

# Shimpling News

Spring 2020

Issue 120

Alpheton and Shimpling Churches

# Spring Market

**Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> March**

**10.00-13.00**

**Shimpling Village Hall**

**Plants, produce, crafts, cake stall, Easter  
games for children**

**Bring your entries for the Shimpling  
Marmalade competition**

# **Parish Council News**

## **The Parish Council:**

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Vacancy

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The Parish Council meet bi-monthly in January, March, May (AGM), July, September and November of each year.

**Annual Parish Assembly** – Reports presented by the Council and local groups / charities/ committees from within the parish. Members of the public can speak freely at this meeting in May, raise issues and ask questions relating to the reports.

**Annual Meeting of the Council (AGM)** – Each May, Election of officers of the council. Declarations of acceptance of office.

**Parish Council Meetings** – Council considers matters relating to finance, planning and the Parish. Additional extraordinary meetings are held when required.

**Dates of meetings:** Parish council meetings will be held on the following dates;

Monday 16th March 2020 (moved from 9th March)

Monday 11th May 2020\*\*

Monday 18th May 2020

\*\*The Annual Meeting of the Parish, and the Annual Meeting of the Council will both take place on 11th May 2020.

## **Parish Council Website and Social Media and Notice Boards**

The village notice boards by the Village Hall and bus stop have been refurbished thanks to support from a villager and council information can be seen there. Alternatively, the village web site is now being regularly updated again as well as our Facebook and Twitter account. Please follow us on Twitter and like our Facebook page:

Twitter: @shimplingpc

Facebook: Shimpling Parish Council

Website: <http://shimplingpc.onesuffolk.net>

## **From Our Chair – Liz Brunwin:**

Since moving to Shimpling 5 years ago, I've been very impressed by the strong sense of community. I can't think of anyone who doesn't want to live in a village with a thriving community but when you are looking for a new home, it may not be the first thing on your mind.

Last year I was asked to take care of the Shimpling Archive; it was interesting to read how many community activities had taken place over the years from 50/50 auctions, whist drives, quiz nights, 8 day week (still not sure how this worked), fetes, coffee mornings etc. These events have raised significant amounts of money over the years but more importantly have brought the village together.

Recently it was heartening to hear how concerned villagers were for the more vulnerable members of our community when the buses to Bury were cut. As you will be aware, we with other local PC's, have managed to secure a bus on a Wednesday to Bury and this is being well supported although Suffolk County Council has made it clear that if this support doesn't continue, we may lose the service.

With budget cuts to local services, villages depend more and more on voluntary help to keep their villages tidy. You may

disagree with the politics of the cutbacks but at the end of the day, to make our villages decent places to live, we have to accept that these jobs need to be done.

The day after I moved to Shimpling, the Bush closed due to the untimely and tragic death of the landlady. I had been looking forward to having a pub within walking distance to where I lived in the village so this was a blow. It was a further year before Shimpling resident, Dawn Warner and her team, reopened the pub and she runs it very much with the local community in mind. We are so lucky to still have our pub (there were 2 in Alpheton that no longer exist). Certainly, estate agents and planning applications mention it as a facility in their selling pitches.

Our Village Hall Committee has worked tirelessly over the years producing pantomimes and social events that bring the village together. These are enjoyed by those who take part but none of this can happen without the villagers who organise them. They also do a fantastic job of maintaining the Village Hall. So many village halls are unused and unloved so if you feel that you could help them by becoming a committee member, we can then continue to run these types of events as well as introducing new ones.

I am always amazed by the numbers of people who offer help but I think it is important that we do our bit to support our community in order that it continues to thrive and stays the same special village that it is. I appreciate that our lives are very busy but if you feel that you can help in any way – volunteering and supporting village events, the village hall committee and the pub, it would be enormously appreciated.

***YOUR VILLAGE NEEDS YOU!***

**15<sup>th</sup> March** - Village Clean up morning – 11.00am from the Village Hall. Usually takes a couple of hours. This year, we would like to give the bus stop a spring clean so extra help is needed for this task.



