

Shimpling News

Autumn 2025

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ALPHETON AND SHIMPLING

HARVEST SUPPER

27 SEPTEMBER 2025

7 for 7:30

SHIMPLING VILLAGE HALL

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or 01284 828122
Adults £15 - Children £7.50

The Parish Council:

Mrs Liz Brunwin	01284 828122
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Mr Laurence Rooke	07818 797081
Vacancy	

Contact details for the Clerk are:

4 Park Farm Cottages, Brettenham, Suffolk, IP7 7QP

(Correspondence and Appointment only)

Email: Shimplingpc@gmail.com Telephone: 07940 223200

The Parish Council meet bi-monthly in January, March, May (AGM), July, September and November every year. Extra meetings may also be held throughout the year when required.

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 at 7pm on the following dates;

Monday 8th September 2025

Monday 10th November 2025

Monday 12th January 2026

Monday 9th March 2026

Please note these meetings will be held at the Village Hall.

Parish Council Website and Social Media and Notice Boards

You can find council information on the notice board by the bus stop in The Street. This is also circulated via our Village Round Robin System and posted on the Shimpling Community Facebook page. Alternatively, the village web site is regularly updated as well as our Facebook page. Please like our Facebook page:

Facebook: Shimpling Parish Council

Website: <https://shimpling-pc.gov.uk/>

Could you volunteer to help your Village?

We need a new Parish Councillor to join our team. Parish Councillors do a worthwhile job ensuring that your voice is heard and overseeing work so that your village is kept looking good. If you would like to know more about becoming a Councillor then please get in touch with the Clerk or any of our wonderful Councillors.

Report from Chair, David Dunkley:

The Chair reported in the July meeting;

It has been a relatively quiet time since May.

We are approaching the final stages of the project to introduce EV Car Chargers at the Village Hall with all documentation very close to agreement. At this stage, the

actual installation of the chargers has yet to be discussed.

The Neighbourhood Plan has been progressing well with a draft version of the plan about to be pulled together for discussion amongst the project group. However, the government has decided to cease funding the development of Neighbourhood Plans, although, apparently, still approving their creation, so we are discussing with our consultant on what is still left to do. Obviously, the Parish Council will now have to determine the best way forward.

The new bus service was finally announced. This will provide a 6-days a week service for the village, with bus times to be announced soon. I would like to thank Councillor Shrimpton for his considerable efforts, and patience, and also all of those connected with bus services at Suffolk CC for their support in providing the service.

On a broader note, Local Government Reorganisation and Devolution for Suffolk and East Anglia is ongoing, and at quite a fast pace as our area is designated as an early adopter. This is supposed to come with additional funding, but the level of that and where it will be allocated has not, as yet, been confirmed.

Devolved government, through the election of a Mayor, is different from Local Government Reorganisation, albeit collaboration will be necessary. Some dates to be aware of are:

- Election of Mayor. – May 26
- Shadow election of councillors to new authorities – May

- Implementation of new authorities – Apr 28
- It is unclear when elections to existing authorities will occur.

The Mayor will take over the responsibilities of the Police & Crime Commissioner, but PCC stays in place until 2028 when their term concludes.

Hopefully more clarity will show itself as time goes by.

Recycling

Please remember that the Parish Council receives money from the paper (although not cardboard) glass, clothing and shoes deposited in the recycling bins near the Bush Inn. Clothing and shoes should be bagged before depositing in the clothing/shoe bank. This income helps to run the council and therefore is a direct benefit to the village. **Please keep recycling.**

What the Parish Council have been up to ...

Over the last couple of months, we have:

Installed Solar Panels on the Village Hall

Renewed the lease for the Village Hall for 21 years!

Looking at getting EV Chargers at the Village Hall

Our Internal and External Auditors

Do you have new neighbours?

For some time now, the Village Hall Committee have been sending welcome letters with local information to new residents. If you have new neighbours, can you please let the Village Hall Committee shimplingvh@gmail.com know so that

they can organise a welcome letter.

