



Shadoxhurst Parish Council

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Shadoxhurst Newsletter June 2023

PLEASE STAY IN TOUCH

Welcome to the June edition of the Village Newsletter

Borough & Parish Elections

All the current Parish Council members stood for election and as there were no others standing, they were returned unopposed. The Annual Parish meetings were held on the 17th May and as a result, **Emma Yeomans** was elected as **Parish Chairman** for the coming year. Our congratulations to Emma. David Ledger was elected as Vice-Chair. The list of current Parish Members is on the back page. We thank Martin for his last few years chairing the Parish Council and are very pleased that he is continuing to serve as a member on the Parish Council.

In the Ashford Borough Council Election, Ashford Independent David Ledger 617 votes and Aline Hicks Conservative 571 votes were duly elected to serve as Ward Members for the next four years. With changes resulting from the election, no party now has overall control. There are 19 Conservatives, 11 Labour, 9 Ashford Independents and 8 Green party members. As this was being written, there are still open discussions about who will become Council Leader for the next four years.

Community Forum



Hopefully many of you will have been at our most recent event – Monday the 8th May - at the Kings Head to celebrate King Charles III's coronation. The weather was much better than the forecasts had been predicting and visitor numbers were in excess of expectations, which did result in queues at the bar and issues for some over the food offerings. However, these aside, I hope that you enjoyed the day and thank you for your support.



The April Ceilidh held in the village hall was enjoyed by everyone and the band Rejigged were excellent.

We look to organise and run at least one event a month during the year and details of up-coming events are included on the last page of this newsletter. Regular updates are posted on the Shadoxhurst What's on Facebook page with details being shared across the other two village Facebook groups and also the Nextdoor village page.

Events take both time and effort to organise, and we always need people to help out – both in the lead up to the event and on the day itself. If you are prepared to help us please drop me an email or join us at one of our monthly meetings (usually the first Monday of the month (excluding Bank Holidays) in the Shadoxhurst village hall from 7.30pm).

Peter Webb – Peter707R@Hotmail.com



Parish Chair, Martin Richmond-Coggan was game to go into the stocks and with the help of some enthusiastic children got rather wet that afternoon.

Boot Fair Returns

Shadoxhurst Village Car Boot Sale
Recreation Ground, Hornash Lane

Sunday 4th June & 6th August
10am—2pm

Cars £8, Vans £10, Vehicle with Trailer £12
No Business Vehicles or Food Trucks

Car Booters from 9am. Buyers (Free Entry) from 10am
Refreshments will be available from the Pavilion

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King's Head

The pub is open 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
www.kingsheadshadoxhurst.co.uk/

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

Baby and Toddler Group

Monday and Friday mornings 9.30 to 11.30 in the village hall. Contact **Abbie 07817710694** or go to 'Shadoxhurst chit-chat&play' Facebook page to stay up to date.

Neighbourhood Watch (NHW) Update

Whilst thankfully reported criminal activity in Shadoxhurst remains low, across the wider Ashford area there has been an increase in theft from and of, vehicles. Please ensure you lock your vehicle whenever it is left and do not leave items on view – even if you know it is of no/little value others may not and will break in to find out.

One activity locally has been an increase in "cold callers" offering to clean drives and then moving on to indicate that repair works are needed to the property. Prices for works seems to vary and if you are tempted, do not accept the first price as invariably it will be reduced, possibly several times, in an effort to get you to say "yes". Do not be afraid to say "No" and ask them to leave.

If they fail to do so then they are committing a criminal offence under the provisions of [The Consumer Protection From Unfair Trading Regulations 2008](#). If the trader won't go away, tell them that you will call Trading Standards. If you feel under real threat or in danger, you should contact the Police on 101 or if it is an emergency dial 999.

Regular updates on criminal activity in the Ashford area together with general security advice is posted on the village Facebook websites – Shadoxhurst, A Kent village and Shadoxhurst Community as well as Nextdoor.

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   

Clubs and Activities

Garden Club

Those driving through the village will have noticed that the area around the Millennium sign (at the Bethersden road junction) is undergoing rejuvenation. With support from the Parish Council to start an initial clearance, members of the club met on the 7th May to start work on preparing the site for the next phase. If you would like to be involved in this work, or simply meet to discuss any aspects of gardening, then please drop in at one of our meetings.

Meetings are usually on the last Monday of the month (excluding Bank Holidays), in the Shadoxhurst recreation field pavilion, at 7.30pm with a minimal cost of £1 to cover the cost of hall hire. If you'd like to join us please check with me first to confirm date/time. Peter707R@Hotmail.com or 01233 732901

Green Farm Community Garden Picnic

Following a very successful Easter Egg Hunt in April, the Community Garden Team are organising a **Big Summer Teddy Bear's Picnic on Thursday 27th July**. It will be held at Green Farm between 11.00am – 1.00pm and children of all ages will be welcome, with surprises and woodland activities on hand and it is a free event so be sure to bring your Teddy! This event supports the Green Farm charity, [the Pearce Coggan Foundation](#).

Photography Club

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 **7th of June with a** demonstration from Patricia Ellis called 'Serendipity'. There is a garden visit for the 5th of July meeting at Charing Heath, then the Club is back in the Hall for a workshop featuring Linda Crew on the **2nd of August**.