**21<sup>st</sup> March** – St George's Churchyard tidy from 11.00am. We are lucky to have a loyal band of helpers who mow the churchyard on a regular basis, but we need a graveyard tidy each year to keep the area looking how we would all like to see it when visiting.

**28<sup>th</sup> March** – Spring Market at Village Hall 10 – 13.00 (including the marmalade competition!)

**12<sup>th</sup> September** – By kind permission of the Pawsey family, the village fete will take place for the **first time** at Thorne Court in Shimpling. This is a biennial event and we expect large crowds, so as much help as possible is needed to ease the burden of the few.

*Please email me if you are interested in helping in any way or if you would like to give me any feedback from this article. It's your village! – [lb.shimpling@gmail.com](mailto:lb.shimpling@gmail.com) - 828122*

### What's been happening:

#### **Recycling**

Please remember that the parish council receives money from the paper and glass deposited in the recycling bins near the Bush PH. This income helps to run the council and therefore is a direct benefit to the village. **Please keep recycling.**

#### **Textile Recycling Bank**

Following on from our update in the last newsletter and positive feedback on the idea, the Parish Council (PC) will progress the initiative to try and secure a textile bank for the village to complement the bottle and paper banks.

#### **Annual Village Spring Clean**

A date has been set for the annual Village Clean Up morning of Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March at 11.00am. This is a chance to clear the village of litter and to clean road signs. This year she

would also like to add the cleaning of the village bus stop and will advertise and ask for volunteers to help with this.

## Public Transport

Following on from all the hard work done by Cllr Shrimpton and other local Parish Councils, the Chair was pleased to report that Suffolk County Council have agreed a weekly bus on a Wednesday to Bury St Edmunds. This service is subject to regular reviews so if it is not adequately supported, it will be withdrawn. This has been publicised in the local press and leaflets have been posted on noticeboards, through letter boxes, via the village round robin and on the Shimpling Community Facebook page. The Parish Council continue to press for public access to the school bus each morning



Excerpt from Bury Free Press

Delighted villagers welcome the return of bus route 375 to  
Bury St Edmunds

Villagers gathered at the bus shelter in Shimpling village early

on the this morning as they enthusiastically awaited the return of route 375 bus service between Sudbury and Bury St Edmunds.

The bus service, which was axed last November, was reinstated on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2020 following a campaign led by villagers and Parish Councillors for the provision of a much-needed bus route which helps to combat social isolation.

Working with Suffolk County Council, Chambers Bus has taken over the route and the morning service will arrive in Bury at 10.22am, with a return bus at 1.15pm.

Speaking at the bus shelter, resident Sylvia Small said, "I am so happy the service has come back. I don't get out a lot and don't drive, so without a bus service I would be stuck at home. I am heading into Bury St Edmunds today as I finally have a chance to get to a shop and recycle my batteries."

The weekly service, which runs every Wednesday between Bury St Edmunds and Sudbury serves the villages of Alpheton, Shimpling, Cockfield, Lawshall, Hawsted, Nowton.

"It's so convenient travelling into Bury St Edmunds by bus, it takes you on a picturesque route right into the heart of the town and back again, no hassle, no fuss. We love to visit for a coffee, a bit of shopping and even to browse the library but also in the summer, we can enjoy a few hours at the wonderful park the town has to offer," commented David and Madeline Gray.

Mrs Gray is also a Parish Councillor for Alpheton Council.

Also, on board was college student George Cooper who remarked, *"Travelling by bus allows me to better manage my own time without having to rely on family to take me to and from college. I currently catch the Chambers 751 and now the 375 into Bury St Edmunds, but the new service allows me a bit more time in the morning which means I even get a lie in!"*

In a growing society, where social isolation is becoming even more apparent and may impact on people's mental health and wellbeing, local resident Colin Johnston commented, *"Our bus service is very important, especially for residents who are unable to walk far or don't have access to a car. The bus service not only gives these people a reason to get out and about but also an opportunity to chat with others as they travel together."*

John West from Hawsted Council and Gerry Shrimpton from Shimpling Village both thanked Chambers Bus for bringing the service back.