Shimpling WhatsApp Support Group

This was set up at the start of COVID to support those in need but has developed into a good way of communicating with others in the village. Recently we were asked to relay an urgent message to a villager and were able to locate the person quickly using the WhatsApp Group. If you would like to join the group, please contact Katie Haselhurst kh.shimpling@gmail.com.

Neighbourhood Plan

The Neighbourhood Plan Working Group are working hard! For more information on the process or what has been produced so far look on the website: <https://shimpling-pc.gov.uk/neighbourhood-plan-2/>

Speeding

There have been issues raised regarding speeding in the Village, this has been raised both to the PC and it was commented on frequently in the Neighbourhood Plan Surveys. The PC are looking at possibly setting up a community speed watch. However, we will need volunteers! To set up a scheme

- You must have a minimum of 6 volunteers

- All the volunteers must be over 18 years old

- Each scheme must have a co-ordinator (who will be the point of contact for the team) and where possible a deputy

- The Parish (or local) Council support the scheme

- You will have to sign a CSW agreement and be vetted

Equipment will be provided by the Constabulary

Training will be provided on using the equipment and on Health and Safety issues

Volunteers will be covered by the Constabulary's insurance

Locations chosen will be assessed by the Constabulary

If you would like to volunteer, please do get in touch and let us know. We can only move this forward with enough volunteers.

Buses

Here is a link to the full timetable

[2024-05-29-Chambers-375.pdf \(suffolkonboard.com\)](https://suffolkonboard.com/2024-05-29-Chambers-375.pdf)

Here is a link to the full timetable

[2016-09-08-Felix-715.pdf \(suffolkonboard.com\)](https://suffolkonboard.com/2016-09-08-Felix-715.pdf)

District Councillors

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



Stephen Plumb 01787 280890
stephen.plumb@babergh.gov.uk

Michael Holt
01787 281712/07801 766813
michael.holt@babergh.gov.uk



Planning

There have been a number of planning applications since our last newsletter. Others are updated below:

DC/24/04287 - Rectory Cottage, Old Rectory Lane, Shimpling, Bury St Edmunds Suffolk IP29 4HQ - Full Planning Application - Erection of 1No replacement dwelling including enhancement of 5 acre horse paddock (existing dwelling to become Bat Habitat)	Did not comment	Not yet decided
DC/25/01655 - Land West And North Of Mill Cottage, Mill Hill, Shimpling, Bury St Edmunds Suffolk IP29 4HH - Planning Application - Change of use of land from agricultural to residential garden. Addition of a new boundary stock fence with straining wires, with mixed native hedgerow planted along the fence line	Did not comment	Not yet decided
DC/25/02008 - Lyndhurst, Little Chadacre, Shimpling, Bury St Edmunds Suffolk IP29 4HL - Full Planning Application - Subdivision of dwelling to form 2no. dwellings including alterations and extensions	Did not comment	Refused – Now under appeal
DC/25/02353 - Land Adjacent Gannock Bungalow, Old Rectory Lane, Shimpling, Bury St Edmunds Suffolk IP29 4HG - Planning application - Conversion of an Existing Agricultural Barn (Previously Approved Under Class Q) to Form One Dwelling	Did not comment	Not yet decided

Shimpling Parish Neighbourhood Plan

Following on from the last update in the Spring Newsletter; progress on the Neighbourhood Plan has been somewhat slow over the last few months.

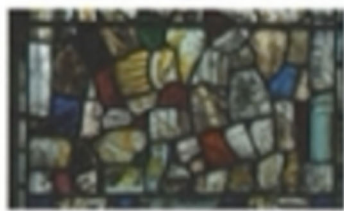
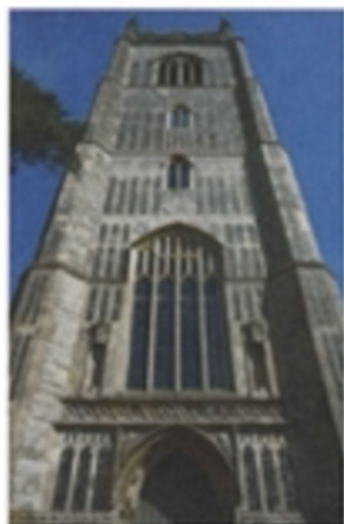
We are pleased to report that the Landscape Assessment Report is completed; which will be an appendix to the Neighbourhood Plan; along with the Design Guide. This will be uploaded to the village website shortly: <https://shimpling-pc.gov.uk/neighbourhood-plan-2/>

