



# Shadoxhurst Parish Council

Protecting the Woodland Gateway to the Countryside

WORKING FOR THE COMMUNITY OF SHADOXHURST

# Shadoxhurst Newsletter April 2023

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## Welcome to the April edition of the Village Newsletter

### Ceilidh Barn Dance



**Shadoxhurst Village Hall**  
**Saturday 15 April 2023**  
**7pm to 10pm**

Join us for a fantastic evening of live music and dancing

**Rejigged** are a 5 piece band and caller who will guide us through a selection of traditional folk dances.

Food is included: Jacket potato and chilli (beef or vegetarian/vegan)

Bring your own drinks and a comfortable pair of shoes!

Tickets £17.50 each

Not suitable for under 12's, under 18's must be accompanied by an adult

To book your tickets please email:  
sam.taig72@gmail.com

**Rejigged** Barn dance and Ceilidh Band  
... it's what we do  
[www.rejigged.co.uk](http://www.rejigged.co.uk)

## Borough & Parish Elections

**4<sup>th</sup> May** is the date for the elections and importantly this time, photographic personal identification will be required to vote in person. The Polling Station is open from 7.00am to 10.00pm at the Village Hall. You will have to bring either your passport, driving licence, blue badge or bus pass. If you don't have any of these you can apply to Ashford Borough Council for free ID called a Voter Authority Certificate, and you will need to obtain a passport photo. See [www.electoralcommission.org.uk/voterID](http://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/voterID)

You won't need I.D. if you apply for a postal vote which can be done by contacting Ashford Borough Council before 18<sup>th</sup> April. The last date to ensure you are registered on the electoral register is the 17<sup>th</sup> April. The parish councilors have to be re-elected on the 4<sup>th</sup> May. Borough councilors as well as parish councilors will all serve for a four year term before the next election in 2027.

## Community Forum

We are a team of friendly, motivated village volunteers who work together for the common purpose of 'Bringing People Together' through **Friendship, Activities, Community Spirit & Entertainment**. We are not for profit. Funds raised are ploughed back into future village activities for the benefit of everyone. Upcoming we have lots planned including a Ceilidh Barn Dance, Car Boot Sales, Games & Social Nights etc. Our feature event this year is:

**King Charles III Coronation Party**  
Bank Holiday Monday 8th May 2023  
**King's Head Pub, Shadoxhurst**  
12 noon – 6pm

Join Us for **FREE Fun & Games..**  
Face Painting, Bouncy Castle, Dance Groups,  
Live Music & Much More..

Ice Cream Van, Food & Drink Available

Organised & sponsored by Shadoxhurst Community Forum  
'Bringing People Together'

**KING'S HEAD**  
Pub • Shadoxhurst

We are delighted to be working with the King's Head Pub to hold a Village Party on bank holiday Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May to celebrate the Coronation of King Charles III.

If you have some spare time and would like to become involved, please do join us at our forthcoming meeting on Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> April 7.30pm in the hall. For more information please contact: Peter Webb [Peter707R@Hotmail.com](mailto:Peter707R@Hotmail.com).

If you wish to receive an 'email version' of future newsletters please contact David [amberherne@btinternet.com](mailto:amberherne@btinternet.com)

## Queen's Green Canopy

If you have visited the Rec recently, you will have seen a large number of trees and shrubs in the northwest corner plus some more forming a hedge along the northern edge. These come as part of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee tree planting program that is country wide. Indeed, ABC will have overseen the planting of 135000 trees across the borough. The Parish Council joined this initiative as it strives to make further improvements to the recreation ground and our village.

## New Baby and Toddler Group starting

**Shadoxhurst Chit-chat&play!**

Shadoxhurst village hall  
Monday&Friday mornings  
9.30-11.30

Opening Monday  
17th April

Toys, toys&more toys!  
Books&puzzles  
Messy play  
Arts&crafts  
Role play/dressing-up  
Baby area  
UNLIMITED tea, coffee&biscuits  
for the grown-ups  
Plus much more!

£4 per child £2 siblings  
No need to book-just turn up!

Contact **Abbie 07817710694** or go to 'Shadoxhurst chit-chat&play' Facebook page to stay up to date.

## King's Head

From the 1<sup>st</sup> April, the pub is back to opening seven days a week! Monday / Thursday at 11am-10pm, Friday / Saturday 11am-11.00pm & Sunday 12-7pm. Food is served between 12 – 3 and 6 – 9pm each day but **Sundays 12- 5pm** for roast lunches and booking is advisable as it is very busy.

Friday Happy Hours are from 3pm to 7pm with pints at £3.95.