*"We are delighted that Chambers has reinstated route 375 back to our villages and we hope that our villagers continue to support the bus service, so it remains viable route,"* said John West.

With many children growing up in these villages, the demand for access to these large towns will continually increase. Helen Pilgrim, a mum of teenagers stated that *"It will be great for our children to have access to the bus service, at least once a week in the school holidays, allowing them time to go shopping and meet up with friends."*

*"It was wonderful to see so many happy passengers getting on board today"* said Elizabeth Roberts, Operations Manager for Chambers Bus. *"We have worked very closely with local councillors and Suffolk County Council to develop a solution for all since it was cut last November. We will continue to review its demand over time and hope that the service continues to receive the level of support which has been shown today."*

Villagers can travel from Shimpling to Bury St Edmunds on route 375 for £3.50 return, with cheaper fares at each village on route. Bus passes can be used.



## Assets of Community Value

Following a suggestion from a villager, the PC are considering applying for the Bush Inn Public House to be registered as an Asset of Community Value. This was discussed at the last PC meeting and the PC agreed to move forward by writing to the owner.

It is important to point out that, while the PC does not need the consent of the owner to progress this, all it does is register and interest for the village in the pub in case it ever came up for sale. The PC considers the pub to be a vital community asset and encourages all villagers to use it as often as possible to ensure it continues to be a worthwhile business.

Further information about the scheme can be found: <https://www.babergh.gov.uk/communities/community-rights/about-community-right-to-bid/>

## District Councillors

Our District Councillors usually attend each Parish Council meeting and can also be contacted as follows:

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**Planning:** There have been 3 new applications since our last newsletter in November. Others are updated below:

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Application	Shimpling PC Comments	Planning Authority Decision
Barn at Shimplingthorne, Old Rectory Lane, Shimpling	supported	Approved
Cracketts, The Street, Shimpling	Appeal supported	Appeal dismissed
Giffords Hall, Hartest Hill, Shimpling	No issues raised	Approved
Rye Cottage, Bunkers Hill	Responded for more information	Approved
The Brindles, Aveley Lane, Shimpling	Awaits	Awaits

## **RIP Eric Charles Stevenson 29.08.25 – 09.02.20**

What a character!....

There was Eric the horn player, and enthusiast of anything to do with the horn-playing world; Eric the organist; the composer of cheeky poems; the raconteur extraordinaire; the enthusiastic monitor of all the local footpaths; the player of practical jokes; the breaker of numerous things about the home!; the painter..... I could go on.

Eric, and Joan, were at the centre of things in Shimpling for many years – with them both being very hands-on with church and village events. Eric was fantastic at making new members of the community feel welcome, regularly extending invitations to Joan's wonderful hospitality! While Joan expertly got on with the hard work behind the scenes Eric had a chance to share his wealth of great stories and his passion for music, art, medieval history, John Clare, faith, and of course the north east!

It is lovely to think back to this most sociable and engaging Eric before he was beset by the challenges of old age. I certainly will do so for many years to come with real affection, and with thanks for any of that enthusiasm that may have rubbed off on those of us who had the privilege of knowing him.

Now at peace – 'The Earl of Byker' Keep-ahaad bonny lad!  
Please contact Charlotte at [charlottefblyth@btinternet.com](mailto:charlottefblyth@btinternet.com) or 01284 827008 to get contact details for Joan Stevenson.

