

Alpheton and Shimpling Parochial Church Council (PCC)

Dear Resident,

We are writing to thank you very much for supporting all our fundraising efforts for the restoration of the East Chancel stained glass window and the repair of the surrounding stonework at St George's Church, Shimplingthorne.

We are extremely happy to report that we have now raised a total of **£51,566**! This is thanks to all your support at fundraising events, to individuals who have generously donated to the fund, to six different charities who have awarded us grants, a grant from the Suffolk County Council Locality Budget as well as the use of PCC reserves.

We have just **£2,444** left to raise to reach our target of £54,000. This target seemed very hard to reach back in September when we started the project, but we are almost there, thanks to your help and support.

Permission has been granted by the Archdeacon, drawings and specifications have been completed by the architect, a condition report has been completed by the glazier, a 'bat survey' has been carried out, as well the mandatory asbestos survey, the bees have been removed and the necessary Construction, Design and

Management (CDM) measures are all in place. **We are ready to go!**

Following a tendering process, the contractor R.J. Hogg, from Coney Weston was awarded the contract and Auravisions from Saffron Walden will carry out the glazing work. Work will commence on 2nd September 2024 and we look forward to seeing the progress over the subsequent four months. We hope the work will be completed just in time for the Christmas Eve Carol Service.

The first stage of the work will be erecting the scaffolding both inside and out and completely removing the window. The church will remain open throughout the building works and Sunday services will take place as usual. We hope you will all come along and enjoy the restored window when it is completed.

Our final fundraiser is going to be a sponsored bike ride by Mark Beaver who will be cycling the length of Portugal in October. It will take Mark 8 days to ride from Chaves to Faro in Portugal. Please do look out for the publicity about this amazing cycle ride by Mark and support him in this great adventure.

From The PCC - Reverend Lawson, Charlotte Blyth, Liz Brunwin, Andrew Cracknell, Hugo Crawley, Darren Hicky and Paul Weeks.

Shimpling News

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RESIDENTS OF SHIMPLING



YOUR PARISH NEEDS YOU

to complete the Survey that has been
delivered with this Newsletter

YOUR OPINION COUNTS

and will shape the future of our village

St George's Stained-Glass Window Fund – update!

At the time of publication, work is starting on the renovation of the stained-glass window and surrounding stonework. We were delighted to receive £10,000 from the Garfield Weston Foundation and £3,000 from the Benefact Trust towards the fund along with some very generous donations from Shimpling residents. This, along with £9,500 from our church reserves and an approximately £2,500 raised from the recent fundraising events has boosted our funds to over £51,500.

We had very good weather for the cricket match on the 30th June and can report that Shimpling won, although it was very close (see report).

Thank you to the Lamprell family for allowing us to use their wonderful pavilion and grounds, to Harry Lamprell and Mark Haselhurst (Team Captains), Katie Haselhurst, Peter Rix (for the loan of his garden furniture), Jenny and Drew Olley (scorers), Dawn and Jackie who cooked the bacon rolls to perfection, Diana Wilson (team teas) and Angels' Delight who provided a wonderful selection of music for flute and harp during the tea break. Lastly thank you to our team of volunteers who did a fantastic job organizing, baking and helping before and on the day – lugging gazebos and garden furniture, selling bacon rolls, cakes, beer and Pimms, and to anyone else who helped with this worthwhile event.

Thank you to the anonymous donor of the 2024 signed Essex cricket bat and shirt which raised £300 at the auction and pleased a very happy young lad whose father purchased it for him.

A big thank you too to Jason from The Clean Plumber who very kindly sponsored our toilets. Jason is a local plumber/heating engineer. Please consider him if you need any work done as he comes recommended by quite a few Shimpling residents.

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

Parish Council News

The Parish Council:

Mrs Liz Brunwin	01284 828122
Mr Gerry Shrimpton	01284 827219
Mr David Dunkley	07809 148630
Mr Mark Milhench	07770 668660

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Contact details for the Clerk are:

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

(Correspondence and Appointment only)

Email: Shimplingpc@gmail.com 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 9th September 2024

Monday 11th November 2024

Monday 13th January 2025

Monday 10th March 2025

Please note that these meetings will now 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 and Twitter account. Please follow us on Twitter and like our Facebook page:

Twitter: @shimplingpc

Facebook: Shimpling Parish Council

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

Could you volunteer to help your Village?

