



Shadoxhurst Parish Council

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Shadoxhurst Newsletter October 2019

PLEASE STAY IN TOUCH

Welcome to our Autumnal edition of 2019. We offer a warm welcome to all new residents moving in and coming to live in Shadoxhurst since the last Newsletter.

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

Our Harvest Fete has just been held amongst some very unpredictable weather. The day before, Peter and organising team had a very difficult decision to make. The forecast was for high wind and heavy rain, they couldn't take the risk to have the full fete. It was 'downsized' and held jointly between the Scout Hut and the Pavilion with a fairground ride in between, read more here...

Shadoxhurst Harvest Fete

Well it's effectively over for another year – although it's not completely!

Thank you to those who helped not just on the day but for those who have given so much in the event run up to make it happen.

Looking back on the learning points, from the three fetes I have been involved with, the key challenge remains having enough people volunteer and turn-up, to actually undertake the roles required to make the event work. This year in some respects it was fortunate that the weather necessitated the scope of the fete being significantly reduced as I believe we would have struggled to provide all of the elements we had planned to.

If we are to hold another fete next year, we will need to address this aspect early on.

The more people who are prepared to help on the day, the less each one individually

has to do and the better the event can be for all. If you have enjoyed any of the fete events and are prepared to commit, then please let us know when we ask for support.

Finally, a big thank you to those who did come and support us despite the challenging weather – from feedback I have received you did enjoy yourselves and it was worth the effort.

Peter Webb, Lead village fete co-ordinator

The 'Shadoxhurst Big Night Out'

Due to bad weather forcing us to downsize our recent village fete, we are running this fund raising event. Join us at the 'Big Night Out' at Shadoxhurst Village Hall on **Friday the 8th of November** from 7pm 'til 11pm.

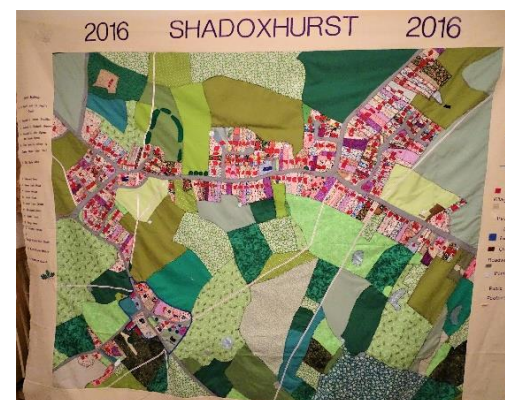
Meet up with friends and neighbours. Enjoy a drink from our bar, we will be selling wines and local real ale served from the barrel. A choice of main course and a gateau dessert are included in the ticket price of £10 pp: Italian style beef meatballs in a rich tomato sauce with pasta; or pork sausage casserole & dauphinois potatoes; or vegetable pasta bake.

During the evening there will also be a light-hearted quiz, a fun bingo session and a raffle with lots of prizes. This is a great opportunity to have a fun night out locally and to help contribute to the future of our increasingly popular fete. This is a ticket only event, please email Lis at egw2@hotmail.co.uk stating how many tickets you want and your meal choices. For more information about this event please contact Ian at: ianprocter1@yahoo.co.uk or on 01233 732084.

Please keep the evening free and put the event in your diary for a great night out.

Sewing Club

The Sewing Club was at the Harvest Fete and the almost completed Village Quilt (below) was on display. It now has an embroidered border. Clair Lightfoot won the 'Guess the number of Buttons' and was closest to the 447 in the jar winning a bag made by Club Member, Pauline Williams. They continue to meet alternate Thursday evenings working on various projects.



Gardening Club

Thank you to those members who were either present at the fete on Sunday the 29th September or supplied plants for sale. Whilst the weather was against everyone on the day some were sold and hopefully the message that we have a club has been extended around the area.

Our next meeting is on Monday the 28th October, at 7.30pm, in the pavilion if you'd like to come along and meet people with an interest in making changes to your garden. It's an informal group who aim to help each other with identifying plants/pest/ways of doing things based upon knowledge and experience.

We need to start planning for next year as our gardens now start to enter the dormant stage – it won't be long before those with greenhouses can start to grow for 2020.

Poonett and Farley Charity

The Trustees of the Charity are continuing the tradition of giving amounts of money to worthwhile causes. The Charity has its origins in the 17th Century when it helped to give money to the poor of the village. It is recognised that in the 21st Century, life is very different. Through previous village newsletters, requests for people to come forward if some money would help have failed to find suitable beneficiaries

Slight changes are being made this year and the Trustees are now giving two bursaries per year up to a maximum of £250 each. Guidance about being eligible is given below with 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 01233 733540, who will provide more details.

