

## Shadoxhurst Village Winter Newsletter 2016

Welcome to the Winter edition of our Village newsletter. The year has slipped by and the leaves are being blown off the trees. This means Christmas and 2017 are not too far away. We hope it is not too early to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Let us all make 2017 a very good year for Shadoxhurst.



**The Parish Web Site** has been updated and we would like to know what you think and indeed what else you would like to see on there. It is up and running and being updated over the coming days and weeks. We will include a community section for clubs and societies. We want it to be a popular place for people to use regularly. The address is [www.shadoxhurst/info](http://www.shadoxhurst/info) please do let us know what you think. For those that are fans of Facebook, there is **Shadoxhurst** Group Page. It is not administered by the Parish Council but is open to all to use and share.

Folks are moving into Oak View so we offer a very warm welcome to all joining us in the village, we hope you enjoy living in lovely Shadoxhurst.

### CPR Training

We promised another training session in the evening and we hope to arrange this for the New Year. Please keep an eye on the noticeboard and website for details of the date and time.

If you are interested in registering please phone or email Judith and we will ensure that you are kept informed.

To contact the Parish Council please ring Judith Batt on 733994 or email [judith.batt@btinternet.com](mailto:judith.batt@btinternet.com)

### The Farley Charity

Each 21<sup>st</sup> December, the Trustees of Farley Charity has funds to distribute to residents of Shadoxhurst. To be considered for a grant from this fund you must write to the Trustees giving reasons why you or somebody you know would like to be considered for a little financial help. Family problems, bereavements, severe health problems or being out of work are some of the reasons that the Trustees will consider when distributing funds. Write to the Trustees c/o David Ledger, 8 Park Farm Close, Shadoxhurst by the 8<sup>th</sup> December please.

**Recycling...** please be aware Biffa now check our green bins for wrong items. Please ensure there are no soft plastics like carrier bags, crisp packets or microwave food trays otherwise your bin will not be collected. If unsure, please check the ABC website.

### Chatterbox Coffee Club

It is on **every Tuesday afternoon from 2.00 – 4.00pm** and is as much a drop in event as well as a spend the afternoon for those that don't have to rush off. There are games to play or just come and chat. There is tea, coffee and cake for a donation to cover costs. Please come and support the event and meet others in the village, we would love to see you. We will have a break over the holiday period with the last get together on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December and we will have a very social festive theme. For that one week only we start earlier at 1.00 pm, please come along if you can. We open up again on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> January. We are looking for a couple of people to help us host the club to share the load. If you can help please come and see us.

## The Village Forum News

The Forum continues to hold meetings every six or so weeks. The aims of the Forum are:

- To maintain the quality of life for all in the village
- To generate issues that could be put to the Parish Council
- To re-kindle community spirit and engender friendship
- To build a social feeling in the village
- To suggest things that will bring people together
- *With a Vision to create and develop a positive community spirit.*

Please do come along, there are a lot of things being planned, ideas and help are always needed. It is our village, our community. What is **YOUR** vision for the village in 2017?

The next meeting of the Village Forum is **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> January at 7.30 pm in the Pavilion**

## Parish Council News

We welcome Rob Crowley who was recently co-opted onto the Parish Council. Due to a resignation, we do have a further vacancy. Please see the website for details. We have recently had all the village road gullies cleaned out at last. We are also requesting that the tatty street name signs and the missing ones are replaced. Long awaited **Broadband** improvements in the village have commenced and these will be completed in March 2017. We have asked BT to keep the public telephone and box in Woodchurch Road and await their decision. We have also had some work carried out on the recreation field to try and improve the drainage. We will wait and see how effective it is. Replacing the land drains will be very expensive. There are lots of positive things for Shadoxhurst.



*1st November and this Oak Tree is still in leaf*

### Winter Dates for your Diary:

**December: 14<sup>th</sup> Parish Council Meeting 7.30 pm in the Pavilion**

**20<sup>th</sup> Festive Chatterbox Club 1-4pm in the Pavilion**

**January: 5<sup>th</sup> Village Forum 7.30 pm in the Pavilion**

**11<sup>th</sup> Parish Council Meeting 7.30 pm in the Pavilion**

**17<sup>th</sup> Chatterbox Coffee Club starts again 2 – 4 pm in the pavilion**

**(The next Parish Council meeting dates are 8<sup>th</sup> February and 8<sup>th</sup> March)**