We need a new Parish Councillors 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 work of the Parish Council has continued through the summer months with the long running saga of the Village Hall lease still tied up with lawyers and, more successfully, the work to get Electric Vehicle chargers at the Village Hall. This project is progressing well with a site survey to be

undertaken soon.

The Neighbourhood Plan is also progressing well, and I won't say anymore here now as there is a piece in the newsletter from the group and a survey form is being distributed with the newsletter. I would just urge residents to complete the survey as your responses will help guide the Parish Council in a number of ways, in addition to helping produce our Neighbourhood Plan, which will become increasingly important to maintaining the village as it exists today.

Finally, I would like to make a plea for new Parish Councillors. We have been low on numbers for some time which has made it very difficult for the council to function properly and without overloading those people who have already volunteered. We need a total of 6-7 responsible people from the village, out of a population of over 300, to form the Parish Council. This will maintain a local perspective to the decisions made. The alternative is that Babergh DC would take control. If you want to know more about what is involved in being a Parish Councillor, please contact the Parish Clerk, details are in this newsletter.

Enjoy the rest of your summer.

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:

- Completed our audits as a Parish Council

- Trying to get Solar Panels funded for the Village Hall

Looking at disabled access at the Village Hall

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 has now been formed and have had a few meetings! Please do get in contact if you would like to help, there is room for everyone! The residents survey should be out soon! For more information on the process or what has been produced so far look on the website: <http://shimplingpc.onesuffolk.net>

Buses

There is now an additional bus service on Wednesdays for duration of the school holidays!

The 375 bus which goes to Bury St Edmunds, this route picks up from Shimpling Street at 9:47am, arriving in Bury at 10:22am. The second journey picks up from Shimpling at 12:17pm, arriving in Bury at 12:52pm. The bus leaves Bury St Edmunds at 1pm and drops off at Shimpling Street at

1:37pm.

During the school holidays on Wednesdays there is an additional journey which leaves Bury at 4:15pm and drops off at Shimpling Street at 4:54pm.

Here is a link to the full timetable

[2024-05-29-Chambers-375.pdf \(suffolkonboard.com\)](#)

There is also a Thursday bus to Sudbury. It leaves Shimpling Street at 9:47am and arrives in Sudbury at 10.17am. The return journey leaves Sudbury at 12:45pm and drops off at Shimpling Street at 1:15pm.

Here is a link to the full timetable

[2016-09-08-Felix-715.pdf \(suffolkonboard.com\)](#)

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 no new applications since our last newsletter. Others are updated below:

Application	Shim- pling PC Com- ments	Plan- ning Au- thority Decision
DC/24/02400 - Chestnut Cottage, The Street, Shimpling, Bury St Ed- munds Suffolk IP29 4HS - Application for Listed Building Consent - Removal of modern ceiling beam to ground floor lounge and dining area and re- placement with new oak beam; Re- placement of 7no. modern softwood windows with new traditionally made windows; Removal of UPVC side door, installation of timber window and infill sides and underside of opening with brick, render finish to external and plasterwork to internal matching the existing surrounding fabric.	Did not com- ment	Not yet decided

**Copy for the Winter 2024 edition is required by 22nd
November 2024 (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 !!

Shimpling Parish Neighbourhood Plan



You will have received a copy of the Shimpling Parish Neighbourhood Plan Survey with this newsletter – **PLEASE** do have a look at it.

This is everyone's opportunity to have a say in the future of our Parish so it is worth taking the time to fill it out. Please note that your answers are anonymous.

If possible, we encourage you to complete the survey online
at: www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/Shimpling

You can also access the online survey from mobile devices by scanning the QR code:



As many individuals (over the age of 16) in your household can complete the survey or, if in agreement, one person can complete it on behalf of all.

