



Shadoxhurst Parish Council

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Shadoxhurst Newsletter June / July 2026

PLEASE STAY IN TOUCH

More Changes

It has been a strange year with both set backs and hopes. We start with the news that Martin Richmond-Coggan has decided to retire from the Shadoxhurst Parish Council. Martin has been one of our mainstays on the Council for ten years. He spent three years as Chairman but has also been Vice Chair for a number of years and has led on planning matters.

We are very sorry to lose Martin, he needs to concentrate on Green Farm and the Pearce Coggan Charity that he leads with Maryann. We wish to thank him for the time and energy that he devoted to our parish and our village over the last 10 years, we are very grateful for the work that he has put into our community and we wish him well. He will always be a good friend to Shadoxhurst.

Parish News

The refurbishment of the kitchen begins on Sunday 24th May. A number of people have stepped forward to help that day, thank you. As we reported last time, the kitchen will be out of use for some seven weeks; however, we have made contingency plans for the clubs and regular users of the hall in that period. There are some jobs that we still need help with over the coming weeks. Please contact Sam sam@shadoxhurst-pc.gov.uk or 07799 634501. The end date is not yet established, but we will hold a formal opening and dedication in July.

We currently have two vacancies now for the Parish Council. Can you help us? We are entering another busy time and the Council is being stretched and we really do need two more Councillors. Please contact David, Parish Chair, if you would like to know more about what is involved.

At our annual May meetings, David Ledger was re-elected as Chair and Sam Taig was elected as Vice-Chair. We are very grateful to Sam for considerable work taking the helm on the Kitchen works.

Hornash House

There are two planning applications for the 'redevelopment' of Hornash House involving rebuilding the historic house. The owner says he needs to fund this, which he is proposing to do by building six new houses to the rear. The applications were made in January, but there were issues with the Planning Department not being able to fully validate the applications. This has now been done, and the applications are now live on the planning portal.

SPC has asked for an extension of the consultation to give everyone time to look at them. There is a standard '21 days' for comments on applications, however, this is a complex application, and no decision will be made for a few months.

Why two applications? One is for Listed Building consent for Hornash itself, the other is for the additional six houses. Residents will remember well the various applications that have been refused. The fire that caused the lasting damage occurred exactly seven years ago!

The application numbers are PA/2026/0365 (listed) and PA/2026/0341 and are online at these links: [Planning Application: PA/2026/0365](#) and [Planning Application: PA/2026/0341](#).

Our Community Forum

The Community Forum Core Team is also down on numbers and helpers. We aim to hold a social event each month, and our planning meetings are monthly too. This is not onerous, but more help at events will help us ease the load.

We have held two recent well attended events, the 'Have a Go Crafting' and the 'Bingo Night'. We are already being asked to repeat it, so we will set a date for next year. Thank you to all who supported both events.

The next big event in the hall is the return of the very popular **Sing-a-Long with Tom** on **Friday the 12th June**, see poster

for ticket details. **The Boot Fair** is on the **12th July** see poster on page 2 for details.

The next FREE '**Games Night**' is on the **19th June** and is on **every Third Friday** of the month in the village hall from 7.00pm until 9.00pm. Everyone welcome (under 18's with an adult).

For details of all our upcoming events see **Facebook** [shadoxhurstwhatson](#) and the back page of this newsletter.

The next **Community Forum** meeting is on **1st June at 7.30pm** (then **6th July**) in the Hall. We really do need more help, join us and see how we can support you and how you can make a difference helping our village, even if you only have a little time. For more details contact Peter Webb. Peter707R@Hotmail.com

Shadoxhurst Community Forum Presents
Back By Popular Demand
SING-A-LONG
With Tom Carradine
Friday 12 June 2026, 7pm
Shadoxhurst Village Hall, TN26 1HZ
£10 per ticket
Bring your own drinks and nibbles
Come and join Mr Tom Carradine on his Ol' Joanna for a good old fashioned knees-up! Songs from across the decades including Cockney classics, West End & film musicals and modern classics such as The Beatles, Queen & ABBA.
To book your tickets please email sam.taig72@gmail.com or call 07799 634301
FB: Shadoxhurstwhatson
Insta: Shadoxhurstwhatson



King's Head

June sees the popular sharing Chippy Tea Platter change to **every Friday** and there is a Classic Car event every 2nd Sunday of the month from 10am with breakfast. There is Steak Night on the first Thursday every month. With the addition of a Morris Dancing celebration on the 7th

June from midday. The England Football games in the World Cup will also be shown at the pub, some of these are late and the pub has a late licence in place.

