

# SHADWELL PARISH COUNCIL



## SPRING 2026 NEWSLETTER



### Shadwell Parish Councillors, January 2026

(Left to right standing: Cllr Nirmal Tulwa, Cllr Mandy Sherman, Cllr David Ford, Cllr Peter Gruen, Cllr John Fuszard. Sitting: Cllr Denise Trickett, Cllr Daljit Sehmi, Cllr Debbie Potter (Chairman), Cllr Norman Taylor)

## Letter from the Chairman



Welcome to the Spring 2026 newsletter.

We are delighted to welcome our newest Parish Councillor, John Fuszard. Some of you will have met John in the Library as he volunteers there. He is also very much involved with MaeCare. A full profile of John will appear in the next newsletter.

We are very lucky to still have our Post Office, Village Pub, and Library (more later). So many other villages have lost these amenities. We also have a very active Scouts movement, but sadly no Brownies or Guides due to a lack of a leader. If you could become that leader, please contact Howard Wilkinson on [wilkos@live.co.uk](mailto:wilkos@live.co.uk) to discuss further.

A date for your diary – **The Annual Parish Meeting** will be held on 7 April at 7.30 pm in the Library. Do come along to this open meeting for the parish and find out what's going on!

## CHRISTMAS IN SHADWELL



Our Christmas festivities went very well this year. The Lights switch on held at the Red Lion was very well attended. The Parish Council supplied mulled wine, orange juice and mince pies. The excellent choir from Shadwell Primary School joined us and sang an amazing selection of songs. The children were fantastic. We were also joined by Father Christmas who had managed to find a bit of spare time during his very busy period!!

The over 80s in the village received a bowl of hyacinth bulbs. The Parish Council put Christmas trees up at the shops, the Village Green and the Fish and Chip shop.

The Christmas lights seemed better this year than last, and, unlike last year, probably only one failed. Also, unlike last year, when the lights were still burning bright until the end of February(?), they were switched off just about on 12<sup>th</sup> night!

## RECREATION CENTRE, HOLYWELL LANE

At last, the planning application was verified by Leeds City Council after they requested several other surveys to be submitted. We hope a decision will be made in March. If planning permission is granted the next steps will be demolition of the existing structure, and then a great deal of fund raising.

Interestingly, the building was previously known as Holywell Lane Social Club and was registered as such with Land Registry. Some of the older residents may remember it under that name? We imagine it was changed to avoid confusion with the large Social Club formerly on Main Street, behind the library.

## **VACANCY FOR A VILLAGE MAINTENANCE CONTRACTOR**

Shadwell Parish Council is seeking a self-employed contractor to help maintain our lovely village.

We are looking for someone who could work for four hours a week – ideally each Tuesday morning to work alongside our Shadwell in Bloom volunteers, but additional hours may be available depending on what needs doing week to week.

Duties will include helping to maintain flower beds, troughs and baskets, grass cutting, trimming back hedges and undergrowth and maintenance of noticeboards, benches and other parish-owned street furniture.

If you are interested in taking up this role please contact our Parish Clerk, Mike Woods, 07751 718483 ([clerk@shadwell-parish-council.org](mailto:clerk@shadwell-parish-council.org)) in the first instance.

## **GAZEBOS**

The Parish Council have 2 large gazebos which are available for hire by residents of Shadwell for public or private events.

Please contact the clerk if you would like to hire them.



## **BROWN BINS**

Collections for most of the village start again on 30 March 2026.

## **POTHoles**

The Parish Council is happy to report potholes around the village, so let us know where they are. However, you can also report them direct via Leeds City Council website. Go to '**Parking, Roads and Travel**'. Then 'Report an issue with a road or pavement.' You can also report issues on roads for cyclists and motorcyclists. Our bit of Wetherby Road seems to have suffered a lot of damage this winter. What appear to be temporary fixes were made. (Let's hope they weren't supposed to last!)

After the 1st emergency work and following repeated complaints from the parish council and numerous residents further more permanent repairs have been made. There is still more that needs doing so we will keep reporting the holes

There has been some talk that the road will receive a surface treatment. We wait and see.

## **ALLOTMENTS**

Although all the allotments are currently allocated, if you would like to be added to a waiting list, please contact the clerk.



## LIBRARY

We are very lucky in Shadwell to have our own Independent Library. Some years ago, Leeds City Council earmarked a number of Leeds libraries for closure. Shadwell was one of those. After a public outcry from the villagers, your Parish council entered into negotiations with LCC and were able to take over the building and the running of the library on a 99-year lease. We then set it up as a Charity, with three trustees, and a Committee to oversee the day to day running. Little did we know what an amazing asset this would become over the ensuing years.