Please complete by Monday 23rd September 2024

Completed paper copies can be dropped off at a box in the Village Hall entrance way any time up to this date or if you need it collected from your house please email clairehdh@gmail.com or text/Whatsapp 07976 817593 to arrange

NEXT STEP

[A feedback event](#) will be arranged to inform everyone of the results from this survey and other background work that has been carried out, together with any implications and recommendations for the Shimpling Neighbourhood Plan.

If you would like to learn more about what the Neighbourhood Plan is and why Shimpling needs one please do look at the Village Website:

<http://shimplingpc.onesuffolk.net/neighbourhood-plan-2/neighbourhood-plan/>

THANK YOU for taking the time to complete the survey.

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



This is a brief entry from the Rector who is currently on sabbatical, more details of all our services, events, children & youth work, and our 4 o'clock community will be posted on noticeboards and Facebook in September.

Next services at Shimpling church are:

9.00am Sun 15th September

9.00am Sun 20th October

9.00am Sun 17th Nov

*Please see elsewhere the invitation to the **Harvest Supper** on the 5th Oct at 7.30pm at Shimpling Village Hall.*

Finally may I take this opportunity to express my enormous gratitude to the amazing team led by Rosemarie who have been fundraising for the restoration of our East window, and to all who have supported in various ways. Your kindness and generosity are very much appreciated.

With prayer and wishing you God's peace

Matthew

*Church service are also at Holy Trinity Long Melford **every Sunday at 10.30am** (Google 'Holy Trinity Melford Facebook' for livestream)*

For more details or info on any changes please call 07804 558160 or see www.alpheton&shimplingchurches.org.uk or www.longmelfordchurch.com

Rector: Rev'd Matthew Lawson 01787 310845

Churchwarden: Vacant

*Church Contact : Charlotte Blyth 01284 828544
07939 194233*

Suffolk Churches Ride and Stride



**Saturday,
14 September 2024
9.00am - 5.00pm**

We are very grateful to **Suffolk Historic Churches Trust** for their grant of £4,500 towards the East Window fund. Shimpling cyclists, walkers and sponsors have supported this annual event for many years, it would be great to welcome new participants for this year's 'Ride and Stride'.


Local Organiser
from whom sponsorship
forms are available:

**Jenny Pine,
Gable End Cottage
OR forms may be collected
from the Church
m 07850 591171**

Visit shct.org.uk for more information.

You can also find us on Facebook and X.

Sponsorship money raised will be divided between Suffolk Historic Churches Trust and the church or chapel chosen by the participant.



Alpheton and Shimpling

harvest SUPPER

5TH OCTOBER

7 for 7.30

ALPHETON VILLAGE HALL

TICKETS FROM LIZ BRUNWIN

01284 828122

lizbrunwin@hotmail.co.uk

Adults £15 - Children £7.50

Bring your own drinks

alphetonandshimplingchurches.org.uk

Shimpling Village vs Chadacre

Cricket Match 30th June

Pre Match

As the team began to arrive at Chadacre, the slightly overcast conditions did little to dampen the excitement of having the opportunity to play at this unique cricket setting. The matchday squad was 13 strong after some last minute recruitment efforts at both Lawshall School's sports day, and then later on at The Bush on Friday evening:

Mark Haselhurst (Captain) – Rarely holds a conversation without asking whether you play cricket. Has been known to bat well and bowl well, but seldom on the same day.

Oliver Beeton – Can hit the ball, can catch the ball, can take wickets – an all-rounder if you will.

Gary Cann – When asked whether he was a batter or a bowler, replied “I am a goalkeeper”. Every team needs a goalkeeper, whether you play football or not.

David Barnbrook – Will do anything for the team. Will even use his face to stop the ball.

Andrew Gregory – Shimpling royalty and our link to the last match at Chadacre.

Justin Bone – Co-founder (with the Captain) of a previous Shimpling Cricket Club WhatsApp group formed 3 years ago following a session in the pub but soon disbanded with just two players (themselves) enlisted. We got there in the end though!

Charlie Chapman – An 18 year old rugby player, who spares no prisoners with bat or ball.

David Page – Never been known to drop a catch. Useful source of replacement fielders.

Rafe Page – Our 11 year old superstar and chief sledger.

