



SHADWELL PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER



Autumn

2013

Letter from the Chairman

We are very pleased to welcome our new Administrative Assistant, Janet Parkin, to the team. Janet and our Clerk, Lesley, will be sharing the hours in future, and you will find more contact details elsewhere in this newsletter.

Our thanks go to the volunteers of Shadwell in Bloom for working so hard in the Village over the summer months. The judging of the Village took place in July and the results are known in the middle of September. We are pleased to support this cause which has improved the look of the Village to such a great extent over the years.

The Parish Council is pleased to announce that the work on the War Memorial has also been completed on schedule. It has been cleaned, repointed and all the letters re-done. They are all, once again, readable. We are grateful to our Ward Councillors and the North East Area Committee for the grant we received towards this work, the remainder of the cost being met by the Parish Council. A suitable re-dedication will be arranged to coincide with the anniversary of the First World War.

Plans have now been received for development of the old Social Club site. These are for 5 detached houses, 2 of which will be behind the Library.

Over the last 3 months, the Parish Council has awarded grants to Shadwell Horticultural Society, Shadwell Tennis Club and Shadwell History Society. The Parish Council is always pleased to help local clubs and societies whenever possible. Applications for grants can be made via the website or direct to the Clerk.

The Parish Council has undertaken to give a significant grant annually to Shadwell Independent Library to help with running costs. We are pleased that business in the Library is booming, with many more books being borrowed and the building being hired for meetings, talks, and educational purposes – all helping financially. The Library Committee has applied for grants to cover the cost of external works, and is hopeful that these applications will be successful. Please go along to see how the library is doing (tea and coffee available!), join and borrow a book or two. All the librarians are volunteers and only too pleased to have a chat.

Of particular interest to those new to the village and those who have lost/given away their copy, the excellent publication 'Shadwell and its People' has been reprinted by the History Society. Copies are only £7.50 and contain a wealth of information about the Village. Copies available from the History Society.

One of the most important aspects of the Village highlighted in the Neighbourhood Plan Survey was the Post Office and Shop. This was felt to be equally important by all age groups. We all know that over the years, thanks to various Governments, Post Offices have lost many of their functions, thus reducing the salaries of Sub Post Masters and making businesses unsustainable. We are lucky still to have a full working Post Office and shop in Shadwell, owned by a 'Shadwell' person who is only too willing to stock lines requested by his customers. However, 'times are hard' and if we don't make the effort to actually use the Post Office and the shop, we will most certainly lose them. Indeed we have heard that the East Keswick Post Office has closed, with the shop following similarly, as it is no longer viable. This demonstrates the challenges that many smaller village Post Offices are facing. We hope that we could all try and use the facility more – it would be tragic to lose such an important and valued facility from the Village.

Don't forget the Council surgery in the library on the first Saturday of the month. We are always pleased to see you and answer any questions you may have.

Debbie Potter
Chairman

Close-up of a Councillor – Norman Taylor

I was brought up within a small farming community in Worcestershire and hence the continuing interest in all things related to the countryside -including the machinery used therein! After Worcester RGS, National Service (2 years) and Imperial College (8 years) I arrived in Leeds in 1967 to become a Chemistry Lecturer at Leeds University and remained so until retirement in the 90s. Interests here included liquefaction of coal and software associated with electrochemistry.

In '70 I married Pamela - another academic - and have a physicist son - now a Patent Attorney.

We moved from Meanwood to Shadwell in '75 to become (necessarily) involved in DIY at our Victorian House in Gateland Lane. This continues unabated!

I joined the Shadwell Residents Association soon after arrival and after a few years followed Valerie Kendall as Chairman. Debbie Potter then became Secretary and with Dorothy Carlin as Treasurer we ran this until the Parish Council was established in 2002 - to greatly improve the remit and finances of representation in Shadwell. About this time Debbie Potter, Robert Dyson and myself also floated Shadwell in Bloom and we have remained happily committed to this and built success upon success till this day. I still turn out on SIB Tuesday mornings - volunteers welcome! Over the years the formation of Holywell Park and the location of the Scout Hut at the Red Lion have become to me an icing on the cake as far as Shadwell is concerned! Enough said of these rather entwined relationships!