The Committee also met with the Consultant in early May to discuss what planning policies should be included in the Neighbourhood Plan and the Committee have just received the draft Neighbourhood Plan. The Committee are due to meet on the 5th September to review and feedback comments to the Consultant for further amendments; before it is submitted to the District Council, then for Independent Examination, before the final Parish Referendum.

However, in mid-June we were informed that the Government will not be funding the Neighbourhood Plan Support Programme for 2025/26 as a result of their Spending Review.

We are waiting for confirmation from the Consultant as to what has been already been paid for and therefore what is left that will no longer be covered by the Government funding. We believe we are three quarters of the way through and will therefore need to find funding for the final quarter. Once we have the full picture we can start to look into funding options but believe that it is important for the Neighbourhood Plan to be completed; especially as we have got this far!; and can confirm that this is the view of the Parish Council and Babergh District Council as well. We will keep you posted....

Committee members: Mark Beaver, Claire Douglas-Hughes (Chair), David Dunkley, Mike Fahie-Wilson, Jane Wall.



Fancy a bigger adventure? Join Suffolk's Ride and Stride this September

SUFFOLK HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST

Sponsored

Ride and Stride

EXPLORE SUFFOLK

**SATURDAY
13 SEPTEMBER**

9am to 5pm

Join Ride and Stride and sponsor your cycle or walk to raise money for Suffolk's wonderful church buildings.

Suffolk has over 500 churches, chapels and meeting rooms across all denominations and you will be amazed at the local history you will find in each and every one!

Local
organiser:

Jenny Pine

Pick up
sponsor
forms from
the Church.

TOGETHER WE ARE



THE CHURCH
OF ENGLAND
SUFFOLK

cotesuffolk.org

THE HALLIFAX TRUST

A locally based charity providing grants to students under the age of 25 receiving further education at colleges or universities or undergoing formal training for a profession or vocation.

These are non-means tested. To qualify students must simply have parents living in Shimpling or alternatively have in the past attended Lawshall School whilst their parents were living in Shimpling.

Funding is additionally available for other school and village projects. Applications from students for funding for the forthcoming academic year must be received by 30th September.

HELP US TO HELP OUR CHILDREN

We have recently received a small number of donations to the Charity for which we are extremely grateful. Please consider whether you could help with a donation or a legacy. These are tough times for students and the more funds we have the more we can help. For grants or donations contact:

hallifaxtrust@gmail.com

Claire Wilson 01284 830574 or Jenny Pine 01284 827073
Hallifax Educational Trust is a Registered Charity No.310396

NEW MON - SAT No 45 BUS SERVICE SUDBURY TO BURY ST EDMUNDS

From 31st August there will be a no 45 bus service from Sudbury to Bury St Edmunds and return travelling through and via Tesco, Sudbury, Melford, Bridge St., Shimpling, Lawshall, Hawstead and Low Green. An additional stop to the previous route is scheduled at West Suffolk Hospital.

So please take advantage of this 'new' contact with the outside world as it is provided on the basis of 'if we don't use it we will loose it'



ALL IT TAKES IS A MOMENT

SPEEDING CAN RUIN LIVES

Almost 30% of road fatalities
are caused by speeding.



**Give yourself time
to react & slow down on the road**

drivingsafetyawareness.site.co.uk



Reflection - Just 10

(this is an article I first wrote for the Melford Village Magazine a few weeks ago, however in Shimpling you may identify who I am talking about ...!)

