



Shadoxhurst Parish Council

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WORKING FOR THE COMMUNITY OF SHADOXHURST

Shadoxhurst Newsletter December 2018

PLEASE STAY IN TOUCH

Christmas is almost here...

Welcome to the final edition of 2018. We have had much to celebrate this year, as well as sharing a few disappointments. We can look forward to a bright new 2019 in a few weeks. In the meantime, we wish you all a very Happy Christmas and a positive New Year.

The closing date for information and inclusions for the February edition is **the 25th January**. If you would like something included, please email it to David at amberherne@btinternet.com

Parade and Service on Remembrance Day



The Shadoxhurst Church clock was installed as the World War One village memorial, but no plaque was ever placed on it. Therefore, for the Armistice Centenary, villagers raised some £800 this autumn for a memorial plaque for the clock. The local History Group found the names of four soldiers from the village who died,

whose names are now remembered for posterity on a fine slate roundel.

The plaque was dedicated at the Remembrance Service in the church on 11th November by Canon Gilbert Spencer. Members of the local Scouting, Cub, Beaver and Ark Drama 2000 Groups were present and involved. It was felt to be a very moving and fitting service on this important anniversary. (Words by Rev. Caroline).



The picture shows the Memorial Plaque on the altar with the various hand made poppies created for the service by the Cubs, Beavers and Ark Drama 2000.

St Peter and St Paul Church, Shadoxhurst Services in December

16th December 8 am Holy Communion
18th December 7 pm Carols at The King's Head Public House
24th December 5 pm Crib Service
25th December (Christmas Day) 8.30 pm Traditional Holy Communion with carols (No Songs of Praise in December)

Planning News

Many of you will know by now that the outline planning application for 'Delcroft'

on Woodchurch Road was granted at the November ABC Planning Committee. This was a great blow particularly to those residents who live close by. There was a split vote and the casting vote went to the Chairman who approved it. A second planning application to approve the final design and various reserved matters is expected to be submitted. The development north of Farley Close will go to appeal, we have no details yet.

Public Consultation

You are invited to an important meeting and exhibition in the Village Hall on Sunday 13th January.

We would like your views on three key issues, two of which involve large prospective developments in our village, the other is part of an ABC consultation about planning policies and the 'confines' of our village. It will be a **drop-in event between 10.00 – 3.00**, but at **11.00am and 2.00pm** the Parish Council will do a presentation to explain the three situations. We want your comments.

Please do come along as we are trying to influence and shape our village but to do this effectively, **we need your views**. It will be an opportunity to meet Parish Councillors and tell them what is important to you and your family.

Do you want us to stay a village, or become a suburb of Ashford? What do you want for Shadoxhurst? Please take some time to come and see us and tell us what you think on **Sunday 13th January**. Tea and coffee will be available.

Holiday Club Closures and Restart Dates

Various clubs and groups have breaks over the holiday period and some of those restarting that we know about are:

Yoga Jan 3rd
 Pilates Jan 7th
 Coffee Club Jan 8th
 Line Dancing Jan 8th
 WI Jan 9th
 History Club Jan 10th
 Sewing Club Jan 10th
 Flower Club Feb 6th

Village Quiz Night Returns

The very popular Village Quiz Night will be held in the **Village Hall** on **Saturday 12th January**. Tables of up to 8, please ring **Karen on 732276** to book a table. A bargain at £5 per person, please bring your own refreshments.

Neighborhood Watch (NHW) Update

Reports continue to appear on social media of suspicious activity around the village. Most recently a red Fiesta, with two occupants, has been seen parked along local roads with two male occupants walking some distance approaching properties under the apparent pretext that they are looking to deliver a letter. Once spotted they have rapidly moved off.

Please be vigilant of cars parked not obviously associated with a property and people moving around the area without an obvious legitimate purpose. If you have concerns please report your observations to the Police, warn your neighbours using the Social network sites (Facebook, Nextdoor) and consider speaking directly with your neighbours. Working together we are stronger and have a better chance of deterring unwelcome activity.

As if dealing with actual activity in the village is not enough, we are all at risk of cyber criminals who are active, trying to obtain personal and financial details to help with their activities. There have been numerous reports of people receiving texts, emails and calls from companies

asking for updates to personal bank details, make payments because a direct debit could not be collected from your bank (the TV licence is one in particular), or offering a large payment in exchange for a small payment from you.

It is unlikely that your bank will approach you by email to update your details – if you are unsure ALWAYS check with them BEFORE making any submissions. Use a bill or statement for contact numbers – not anything quoted in emails or texts.