The regular events will take place again in **July and August.**

The **Monthly Pub Quiz** continues to be organised through the Community Forum and is every 1st Sunday of the month at 7.00pm for a 7.30pm start. To book a table for **7th June** and **5th July** please contact Sam on 07799634301.

The Pub is closed Mondays but opens from **12.00 noon Tuesday to Sunday.**

To book a table to eat, ring them on (01233) 556413 or book via the website [Kings Head pub in Shadoxhurst | Home](#) or simply see a staff member at the bar.

Shadoxhurst Community Forum
CAR BOOT SALE
Sunday 12 July 2026
9am-12 noon



SHADOXHURST RECREATION GROUND
Hornash Lane, TN26 1HT
FREE entry for Buyers.
Car Booters from 8am; Car £5,
Car with Trailer £8, Van £10,
NO Food Trucks.
Hot Drinks, Food, Parking and Toilets

Contact: Paul 07831 245668
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Neighbourhood Watch

In the Recreation Field car park – an empty NOX (nitrous oxide or “laughing gas”) canister was found recently along with several balloons, beside one of the planters presumably having been used by some seeking a quick “high”. This practice is dangerous to the individual plus if anyone subsequently drives, it could be deadly. If you are or know of who the individuals might be, then please have them move to somewhere away from others.

Irritant drivers – either with loud exhausts or simply driving too fast for the road conditions, then go somewhere where this is acceptable. There are children, adults and pets who deserve to live in an area where they aren’t scared, or risk being killed or injured, as a result of your selfishness. If you witness dangerous driving, then consider reporting the offender – the following website provides information and guidance of how to do

this: - <https://www.theaa.com/driving-advice/reporting-dangerous-driving?>

Catapults – yes these may be “fun” and aren’t illegal to possess but please use them without injuring/killing animals or damaging other’s property. Whether you are on your own or with your mates please respect the area. If you witness anyone using a catapult – either aimed at property, individuals or wildlife – then please phone the Police on 999 as it is a “Crime in Progress” and is an area which Ashford Police have promised to actively crack down upon – use a codeword of “Lakeshot” when reporting.

Inconsiderate Parking – At times, vehicles park on footways and pavements which obstruct pedestrians of all ages and abilities, buggies, mobility vehicles and scooters in parts of the village. There have also been problems in Molloy Road of cars left in communal spaces and turning areas for long periods. Please be considerate and let people travel safely in our village.

Regular safety information, covering Scams, local Police activities and helpful tips to remain safe, continue to be posted on the two village Facebook sites. Updates are also posted on the village Nextdoor and Shadoxhurst Parish Council websites.

Finally, as a reminder, if you have been a victim of any type of scam, then contact your Bank immediately, which you can do by calling 159 and reporting to Report Fraud at Reporting cybercrime and fraud or phishing attempts - Report Fraud or call 0300 123 2040.

Peter Webb, Shadoxhurst Co-Ordinator 01233 732901.



Kent Police

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

Women’s Institute (WI)

As well as our regular meetings on the **second Wednesday of each month** at 7pm in the Shadoxhurst village hall, Stubbs Cross W.I. had an additional meeting in April when we hosted all the Ashford WIs and enjoyed listening to speaker, Col. Graham Jones talking about his experiences in the military bands.

At our annual meeting we put together a programme for the year which includes several outings the first being a visit to Allington castle via the Kentish Lady on the River Medway. In July members will visit Penshurst Place and Windsor Castle.