I was put in my place earlier this week. On a day when I had completed my tax return and battled with Church of England bureaucracy, I popped into The Bush in Shimpling for some late evening relief after a meeting. I confess to having a bit of rant about all the rules and regulations in modern life. However, the lady behind the bar asked me what my problem was because “I only had ten!”.

It actually took me a second or two to see the twinkle in her eye, and to realise that she was talking about the Ten

Commandments! Perhaps we all need reminding so here's a summary of them: worship God not idols, don't misuse God's name, have a day of rest, honour your parents, don't kill, don't commit adultery, don't steal, don't lie, don't lust, and don't be envious. Reading through the list I wonder which ones stand out for you?

Laws are intended to protect the vulnerable, and to encourage loving behaviour and social cohesion; furthermore, they should be applied consistently. Much as laws are important, one does sometimes wonder whether our society is becoming so overwhelmed with rules and regulations that, rather than enabling life to flourish, they risk becoming a miserable burden or even a tool of control.

Jesus summarised the commandments using just two - love God and love your neighbour. To do this we do need still to treat the laws of our land with respect wherever possible. Accordingly, I had a coffee (not excessive alcohol!), and after enjoying some conversation drove home below the speed limit. Given all that is going on in the world at the moment maybe I should not let



myself get so wound up.

Thankyou - Barn Dance and Garden Party

The weekend of the 9/10 August was very hot! It saw plenty of activity, with a Barn Dance at the Pawseys Barn raising money for Alpheton Village Hall which also raised approx. £300 for Alpheton & Shimpling churches in the raffle. There was also a fantastic Garden Party at Ford Hall in Bridge Street on the Sunday (which also raised several hundred pounds for the church). Thank you so much to all who made these such wonderful events - and apologies for the 'no show' from the Rector who was on holiday / in Covid quarantine.

Church Services

September

Sun 7 th	9.00am	Alpheton	Communion
	4.00pm	Lawshall	Family Service #
	6.30pm	Melford	Choral Evensong
Sun 14 th	3.00pm	Wild Church	Foxearth Meadows
Sun 21 st	9.00am	Shimpling	Communion
	4.00pm	Melford	'Shine' Informal Worship #
Sun 28 th	4.00pm	Tba	Pub Social #
	6.30pm	Lawshall	Evening Communion

October

Sun 5 th	9.00am	Alpheton	Harvest Communion
	4.00pm	Lawshall	Harvest Festival
	6.30pm	Melford	Choral Evensong
Sun 12 th	4.00pm	Tba	Wild Church #
Sun 19 th	9.00am	Shimpling	Communion
	4.00pm	Melford	Messy Church (loc'n tbc) #



THE PARISH OF ALPHETON AND SHIMPLINGTHORNE

Sun 26 th	4.00pm	Melford	'Shine' Informal Worship #
	6.30pm	Lawshall	Evening Communion
November			
Sun 2 nd	9.00am	Alpheton	Communion
	4.00pm	Lawshall	Family Service
	6.30pm	Melford	Choral Evensong
Sun 9 th	9.00am	Shimpling	Remembrance
	10.45am	Lawshall	Remembrance
Sun 16 th	9.00am	Shimpling	Communion
	4.00pm	Tba	Pub Social #
Sun 23 rd	4.00pm	Melford	'Shine' Informal Worship #
Sun 30 th	6.30pm	Lawshall	Evening Communion

for our 4 o'clock community with family friendly services
socials and events almost every Sunday at 4.00pm, contact
Nicky on [07938 681319](tel:07938681319) or chadbrooklightwave@gmail.com
... and Communion at Holy Trinity Long Melford **every Sunday at 10.30am**

(Google 'Holy Trinity Long Melford Facebook' for *livestream*).
Children welcome at all 10.30am services there is a children's
area at the back of Holy Trinity Please see

www.longmelfordchurch.com for any updates. For further
information on our toddler and youth groups, please contact
Pam on [07890 880976](tel:07890880976) or melfordfamilyworker@gmail.com.
For more details or any questions, please contact Vicky on
[07804 558160](tel:07804558160) or chadbrookoffice@gmail.com.