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

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Games & Social Evening

Organised by the Shadoxhurst Community Forum

**Shadoxhurst Village Hall
FRIDAY 16TH JUNE
5.30pm—9pm
FREE**

Drop in and play Darts, Ping Pong & more.
Under 18's welcome accompanied by an adult

Bring your own beverages & snacks
Fish 'n' Chip Van 5pm—6pm
Tea & Coffee Available



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Weekly Coffee Club

The Chatterbox Coffee Club continues to be popular and successful. Please do give it a try, every Tuesday between 2.00 and 4.00pm in the Pavilion, in Hornash Lane. The photos show members listening to a talk by the Ashford Fire and Rescue Team with some advice about fire safety, then next page a photo of some of the members enjoying the pre-coronation celebrations.



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1st Shadoxhurst Scouts

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.



Ark Drama 2000

We have recently put on a small performance attended by the outgoing Mayor of Ashford where we showcased items from Bugsy Malone, as we were unable to put on the full show, as well as a few other songs.

We are looking forward to attending the Kingsnorth Country Fayre on 28th May, we will be performing and having a stall; come and see us there.

Our final performance for this academic year will be on Saturday 8th July at Willesborough church, where we will be showcasing the groups talents through song, dance and acting. Look out for further details of this performance.

If you know and youngster between the ages of 7 and 21, who would like to explore performing arts further, please email us on arkdrama2000@outlook.com ; we meet on Tuesday evenings, 7.30-9.30pm at Kingsnorth church – who we are proud to be affiliated to.

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

Our Coffee Mornings are on the **second Wednesday of each month from 10a.m. - 11.30 a.m.** at the Methodist Church in aid of a variety of Charities. If you enjoy a cup of coffee or tea and a chat please come and join us on - **10th June** in aid of the Canterbury Oast Trust and **12th July** to support the Stroke Club, Ashford

Shadoxhurst What's On

Activities, Clubs & Events In Our Village..

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'Bringing People Together'

Managed by Shadoxhurst Community Forum
Friendship Activity Community Entertainment

Ashford Borough Update

The next monthly "Meet your Councillor" drop-in surgery on the **2nd Wednesday** of the month at 12.00pm at the King's Head is the **14th June followed by 12th July**. You are welcome to get in touch with the two Councillors in the meantime, their details are on page 4.

Parish Notes

Next Parish Meeting

The next meetings are **Wednesday 14th June and 12th July** at 6.00 pm in the Village Hall. There is no meeting in August. If you would like to talk to the new Chairman, please contact Emma on **07879 443059** or email her at emma.shadoxhurstpc@gmail.com

The list of Parish Councillors is:

Emma Yeomans, Chair, David Ledger, Vice Chair, Martin Richmond-Coggan, Derek Williams, Victoria Brisley, Stacie Matarazzo and Darren Juniper.

Parish Web Site

As well as the new Facebook page, ([20+](https://www.facebook.com/shadoxhurstparishcouncil)) [Shadoxhurst Parish Council | Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/shadoxhurstparishcouncil), 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 on shadoxhurstvhp@gmail.com. Caroline's phone number is on the back page.

The **closing date** for information and inclusions for the August edition is the **15th of July**. Please email David on...

amberherne@btinternet.com

Ashford Courtside FC

Ashford Courtside have had a good season despite the weather and the pitches being unplayable for a big part of our season. All our teams play in the ADYFL on a Saturday and train on a Friday evening at our home ground in the village.

Congratulations to our U10's team who played some great football against a very strong Smarden team in the Pacific cup semi-final, after full-time and extra time it then went on to penalties and saw our U10's team through to the Cup final.

On a Sunny but windy Saturday morning the team travelled to Charing to take on a very strong Hythe team in the final and they ended up losing by the tightness of margins. Both teams played some really good football and had their chances, they battled well and made the match exciting for all parents and coaches to watch.

Congratulations to Jack who received a well-deserved trophy for player of the match after being nominated by the referee.



Shadoxhurst - What's On

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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 (1st 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, (2nd of month on Friday)
At 7.30pm (1st of month) **Flower Club** (Hall)
At 6.00pm (2nd 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 1st & 3rd Thursday **Sewing Club** and 2nd 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 1st Sunday of the month **Quiz Night** at the King's Head.

Village Contacts

All Local Numbers are area code 01233

1st 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 Emma 07879 443059

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:

June: 4th Local Podcast
11th Holy Communion
18th Morning Worship
23rd Holy Communion
25th NO SERVICE
July: 2nd Morning Worship
9th Morning Worship
16th Local Podcast
23rd Morning Worship
30th Café Church 3pm

St Peter and St Paul:

Said Holy Communion at 8.00am on the 1st and 3rd Sundays 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 & 28th June; 12th & 26th July** 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/. The contact points for our two Ward Councillors are: Aline 01233 628387 or 07880 334794 and David 01233 733540 or 07840 681396

aline.hicks@ashford.gov.uk
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 Or ring her on 07526 431687. Or you can find out more at www.afccourtside.co.uk/ and 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

Dates for your Diary

June: 1st & 15th Sewing and Craft Club 7.00pm in the Hall
4th **Boot Fair on recreation field**

5th Community Forum Meeting 7.30pm in the Hall

7th Flower Club Workshop 7.30pm in the Hall

8th History Club 7.30pm in the Hall

14th Parish Council Meeting 6.00pm in the Hall

26th Garden Club 7.30pm in the Pavilion

July: 3rd Community Forum Meeting 4.30pm in the Hall

5th Flower Club talk and slide show 7.30pm in the Hall

6th & 20th Sewing and Craft Club 7.00pm in the Hall

11th History Club 7.30pm in the Hall

27th Big Summer Teddy Bear's Picnic 11.00am at Green Farm

31st Garden Club 7.30pm in the Pavilion

August: 6th **Boot Fair on recreation field**

SAVE THE DATE

27th July, Big Summer Teddy Bear's Picnic.

6th August Boot Fair