Meetings in June and July will be on Reflexology and making felt brooches – that is *making* the felt *for* the brooch!

Ladies are welcome to join us – please contact secretary, Mandy Spencer, for more information at

mandy_minster@hotmail.com.

Shadoxhurst Flower Club

The Club would like to extend an invitation to anyone who enjoys flowers, whether that is arranging them or watching our demonstrators produce amazing creations which are all raffled at the end of the evening. If you would like more information, please contact Rebecca at:

rebecca.hentschel@hotmail.co.uk

They meet on the **1st Wednesday of the month** at Shadoxhurst Village Hall at 7.30pm. The next meeting is a demonstration called “The Land of the Midnight Sun” by Vineta Forstmane on the **3rd June**, but on the 1st July they have organised a Garden Visit. They return to the hall in August for a demonstration. They also have a web site <https://www.kentfloralart.co.uk/shadoxhurst-flower-club.html> and a Facebook page.

Shadoxhurst History Club

We meet on the second Thursday of the month in Shadoxhurst village hall, 7.30pm – 9.00pm, just £1 to come in! We have a few speakers lined up for this year - see poster - please do join us. For further details please email egw2@hotmail.co.uk

SHADOXHURST HISTORY CLUB

Invite you to hear one of our speakers:

	Thursday 11th June - Martin Crowther - Kent in less than 100 Objects
	Thursday 9th July - Ed Adams - Kentish Clerical Errors
	Thursday 10th September - Emma Batten - Interactive talk on Romney Marsh
	Thursday 8th October - Chris Smith - School Girls War
	Thursday 11th March 2027 - Melanie Gibson-Barton - Maid of Kent Elizabeth Barton

Each event will be held at
Shadoxhurst Village Hall
7:30pm - 9pm

£1 entry per person - refreshments
will be provided

Chatterbox Coffee Club

There is change of day to a **Friday afternoon from 2 – 4pm** at the beginning of July due to a new long-term booking in the pavilion. **The first date for the change is 10th July.** An open to all opportunity to catch up with friends and neighbours in an informal setting with Bingo and Quiz sessions to add a little variety to the meetings. So for June the club meets on **Tuesday afternoons in**

the Shadoxhurst Pavilion, from 2 - 4pm with tea, biscuits and cake available in addition to coffee - all for just £2 per visit! **Then in July... Fridays.**

Garden Club

How quickly things change – in the last newsletter I was commenting that it had at last stopped raining – now we're looking at the driest April for some time and contemplating the re-introduction of a hose-pipe ban! How quickly things change. At least for now the weather has warmed and the chances of a frost have all but gone so it's time to start looking at adding some colour to the borders and/or getting those vegetables on their way.

How is your garden doing? If you have an interest in gardening and would like to discuss what you could do with the space you have, then why not drop by to one of our meetings?

We meet once a month at the Shadoxhurst Village Hall or, by prior arrangement, at one of the member's gardens. Check with me first to ensure you head to the correct venue! Meetings at the village hall, cost £1 (to cover hire) or free if at one of our gardens (though cake or biscuits to share are welcome!). Peter Webb Peter707R@Hotmail.com 01233 732901.

Ark Drama 2000

The group was very proud to welcome Lady Colgrain to our recent meeting where she presented the leaders with the King's Award for Voluntary Service. See photo below. The group is now working hard towards the performance of "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat" on 5th July. You'll also catch us at the Kingsnorth Country Fayre on 23rd May. If you know of any youngsters aged 7-21 who may be interested in joining us, email arkdrama2000@outlook.com



Methodist Church News

We meet weekly on Sunday mornings at **10.30am** at the Methodist Church, Church Lane, dates are on the back page. For further information, please contact methchurch12@gmail.com

Our **Coffee Mornings** are on the **second Wednesday of each month from 10.00am - 11.30am** at the Methodist

Church TN26 1LS in aid of a variety of Charities. If you enjoy a cup of coffee or tea and a chat, please join us on **10th June** in aid of Great Ormand Street Hospital and **8th July** in aid of Action Aid.