Rector: Rev'd Matthew Lawson 01787 310845

Churchwarden: Vacant

Church Contact : Charlotte Blyth 01284 828544
07939 194233



THE PARISH OF ALPHETON AND SHIMPLINGTHORNE

THE EMERGERS CHARITY FUNDRAISER

**PLAYING FOLK,
CLASSICAL AND BLUES**

SAT OCTOBER 11TH 2025

7-10PM

**ALL SAINTS CHURCH,
LAWSHALL**

RAFFLE

LICENSED BAR

**HOTDOG INC. WITH
TICKET**

ADULT £12

CHILD (12-18) £5

INFANT (UNDER 5) FREE

TICKETS ON THE DOOR

**PROCEEDS TO CHURCH TOWER FUND AND
SEN EQUIPMENT FOR LITTLE SAPLINGS
PRESCHOOL**

**FOR MORE INFO EMAIL:
HELLO@LAWSHALLLITTLESAPLINGS.CO.UK
GRANDMACOEE@YAHOO.CO.UK**



Shimpling & Alpheton WI

8th July 2025

Our speaker at short notice was Diana from Rural Coffee Caravan, which may be familiar to some of you. RCC is a charity formed 21 years ago by farmer's wife Sally Fogden during the Foot and Mouth crisis when rural communities were especially isolated. From one caravan taking kindness, friendship and support around rural villages, it has grown and operates over most of the county at no cost to people attending, unless they would like to make a donation. They estimate they have provided 9,000 cups of tea and coffee (not to mention cake!) and help with sharing information about anything from benefits to power networks, wills, call pendants, health and so much more, including changing ferrules on walking sticks!



5th August 2025



Shimpling and Alpheton WI are COOL! Our women (and some of our invited partners) have got rhythm! We had a fantastically fun evening doing African drumming with Modou Diouf who is from the Sere people of Senegal, West Africa, & has a

long ancestry of griots (musicians). His instrument is the sabar

drum, played with the hand & stick. He taught us simple techniques (which actually need a lot of co-ordination!) At first, we all learned rhythms together. By the end of the evening, small groups were proudly holding their own playing complex rhythms against poly rhythms from everyone combined! We couldn't wipe the smiles off people's faces! Go, Shimpling and Alpheton - go!
Tania Thompson 07795 631614
taniathompson1963@gmail.com



‘Hello’ Alfie’s No Brainer Quiz

**At The Bush on
Saturday 18th October, 7.30pm
Everyone Welcome !**

**Copy for the December 2025 edition is required by
22nd November 2025 (A4 WORD or .PDF file please)
Sarah Smith—slsconsulting21@outlook.com
07774 116128**

**When advertising events please ensure there is a
contact name with a landline number.
Please remember not everyone is on the Internet !!**

HARTEST AND DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB



We have had a busy few months throughout June and July, with some amazing visits to four local gardens, each enjoyed in glorious sunshine.

Church Cottage, Troston packs a lot into its $\frac{3}{4}$ of an acre, showcasing a yew allée, mixed borders (including grasses, roses and perennials), an informal pond and a 'New Wave Perennial' open border, a small area of woodland plants, trees and shrubs, a gravel garden and a productive kitchen garden with raised beds (including one for alpine plants) and not one, but two greenhouses!

Brook Farm, which has been lovingly created over the last five years by Mary Giblin, a former GP at Glemsford Surgery. Largely created during the COVID lockdown, alongside her octogenarian mother, Mary reshaped the existing herbaceous borders and removed laurels, briar roses, matted grass, ground elder, brambles and nondescript trees. Numerous flowering shrubs have since been added alongside cottage garden perennials, a new kitchen garden, greenhouse and cutting garden. In total, the garden covers 9.5 acres with a 4.5 acre woodland and lake.

This was followed by a visit to the beautiful garden of a **Gardening Club member** who has found great solace and a new-found interest in the garden that his late wife loved so much. The tour was called '*Life without the Lady Gardener*' with all donations in aid of Marie Curie, a cancer charity that gave practical help during a very difficult time.

