

Shadoxhurst Village Quarterly Newsletter Spring 2010

SHADOXHURST CHURCH 'USE IT OR LOSE IT!'

Canon Sheila writes

- ❖ If you ran a business that was not viable what would you do?
- ❖ If you were not making ends meet what would you do?
- ❖ If your house was falling into disrepair and you couldn't afford to fix it what would you do?
- ❖ If you invited people to visit but they hardly ever came, how would you feel?
- ❖ If you offered a service that people didn't use would you continue with it?

Many residents will have seen Canon Sheila's article in the Parish Magazine regarding the future of Shadoxhurst Church. For any one who has not seen it, we should explain that there is a strong possibility that our Church may have to close in the near future, due to the fact that it is not well supported by the residents of Shadoxhurst and has been subsidised for some time by Kingsnorth PCC.

The members of the Parish Council are very concerned about this possibility and it was agreed that the Chairman should arrange to meet with Canon Sheila to discuss this. A report of the meeting will be given at a future Parish Council meeting.

SHADOXHURST BABY AND TODDLER GROUP meets at the Methodist Church, Church Lane, Shadoxhurst on Thursdays from 10-12noon in term time. We are a small friendly group, of mums and dads too, and we welcome anyone who has young children to look after, be it parent, grandparent or childminder. We have lost several of our older children who started school last September and would love to see some new members. Don't be shy; we will make you very welcome! So why not drop in for a coffee and a chat and let your little one make some new friends too? Further details from Lisa on 01233 732178

SHADOXHURST RAINBOWS offer craft activities, fun and games for girls aged 5-7 years, on Wednesday from 4.30-5.30pm at the Scout Hut on Hornash Lane. We are looking for a new assistant leader. Some relevant experience would be useful but is not essential. Training will be given by Guiding UK and a CRB check and references will be taken. If you would be interested in helping with this village group, or to put your daughter's name on our waiting list, please contact Lisa on 01233 732178.

VILLAGE CONTACTS

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Baby and Toddler Group – Lisa Cooper 732178
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PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Following receipt of a letter from a young lady called Rebecca asking whether it would be possible to have a slide added to the play equipment in the Recreation Field, we have managed to obtain some extra funding which has allowed us to order a very smart slide which we hope will be installed in time for the Summer Holidays.

Tony Pilton resigned from the Parish Council in January. Councillors would like to record their thanks to him for all his help and support over his time on the Council and wish him well in his new home.

We now have a vacancy for a Parish Councillor to replace Tony. Anyone interested should contact the Parish Clerk.

You will doubtless have seen that the bus shelter at Farley Close was badly damaged during the bad weather. We have been given the go ahead, by our insurers, to replace it and the new shelter should be in place by the end of April.

VISIT OUR WEBSITE www.shadoxhurst.info

All documents available to be viewed under the model publication scheme for the Freedom of Information Act are available from the Parish Clerk

SHADOXHURST GARDENING CLUB

Shadoxhurst Gardening Club is a very busy and active one with regular meetings, trips and shows.

This season we have a varied an interesting selection of speakers planned including Growing and Showing Daffodils, History and Birds RSPB Dungeness, Growing Chrysanthemums, The Rise and Fall of a Beekeeper and Autumn Glory.

Trips have been arranged to Saville Gardens, West Dean Gardens and RHS Wisley Flower Show. We arrange a holiday each year and this year we are going to Salisbury, Wiltshire, with visits to Longstock Water Garden, Sir Harold Hillier's Gardens, Mattisfont Gardens and Longleat with a drive through the Safari Park. Past holidays have included Holland, Paris, Yorkshire, Derbyshire, Cornwall, Wales, Norfolk, the Cotswolds and Devon.

We hold Spring and Summer Shows which include various stalls. Everyone is welcome.

Our meetings take place in the Village Hall on the 4th Tuesday of each month at 7.30 pm.

For further details or to join us at our friendly club please contact Maureen on 01233 627449