## **RIP—Edwin Blowes**

*Edwin Blowes and his sister Gwen built Thorne Gables in the Street, Shimpling for their retirement and spent many happy years living in the village. They came from North London where Eddie ran an electrical shop and Gwen was a teacher. Sadly, Eddie has recently passed away and Gwen has moved to an apartment in Norwich to be closer to her family.*

*Eddie and Gwen were very community spirited. Soon after they arrived, they got involved with the refurbishment of the village hall in 1996. Eddie was a man of high standards and helped us to replace windows and furnishings with top quality products that have stood the test of time. He wouldn't settle for the affordable basic wooden window frames, and insisted on paying for durable low-maintenance UPVC frames. Twenty four years later – how grateful we are to Eddie.*

*They were keen to see the hall in regular use and for many years ran monthly whist drives which were very popular. As well as the Village Hall, they regularly attended Parish Council Meetings, supported church events and were genuinely interested in the welfare of their neighbours – particularly young families.*

*A tree planting will take place in memory of Edwin at Thornham Woods, Thornham Magna, near Eye, Suffolk - on the 28th March.*

*Jenny Pine  
Past Chairman, Shimpling Parish Council  
1991-1995*

# Two Tales ... A Single Thread



**A presentation by Anne Grimshaw in two parts....**

**Wednesday, March 18th. Lavenham Village Hall**

Doors Open (with the bar): 7.00pm Presentation Begins: 7.30pm

**'Broad Stripes and Bright Stars'** - Sudbury has a connection to America about 130 years before 'the Yanks' turned up during the Second World War! On air bases and in army camps all over Britain, they would have sung their national anthem. Few, if any, of those soldiers and airmen, would have known that without Sudbury's contribution in 1814, there might never have been the American national anthem!

**'The Name on the Bag'** - What's the connection between a battered WWII USAAF Officer's bag and film star Clark Gable and Sudbury? Where in the town can you see three pilots in a row – and why was a white plastic sack in a Lincolnshire field a landmark? And *Miss B. Havin* – who's she? And....whose name was on the bag?

**Tickets £5 from:**

Lavenham Village Hall  
Church Street  
Tel: 01787-248599

Lavenham 'Hub'  
2, Lady Street  
Tel: 01787-249939



All proceeds go towards the USAAF 487th Bomb Group Memorial Fund.





# HELP WANTED

## FOR OUR ANNUAL CHURCHYARD TIDY

**WHICH WILL TAKE PLACE AT ST GEORGES,  
SHIMPLING FROM 11.00AM ON SATURDAY 21<sup>st</sup>  
March 2020.**

*We look  
forward to  
seeing you*



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please bring them along*

***Under 18s must be accompanied  
by an adult***



**Save the Date**  
**Village Fete**  
**Thorne Court, Shimpling**  
**12<sup>th</sup> September 2020**



If you are interested in being on the Fete Committee or helping in any way, please contact Charlotte Blyth  
[charlottefblyth@btinternet.com](mailto:charlottefblyth@btinternet.com)

**Forthcoming Films at Alpheton Village Hall**

March 17th Rocketman (Story of Elton John)

April 21st Yesterday (musical comedy about the Beatles)

May 19th The Current War (drama between inventor Thomas Edison and entrepreneur Westinghouse)

7.30pm Start, £4 entrance including tea/coffee & biscuits, licenced bar





## Ten Plimsoll Lines

During Victorian times many lives were lost at sea. Too often this was not due to the unpredictability of the weather, but on ships being overloaded by their greedy owners. Aggrieved by the loss of life on these 'coffin ships', an MP called Samuel Plimsoll campaigned for a line to be drawn around every hull signifying the maximum load. His 'Unseaworthy Ships Bill' was passed by Parliament in 1876. To this day across the world, the 'Plimsoll line' continues to serve as a clear line which must not be passed in order to preserve life, and indeed to obey the law.

