



Shadoxhurst Parish Council

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Shadoxhurst Newsletter December 2022

PLEASE STAY IN TOUCH

Welcome to the December edition of the Village Newsletter

Bill Hollands

It was with sadness that we announced the death of Bill. He was Parish Chairman for over 20 years. He died aged 88 on the 11th October. The well-attended funeral was held at Charing on Friday 28th October.

Bill had lived in the village since 1958 coming here from Mersham and he was Parish Chairman for some 20 years, approximately between 1995 and retiring in May 2016, following a stroke in the January. As a local businessman, he was larger than life in the village and was well known to many, running Handcock's Farm Nursery on Betherden Road.

We thank Bill for the service he gave to our community, he contributed much to the parish and village life. The recreation field and pavilion was named in his honour when he retired from the Parish. Our thoughts are with Daphne, their children and family.

Nursery Closing

Further sad news, the Mini Scholars Nursery that has been operating in the Village Hall for 26 years has recently closed. Sarah Allwright has run the Nursery all the time said, "Unfortunately due to financial challenges and exhausting all options we are left with no alternative to close the nursery." She also took the opportunity to thank the Parish Council for the support given to the nursery.

Winter Driving

KCC Highways and Transportation have advised us that their website contains a lot of information on snow clearance, road gritting, driving tips and much more. It is found at <http://www.kent.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/what-we-look-after/winter->

service You can also report various road issues at <http://www.kent.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/report-a-problem> If we do get snow on the roads, the advice is to not make any non-essential journeys. But if you have to drive in snow, ice or rain, please drive to the conditions of the road at all times to stay safe.

Church News

St Peter and St Paul's Church has been reopened for visits and worship. Open daily from 9am – 4pm. Christmas Eve there is a Christingle Crib service at 4pm, then on Christmas Day there is Holy Communion with Carols at 8am.

Pre-Christmas Events

There are two free entry village events coming soon, both with lots of stalls:

- **Craft Fair in the Hall on 26th November from 10.00am to 2.00pm.**
- **Charity Christmas Market at Green Farm on Sunday 4th December from 12.00 – 3.00pm.**

The Christmas Wreath Making Workshop on the 3rd December is now fully booked.

Tabletop Sale Saturday 21 January 2023

Looking for an ideal opportunity to sell unwanted items? Maybe you will have to make room for those new Christmas presents? Maybe you had an early spring clean? Then this could be it. The Village Forum will be holding a Tabletop Sale in the Village Hall on Saturday 21 January 2023 between 10am and 2pm, tables cost £5 each. To book your table please email Sam at sam.taig72@gmail.com

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 Quiz the 8th October with the next, the Craft Fair, due the 26th November.

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 usually 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 contact point is Peter Webb Peter707R@Hotmail.com. To join the mailing list please email David on amberherne@btinternet.com

King's Head

The pub is open Wednesday / Thursday at 11am-10pm, Friday / Saturday 11am-11.00pm & Sunday 12-7pm. Food served between 12 – 3 and 6 – 9pm (Sundays 12-6pm).

Pre-booked Xmas Party nights on the 9th, 16th and 22nd December from 6.00pm. Christmas Eve party starts at 8.00pm. Christmas Day closed and Boxing Day bar only open 12-3pm. Quiz nights are the **first Sunday** of the month from 7pm with food, please contact them to book a table.

Contact them **01233 556413** or info@kingsheadshadoxhurst.co.uk www.kingsheadshadoxhurst.co.uk/

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

Green Farm Community Garden and Pop-up Coffee

We are holding our 3rd Annual Charity Christmas Market at Green Farm on Sunday, 4th December from 12 noon to 3pm with local stores, food, refreshments, and Father Christmas. Free entrance.

The Pearce Coggan Foundation is now holding a weekly ECOKids program led by Jenny Ramsay, meeting on Thursdays at the Community Garden. Outdoor nature - inspired activities for children and families. Term-time programs for pre-school kids with an adult; holiday programs also include older children. Please see [ECOventuresECOkids on Facebook](#) for details.