Denston Hall is home to James and Selina Hopkins. Selina is garden designer Xa Tollemache's daughter and grew up at Helmingham Hall. Originally designed by Mark Rumary,

Denston Hall gardens have subsequently been influenced and adjusted by Xa Tollemache. As well as a fruit, vegetable and cutting garden there are borders containing step-over apples, with the walls providing sheltered space for vines and figs. Other features included shrub borders, a nut walk and a quincunx of medlar trees.

If you missed the visits and want to catch up, you can still enjoy them via photos on our Instagram page:

@[hartest_gardening_club](#) or our website: <https://hartestgardeningclub.onesuffolk.net>

It has been very hot and dry over the last few months, and whilst this is great weather for getting outside and enjoying the countryside, it is quite tricky to garden, especially with our Suffolk clay soil! So, we hope you have been watering your plants and tending your flowers in preparation for our **Annual Show on Sunday 7th September, at 2.30pm.**

All the details (including the Show Schedule) are available via our website, but a reminder of the timings are below:

Saturday 6th September
4.30-6pm—Staging
Between

Sunday 7th September
9.00-11.00—Staging
11.15am—Judging
2.30pm—Open to Public
3.00pm—Awards
3.30pm—Raffle

Traditional village garden shows are increasingly scarce, so please do come and support our garden show and enjoy an afternoon of village life – its only 25p to enter! If you don't want to enter, but want to support us, then do come along and enjoy the wonderful displays of flowers, vegetables, baking and crafts.

We always welcome new members to our very friendly and welcoming club. We hold monthly meetings at 7.30pm, on the

first Monday of each month at the Hartest Institute.
Membership is £15 per person or £25 for a couple. The first visit is free!

We are starting to plan visits and talks for 2026, so if there are particular gardens you wish to see, speakers you'd like to hear, or you want to find out more about joining, email hartestgardeningclub@gmail.com

Kit Morrison, on behalf of H&DGC:
hartestgardeningclub@gmail.com

Useful Online Reporting Tools

Many issues can be reported online by residents at <https://www.babergh.gov.uk/report-online> Including potholes, overgrown vegetation, littering and fly-tipping
Flooding can be reported at <https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/flooding-and-drainage/report-a-flood-in-suffolk>
Local road closure information can be found at [one.network](https://www.one.network)

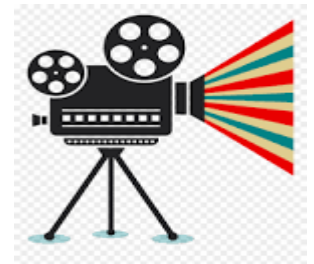
The Alpheton Film night is on the 2nd **Monday** of each month.

Mon. 8th Sept. MURDER on the ORIENT EXPRESS. (mystery drama) Kenneth Branagh, Judi Dench.

Mon. 13th Oct. JOYRIDE. (drama) Olivia Colman, Charlie Reid.

Mon. 10th. Nov. GLASS ONION: A KNIVES OUT MYSTERY. (whodunnit) Daniel Craig, Edward Norton.

Doors open 7pm for 7.30pm start. Admission price is £5 including tea/coffee & biscuits. The Bar will be open.



Shimpling Village Hall Committee -

The Village Hall Committee meets every 8 weeks, to manage the hall and arrange events. We welcome interest from any resident who would like to get involved – please email the bookings secretary Carol Squire: shimplingvh@gmail.com or phone / text: 07855762812

Meeting minutes and information on all activities are available to read on the Village website <http://shimplingpc.onesuffolk.net/village-hall/>

Hall update:

An Electric car charging point has been applied for and we hope to have it installed outside the village hall by the end of 2025. Some groundwork needs to be done for the power lines, so we ask hall and car park users to be patient while this work is carried out.

The annual health and safety work - testing and maintenance of Firefighting equipment and electrical appliances has been completed and everything passed so we are set for another year. We are also proposing to do some internal repainting before the winter.