Countryside Trust

The **Shadoxhurst Countryside Trust** held a successful Barn Dance at the King's Head in August our thanks go to Ian and Julie at the King's Head for their help with all the arrangements.

The emerging Trust has now reached over £1700 pledged from people. The new potential Trustees and the Parish Council are extremely grateful to all who have so far generously pledged. If you would like to pledge some money to help kick-start this journey, then please contact Sheila on sheila.shadoxhursttrust2019@gmail.com

Sheila can email or post pledge forms to you, they are also in the pavilion and hall.

You can also phone her on 01233 733540 to find out more. The next event is a **Christmas Fayre** on the **7th December**, please see a separate item below.

Parish News

We are continuing to make improvements and recently have been concentrating on the village hall. You can see from the photograph we have a brand new sign on the hall, other improvements include the outside decoration and floor repairs.



Our Parish Clerk **Caroline Laming** only works a few hours on Tuesdays to Thursdays so is not always available. The best way to communicate with Caroline is to phone and leave a message if no answer 07729 734149 or email: shadoxhurst@parishcouncil.onmicrosoft.com

If you would like to book the Hall or Pavilion, then we ask you to either go through the web site at

www.shadoxhurstpc.kentparishes.gov.uk/

alternatively, please email Caroline on shadoxhurstvhp@gmail.com

Christmas Fayre

There will be a Christmas Fayre held on **Saturday 7th December** in the Village Hall. Initially we are looking for stallholders, so if you would like to have a stall, please ring Cheryl on 421746. It will be open between 10.00 – 3.00 with refreshments and Christmas goodies. Save the date in your diary.

Neighbourhood Watch (NHW) Update

Latest data from the Police indicate a small number of incidents in August, down on July, the majority not being incidents which affect the majority of the village. There were two reported incidents of criminal damage, one each in Molloy Road and the Recreation field. Neither of which are welcome or necessary with thanks to the person who reported them.

Outside of the village there continue to be cases of thefts from vehicles and outbuildings – please continue to protect your belongings by locking them out of sight to remove the likelihood of opportunistic theft.

We do have a fire damaged property along Hornash Lane which has yet to be repaired – please keep an eye on any suspicious activity around the site/area until the property is made fully secure. Remember concerns / observations can be either phoned through to the Police using 101, logged via their website or anonymously via CrimeStoppers on 0800 555 111.

Regular NHW updates are posted on the two Shadoxhurst Facebook pages and the Shadoxhurst Nextdoor website. See 'Keep in Touch' on page 3 for details.

If you would like to help the Police in a proactive manner, they are now recruiting for Police Support Volunteers. Some examples of what the role includes are:

- helping with local policing
- assisting front counters
- Neighbourhood Watch support
- general administration, such as updating databases, supporting CID and other departments.
- role-playing during police training

Volunteers must:

- be over 18 years old
- have more than three years' permanent and continuous UK residence
- live or work in Kent

If you or anyone you know is interested in becoming a Kent Police Support Volunteer please call Andrew Judd on 01233 896151 or via email at andrew.judd2@kent.pnn.police.uk

Peter Webb 01233 732901
Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator
Peter707R@Hotmail.com

Ark Drama 2000

Ark Drama celebrate 20 happy and successful years and are re-visiting their first ever performance in 1999, Scrooge. It will be at the **Tower Theatre** in Folkestone on **Saturday 16th November** with a matinee at 2.30 and evening show at 7.00pm. The Group membership is for young people aged between 7 – 21 years and encourages performing, singing, acting and dancing as well as being involved backstage. Please support this local group and see the production. Tickets are £6 (adults) & £4 (students and seniors) please book

through the theatre on **01303 223925** (from 13th October).

1st Shadoxhurst Scout Group

Beavers (aged 6-8) Mondays

Cubs (8-10½) Tuesdays

Scouts (10½ -14) Wednesdays

Please contact Simon via email:
raven@1stshadoxhurstscoutgroup.uk.

Village Forum News

The Forum is available 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. The methods of contact are being reviewed at present. If you would like to know more, please contact Anne Forbes by email on:

anne.forbes1962@gmail.com

To get on the mailing list please email:
amberherne@btinternet.com

The next meeting of the Forum is Thursday 31st October at 7.30pm in the Pavilion.

keep in touch...

