



SHADWELL PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

SPRING 2013



You are invited to the

Annual Parish Meeting

On Monday 15th April 2013, 7.30pm

At the Recreational Centre

There will be many topics of interest to the Village and will include guest speaker Russell Martin from Highways Department

Refreshments will be provided.

Letter from the Chairman

Welcome to the spring edition of the Parish Council Newsletter.

On behalf of the Parish Council and the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group, may I thank all of you who took the time to complete the survey. We had a really good response with approximately 40% returning the form. The results will be analysed and we will be able to see what issues you feel are important, what facilities in the village you wish to preserve, how you wish the village to develop, and what future building would be acceptable, both in scale and design. Once the analysis has been completed, the Steering Group will hold further open days/drop in sessions, and you will all be consulted again as the plan develops. On behalf of the Parish Council, I would like to thank the volunteers on the Steering Group for their commitment to this project.

On a related topic, may I urge you all to attend the Annual Parish Meeting on Monday, 15 April? This is your chance to hear reports from the Parish Council, the Police, and village societies, to receive updates on the Neighbourhood Plan, and Shadwell Independent Library, and have your chance to ask questions. We also have a representative from Highways present this year!

We hope you find these Newsletters informative and helpful. We would welcome any feedback you may have- we are always pleased to receive your comments and views and these have an effect on the decisions made by your Parish Council.

We look forward to seeing you on the 15th, or at any of the Parish Council meetings or surgeries.

Yours sincerely

Debbie Potter

Chairman

Close up of a Councillor – Ted Vickerman

I have lived in Shadwell for over 30 years and am married with 3 grown up sons. I established and operated a family Cabinet Making and French Polishing business from the village for more than 30 years and, on my retirement, passed this on to 2 of my sons who also live in the village. Although retired, I still help out from time to time.

I feel very strongly that a community is more than a collection of houses and that the Parish Council has a role to play in maintaining and defending village life. I have a passion for trees and have managed to secure funding for, and plant, over 50 trees around the Village in order to ensure the long term environment of Shadwell.

A founder member of the Parish Council, I serve on the Planning Committee, and support the newly formed Independent Library. I believe that all our village facilities should be maintained.

Shadwell History Society

We are pleased to report that the newly formed History Society got off to a flying start in February when over 50 people enjoyed a most interesting and entertaining presentation on Roundhay Park given by Steven Burt, Visiting Professor of History at Huddersfield University. We hope that this Society will be well supported and future talks will be as well attended!

The Society proposes to reprint the book 'Shadwell and It's People' originally researched and published in 1978 by the local Women's Institute. This book contains articles, facts, stories and photographs of the Village – many from by-gone days – and is a fascinating read which will be of particular interest to new residents of the Parish. The cost will be around 10.00 per book and if you would like to purchase a copy, please let Denise (Tel. 07850 283529 - denise.trickett@btinternet.com) or the Clerk know.

SHADWELL INDEPENDENT LIBRARY

LEEDS FESTIVAL – AUGUST 2013 RESIDENTS' REDUCED PRICE TICKETS

Shadwell Independent Library is pleased to announce that, to help with our essential fund raising, Festival Republic have kindly donated 30 Weekend Tickets for this year's festival at Bramham Park over the August Bank Holiday. Normally priced at £197.50, we can offer them again this year at £40.00 each!

Applications for Festival Tickets should be made by email to debbieap@btinternet.com by midnight Saturday, 13 April. 30 Names will be drawn out of a hat and you will be advised by email if you have been successful by Wednesday, 17 April. You will then need to attend the Recreational Hut on Saturday, 20 April to officially register your application, pay for your ticket, and produce proof of identity, and proof of residency within Shadwell Parish Council's / Shadwell Village boundaries.

We will keep a reserve/waiting list.

Please note: Only 1 ticket per resident.

Eligibility will be based on Shadwell residency

Tickets are not transferable

Tickets will be issued in August and then redeemed for the Festival 'bracelet' on the site. (More details of this later)

We understand tickets are not required for those under 13 years old.

Hurry – make sure you get your application in now!

Shadwell Independent Library - update

On the 2nd January the Community took over the running of the building from which Shadwell Library has operated for over half a century.

It has been a long and arduous journey, but hopefully now that will prove to be very worthwhile for Shadwell and its people. We still have a long way to go, but we are determined to make a success of the venture.

You may be wondering how relevant all this is to you. The answer is that it is going to be a multi-purpose Arts and Community Centre. This may all sound rather grand, but all the time people are coming up with ideas as to how the building can be used.

It is of course a Library, which has had an injection of new books, mostly donated by residents. Once we are up and running we will be putting out a call for more books, so please put surplus books on one side for just a little longer. For the moment the Library is open for 2 hours on Monday morning (10-12), Thursday afternoon (3-5) and Saturday morning (10-12). We are serving coffee and teas and you are invited to "pop" in on your way to the Post Office and have a chat and a browse. Many of our volunteers are really happy to be making new friends in this way.

What other uses have been discussed so far? - concerts, films, poetry readings, a book club, play readings, activities for toddlers and older children's small drama productions Please come forward with your ideas and offers of volunteering, whether as librarians or as any other heading you can think of.

I should say that to a certain extent we are being held back because of the poor state of the building. We are actively seeking grants and if anyone is aware of a possible grant or donation source, then again please let us know.

We have installed more heaters and the building is certainly better heated than it was, but it still leaves something to be desired. The heating problem is not so much of an issue in the Spring and Summer months - so we would hope to be starting more activities before too long.

Remember that this is YOUR Community Building and we do hope that you will support the Committee and the Community as a whole by using the Library for its traditional purpose and then coming to activities as and when they are staged.

Please contact Robert Dyson - shadwelldyson@btinternet.com - Tel 0113 2737440
Library – Tel 0113 2656450

News from the Clerk's desk

Allotments

As I am sure you are aware, the Parish Council is on the look-out for land to develop as another allotment site, without much success. However, we already have a local resident who offered part of his garden for use as an allotment plot. This kind offer was taken up by a family, who can now grow their own vegetables. The landowner is rewarded by having part of his large garden cultivated for him. I am sure he also receives some fresh veg! If you have large grounds and would like to consider offering part of this for an allotment plot, please contact me. The Council will act as go-between, so that no details of either side are released without permission of both parties.

Our Website

Our website is going from strength to strength. If you are a member of a local organisation which is not represented on the website, please contact me, so we can put that right! clerk@shadwell-parish-council.org. Or visit the website www.shadwell-parish-council.org and use the contact us facility

Dog Fouling

We are receiving more and more complaints regarding the amount of dog fouling around the village. The worst areas seem to be in and around the Ash Hill estate, and in the vicinity of the school. Not only is it an offence to leave the mess on the footway (or verge); it can be a health hazard and is most unpleasant – not least when stood in! Please, please, please pick up after your dog.

Meetings for next 3 months

Full Council (7.30pm)	8 April 2013 13 May 2013 10 June 2013
Planning (7pm)	8 April 2013 13 May 2013 10 June 2013
Finance (7.30pm)	22 April 2013

All meetings are held at the Recreational Centre

Your Shadwell Parish Councillors will be holding a surgery once a month in the library. If you have any concerns or just want a chat please come along.

Surgeries for the next 3 months	6 April 2013 4 May 2013 1 June 2013
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