I recently read about a church minister who compared the Plimsoll line to each of the Ten Commandments, reminding us that these were also lines which, for the sake of those around us, should not be crossed. Reflecting on a lifetime of teaching, he lamented that these clear warnings are no longer taken seriously: *"Within living memory ... the Ten Commandments ... were honoured publicly as rules for life and to break them publicly was something done with at least embarrassment and possibly shame. Then, with time, they became downgraded to being merely 'guidelines' or 'advice'; things that could be politely respected but then ignored. Now, if they are known at all, the Ten Commandments are openly treated with scorn or amusement. To take the plainest of the Commandments, we now find that such things as lying, adultery, hatred and greed are considered part of any normal human life."*

The fact is that the Ten Commandments have not lost their relevance. How many situations of pain are you aware of this week which have been caused by the breaking one of the commandments? More uncomfortably, how many times are we aware that we have broken the commandments ourselves, finding ourselves in deep water and in need of forgiveness – something which thankfully Jesus offers?

The Commandments were cast in stone, so however the waves of an ever-changing culture break against them, their judgement still stands. Perhaps it is time for our culture to take them



seriously once again, as we are confronted with so many shipwrecked lives?

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Churchwardens:

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[www.alphetonandshimplingchurches.org.uk](http://www.alphetonandshimplingchurches.org.uk)

### Shimpling Services

March 8th—9am—Shimpling

March 22nd (Mothering Sunday) - 9am Shimpling

April 26th—9am Shimpling

May 10th—9am Shimpling

May 24th—9am Shimpling

There is provision for children at all 10.30am services,

At Long Melford Most services include communion.

### **HELP!**

If you feel that you would like to help our loyal band of helpers at St George's (flowers, cleaning etc) you would be more than welcome.

Please contact

[charlottefblyth@btinternet.com](mailto:charlottefblyth@btinternet.com)

For more events and services, don't forget to look at our website [www.alphetonandshimplingchurches.org.uk](http://www.alphetonandshimplingchurches.org.uk).

(see also [www.longmelfordchurch.com](http://www.longmelfordchurch.com)).





# What a relief!.....



As ever, a great team from the village have shown true community spirit, working hard to come up with a solution to a problem.....

The problem being that of poor people travelling, often quite a distance, to get to special services or events at St George's only to find that they had to cross their legs when they got there! Well, now there is the nicest of chemical toilets in the Faint House at St George's (we use green chemicals for minimal environmental impact) and it's the perfect solution in our situation.

So may I, on behalf of the PCC extend our appreciation to all who have contributed in any way (excuse the pun), whether by having the light-bulb moment to have a (very smart) camping loo, or clearing out the Faint House, sorting all the treasures, scrubbing everything down, painting everything, re-glazing windows, fitting shelves, brackets, and so on.

The project has been a small triumph – one which would not have been possible without the generosity of many people, in terms of giving of their time, skills and also donations – so once again it's a big thank you to you all – you will be offering relief to many over the years to come!!

Charlotte Blyth, your relieved Churchwarden, on behalf of Alpheton and Shimpling PCC

Please visit our gallery at  
**[alphetonandshimplingchurches.org.uk](http://alphetonandshimplingchurches.org.uk)**



**PALM SUNDAY** *Sun 5<sup>th</sup>*  
*April*

9.00am

Holy Communion at Alpheton

10.30am

Family Communion at Holy  
Trinity, Long Melford

*meet at the bottom of The Green  
at 10am to walk up with the donkey*

6.30pm Choral Evensong at  
Holy Trinity, Long Melford

*... in the Chadbrook Benefice*

**TUESDAY** *7<sup>th</sup> April*

9.00am Morning Prayer in the Clopton Chapel, Holy Trinity

**MAUNDY THURSDAY** *Thurs 9<sup>th</sup> April*

7.00pm Maundy Thursday meal at Holy Trinity, Long Melford  
*with communion, stripping of the altar and 'the watch'*