There are over 280 residents on the Shadoxhurst '**Next Door**', group which is part of a much wider community group involving all the other villages. https://nextdoor.co.uk/neighborhood_feed/

The "**Shadoxhurst, a Kent Village**" **Facebook Page** now has **880** members. There is also a more recent "**Shadoxhurst Community**" **Facebook Page** with currently over **200** members and growing. Join us if you can.

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

Ashford Courtside Football Club

Well, Ashford Courtside FC is moving into another exciting season following our 10 year celebration and a successful season last year. There has been a satisfying development for the club with two under 7's teams starting in the Ashford and District Saturday league. This is a real testament to the Saturday academy, which was started last year by our coach Dave Dawes.

The academy was so successful that we had enough players to start two teams. As always, we still need a couple more players girls or boys to help with resilience throughout the season and if you know of anyone interested who are in school years 1 & 2 please contact Vanessa or Tim see below for details.

Our under 16's team have been promoted to Division 1 in the East Kent Youth League and play on a Sunday due to a successful season and are also looking to strengthen the team, so again if you know of anyone in school years 10 or 11 that would be interested please contact us.

We now have five teams playing at Shadoxhurst, two under 7's, under 10's, under 11's and under 16's and will not be looking to expand as we want to keep the family feel, enabling children to enjoy playing football and socialising with others. We have teams playing most weekends so why not come along and have a look, we have cheap teas and coffees available as well as bacon rolls.

We have a website and Facebook page if you want to find out more <https://www.afccourtside.co.uk/> and <https://www.facebook.com/AshfordCourtsideFC/>

We cannot thank the Shadoxhurst Community and Parish Council for making us feel so welcome every week, we are privileged to be part of such a special place.

For more information please contact ... Vanessa (Secretary) on 07526431687 or Tim (Chair) on 07970820018. Or Email:

grimmond105@gmail.com
tbayford@sky.com

Speedwatch

We are seeking more volunteers to help run sessions. If you are interested, please get in touch with the team asap led by Roger Hills ring 01233 733581 or email speed.shadoxhurstpc@gmail.com and he can give you more details.

Flower Club

The next club meeting is the AGM and followed by a demonstration by Jane Padgham on the **6th November** in the Hall. On the **4th December**, there is a demonstration by Kathy Stangaard. Please contact the Club's Secretary, Gaye on 732212 for further information.

Village Contacts

1st Shadoxhurst Scouts, Cubs and Beavers Simon 07704 789155
Ark Drama 2000 Lis 732901
Courtside Football Club Vanessa 07526 431687
Fete Team Peter 732901
Flower Club Gaye 732212
Future Scholars Sarah 07821 143249
Gardening Club Peter 732901
History Club Carol 732084
Lesley Munn Dance Academy Lesley 01634 234168
Line Dancing Kate 733015
Neighbourhood Watch Peter 732901
Pilates Alex 861456
Poetry and Expression Ian 732084
Sewing and Craft Club Sheila 733540
Speedwatch Roger 733581
Weekend Walking Jim 07788 245022
WI Mandy Spencer 501774
Wine & Home Brew Club Colin 732784

Tally Ho Road

Many of you will remember that in January 2018, Greenvolt, (a land developer) held a public drop-in about their intention for 60 houses on the field adjacent to Five Bars, Tally Ho Road. They had at one point let slip that this and the adjacent fields could have 200 houses, though this has been hotly denied ever since. The resulting application was refused by ABC. They returned and offered 15 acres (roughly half) of the adjoining fields to the village as part of the deal. In January this year the Parish Council held a public drop-in event at the hall to seek opinions on this and the Foster & Payne proposals for the rear of Brinklow.

The survey at the event gave the results that 23% said yes (77% no) to Foster & Payne, but only 6% supported Greenvolt. To a subsequent question asked, that if a large amount of buffer land was given to the village, this support rose to 61%. When the company later met the Parish Council and asked for support, the PC said no to the 15 acres, but would consider it if the whole plot of 30+ acres were gifted to the village.

Recently Greenvolt returned and, at a meeting that included the landowner, offered what amounts to all 35 acres of green space to the village. The 60 houses is still their aim and would be on 7.5 acres, which in itself is a significant number for our small village. They also talked of 50% affordable houses, instead of the 40% they would be obliged to provide. (con't)

Parish Council Members faced a difficult decision; clearly those of you living along Tally Ho Road and in Lonefield will be impacted by such a development, but the offer of the land which can be for the village to keep and control, and hence not be developed, is also important. It was felt that creating and maintaining a green 'necklace' buffer around the village is vital to keeping the village rural.