**Quiz nights** are the **first Sunday** of the month from 7pm with food, please contact them to book a table. They also have a comments box for suggestions.

Contact them **01233 556413** or [info@kingsheadshadoxhurst.co.uk](mailto:info@kingsheadshadoxhurst.co.uk)  
[www.kingsheadshadoxhurst.co.uk/](http://www.kingsheadshadoxhurst.co.uk/)

and checkout the Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/kingsheadshadoxhurst](https://www.facebook.com/kingsheadshadoxhurst)

where incidences of theft (vehicle and property) and criminal damage feature daily in reports.

Please be mindful of leaving any items (on show) in your vehicle and keep outbuildings as well as your house, secured. Regular updates are posted on the village Facebook websites – Shadoxhurst, A country village and Shadoxhurst Community, as well as Nextdoor.



**Contacting Kent Police**  
Report a non-urgent crime online [www.kent.police.uk/report](http://www.kent.police.uk/report)  
Talk to us on LiveChat – available 24/7 [www.kent.police.uk/contact](http://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](http://www.kent.police.uk)

Peter Webb 01233 732901  
Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator  
[Peter707R@Hotmail.com](mailto:Peter707R@Hotmail.com)

## Clubs and Activities

### Garden Club

Gardens can be a source of pleasure or pain – depending upon your view of work being, or needed to be, done. If you'd like to chat through your ideas or what others have done, why not come along to one of our informal meetings.

Meetings are usually on the last Monday of the month (excluding Bank Holidays), in the recreation field pavilion, at 7.30pm with a minimal cost of £1 to cover the cost of hall hire (from April '23). If you'd like to join us, please check with me first to confirm date/time. Peter Webb [Peter707R@Hotmail.com](mailto:Peter707R@Hotmail.com) or 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 met at the Pavilion on Friday 10 March. A useful session ensued analysing photos and techniques used, members supporting each other with observations and advice. Now that the weather is improving, maybe new members will be encouraged to join us? Watch this space for future meeting / events. Anyone interested in a field trip? **Contact Derek Williams** on 07545 296789 for membership details.

## Shadoxhurst Flower Club

The next meeting is on the **5<sup>th</sup> April** meeting and is a workshop with Angela Bromfield making an Easter wreath. The next meetings are **3<sup>rd</sup> May** with a wedding demonstration from Emma Fuller-Wilke and **7<sup>th</sup> June** with a demonstration from Patricia Ellis called 'Serendipity'.

Gaye, one of the founders of the club and Secretary, is currently unwell and making steady recovery in K&C Hospital. The members wish her well and home soon.

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 Ann on 07989 586575

They also have a web site at <https://www.kentfloralart.co.uk/shadoxhurst-flower-club.html>

## Shadoxhurst Sewing and Craft Club

If you are interested in a social get-together to either work through your own projects or chat through ideas, why not come along. All types of crafts can be covered although primarily sewing, crochet or knitting are the focus.

The group meets on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month in the Shadoxhurst village hall at 7pm – 9pm. Session cost from April 1<sup>st</sup> will be £1.50 to cover expenses and includes tea/coffee. Please contact me if you would like more information – Peter Webb 01233 732901

[Peter707R@Hotmail.com](mailto:Peter707R@Hotmail.com)

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## EASTER EGG TRAIL

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April  
10am – 2pm

Green Farm Community Garden  
DUCK LANE, SHADOXHURST TN26 1LT

Come and join us for a fantastic Easter Egg Trail around the Garden and in the woodland

- Every child who finishes gets a Cadburys' Cream Egg
- Teas, Coffees
- Wood fired pizzas, Green Farm sausage rolls
- Bring a rug and enjoy your own picnic
- Colouring Competition
- Easter Hat competition, Welly Wanging and Put the Tail on the Bunny

FREE ENTRY – ONLY CHARGE WILL BE FOR FOOD & DRINK

## Free Tennis for Children

The free tennis sessions continue through to Summer 2023 **every Thursday** for school aged children living in and around Shadoxhurst from **3.30pm-4.15pm (ages 5-6)** and **4.15pm-5.15pm (age 7-9)** at the Village Hall. Please contact Caroline for further information on 07729 734149 or email her on...

[shadoxhurstfreetennis@gmail.com](mailto:shadoxhurstfreetennis@gmail.com)

## Neighbourhood Watch (NHW) Update

Thankfully reported criminal activity in the village remains low, although this is not the case for the wider Ashford area,

Litter picking and Village Clean 11.30 on 1<sup>st</sup> April meet at the Pavilion car park



## Weekly Coffee Club

The Chatterbox Coffee Club continues to be popular and successful. The members always look forward to the weekly get togethers. Please do give it a try, every Tuesday between 2.00 and 4.00pm in the Pavilion, in Hornash Lane.