Craft and Sewing Club

All types of crafts can be covered although, with the current membership, the focus is upon needle craft activities, such as sewing, embroidery and knitting – are there others we could try?

In the absence of any "team" projects, members will work on their own individual items – do you wish you had a couple of hours where you can relax and work on your project with like-minded individuals? If the answer is yes, then why not drop into one of our meetings and give us a try?

We meet on the 1st, 3rd & 5th Thursday of each month in the Shadoxhurst village hall from 7pm – 9pm. Session cost is £1.50 to cover expenses and includes tea/coffee.

Please contact me if you would like more information – Peter Webb 01233 732901 or at Peter707R@Hotmail.com.

Green Farm Community Garden

The weekly charity **Pop-Up Coffee** and fresh produce stall is open **every Thursday between 10.00am and MIDDAY**. Just come along to Duck Lane (3rd entrance on the left at the top of the rise) to enjoy good company in a beautiful, relaxing space. You can also buy fresh, seasonal vegetables from the Community Wildlife Vegetable Garden and meat from the regenerative, chemical-free farm.

Call 01233 808707 for info or email: mandm@pearcecoggan.org

1st Shadoxhurst Scouts

We are currently without a Beaver Colony and are keen to hear from anyone interested in volunteering to help relaunch the section. I have also been in touch with Scouting HQ about opening a Squirrel Drey, so watch this space for updates. For more information or to get involved, please contact me directly at jack@darge.co.uk or 07845 703 946.

Ashford Courtside FC

Both our teams have had an enjoyable season in the Ashford and District Youth League against some very strong opponents.

We are now starting to prepare for next season and are looking for a defensive player for our U14's team as well as some new players to strengthen our U12's team.

We train on a Friday evening from 17.00 until 18.00 at the recreation ground in Shadoxhurst village. If you are looking for a Saturday football team or to change

teams please get in touch with Vanessa by emailing ashfordcourtsidefc@gmail.com

Thank you to those of you that have been supporting us throughout the season we look forward to seeing you again soon .



Ashford Borough Update
The "Meet Your Councillor" drop-in surgery continues on the **2nd Wednesday** of the month at **12.00pm** at the **King's Head**, with the next ones on the **10th June and 8th July**. You can get in touch with your two Borough Ward Councillors anytime, by phone or email, the contact details are on page 4.

Parish Notes

Next Parish Meeting
The Parish Council meetings are normally on the Second Wednesday of each month in the Pavilion, Hornash Lane, starting at 6.30pm, **but the next meetings are 17th June and then on 15th July (please note date changes).**

We now have **two vacancies** for a Parish Councillor. If you would like to find out more or talk to the Chairman about any village issues, please contact David on **01233 733540** or email him david@shadoxhurst-pc.gov.uk

Parish Web Site
There are regular updates on the website: www.shadoxhurst-pc.gov.uk The Facebook page is www.facebook.com/ShadoxhurstPC/
To book the Village Hall or Pavilion for an event, please email Caroline on parishclerk@shadoxhurst-pc.gov.uk

The **closing date** for information and inclusions for the August / September edition is **the 10th of July** Please email David amberherne@btinternet.com



Regular Events

(See Village Contacts box for telephone numbers)

Mondays:

6.00pm **Pilates** with Alex (Hall)
7.30pm (1st of month) **Community Forum** (Hall)
7.30pm (last of month) **Garden Club** (Hall)

Tuesdays:

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

Wednesdays:

7.30pm (1st of month) **Flower Club** (Hall)
12 Noon (2nd of month) **ABC Surgery** (King's Head)
6.30pm (2nd of month) **Parish Council** (Pavilion)
7.00pm (2nd of month) **WI** (Village Hall)
7.30pm **Line Dancing** (Stubbs Cross Hall),

Thursdays:

10.00am Pop Up **Coffee & Cake at Green Farm**
Community Garden Pop-Up (Duck Lane)
7.00pm (1st, 3rd & 5th) **Craft & Sewing Club** (Hall)
7.30pm (2nd of month) **History Club** (Hall)

