your guard, the following are simple ways to act which will hopefully stop you becoming a victim:

- Never Assume
- Never Believe
- Always Confirm

Genuine businesses and callers will understand any concerns you may have and should be happy for you to check their credentials – do not be afraid to say No and if you feel under duress or threat, then call the Police on 999.

If you think that you may have been a victim of a scam and have divulged your bank account or card details, then contact your Bank immediately, which can be done by calling 159 or the number on your bank statement. Other, non-Bank fraud can be reported to Action Fraud at www.actionfraud.police.uk or call 0300 123 2040.



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 **60666**
www.kent.police.uk   

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

Clubs and Activities

Garden Club

In addition to undertaking a very interesting afternoon out with members of the village history club to Godinton Park, members continue to manage the flowers around the village at key locations, thank you to all those involved.

If you have an interest in gardening, be it vegetable or flower and would like to discuss in an informal gathering then why not join us at one of our regular meetings – details on the back page of this newsletter. Please give me a call if you can to confirm the meeting details just in case any last minute changes have had to be made. Peter Webb 01233 732901
Peter707R@Hotmail.com

Photography Club

The club have decided to run a project over the next 12 months photographing the village through the seasons. The aim is to hold an exhibition of the photos next year. If you would like to join the informal group, all are welcome, please contact Derek Williams on 07545 286789 or at williams_derek16@yahoo.co.uk.

Shadoxhurst Flower Club

The next meeting is a workshop on **Wednesday 5th October** with Angela entitled "Autumnal Arrangement". Then Trudi Eastern is doing a demonstration on the **2nd November** (also the AGM). Helen Harre is doing a demonstration on the **7th December** called "Christmas Cheer".

We are a 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. Contact secretary Terry at terry.conybeare@talktalk.net or phone Philip Lawrence on 01233 731081.

Shadoxhurst Sewing and Craft Club

On August 11th, members of the club travelled to Sittingbourne to present the Jubilee Quilt to Demelza Children's Hospice. Demelza sent a lovely letter of

thanks to the club for our thoughtful donation saying that “Your donation is truly appreciated by everyone here at Demelza. We couldn’t help but take a photo before the quilt made its way to its new home at our Southeast London Hospice”. The quilt will be used to help children learn about the Queen’s Jubilee. After the recent sad event this seems very fitting.



The members are working on items for the Village Craft Fair in November, and also knitting blankets for children in need in the UK and Ukraine.

The club meets every 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month to enjoy an evening of chat and crafting. We always like to welcome new members so if you are interested in sewing, knitting, or crafting please just pop in on one of the Club nights, for a chat.

1st Shadoxhurst Scouts

Beavers, Cubs and Scouts return after their summer break w/c 12th September.

With the recent loss of our beloved Queen Elizabeth II, the scout group sections will, in addition to their program of badge work, be looking at and discussing the life and impact the Queen had on our lives and in Scouting with suitable activities. We will also be renewing our promise to the new monarch, King Charles III.

We are looking to grow the numbers of volunteers to help support the group going forward, if you can offer your time to help us, please contact the new Group Scout Leader John 07584167588

Coffee Club

The “Chatterbox Coffee Club” is a popular and thriving group. They meet **every Tuesday afternoon** from 2.00pm to 4.00pm in the Pavilion. For more details, please contact Colin on 01233 732784.

Shadoxhurst History Club

For our August meeting, club members visited Godinton house and gardens. In September we will be reviewing our updates on Les Chowns’ book and in October we have a speaker coming from the Woodchurch ancestry club.

The pub has also promised to let us have access to the old photographs of the village that were displayed before the revamp. If you are interested in joining the club, please email egw2@hotmail.co.uk. We meet on the second Thursday of the month in the village hall 7pm-8.30pm.

Ashford Courtside FC

Ashford Courtside U14's had a good winning start to the new season when they travelled to Hastings. The team played some enjoyable football and were able to implement the game plan very well. Our new Players have slotted into the team well and it looks set to be a very exciting season. We look forward to hopefully being able to play at our home ground in Shadoxhurst again soon.

We are currently looking for more players to join us for this season, please email Club secretary Vanessa Grimmond grimmond105@gmail.com

Ark Drama 2000

We have just resumed after our summer break and soon will be working towards a Christmas celebration. You can watch our last production, “Peter Pan” on YouTube:

[Ark Drama 2000 Presents Peter Pan - YouTube.](#)

We are seeking new members so, if you are aged between 7 and 21 and have an interest in the theatre, singing, dancing, acting, backstage, lighting, sound etc. we would love to hear from you – No audition necessary. Please email arkdrama2000@outlook.com for further details.

Methodist Church News

We meet weekly on Sunday mornings at 10.30 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 Monthly Charity Coffee Mornings at the Church are 12th October (RNIB Talking Books) and 9th November (Poppy Appeal) both at 10.00am.

Ashford Borough Update

The monthly “Meet your Councillor” drop-in surgeries are on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 12.00pm at the King’s Head. Next dates are **12th October and 9th November** If you need to contact the two

Councillors in the meantime, their details are on page 4.

Parish Notes

New Parish Councillors

We are very pleased to announce that we have two new Parish Councillors, **Darren Juniper and Stacie Matarazzo**. They were co-opted at the September Parish Council meeting. We welcome them both and look forward to working with them.

Speedwatch

The Group has been active recently and passed details onto the Police for further action. Speeds of 50+ have been recorded by 15 vehicles going through the village with many more over 40mph. The Group exists to help get drivers to keep to the speed limit and thus keep us all safer when walking, riding and driving. If you would like more information or to join the Speedwatch Group, please contact sw.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 meetings are **Wednesday 12th October and 9th November** 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 update the website for up to date news and view Parish documents: 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 December edition is the **15th of November**. 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 10.00am **Ping Pong Club** (Hall)

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 John 07584 167588

Ark Drama 2000 Lis 732901

Courtside Football Club Vanessa 07526 431687

Flower Club Gaye 732212

Future Scholars Sarah 07821 143249

Garden 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

Ping Pong Hannah 07963 717063

Sewing and Craft Club Peter 732901

Shadoxhurst Church Helen 620433

Speedwatch Roger 733581

Village Forum Peter 732901

Weekend Walking Jim 07788 245022

WI Mandy 501774

Wine & Home Brew Club Colin 732784

Church Services

The Methodist Church:

There will be services on

Oct. 9th, 16th & 23rd

Podcast 2nd

30th Café Church at 3pm

Nov. 6th, 13th & 27th

Podcast 20th

Starting at 10.30

St Peter and St Paul:

Services are presently suspended for safety reasons

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 5th and 19th October then 2nd, 16th and 30th November** between 15.25 - 15.55 parked at Lonelfield.

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

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

November: 2nd Flower Club demonstration 7.30pm in the Hall

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

7th Village Forum 7.30pm in the Hall

9th Parish Council Meeting 6.00pm in the Hall

10th History Club 7.00pm in the Hall

12th Family Remembrance Village Green 11.00am

13th Remembrance Day Service 10.30 Shadoxhurst Church

26th Christmas Craft Fair from 10.00am – 2.00pm in the Hall

December: 1st & 15th Sewing and Craft Club 7.00pm in the Hall

3rd Christmas Wreath making 2.00 – 4.00pm in the Hall

4th Charity Christmas Market 12.00 – 3.00pm Green Farm

5th Village Forum 7.30pm in the Hall

7th Flower Club demonstration 7.30pm in the Hall

SAVE THE DATE

3rd December Wreath Making Workshop

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21st January Tabletop Sale

25th February Murder Again