About '86 Pamela and I were co-founders of White Rose Canoe Club. This remains at our more recent Roundhay Park venue a most vibrant and important club which has supplied several Regional Chairmen of the governing body including myself. Councillor Ann Castle presided over our initial opening- via her then Deputy Lord Mayoral position. Apart from our continuing canoeing activities we remain further committed to sport via Leeds Sports Federation and are members of the Leeds City Council Sports Grants Panel which distributes funds to clubs city wide. Councillors Peter Harrand and Matthew Robinson are colleagues on this important joint venture of LSF with the City Council. Shadwell Cricket Club has benefitted from Pamela's tea making expertise in the past and I have more recently given support during planning and ground re-location. Involvement continues here with the task of with keeping mowers and rollers 'going' throughout the season.

Other bits:

We bought a derelict farmhouse in the Lot Valley in France and in its restored condition- complete with riverside access –this has provided great family holidays for more than 30 years. Life is now deservedly complicated by grandchildren and involvement in a seemingly ever widening family!

Neighbourhood Planning

The Steering Group continue with the work on the Neighbourhood Plan for Shadwell. Although things have been little quiet over the summer, September will see the start of a push towards the finalisation of a Plan.

You may be aware that all the sites identified for Shadwell in the SHLAA site plan have been sieved out. This, on the face of it, means that Shadwell need expect no future development. Some may think, therefore, that there is no need to produce the Plan.

However, in reality, if we don't have a Plan, we are still in a vulnerable position. The Plan lasts for 15 years, and during that time, there is bound to be demand for development in Shadwell. The Neighbourhood Plan is not in place to prevent all future development, but to ensure that any development is of a scale and design that is acceptable to the community. This can only be achieved by consultation with all residents, businesses and those working in the village.

The Steering Group has obtained a substantial grant towards the production of the Plan, and the Parish Council thanks all the members for their continued enthusiasm and dedication to this scheme.

Shadwell Local History Society

Shadwell Local History Society was launched last year and since then has held a number of events, including walks and talks, displays and publications.

The Society is now hoping to develop further and are looking for volunteers to help with the following:

- 1) Oral history
- 2) Organising events
- 3) Developing a website
- 4) Digitising the archive
- 5) Organising displays
- 6) Publications
- 7) Guides and trails

Please contact Denise Trickett(denise.trickett@btinternet.com) Tel 07850 283 529 or Robert Dyson (shadwelldyson@btinternet.com) Tel 07796 430 195 for further information. Thank you

From the Clerk's Desk

Four years ago, I had given up hope of ever becoming a grandmother. Now I have four granddaughters – Thalia aged three, Layla aged two, Alexia six months and Xanthe two months – and I am besotted with them all. For this reason, I have offered to help the busy parents with childcare and with effect from 1st September, I am only working four hours a week – on a Monday morning. Luckily I have a new administration assistant, Janet Parkin, who will be covering the other six hours a week. You can contact Janet with any queries at admin@shadwell-parish-council.org. Janet was formerly employed years by Kirklees Council, so is experienced with the workings of local government.

Local organisations – This is just a reminder to local organisations that the Parish Council is happy to advertise your events in the newsletter. Send a short diary note to be included in the next newsletter, due out at Christmas, to clerk@shadwell-parish-council.org to cover events in January – March 2014.

Grants Meeting – The next meeting when grant applications will be considered is on Monday, 14th October. Please let me have your applications by 28th September for inclusion on the October agenda.

Facebook – Remember to “like” us on Facebook!

Forthcoming Events

Shadwell Cricket Club

* Village Firework Display (with School PTA) - 2nd November at Shadwell Primary School

* Senior Presentation Evening, Buffet & Awards - 15th November

* Indoor 6-a-side cricket - for all levels (October to December)

For full details email enquiries@shadwellcc.org.uk

Meetings for next 3 months

Full Council (7.30pm)	14 October 2013 11 November 2013 9 December 2013
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Planning (7pm)	14 October 2013 11 November 2013 9 December 2013
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Finance (7.30pm)	28 October 2013
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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	5 October 2013 2 November 2013 7 December 2013
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Councillors and contact details

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