We are delighted to announce the completion of our new greenhouse at the Community Garden, supported by funds from Ashford Borough Council, The Steenbergen Stichting Foundation, The Thistles Mission and all the donations from the weekly pop-up coffee morning



The weekly coffee morning is from 10am to 12 noon every Thursday. Come for coffee & cake and companionship. Freshly picked vegetables and Green Farm meat is available to purchase.

Free Tennis for Children

The free tennis sessions will continue in January for 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

Pooneett 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 phone 01233 733540.

Neighbourhood Watch (NHW) Update

Scams of all types continue to be the blight of life these days 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.

- Rental Fraud
- What's App ScamBank / Telephone impersonation scam
- Cost of living scams

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
- If it seems too good to be true, then be extra cautious.

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.

Car theft and theft from vehicles and premises are on the increase in the other areas of Ashford – please be on your guard as opportunists exist all around us (Oak view experienced this recently). Keep items of value out of site on indoors overnight and if you have a vehicle with keyless entry additionally look at ways to protect your vehicle from theft.



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

The long hot dry spell seen over the summer has left us with a-vengeance, whilst remaining mild we have now received a significant amount of rainfall which will hopefully replenish water supplies both in our gardens but also the sources used for house supplies.

No news yet on the hosepipe ban being lifted but hopefully, without floods, we shall have enough over the coming months to remove this restriction early in 2023.

The club continues to meet to discuss both activities within our personal gardens, be it fruit, vegetables or flowers, as well as how we can enhance the appearance of the village. The planters at the village hall, at the base of the village sign (next to the Kings Head) and at the pump in Church Lane are in being refreshed for the winter and spring.

The area around the Millennium sign was tended initially by the Pearce-Coggan foundation but more recently by a pair of villagers who took it upon themselves to clear and tidy the site. This is something which we as villagers are grateful for and shows the pride some have in how the village looks. It is hoped that more people can help with this task going forwards – if you would like to be one of them, please contact me and I'll look to co-ordinate activities.

Meetings are normally the last Monday of the month in the Shadoxhurst Village Hall (it's warmer than the Pavilion!!) at 7.30pm – if you'd like to join us, please check with me first to confirm date/time. Peter Webb Peter707R@Hotmail.com 01233 732901.

Line Dancing Club

The Shadoxhurst Line Dancers moved to the Stubbs Cross Mission Hall and as part of the changes, now meet on **Wednesdays** between 7.30–9.30pm. But on the second Wednesday of the month the hall is not available, and they change to a **Friday** at 7.30. Each session is £5.

Photography Club

The club is running a project over the next 12 months photographing the village through the seasons with an aim to hold an exhibition of the photos next year. If you would like to join the informal group, all are welcome, contact Derek Williams on wiliams_derek16@yahoo.co.uk or ring him on 07545 286789.

Shadoxhurst Flower Club

At the next meeting, Helen Harre is doing a demonstration on the **7th December** called "Christmas Cheer", mulled wine and mince pies for all attending. The next meeting is on the **1st February** with a demonstration by Helga Cukure.

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.

Ping Pong Club

The new club continues to meet in the Hall on **Tuesdays 10.00am to 12.00pm**. This club is for those who just want to play 'table tennis' and have a sociable time. The cost of £2 includes refreshments. Please contact **Hannah** on **07963 717063** for more information.

Shadoxhurst Sewing and Craft Club

The group has recently been busy creating a variety of items for sale at the forthcoming end of November Craft fair - hopefully we have that individual Christmas present for someone special!

Members continue to work on their own projects at meetings, pass on tips and experience plus engage in a friendly social environment. 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.

The Sewing Club meets on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month in the village hall at 7pm. Please contact me if you would

like more information – Peter Webb 01233 732901 Peter707R@Hotmail.com

1st Shadoxhurst Scouts

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

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

Shadoxhurst History Club

The group continues to meet on the second Thursday of the month, in October we welcomed a speaker from the Woodchurch Ancestry Group and in November we looked at war memorabilia. We are also researching content for an extension of the book written by Les Chowns in the 1970's. if you have any anecdotes regarding past village life that may be suitable for this project or would like more information on what the club does please email Lis at egw2@hotmail.co.uk.