Village Hall Activities

The annual joint Alpheton and Shimpling Village Halls **Summer Dance** was held on the 9th August in Shimpling Park Farm Barns and this year it was a Barn Dance - music provided by the wonderful Folk Musicians - Catch the Pidgeon. <https://www.catchthepigeon.uk>

With great music, food and weather a very enjoyable evening was had by all.



The village halls have raised much needed funds to support their continuance and provision of activities for our local community. We are grateful to the Pawsey family for the use of their lovely barn and Apollo Farms for generous sponsorship towards the entertainment. Many local businesses also provided a fabulous range of raffle prizes, lucky winners can enjoy a Sunday Roast for two at the Bush, www.thebushpubshimpling.com Tours of Newmarket Gallops and the Racing Museum www.discovernewmarket.co.uk award-winning wines from Giffords www.giffordshall.co.uk an MOT from Alpheton Garage, soft furnishings from Arcady Printing plus a range of hampers and other luxury goods. We are very grateful to everyone who bought tickets and are pleased to donate £300 from raffle proceeds to our local churches.

The next village hall event is **Vernon's Quiz on Saturday 8th**

November with a fish and chip supper included in the price - book your teams table now and be assured of a great evening.

Due to the popularity of the live screening of the **Christmas Pantomime** last year we are hoping that we will be able to work with the Wolsey Theatre and do this again this year. Take a look at the preview of this year's rock'n'roll Panto Beauty and the Beast www.wolseytheatre.co.uk/events/ipswich-panto/ and watch out for announcements closer to Christmas.

The regular activities continue as scheduled so check the village website, notice boards, Facebook and WhatsApp and join in the fun.

PILATES classes are on a Monday mornings and Wednesday evening and with attendance from other villagers boosting numbers, these have mainly been well attended but there is still room for a few more so don't be shy – come and join in. **ZUMBA GOLD** continues term time Fridays – a great way to dance your way to fitness.

FILM NIGHTS have also continued the 3rd Tuesday evening of the month, showing some great films, but attendance does needs to improve to help make a profit on these sessions. Currently they just break even. **Let us know what films you want to see**

The **RURAL COFFEE CARAVAN** come to the village hall every 4th Thursday of the month offering their excellent range of home-made coffee (or tea) cakes & savouries and supporting the distribution of invaluable up to date help, information and advice.

Arts & Crafts Sessions in the village hall (see posters in this newsletter).

Don Sankey's **Silver Jewelry Workshop** returns on the 6th

September - see the poster and book a last-minute place. More **Pottery** and other sessions are planned for Autumn 2025 including a Christmas pottery special session for everyone (including children) to make Christmas decorations on **SATURDAY the 22nd of November.**



Please book onto the ones that interest you and if enough people book, we will arrange for more sessions later in the year.

All sessions have minimum attendance targets and will not take place if not reached.

Let us know what other arts and crafts workshops you would like us to organise!

Stuck for something to do with the family? – don't forget you can book the hall to play a variety of games including Table Tennis and Billiards.

Hiring the village hall is just £8 per hour for residents.

Contact Bookings Secretary Carol by

Email: shimplingvh@gmail.com or Text: 07855762812

SHIMPLING VILLAGE HALL FILM NIGHTS

3rd TUESDAY OF THE MONTH

7pm for 7.30 start

**COME AND WATCH NEW AND FAVOURITE
FILMS ON THE BIG SCREEN**



16th September - SUNSHINE ON LEITH

starring Jane Horrocks & Peter Mullan - a British heartfelt musical about 2 soldiers adapting to life after returning from Afghanistan & featuring the euphoric music of the Proclaimers

21st October - The Penguin Lessons starring Steve Coogan the story of a disillusioned Englishman who went to work in a school

in Argentina in 1976. Expecting an easy ride, Tom discovers a divided nation and a class of unteachable students. However, after he rescues a penguin from an oil-slicked beach, his life is turned upside-down.