Although in this respect we have supported the proposal, there is a long way to go. ABC took little time to refuse this the first time, and we can see that there are many policies with which this proposal will conflict. They will be the final arbiter and may well refuse it. However, we are being consulted with the potential design, and what we will argue for is the best deal for residents on the two affected roads and will share this information with residents when we know more.

We recognise all too well that some will support, and some will oppose. The PC also can see there is a very clear intent of the landowner to have development on at least some if not all the land in question, whether in the medium or longer term. We hope by talking to the developer, and importantly, them talking and listening to us, we can secure as good a deal as possible for the future of our lovely village.

Coffee Options

There is a Coffee Morning at the Methodist's Chapel, Church Lane, Shadoxhurst **every second Monday of the month between 10.00 – 11.30 am**. With a similar event held at the Stubbs Cross Mission Hall, Magpie Hall Road, **every fourth Wednesday of the**

month, also 10.00 – 11.30 am. There is a small raffle raising money for a different charity each month.

Not forgetting of course every week our own **Chatterbox Coffee Club** continues to be popular and well supported. Pop in for tea, cake, chat and a get together. **Every Tuesday Afternoon between 2.00 - 4.00 pm in the Pavilion.**

Lifts can be provided on a Tuesday, please ring Colin on 01233 732784.

Remembrance Events

November means it is time to remember once again those caught up in war whether called up to serve, in reserved occupations or family left behind. The formal Remembrance Day service will be held in Shadoxhurst Church on **Sunday 10th November at 10.30am**. The Church parade this year will be at Kingsnorth Church where the service also begins at 10.30am.

For those that would like to come together and remember their family members caught up in any war in a non-religious way, there will again be a simple event held on the Village Green in Church Lane on **Saturday 9th November at 11.00am**. A time to reflect, including some poetry and words of comfort. We will also honour those from the village called up. There will be time for a cup of tea or coffee and a chat afterwards hosted by Green Farm. If you would like to know more, please ring David on 733540.

Ashford Borough Update

Our two Weald South Ward Members are trialing holding 'Member Surgeries' in three

of the four parishes they represent. These will be held in Hamstreet at the Cosy Kettle at 10.00, Woodchurch Hub at 11.00 and here in the Pavilion between 12.00 – 12.45 am on the **third Tuesday** of each month.

The dates this year are 15th October, 19th November and 17th December.

Please drop in if you would like to discuss any matter related to the Borough Council. If they don't know the answers they will find out and get back to you. They see it as important to be available for face to face contact. Otherwise their contact points for both are: George 01233 732791 and David 01233 733540

george.sparks@ashford.gov.uk
david.ledger@ashford.gov.uk

One You

The One You shop is an ABC flagship response to improving health and wellbeing - it's free to access and focuses on services for adults. It is there to help and support people to make the lifestyle changes they want to – be it stopping smoking, getting more active, losing weight, managing stress, drinking less or having better mental health. The aim is to help people make healthier choices.

The shop is open Tuesdays to Fridays 9.30am to 5pm and Saturday 9.30am to 1pm and is located at 25 Park Mall, Ashford.

You are able to drop in for blood pressure and weight checks. If you are interested in one of the other services please call 03000 123220, ask one of the health style advisors at the shop about availability, or visit:

<https://www.kentcht.nhs.uk/service/one-you-kent/one-you-shop/>.

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

- October:** 16th Parish Council Meeting 7.30pm in the Pavilion ***Date Change***
17th & 31st Sewing Club 7.00pm in the Hall
28th Gardening Club 7.30pm in the Pavilion
31st Village Forum 7.30pm in the Pavilion
- November:** 6th Flower Club Demonstration 7.30pm in the Hall
8th **Big Night Out** 7.00 – 11.00pm in the Hall
9th Family Remembrance 11.00am Village Green
10th Remembrance Service 10.30am Shadoxhurst Church
13th Parish Council Meeting 7.30pm in the Pavilion
14th & 28th Sewing Club 7.00pm in the Hall
16th Scrooge, Ark Drama, Tower Theatre
- December:** 4th Flower Club Demonstration 7.30 in the Hall
7th **Christmas Fayre** 10.00am - 3.00pm in the Hall
11th Parish Council Meeting 7.30pm in the Pavilion