As always, for those with access to the internet, regular updates and current items are published on both Nextdoor (https://nextdoor.co.uk/neighborhood_fee_d/) and Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1721139798106705/>). Additionally, there is a dedicated page on the Parish Council website which includes all reports (<http://www.shadoxhurstpc.kentparishes.gov.uk/parish/neighbourhood-watch/>)

Peter Webb, Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator for Shadoxhurst

SHADOXHURST ART & PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION

We're very pleased to announce our village Art & Photography Competition winners for 2018 with the theme of Shadoxhurst. There was a public vote which resulted in two winners chosen at the Fete with equal votes, Sylvia Faiers and Ian Procter.

In this edition below we feature Sylvia's joint winning photograph. Thank you once again to all those that entered, there were over 20 wonderful entries.



Pilates Classes

Every Monday 6.00pm and 7.30pm ring Alex 861456 / 07977 579708 or email alexford.pilates@gmail.com

Women's Institute (WI)

The local WI meets at 7.30pm every second Wednesday of the month at Stubbs Cross Mission Hall, please ring Mandy Spencer on 501774.

1st Shadoxhurst Scout Group

Beavers (aged 6-8) Mondays
Cubs (8-10½) Tuesdays
Scouts (10½ -14) Wednesdays

Please contact Simon if this appeals to you. Contact Simon on 07704 789155 or email raven.slatercannon@gmail.com

Munn Academy of Dance

Classes available for Ballet & Pointe, Tap, Modern-Jazz, Street, Gymnastic Dance, Musical Theatre & Singing in the Village Hall, for further information please visit their website www.munnacademy.co.uk, email lesleymunn@blueyonder.co.uk or call 01634 234168 / 07720719455.

Yoga

For information on the new class or individual sessions, please contact Isabel via 07757 858642 or https://www.facebook.com/yogawithisa_belinkent/ or email her on yogaisabelkent@gmail.com

Shadoxhurst Village Forum News

The Forum is designed for residents to get together and discuss important matters in the Village. Concerns can be fed into the Parish Council. Events are also organised to raise funds for projects in the village.

To get in touch with the Forum, you can contact Cheryl with any ideas you may have on cherylvander@tiscali.co.uk.

Our next Forum meetings are on Tuesday the **8th January** and Thursday **14th March** in the Pavilion at 7.30pm.

Wreath making for Christmas

Workshop in the Village Hall 6th, 12th and 13th December, ring Ellouise for details 07711 055024.

Let us all keep in touch...

The Village Forum has its own email: Shadoxhurst.forum@gmail.com Please drop an email to get onto the mailing list to get regular updates.

Over 200 residents have joined the Shadoxhurst 'Next Door', group which is part of a much wider community group involving all the other villages. https://nextdoor.co.uk/neighborhood_fee_d/

The "Shadoxhurst, a Kent Village" Facebook Page now has over 550 members! Join us if you can.

Please look out for the active local 'Rural Means Rural' Campaign which is also on Facebook.

Keep up to date with activities and please visit our Parish Website www.shadoxhurstpc.kentparishes.gov.uk/ which has lots of information about groups, clubs and meetings. It highlights each week's events and activities, including the fortnightly Library Van visits to Lonefield, Wednesdays 3.25 - 3.55 pm.

Feedback is very welcome, and we would love to hear from you.

Garden Safari 2019

It is looking good for holding a Garden Safari event next summer and we have some volunteers to open their gardens for a day. The idea is that the open gardens are listed in a leaflet and people can walk around the village getting to see the different styles of garden and raise some money in the process. If you would like to help, open your garden and join in, please ring David and Sheila to discuss on 733540. It can be front or back gardens, large or small, pristine or simply for wildlife. The target is a weekend in July. Please get in touch if you can participate.

Loneliness is not just at Christmas

There's probably someone down your road who hasn't seen anyone all week.

We can help!

CARM is a long-established local charity providing free befriending services including phone befriending in Shadoxhurst, Kingsnorth and Hamstreet. All our volunteers are DBS (police) checked and supported by a co-ordinator.

If you, your neighbour, relative or friend need a weekly visitor or phone call please contact us. Remember we will need permission to receive a referral. We operate in Tenterden rural, Hamstreet and district, and Romney Marsh. For more information please phone CARM on 01233 758122 or please visit our website www.carmromneymarsh.org.uk

Chatterbox Coffee Club

As well as CARM, we have our local weekly drop in event, all are very welcome. Come along to the Coffee Club for tea, cake, chat and a get together Every Tuesday Afternoon 2.00 - 4.00 pm in the Pavilion. Lifts can be provided for those that need one, please ring Colin on 732784.

Ashford Courtside Sonic's U15 Team



The photo is the Under 15's Team who are doing very well this season and are currently TOP of Division 2 in the East Kent Youth League. We wish them well for the rest of the season.