**GOOD FRIDAY** *Fri 10<sup>th</sup> April*

10.00am Morning Prayer at Shimpling

2.00pm Devotional Service at Holy Trinity, Long Melford

**EASTER EVE** *Sat 11<sup>th</sup> April*

8.00pm Easter Vigil & Service of Light at Holy Trinity

**EASTER DAY** *Sun 12<sup>th</sup> April*

10.30am Easter Celebration - Family Communion, Holy Trinity

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[www.alphetonandshimplingchurches.org.uk](http://www.alphetonandshimplingchurches.org.uk)



Following the success of the 'Christmas Invitational Choir', the choir at Holy Trinity Church in Long Melford is again extending an invitation to those who would like join them for an Easter Day service (12<sup>th</sup> April) at 10.30am at Long Melford. We would ask that you attend at least two of the three rehearsals on Fri 27<sup>th</sup> March, Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> & Fri 10<sup>th</sup> April at 7.00pm. Interested ... please contact Nigel Brown on [nwbrown@btinternet.com](mailto:nwbrown@btinternet.com) or phone 01787 280035.

## Lent Lunches

usually including a brief reflection

**St Catherine's Church, Long Melford CO10 9JU**  
***On Friday's 28<sup>th</sup> Feb until 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2020 from***  
***12-1.30pm***





# CONNECT



## Connect Baby and Toddler Group - Songs, Story, & Craft

Monday mornings term-time 9 -11am, St. Catherine's Church, Long Melford, CO10 9JU

Pop in for a drink and a chat while your little ones play.



@longmelfordconnect

[www.longmelfordchurch.com](http://www.longmelfordchurch.com)

*... providing a solid  
foundation for the  
adventure of life*



**EVERY SUNDAY 10.30 – 11.45am\***

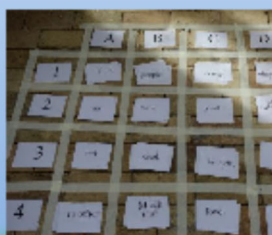
**Holy Trinity Church Long Melford**

*For children aged 4 – 11 years*

*All welcome; free admission*

*You are welcome to stay or drop-off*

**Game ...**



**Craft ...**



**Story ...**



Parents & carers welcome to stay with kids, join the main service, or pick up at the end.

If coming for 1<sup>st</sup> time please arrive early to register - part of our Safeguarding Policy.

Any questions 01787 310 845 / [nickyisfound@gmail.com](mailto:nickyisfound@gmail.com).

\* Except 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in the month which is a family service.



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*Under 18s must be accompanied by an adult*





## Have you always wished to try to draw and paint ?

If so why not join us at Shimpling Village Hall.

Beginners are welcome. It is not a teaching session but a way to meet others who enjoy painting and chatting and sharing ideas.

**Time 10 – 12 noon Tuesday mornings**

For more information please call:  
Diana and David 01284 827635

### **The Hallifax Trust**

Grants available for young people at college or Uni, must be under 25, have attended the primary school serving Shimpling and Alpheton, or have parents currently living in Shimpling. Funding is also available to help with travel costs for 6<sup>th</sup> Formers and for other village projects.

#### **Help us to Help our Children**

If you are interested in making a donation or legacy,  
please get in touch.

Contact the Secretary [hallifaxtrust@gmail.com](mailto:hallifaxtrust@gmail.com)

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(Registered Charity No 310396)

At our December meeting at Shimpling, we had a talk and

demonstration on couture millinery by a lady with the interesting name of Oggie Weldon. (She did not wish to divulge the origins of her unusual first name!). She explained how she had started in hat making and about the many unusual skills that are required. There was an extensive display of beautiful hats for us to admire!

For the competition members paraded in their own hats and Ali Hughes came first in a very trendy trilby.



In January we were introduced to Circle Dancing which, strangely, can be performed standing or seated! Our instructor was Jan Lerner plus assistant and with minimum of talk and instruction we began our first dance. The excellent music came from various countries such as Romania, Greece, Russia, Ireland and many others. After several walking dances we got our breath back with some sitting ones. We all agreed this had been a fun evening.

