

Shadoxhurst Village

Quarterly Newsletter Spring 2011

Dog Fouling

Some areas within our village are being spoilt by the selfish behaviour of local dog owners.

Prosecution of dog owners who fail to clean up!

Dog mess is an eyesore and a health hazard. If you are a dog owner, you have a **legal duty** to clean up every time your dog messes in a public place. Registered blind people are not required to clean up after their guide dogs.

Designations made under the Dogs (Fouling of Land) Act, will remain in force until such time as a Dog Control Order is made for any of the five offences on the same land. (Fixed Penalty Notices can therefore continue to be issued on land that is currently designated under the 1996 provisions, and these will remain at an on the spot fine of **£50** but left unpaid will increase and can lead to a court order).

What can I do about a dog fouling offence?

If you wish to take action against a dog owner who has not cleaned up after their dog, you should note what happened as soon as possible. Include the name and address of the person in charge of the dog, a description of the dog, plus details of the date, time and place of the offence. Contact your local authority and ask for details of their dog control procedures. Clearly describe the place being fouled to find what regulations cover that area. Most local councils require dog owners to carry a poop scoop and disposable bag whenever they take their dogs out to a public place. Some councils offer free scoops: ask your council's animal warden unit. So no matter if you are down a quiet country lane or there is nobody is about, if you don't clean up after your dog

YOU are breaking the LAW.

★ **Do you have the next J.K Rowling or David Beckham? Has someone in your family achieved something to be proud off? Would you like to give them the recognition they deserve? If so you can put forward your request to any of the parish councillors. You never know it could be you appearing in the next newsletter.**

Shadoxhurst Website.

Shadoxhurst website is undergoing a makeover. We are hoping to post some new photographs and interesting blogs. So have you checked out your website? There are some interesting article and lots of useful links.

www.shadoxhurst.info

**Shadoxhurst
Parish Council
would like to
wish all of
Shadoxhurst a
very happy
Easter!**

CROP

Are you an older person? Life may improve with the assistance of CROP advocate. Do you need help or guidance from our visiting advocacy service? Some ways that CROP can help....

- Maximising benefits entitlement
- Completing forms such as: Disability Allowance, Council Tax, Carers Allowance, etc.
- Pension Credit
- Financial Matters
- Dealing with family conflict
- And much more

If you think Crop can help you, then they can be contacted on 01622 851200.

CROP is supported by Ashford Borough Council.

Springtime in Shadoxhurst.

The birds are singing the daffodils are budding; it's really not a bad place to live..... So are you 12 years or under? If so we are holding a competition for the best short story about why you like living in Shadoxhurst. You can use the links on the webpage to email us or submit a written entry to the parish clerk who will pass it on for us to read. The closing date is July 30th and the winner will be published in the Autumn Newsletter...good luck!



GOOD LUCK TO ALL YEAR 11'S WITH THEIR GCSE'S AND YEAR 13'S WITH THEIR A LEVELS OR IB EXAMS.

**THEY WILL SOON BE OVER
– PROMISE!**

TO BOOK

SHADOXHURST VILLAGE HALL

CONTACT MRS TRACEY SKATES ON 733579

PLEASE CALL ONLY

AFTER 9.00 AM AND BEFORE 9.00 PM

PARISH COUNCIL ELECTION

ASHFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL RECEIVED 7 NOMINATIONS FOR 7 SEATS SO ALL OUR CURRENT COUNCILLORS HAVE BEEN RETURNED UNCONTESTED

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 Meeting to be held soon to discuss its future.

VISIT OUR WEBSITE www.shadoxhurst.info

**ITEMS FOR INCLUSION IN THE NEWSLETTER SHOULD BE SENT TO THE PARISH CLERK:
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