If you would like to know more about the other teams of varying ages, Under 6's, U9's, U10's and U13's as well as the U15's that play on the Bill Hollands' Recreation Ground, please give Vanessa a ring on 07526 431687 or email her on grimmond105@gmail.com

How can we make our village even better in 2019?

We always welcome ideas to help make our village more beautiful and attractive to us as residents and visitors alike. Can you tell us if there is a corner that needs sprucing or brightening up?

We are indebted to Michael who you will often see picking up litter. He does this for no money and refuses to accept anything for doing it. He makes a grand job of keeping our roads clean. It would be better if people did not throw their litter out of their vehicles, but that is a battle for society at large. I know a number of residents do pick up odd bits of litter as they walk about the village, thank you to you all. Every bit does help keep the village clean. We will arrange another litter pick in the Spring, and all help there will be gratefully received.

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Quiz Night



Saturday January 12th @ 7 p.m.

Shadoxhurst Village Hall

Teams of up to eight players are invited to take part in a Quiz Evening in support of the Village Forum.

A fee of £5 per person is required in advance and no later than Wednesday, January 9th in order that sufficient question and answer papers are available on the evening. If you would like to take part in this event, please contact Karen on 01233 732276 to book a table.

There will be no refreshments available but teams are invited to bring their own food and drinks.

Village Sign Garden

As reported in the last Newsletter, the **Green Farm Community Garden** has volunteered to restore the area around the village sign back to a garden that shows our collective pride in Shadoxhurst.

They have been planting extra shrubs and bulbs in the autumn. They also called for any other shrubs, bulbs and plants that you may be splitting up and could donate to them. They also asked for help with watering next year.

Please call Martin at 01233 733997 or email martin@greenfarmkent.co.uk if you have plants to donate or time to commit to weeding and/or watering.

Shadoxhurst Sewing Club



The Sewing Club meets every fortnight on a Thursday night and membership still increases. We have again been helping other clubs making items they have needed for the Christmas season. In the New Year, we will be concentrating on our quilt again, although it will be some time before it is

completed. Because they are indulging in a Christmas meal on the 13th December their next meeting will not be until 10th January 2019. If you enjoy crafting (sewing, knitting crocheting, quilting etc) please do come along and join us. The Club hopes everyone has a lovely Christmas and a Happy New Year.

The Farley Charity

Each December the Trustees of the Village Farley Charity has a small amount of funds to distribute to residents of the village who need financial assistance. To be considered for a grant please write to the Trustees c/o David Ledger, 8 Park Farm Close, Shadoxhurst by the 16th December. Some of the reasons that could be considered include family problems, bereavement, severe health problems, being out of work or study materials.

Shadoxhurst Flower Club

The Shadoxhurst Flower Club meet on the first Wednesday of every month (with the exception of January) at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. They have demonstrations most months and two or three workshops; there is also a garden visit in the Summer. If you would like to go along and meet them, they provide a very warm welcome to all who come along. All arrangements are raffled at the end of the meetings. Helen Hare is doing the demonstration on the 5th December

called "Colour my World". The next meeting is the 6th February with a talk and demonstration called "A Spring in our Step". If you would like more information, please ring Gaye on 732212.

Village Contacts

1st Shadoxhurst Scouts, Cubs and Beavers Simon 07704 789155
African Drumming Lesley 733387
Ark Drama 2000 Lis 732901
Courtside FC Vanessa 07526 431687
Flower Club Gaye 732212
Future Scholars Sarah 07821 143249
Healing / Therapy Sessions Sheila 733540
History Club Carol 732084
Lesley Munn Dance Academy Lesley 01634 234168
Line Dancing Kate 733015
Parish Council Judith 733994
Pilates Alex 861456
Poetry and Expression Ian 732084
Sewing and Craft Club Sheila 733540
Weekend Walking Jim 07788 245022
WI Mandy Spencer 501774
Wine & Home Brew Club Colin 732784
Yoga Isabel 07757 858642

The Final Word:

Wishing you all a lovely warm and safe Christmas and New Year.

Dates for your Diary:

Every Tuesday Chatterbox Coffee Club 2 – 4pm in the Pavilion
Every last Sunday of the month at 7.00pm Charity Quiz in the King's Head

December: 12th Parish Council Meeting 7.30pm Pavilion
January: 8th Coffee Club resumes 2.00pm Pavilion
 8th Village Forum Meeting 7.30pm Pavilion
 9th Parish Council Meeting 7.30pm Pavilion
 10th History Club 10.30am Pavilion
 10th & 24th Sewing Club 7.00pm Village Hall
 12th Quiz Night, 7.00pm Village Hall
 13th Public Meeting and Exhibition Village Hall 10.00-3.00
February: 6th Flower Club meetings resume 7.30 Village Hall
 7th & 21st Sewing Club 7.00pm Village Hall
 13th Parish Council Meeting 7.30pm Pavilion