## 1<sup>st</sup> Shadoxhurst Scouts

The Scouts are looking for volunteers to step forward to assist with the weekly meetings, especially Beavers and Scout sections. On occasion the Scout section could not run due to not enough adults present. Scouting does offer adults a fun environment, maybe learn some new skills, DIY etc. If you feel you couldn't commit every week, then Occasional Helpers maybe for you with up to 12 meetings a year for example.

All our sections are currently full and additional adult help is now really needed. If you can spare any time and would like more information then please do get in touch with either the section leaders or myself, John on 07584 167588.

## Shadoxhurst History Club

We continue to meet monthly on the second Thursday; next month we are taking a trip to Tenterden museum instead of our usual evening meeting but return to 7.30pm on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> May. For further details please email [egw2@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:egw2@hotmail.co.uk)

## Ashford Courtside FC

Ashford Courtside FC teams return to their home ground in Shadoxhurst for summer training on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March from 17.00 to 19.00 pm. Providing the weather is good and there is no surface water on the pitches. They are looking forward to playing home fixtures once again as soon as the pitches are playable.

They are always looking for more players to join them for this season once it restarts, please ring Club secretary Vanessa Grimmond 07526 431687 or email [grimmond105@gmail.com](mailto:grimmond105@gmail.com)

## Ark Drama 2000

Due to circumstances beyond our control the upcoming production of Bugsy Malone has been postponed until later in the year – watch this space for further details.

We would love to welcome some new members to the group, so if you're aged

between 7 and 21 and love acting, singing and / or dancing or even backstage work,

come and give us a try. For further details please email [arkdrama2000@outlook.com](mailto: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 chat afterwards. For further information, please contact the area office at [methchurch12@gmail.com](mailto:methchurch12@gmail.com)

Our Coffee Mornings, in aid of various Charities, are held on the **second Wednesday of the month from 10.00 – 11.30am**. If you enjoy a cup of coffee or tea and a chat, please come and join us on **Wednesday 12th April** in support of M.S. Centre, Canterbury and on **10th May** in aid of the British Heart Foundation.



## Jazz at Woodchurch

The Ashford Youth Jazz Orchestra are appearing at All Saints Church, Woodchurch on Saturday 22nd April 2023. It promises to be an entertaining evening with a lively mix of contemporary, traditional, swing and modern jazz. Doors open at 7.00pm and concert starts at 7.30pm - there is a licensed bar, a raffle and our craft stall will be open. Tickets are £10 (includes a light refreshment) - available online from <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/all-saints-woodchurch> or if you prefer visit Woodchurch Hub (Open Monday- Friday 10.00am -1.00pm Saturday 10.00am - 12midday)

## Ashford Borough Update

The last of the monthly "Meet your Councillor" drop-in surgeries is on the 2<sup>nd</sup>

**Wednesday** of the month at 12.00pm at the King's Head is the **12<sup>th</sup> April**. You are welcome to get in touch with the two Councilors in the meantime, their details are on page 4. Both David and George will be standing again for the borough council elections on 4<sup>th</sup> May for this ward, Weald South Ward. If re-elected, the monthly surgeries will resume in May.

## Parish Notes

### Next Parish Meeting

The next meetings are **Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> April and 17<sup>th</sup> May (which is a date change)** and includes the **Annual Parish Meeting to elect the Parish Chairman and Vice Chairman** at 6.00 pm 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 him on

[martin.shadoxhurstpc@gmail.com](mailto:martin.shadoxhurstpc@gmail.com)

## Spring Clean

There will be a litter picking and village clean and tidy event starting 11.30am on **Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> April** meeting at the Pavilion, Hornash Lane. Please help if you can.

### 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](http://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](mailto:shadoxhurstvhp@gmail.com). For those without computers, Caroline's phone number is on the back page.

### 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 still early days, but we encourage villagers to follow the page to stay up to date.

The **closing date** for information and inclusions for the June edition is the **15<sup>th</sup> of May**. Please email David on...

