

Shadoxhurst Village

Quarterly Newsletter Summer 2010

SHADOXHURT PARISH COUNCIL CHAIRMAN'S REPORT FOR YEAR 2009-2010

This year I've decided to print my report in the Village Newsletter in an effort to explain the functions and activities of your Parish Council

The newsletter is produced and distributed to each house in the village and contains useful items of interest. **Do support the newsletter and send any items of interest to the Parish Clerk for inclusion.**

This last year (as previous years have) seemed to fly past – maybe because we are all getting older!

Your council has started to try and improve the appearance of the village. We have placed some wooden plant troughs in the Village Hall car park, which I hope will brighten this busy corner of Shadoxhurst. **If you have any more ideas for improvements please let me know.**

The play area in Hornash Lane appears to be well used and in June this year a slide will be installed, paid for by the Parish Council, grant funding and contributions. Further items will be added as funds allow.

Children - let us know what you would like to see added to the area. (Not a skate ramp though – too expensive I'm afraid).

Unfortunately the Pavilion which was erected in the 70's is causing the Council some concern. Due to its age it is becoming uneconomical to maintain and we frequently have to pay for repairs to damage caused by vandalism. The Council will be asking for your views at a Public meeting shortly.

PLEASE ATTEND AND HELP WITH THE DECISION MAKING PROCESS.

In the last 12 months councillors have debated many planning applications. Some have been contentious but we always endeavour to come to a decision based on the housing survey carried out a few years ago.

I would like to take this opportunity to mention the Farley/Poonett Charity. In the 15th century a wealthy villager bequeathed a parcel of land in Church Lane, now known as The Poor Field, to the village. The annual rental of the field would be paid to the poor of Shadoxhurst annually on 21 December. I am a Trustee of the Charity and meet with the other Trustees to distribute a small amount of money to villagers who are in need of some financial help. If you know of any person in the Parish who would qualify, please let me know prior to 21 December to enable the Trustees to consider the request. All names given will be kept confidential.

It would be nice to see a few more villagers attend the Parish Council meetings, which are held on the 2nd Wednesday of each month in the Village Hall at 7.30 pm. We have a Public Interval where we take questions and comments from any members of the public present.

Finally I must thank my fellow councillors and the Parish Clerk, Judith Batt for the support given to me over the last year.

Bill Hollands

DARBY AND JOAN CLUB

The Club has been going for over 40 YEARS but we are now in desperately in need of some new members. I am sure there are some retired people living in Shadoxhurst who would like to come along to the Village Hall for a cup of tea and a chat. We have speakers to our meetings, visit places of interest, go to the theatre and have games afternoons and other interesting activities. It would be sad if the club had to close due to lack of numbers. We meet on the first Thursday of each month at 2 pm in the Village Hall. To find out more please contact 732734. We look forward to meeting you.

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Congratulations to Councillor Louisa Holman who gave birth to a beautiful baby girl on 6 June. I am sure everyone in Shadoxhurst will join us in sending our best wishes to Louisa and her family.

We hope that by the time you receive this that the new slide will have been installed. The delay was due to a shortage of safety matting.

PLEASE CONTROL YOUR DOG
COUNCILLORS WERE EXTREMELY CONCERNED TO HEAR OF A RECENT FIGHT BETWEEN DOGS ON THE RECREATION FIELD.

WOULD ALL DOG OWNERS PLEASE KEEP THEIR DOGS UNDER CONTROL WHILST ON THE FIELD, PARTICULARLY IN THE VICINITY OF THE CHILDREN'S PLAY AREA.

WE WANT OUR DOGS TO BE ABLE ENJOY THE FIELD AND DO NOT WANT TO HAVE TO INSIST THAT THEY ARE KEPT ON

The Sports Pavilion is a huge drain on our financial resources. It is time to consider its future. We invite everyone in Shadoxhurst to a

**PUBLIC MEETING ON THE FUTURE OF SHADOXHURST PAVILION
ON 14 JULY 2010
AT 7.30 PM
AT THE VILLAGE HALL
SHADOXHURST**

A PERSONAL INVITATION TO ASK YOU TO BE A FRIEND TO YOUR CHURCH

There are a couple of ways you can become a friend to Shadoxhurst Church

1. Join The Friends of Kingsnorth and Shadoxhurst Churches – contact Guelda Sammers for details on 01233 640433.
The Friends are independent from the Church.
2. Help in a more practical way by helping to organise fund raising events in the village such as cream teas, fetes etc.

Our Church has stood on The Green, Shadoxhurst for 900 years and people have gathered there every week for services and at other time for important events such as marriages, baptisms and funerals.

Unfortunately it has reached a point where it needs a lot of work done to it. The roof needs repairing and the quote is £4600 + VAT.

If you would like to join the Friends or a Fund Raising Committee contact Helen West on 01233 733811

VISIT OUR WEBSITE www.shadoxhurst.info

ITEMS FOR INCLUSION IN THE NEWSLETTER SHOULD BE SENT TO THE PARISH CLERK: judith.batt@tiscali.co.uk

TO BOOK

SHADOXHURST VILLAGE HALL

CONTACT MRS TRACEY SKATES ON 733579

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AFTER 9.00 AM AND BEFORE 9.00 PM