Fridays:

7.00pm (3rd of month) **Games Night** (Hall)

Saturdays:

9.45am **Weekend Walking** with Jim

Sundays:

Services at **Shadoxhurst Parish Church** and the **Methodist Church** (see box)

Village Contacts

All Local Numbers are area code 01233

1st Shadoxhurst Scouts Group Jack 07845 703946 or jack@darge.co.uk
Ark Drama 2000 Lis 732901
Coffee Club Colin 732784
Community Forum Peter 732901
Courtside F.C. Vanessa 07526 431687
Flower Club Rebecca 07725 026389
Games Night David 07840 681396
Garden Club Peter 732901
Green Farm Pop-Up Team 808707
History Club Lis 732901
King's Head 556413
Line Dancing Kate 733015
Methodist Church Lisa 732178
Neighbourhood Watch Peter 732901
Parish Council Chair David 07840 681396 or 733540
Photography Club Derek 07545 286789
Pilates Alex 861456
Ping Pong David 07840 681396
Sewing and Craft Club Peter 732901
Shadoxhurst Church Helen 620433 or Rev Adam Childs 629279.
Speedwatch Derek 07545 286789
Weekend Walking Jim 07788 245022
WI Mandy 501774
Wine & Home Brew Club Colin 732784

Church Services

Methodist Church at 10.30

June: 7th Holy Communion
14th Morning Worship
21st Morning Worship
28th Local arrangements (podcast)
July: 5th Holy Communion
12th Morning Worship
19th Morning Worship
26th Morning Worship

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 kent.gov.uk/mobilelibraries The next visits are on **Wednesday 10th & 24th June**, then **8th & 22nd 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/.

To contact our two Ward Councillors: David Ledger 01233 733540 or 07840 681396 david.ledger@ashford.gov.uk
Aline Hicks on 01233 628387 or 07880 334794 aline.hicks@ashford.gov.uk

Village Facebook Groups

(6) SHADOXHURST, A Kent village | Facebook
(6) Shadoxhurst Community | Facebook
<https://www.facebook.com/shadoxhurstwhatson>

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.facebook.com/AshfordCourtsideFC/

Contacting the Parish Council

Our Parish Clerk **Caroline Laming** works limited hours. The best way to contact her is to phone and leave a message if no answer **07729 734149** (office hours only).
parishclerk@shadoxhurst-pc.gov.uk

Save the Date

12th June Sing-A-Long with Tom (Hall)
12th July Boot Fair (Rec)
29th Aug Summer Festival (Pub)
26th Sept Auction of Promises (Hall)
3rd October Tabletop Sale (Hall)
21st November Xmas Craft Fair (Hall)

Dates for your Diary

June: 1st Community Forum Meeting 7.30pm in the Hall
3rd Flower Club Workshop 7.30pm in the Hall
4th & 18th Craft and Sewing Club 7.00pm in the Hall
7th Pub Quiz 7.00 for 7.30pm King's Head
10th WI Meeting 7.00pm in the Hall
11th History Club 7.30pm in the Hall
12th **Sing-along with Tom Event Hall 7.00pm**
17th **Parish Council Meeting 6.30pm Pavilion (Date change)**
19th **Games Night** from 7.00pm – 9.00pm in the Hall
29th Garden Club 7.30pm in the Hall
July: 1st Flower Club Workshop 7.30pm in the Hall
2nd, 16th & 30th Craft and Sewing Club 7.00pm in the Hall
5th Pub Quiz 7.00 for 7.30pm King's Head
6th Community Forum Meeting 7.30pm in the Hall
8th WI Meeting 7.00pm in the Hall
9th History Club 7.30pm in the Hall
12th **BOOT FAIR** 9.00am - Midday at the Rec. Field
15th **Parish Council Meeting 6.30pm Pavilion (Date change)**
17th **Games Night** from 7.00pm – 9.00pm in the Hall
25th Garden Club 7.30pm (date may change as bank holiday)