In February our speaker needed no introduction as it was Shimpling resident Jan Brownfoot on the subject of Bush Tucker to Designer Grub. She explained that she had gone to Australia as a child and had lived there for 15 years. We learned a little history of the Aborigines and the Settlers. The Aborigines did not cultivate crops but lived entirely on what was available in the varied climate in different parts of Australia. This was a plant based diet and very healthy. After years of relying on wool and lamb exports, there is now a much wider variety. Australian wine is very well thought of and among the tasty treats Jan brought to illustrate her talk were a couple of bottles. Who knew that a favourite treat for Australian children are sandwiches made with 100s and 1000s! We all wished we hadn't eaten before coming!.

In March, with return we hope of warmer weather, we shall be meeting at Alpheton at 7.30pm on 10<sup>th</sup> March, when our speaker will be Charles Garland on Dad's Army and the competition will be a TV Quiz. As usual visitors will be most welcome – why not come along and join us.



Paddy Trevelyan

## *Willow for the Garden* *Course 2020*

*with Charlotte Blyth at the  
beautiful  
Shimpling Park Farm Barn  
IP29 4HY*

*Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> April  
10-4*

*Weave a willow peony support  
and/or a willow dragonfly*

*Course fee - £50 includes lunch  
Materials to be paid for on the day*

***In aid of Alpheton and Shimpling Church Funds***







## *The Bush Inn, Shimpling*



The Bush Inn Public House is a family run business close to the historic market town of Bury St Edmunds and tranquil Lavenham. The Bush dates from the 16th century and retains many of its original features. In the cold winter months, you can keep warm and cosy by the inglenook fireplace whilst enjoying one of our exceptional guest ales or a glass of wine from our varied selection. During the long summer days why not enjoy the peace and tranquillity of our enclosed garden, perfect to enjoy some of our wonderful food and beverages as the evening draws in. The garden provides a safe, spacious environment for all the family to relax and enjoy their visit.

### The Food

We offer traditional home cooked food using all locally sourced fresh ingredients that are delivered daily.

Dawn – our Landlady and Chef – has been creating amazing dishes for over 17 years and to that effect our menu offers an array of delicious meat, fish and vegetarian options to cater for all tastes. We have daily special boards and a range of speciality coffees and hot beverages throughout the day to finish off your meal. All our desserts are homemade and change daily. We are sure there will always something on the menu that will tickle your taste buds.

**Disabled Access, Family Friendly, Dog Friendly, Real Fire**

Call us on 01284 828257 to make your reservation

# Bury bach choir

## Handel: Messiah

**Saturday 16 May 2020, 7.00pm**

**St Edmundsbury Cathedral, Bury St Edmunds**

**Fae Evelyn** soprano

**Valerie Reid** mezzo-soprano

**Austin Gunn** tenor

**Graeme Danby** bass

**Norwich Baroque**

**Bury Bach Choir**

**Philip Reed** conductor

Bury Bach Choir celebrates **Abbey 1000** and **The Bury Festival** by performing Handel's Messiah with professional soloists and period orchestra.

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# Electronic Version of The Shimpling News

The Shimpling News is now available on the Village Website so if you would prefer to receive an email informing you when the latest issue is available, rather than have a printed copy delivered to your door (by the dedicated local Distribution team !) please let me know so that we can reduce the number of printed copies we produce. This will all help to reduce the cost to the Parish Council and less printing means less carbon resources used— a win/win situation ??

<http://shimplingpc.onesuffolk.net/assets/Newsletters/Spring2020.pdf>

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## **DATE FOR YOUR DIARY**

**THE ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING  
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MONDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> MARCH 2020 - 7.45PM  
ST GEORGE'S CHURCH, SHIMPLING**

## **BOTTLE & PAPER BANKS**

By placing your empty bottles and papers in the bins provided near The Bush Pub, we receive money for the village community. Keep these telephone numbers handy so that if the Banks are full you can help by phoning and having them emptied.