Ashford Courtside FC

Ashford Courtside teams have once again been able to play at their home ground in Shadoxhurst with recent weekend matches in spite of rain, the ground is coping so far.

They are currently looking for more players to join us for this season, please ring Club secretary Vanessa Grimmond 07526 431687 or email grimmond105@gmail.com

Ark Drama 2000

We are currently rehearsing for our Christmas celebration which will be held alongside our annual awards night on Tuesday 13th December. The group is open to all young people between the ages of 7 and 21, regardless of ability. If you would like more information on joining this group, please email arkdrama2000@outlook.com

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 The monthly Charity Coffee Mornings at the Church at 10.00am are 14th December

(Winston's Wish for bereaved children) and 11th January (Ashford Stroke Club).

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 **14th December and 11th January**. You are welcome to get in touch with the two Councilors in the meantime, their details are on page 4.

Parish Notes

Speedwatch

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.shadoxurstpc@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

There is no December meeting. The next meetings are **Wednesday 11th January and 8th February** at 6.00pm in the Village Hall. Please see our website and the two noticeboards to stay up to date. If you would like to talk to the Chairman, please contact Martin on **01233 808707** or email

martin.shadoxurstpc@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 February edition is the **15th of January**. 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)

Wednesdays

At 7.30pm **Line Dancing** Brenda & Kate at Stubbs Cross Hall, (but not 2nd of month when it moves to Friday)

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 Thursday **Sewing Club** and 2nd Thursday **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 Services at **Shadoxhurst Parish Church** and the **Methodist Church** (listed in another box)

At 7.00pm 1st Sunday of the month **Quiz Night** at the King's Head.

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

Dates for your Diary

- 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
 8th History Club 7.00pm in the Hall
- January:** 5th & 19th Sewing and Craft Club 7.00pm in the Hall
 9th Village Forum 7.30pm in the Hall (date change)
 11th Parish Council Meeting 6.00pm in the Hall
 12th History Club 7.00pm in the Hall
 21st Tabletop Sale 10.00am – 2.00pm in the Hall
 30th Garden Club 7.30pm in the Hall
- February:** 1st Flower Club demonstration 7.30pm in the Hall
 2nd & 16th Sewing and Craft Club 7.00pm in the Hall
 8th Parish Council Meeting 6.00pm in the Hall
 9th History Club 7.00pm in the Hall
 25th "Murder Again" 7.00pm in the Hall

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
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
Photography Club Derek 07545 286789
Pilates Alex 861456
Ping Pong Hannah 07963 717063
Sewing and Craft Club Peter 732901
Shadoxhurst Church Helen 620433 or Rev Adam Childs 629279.
Speedwatch Roger 733581
Village Forum Peter 732901
Weekend Walking Jim 07788 245022
WI Mandy 501774
Wine & Home Brew Club Colin 732784

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/

Church Services

The Methodist Church:

Dec. 4th Podcast
 11th Holy Communion,
 18th Family Carol Service (all 10.30am)
 24th Carols by Candlelight (11.30pm)
Jan. 8th Holy Communion
 15th Morning Service
 22nd Podcast (all 10.30am)
 29th Café Church at 3.00pm

St Peter and St Paul:

Said Holy Communion at 8am on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month

Mobile Library

The Library Van visits fortnightly, the website is at www.kent.gov.uk/mobilelibraries The next visits are on Wednesday 14th and 28th December then 11th & 25th January then 8th February between 15.25 - 15.55 parked at Lonefield.

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 on **07729 734149** (office hours) or email: shadoxhurst@parishcouncil.onmicrosoft.com

SAVE THE DATE

2023

- 21st January Tabletop Sale
 25th February Murder Again
 15th April Barn Dance