The building, which was the original Methodist Chapel, and the facilities were in a deplorable state and over the years much needed work has taken place including re-roofing, new ceiling, lighting, flooring, kitchen, washroom, storage, heating ... to name just a few of the things that needed attention.

It has gone from strength to strength, not only operating as a library, but also as a café twice a week. Talks and events are held there, scrabble sessions, Crafters' sessions, Sweet Memories café for those with dementia, various meetings and it is also available for private hire. Why not give it a visit.

### **SHADWELL INDEPENDENT LIBRARY AND ARTS CENTRE** **LIBRARY OPENING HOURS**

Monday	3 - 5
Wednesday	10 - 12
Thursday	3 - 5
Saturday	10-12



Tel. 2656450 or [facebook.com/shadwelllibrary](https://www.facebook.com/shadwelllibrary) or [www.shadwell-library.org.uk](http://www.shadwell-library.org.uk) or email: [librarian@shadwell-library.org.uk](mailto:librarian@shadwell-library.org.uk)

The Centre is available to hire. Suitable for events, meetings, classes etc.  
Very reasonable rates. Please ring Linda on 07979798030 for details.



	Shop	Post Office
Monday to Saturday	9am – 6pm	9am – 6pm
Sunday	9am – 1pm	9am – 1pm
Bank holidays - Apr 6, May 4 & May 25	9am – 4pm	9am – 4pm

### *The Hardback Cafe*



at Shadwell Library

Community café serving fresh lunches, cakes & hot drinks – raising funds for the Library.

#### Opening days/times:

**Tuesday<sup>#\*</sup>**  
**11.00 - 1.30**

**Friday<sup>\*</sup>**  
**11.30 - 2.00**

*except the second Tues in the month*  
*\*not open on Bank Holidays or during Aug*

**FREE WiFi**    **CASH ONLY**

Takeaway food service also available

### *Sweet Memories*

A friendly, welcoming space for people living with memory loss and their carers. We offer a light lunch and often subsidised entertainment for £5.

We meet on the **second Tuesday of every month**, 10:30am–12:30pm.

Transport may be available by arrangement.

**Booking is essential.** For more information or to book, please contact **Pam on 07761 288133.**

## LEEDS FESTIVAL



The tickets Shadwell receives for the Bramham Park festival are a charity donation for the Library. The Library committee organise the draw for the tickets and are responsible for the administration. At the time of writing, the tickets haven't been confirmed, but they are willing to take your applications now. If you want to apply to be in the draw please send your name, address, telephone number for either one or two tickets to [debbieap15@gmail.com](mailto:debbieap15@gmail.com) Only available to residents in the village and Parish Council area.



## SHADWELL IN BLOOM

Shadwell in Bloom continue to work hard on our behalf. As mentioned before, they really need some more volunteers, so if you could spare a few hours a week, please get in touch with Martin on 07769 968084.

The In Bloom group rely on our contractor to help with jobs on the Tuesday morning session. We have been very lucky over the last 20 years to have had 2 really great contractors fulfilling this role, but unfortunately, Peter has decided to retire.

Please see the advert in this newsletter and contact the clerk if you would like to be considered. This is a paid position.

Have a look at the SIB Facebook page too.



## PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE

Just a reminder about the Parish Council website Every month we publish agendas and minutes of Parish Council meetings, but the website contains lots of information about what the Council is doing and many links to other organisations with contact details. Do have a look at [shadwell-parish-council.org](http://shadwell-parish-council.org). We also publish items of interest on our Facebook page, have a look at that too!

## **PARISH COUNCIL SURGERY**

Every month, one of the Parish Councillors holds a surgery in the Library between 10 am and 11 am on the first Saturday of the month. You can call in to discuss any issues you may have, or suggestions of ways things could be improved. We would be really pleased to see you.

**GRANTS** - don't forget – if your organisation or group needs a grant, please get in touch with the Parish Council Clerk or download a form from the website. Grants are considered quarterly.

**YOUR FEEDBACK** – is always welcome. Please feel free to let us have your comments or suggestions, or ways in which we can further improve our Village.