18th November - LEE - the life of American war correspondent and photographer, Lee Miller (Kate Winslet). Miller's singular talent and unbridled tenacity resulted in some of the 20th century's most indelible images of war.

**REFRESHMENTS &
FILM £4.50 PER PERSON
ICECREAM, SWEETS &
POPCORN ALSO ON
SALE.**



Do you have a film you want to see ? Just let us know !



**Back by popular
demand**

Vernon's Quiz

Saturday 15th November

7pm @ Shimpling Village Hall

Teams of up to 6

Ticket price £20 including

Fish & Chip supper

Prizes for the winning & runner up teams

Tickets from Carol

Email - shimplingvh@gmail.com

Text Carol - Bookings Secretary - 07855762812

SILVER RING & EARRING WORKSHOP
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Coldham Hall FC – Club Update

As we head out of the summer break, it's the perfect time to share some news and highlights from Coldham Hall FC — your local village football club, where community, teamwork, and passion for the game come together every week.

Youth Football Growing Strong

It's been a fantastic 6 Months for our youth. We now have **three youth teams** and a growing **U6 Development Group**. Looking ahead to the **2025/26 season**, we'll proudly be running **Under-7s, Under-8s and Under-9s**

Our **U9s**, coached by **John Whetton**, will be playing in the **Suffolk Youth Football League**, while **Stuart Fowler** and **Ian Pinnock** continue to guide our younger teams through friendly matches and local tournaments. We've seen some brilliant progress this year and, more importantly, lots of smiling faces on the pitch!

Welcoming New Volunteers

A big thank you and warm welcome to **Gemma and Katharine**, who have come on board as our **Welfare Officers** and **Mark Oliver**, who has kindly taken on the role of **Club Secretary**. We're hugely grateful to all our volunteers — your time and support help keep the club running and thriving.

Senior Football & a New Veterans Team

Our **Saturday SIL**, **Sunday morning**, and newly formed **Veterans team** are all busy with pre-season preparations. It's the first time Coldham Hall has had a vets side — a great addition for players who still love the game and enjoy the social side too.

Club Fundraising – In Memory of Paul Parish

This summer, club members took part in a special cycle ride in memory of **Paul Parish**, raising over **£2,000** for the **Alzheimer's Society** and Coldham Hall FC. It was a meaningful day, showing the strength and heart of our club community. The ride was from Cambridge Utd to our ground at New Hall Farm, well done to all those who took part and to those who donated it is very much appreciated.

Remembering Luke Sloan

We were deeply saddened by the sudden loss of **Luke Sloan**, a valued player and much-loved friend. Luke first joined Coldham Hall at just 14 years old, and his presence will be sorely missed by all who knew him.

Get Involved – Coach Needed.

As we continue to grow, we're looking for more **coaches and volunteers** to help out on Saturday mornings (9:00–9:40am during term time). No experience? No problem — we'll support you in gaining your **FA DBS** and **coaching qualifications**.

If you'd like to get involved or find out more, please contact **Stuart Fowler** on **07545 869 693**.

From all of us at Coldham Hall FC — thank you for your continued support and we look forward to seeing everyone back for the new season!



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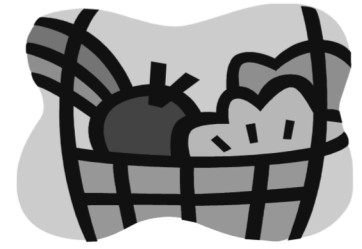
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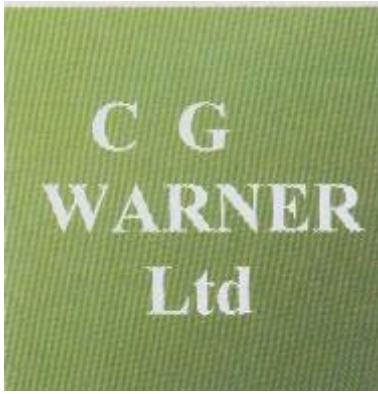
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