[amberherne@btinternet.com](mailto:amberherne@btinternet.com)

**Litter picking and Village Clean 11.30 on 1<sup>st</sup> April meet at the Pavilion car park**



## Shadoxhurst - What's On

www.facebook.com/shadoxhurstwhatson

### Regular Events (see Village Contacts box for telephone numbers)

#### Mondays

At 9.30 **Baby & Toddler Group** with Abbie (Hall)  
At 6.00pm **Pilates** with Alex (Hall)  
At 7.30pm (1<sup>st</sup> of month) **Community Forum** (Hall)

#### Tuesdays

At 10.00am **Ping Pong Club** (Hall)  
At 2.00pm **Coffee Club** with Colin (Pavilion)  
At 7.30pm **Ping Pong Evening Club** (Hall)

#### Wednesdays

At 7.30pm **Line Dancing** Brenda & Kate  
at Stubbs Cross Hall, (2<sup>nd</sup> of month on Friday)  
At 7.30pm (1<sup>st</sup> of month) **Flower Club** (Hall)  
At 6.00pm (2<sup>nd</sup> of month) **Parish Council** (Hall)

#### Thursdays

At 10.00am **Coffee and Cake at Green Farm Community Garden** (Duck Lane)  
At 3.30 – 5.15pm term time free tennis coaching  
At 7.00pm 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday **Sewing Club** and 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday 7.30pm **History Club** (both hall)

#### Fridays

At 9.30 **Baby & Toddler Group** with Abbie (Hall)  
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** (see box)  
At 7.00pm 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month **Quiz Night** at the King's Head.

### Village Contacts

All Local Numbers are area code 01233

**1<sup>st</sup> Shadoxhurst Scouts, Cubs and Beavers** John 07584 167588  
**Ark Drama 2000** Lis 732901  
Baby Group Abbie 07817710694  
**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

### Church Services

#### The Methodist Church at 10.30:

**April:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Morning Worship  
9<sup>th</sup> Holy Communion  
16<sup>th</sup> Morning Worship  
23<sup>rd</sup> Holy Communion  
30<sup>th</sup> Café Church (3pm)

**May:** 7<sup>th</sup> Local Podcast  
14<sup>th</sup> Morning Worship  
21<sup>st</sup> Morning Worship

#### St Peter and St Paul:

Said Holy Communion at 8.00am on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of the month.

#### Mobile Library

The Library Van visits fortnightly, the website is at [www.kent.gov.uk/mobilelibraries](http://www.kent.gov.uk/mobilelibraries) The next visits are on **Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> April, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup> May** between 15.25 - 15.55 parked at Lonefield.

#### Ashford Borough Council

The ABC telephone number is 01233 331111 and ABC's website is at [www.ashford.gov.uk/](http://www.ashford.gov.uk/). The contact points for our two Ward Councillors are: George 01233 732791 and David 01233 733540 [george.sparks@ashford.gov.uk](mailto:george.sparks@ashford.gov.uk) [david.ledger@ashford.gov.uk](mailto:david.ledger@ashford.gov.uk)

#### Ashford Courtside Football Club

If you are interested in finding out more about the club, please contact Vanessa [grimmond105@gmail.com](mailto:grimmond105@gmail.com) Or ring her on 07526 431687. Or you can find out more at [www.afccourtside.co.uk/](http://www.afccourtside.co.uk/) and [www.facebook.com/AshfordCourtsideFC/](http://www.facebook.com/AshfordCourtsideFC/)

#### 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](mailto:shadoxhurst@parishcouncil.onmicrosoft.com)

### Dates for your Diary

- April:** 1<sup>st</sup> Village Tidy event 11.30am Pavilion  
3<sup>rd</sup> Community Forum Meeting 7.30pm in the Hall  
5<sup>th</sup> Flower Club Workshop 7.30pm in the Hall  
6<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> Sewing and Craft Club 7.00pm in the Hall  
12<sup>th</sup> Parish Council Meeting 6.00pm in the Hall  
13<sup>th</sup> History Club (closed daytime visit)  
15<sup>th</sup> **Barn Dance** 7.00pm in the Hall  
21<sup>st</sup> Community Forum Meeting 4.30pm in the Hall and  
21<sup>st</sup> Games and Social Evening from 5.30pm in the Hall  
24<sup>th</sup> Garden Club 7.30pm in the Pavilion
- May:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Flower Club talk and slide show 7.30pm in the Hall  
4<sup>th</sup> **Polling Day Hall 7.00am to 10.00pm in the Hall**  
8<sup>th</sup> Coronation Party at the King's Head from 12.30  
11<sup>th</sup> History Club 7.30pm in the Hall  
17<sup>th</sup> **Parish and Annual Council Meeting** 6.00pm in the Hall  
18<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> Sewing and Craft Club 7.00pm in the Hall  
19<sup>th</sup> Games and Social Evening from 5.30pm in the Hall  
22<sup>nd</sup> Garden Club 7.30pm in the Pavilion

#### SAVE THE DATE

4<sup>th</sup> June and 6<sup>th</sup> August Boot Fair