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# Village Hall Hire Charges

	<u>Summer</u>	<u>Winter</u>
Half Day—Morning or afternoon up to 6pm		
Mon-Thurs	£20	£25
Fri-Sun	£26	£31
Evening from 6pm to Midnight		
Mon-Thurs	£26	£31
Fri-Sun	£38	£43
Concessions (Subject to Approval)		
All sessions	£18	£20
Hourly Rate per hour (max 3 hrs)		
Mon-Thurs	£5	£6
Fri-Sun	£6	£7

Sessions AM      8am—1pm  
 PM      1pm—6pm  
 Evening 6pm—midnight

Summer period 1st April to 30th September

Winter period 1st October to 31st March

Rates available to village residents & for village events.

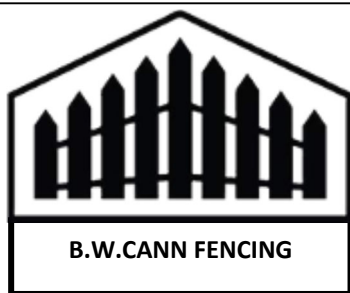
**Hire Enquiries – Contact Stan Milsom on 01284 828866**

**Drinkstone Annual Sale Trail 2020 - Saturday 2nd May – 9.30am – 2.30pm**

Households all around the village open up their garages to sell a wide range of items. Others prefer to sell their wares from a table top in the Village Hall, which is wheelchair accessible and where you will find delicious home-made cakes for sale, mouth-watering refreshments + toilet facilities.

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# ***Marquee for Shimpling***

*The Marquee 20ft x 40ft (6.1m x 12.2m)  
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*Please note the Marquee can be erected on **Soft Ground** not hard ground . **Installation Instructions and list of parts are available.**  
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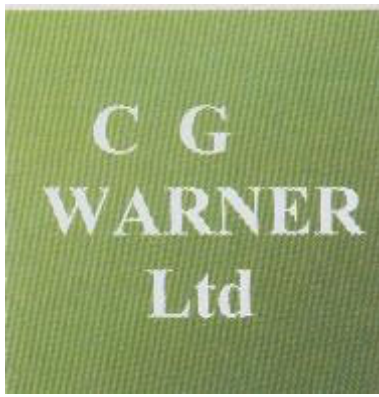
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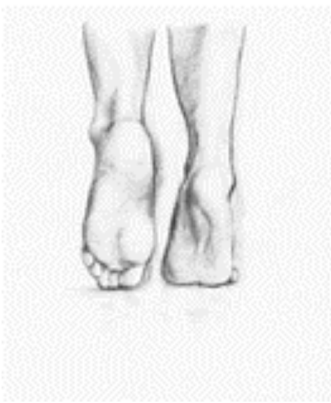


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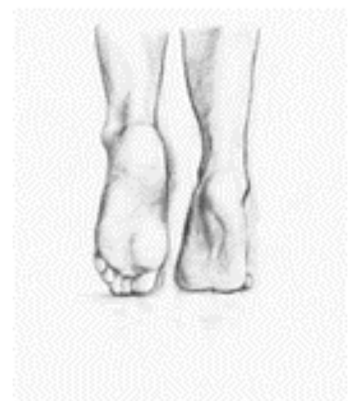
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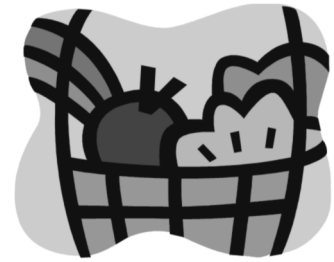
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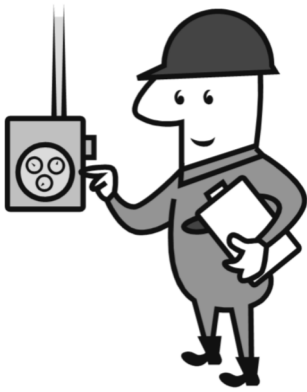


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