## **LIST OF COUNCILLORS AND MEETING DATES**

The Shadwell parish councillors and their contact details are:

<b>Councillor</b>	<b>Telephone</b>	<b>Email Address (where available)</b>
Debbie Potter (Chairman)	0113 265 7575	<a href="mailto:debbie.potter@shadwell-parish-council.org">debbie.potter@shadwell-parish-council.org</a>
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The Parish Clerk, Mike Woods, can be contacted by telephone on 0775 1718483 or by email: [clerk@shadwell-parish-council.org](mailto:clerk@shadwell-parish-council.org)

**The next meetings dates are:**

<b>Planning Committee</b>	– Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> March at 6:30pm
<b>Full Council</b>	– Tuesday, 10 <sup>th</sup> March at 7:00pm
<b>Annual Parish Meeting</b>	– 7 <sup>th</sup> April at 7:30pm
<b>Planning Committee</b>	– Tuesday, 14 <sup>th</sup> April at 6:30pm
<b>Full Council</b>	– Tuesday, 14 <sup>th</sup> April at 7:00pm
<b>Finance Committee</b>	– Tuesday, 14 <sup>th</sup> April at 8:30pm (or at the conclusion of Full Council, if later)

**Meetings are held in Shadwell Library, Main Street.**

**All residents are welcome to attend.**

**There is a public participation session at each meeting where residents have the opportunity to raise issues or ask questions.**

# WHAT'S ON

<b>MARCH</b>			
4	YCA AGM	2.00	Library
5	Film Club	7.30	Village Hall
7	Parish Surgery	10 - 11	Library
10	Shadwell Parish Council – Planning Shadwell Parish Council - Full Council (Grants Meeting)	6.30 7.00	Library
10	Café morning – Bacon Butties & Soup	10.30–1	Methodist Church
10	Sweet Memories	12.30	Leeds Golf Club
11	Scrabble	1.30	Library
16	PROBUS Mike Heath -My time as an advocate & Judge	10.30	Sand Moor Golf Club
18	Talk:Thomas Chippendale, Furniture Maker, 1718-1779	7.30	Library
28	Café & Spring Fair	10-12	Methodist Church
<b>APRIL</b>			
1	YCA <b>NEW WINTER CHANGE OF TIME/DATE</b>	2.00	Library
2	Film Club	7.30	Village Hall
4	Parish Surgery	10 - 11	Library
7	<b>Annual Parish Meeting</b>	7.30	Library
8	Scrabble	1.30	Library
14	Shadwell Parish Council – Planning Shadwell Parish Council - Full Council Shadwell Parish Council – Finance	6.30 7.00 8.30	Library
14	Café morning – Bacon Butties & Soup	10.30 – 1.00	Methodist Church
14	Sweet Memories	10.30-12.30	Library
15	Messy Church	2 - 4	Methodist Church
20	PROBUS Brian Joyce - War Graves Commission (CWGC) Gardening the Globe	10.30	Sand Moor Golf Club
25	Saturday Coffee and Cake morning	10-12	Methodist Church
<b>MAY</b>			
	YCA <b>TBA AFTER VOTE AT AGM</b>	2.00	Library
2	Parish Surgery	10 - 11	Library
5	Shadwell Parish Council – Planning Shadwell Parish Council - Annual Meeting of Council + Full Council	6.30 7.00	Library
7	Film Club	7.30	Village Hall
12	Café morning	10.30 – 1.00	Methodist Church
12	Sweet Memories	10.30-12.30	Library
13	Scrabble	1.30	Library
13	Talk: William Morris in Leeds and Bradford	7.30	Library
18	PROBUS Jan Levi - Kurt Hahn, the Jewish refugee who founded Gordonstoun	10.30	Sand Moor Golf Club
23	Saturday Coffee and Cake morning	10-12	Methodist Church

## WHO'S WHO

**PLEASE ADVISE OF ANY AMENDMENTS TO [lesley.shadwellnews@gmail.com](mailto:lesley.shadwellnews@gmail.com)**

<b>ST PAUL'S CHURCH</b>	Team Rector	Revd David Young	265 4926
	Churchwarden	Paul Bell	0777 1944305
<b>METHODIST CHURCH</b>		Rev Tanya Short	2666791
Senior Steward		Mrs Emelia Peterson	2892147
<b><u>SHADWELL VILLAGE HALL FEDERATION</u></b>			
Bookings. _____	<a href="mailto:Admin@stpaulsshadwell.org.uk">Admin@stpaulsshadwell.org.uk</a>	Joanne Lowe	0113 3459094
<b><u>SHADWELL PARISH COUNCIL</u></b>			
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<b><u>SHADWELL SCOUTS</u></b>	Monday 7 – 8.30	Howard Wilkinson	wilkos@live.co.uk
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<b><u>SHADWELL CUBS</u></b>	Thursday 6.30 – 8	Dennis Yip	luntatyip@gmail.com
<b><u>SHADWELL BROWNIES</u></b>	<b>VACANCIES</b>		
<b><u>SHADWELL GUIDES</u></b>	Please contact Howard Wilkinson		
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	Secretary /Treasurer	Anne Horne	0113 2737436
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