Felix Brouder – Only 16 years old but a talent with both bat and ball (it was just a shame he was displaying it for the opposition rather than Shimpling).

Rich “Murf” Murfitt – Unwittingly recruited after poor seating choice at a Christmas do saw him stuck opposite the Captain for over 2 hours, by which time he found himself added to at least two cricket WhatsApp groups.

George Young – An old friend of the Captain who can sniff out an opportunity to play cricket at least 3 counties over, even it means a 4 hour round trip.

Adam Dunkley – Son of Shimpling resident David, Adam (London based) was volunteered to play by his father when cornered by the Captain in The Bush one evening.

On learning the opposition only had 10 players, we made the difficult decision to offer up Felix to make it XI vs XI. Our 12th man, Rafe, was originally only going to sub on occasionally and do a bit of fielding for us, but as it would turn out he had a much bigger role to play.

The Chadacre team was captained by Harry Lamprell who confirmed a two innings match, with each innings being 20 overs. After some quick calculations, it started to become clear that getting to The Bush in time for kickoff of the England vs Slovakia Euros football match was going to be challenging. A solution would no doubt present itself.

The villagers started to arrive and there was a tangible buzz around the ground. Just prior to the start of play the sun broke out and the spectators, bravely led by Kris and Del, began their assault on the amply stocked bar. The coin was tossed and Shimpling were put into bat. Let play commence!

Shimpling 1st Innings (96 runs)

Mark and David B were Shimpling's opening batsmen and the innings got off to a cracking start as the first ball was dispatched to the boundary for 4 runs. Another boundary followed shortly afterwards and the over ended with a single – Shimpling were cantering along nicely with 9 from the first over. The second over was less productive and David sadly fell to a tricky delivery. It was clear David had more to offer, which the second innings would go on to prove. Murf came to the crease and played some nice strokes before also succumbing to some handy bowling. Chadacre were clearly no mugs and were picking us off at a slightly alarming rate. Gary was next up but he was unable to stem the tide.

Despite the menace with which it was swung, the bat was refusing to connect with the ball and a straight delivery saw to his premature demise. One of our 'out of town' selections, George, was next to join Mark in the middle. George dug in to bring the match back in our favour as Mark continued to swing the bat with increasing volatility at the other end.

Fortunately, a sufficient number of his shots were managing to find the gaps in the field and Shimpling's total had moved past the 50 mark. Some hesitant running almost saw Mark return to the pavilion, before his luck finally ran out on the next delivery with an illadvised swing at a ball that should have been shown a great deal more respect. The Captain departed for 44 runs and Shimpling were 4 wickets down. George followed shortly afterwards but not before striking a beautiful six, drawing a handsome appreciation from the growing number of spectators around the ground. David P, Oli and Charlie all contributed to the score with some very acceptable cricket shots. Andrew was unable to add to our score but, as was to later become apparent, he was clearly

saving his particular brand of cricketing magic for when he had the ball, rather than the bat, in his hands. Rafe, our youngest team member at the age of 11, showed absolutely no fear whatsoever and added some crucial late runs to take our score to 96 after 20 overs. Not bad for our first outing as a team although it felt possibly slightly short of par. Things would become much clearer once we discovered Chadacre's credentials as a batting outfit.

Chadacre 1st Innings (123 runs)

As thoughts should have been turning towards field placements and ball ~~tampering~~ shining, there were some longing glances towards the refreshments tent. Some searching questions were starting to run through the team's heads such as when might be acceptable to partake in the first beer of the afternoon? These dilemmas were (temporarily) put on the back burner.

The Shimpling team re-entered the fold, 'spaced themselves out a bit' and welcomed the Chadacre openers to the field. Gary had nobly taken on the responsibility of keeping wicket for us and a great performance he put in too, saving us countless runs by stopping many of our wayward bowling deliveries!

Adam and George were first into the attack as we decided to pepper the opening batsmen (and Gary!) with some pace. Our two London recruits did not disappoint, keeping the run rate to an acceptable level before George struck first by removing the opposing captain. Mark replaced Adam (with not a great deal of effect) and then Murf entered the fray, taking two wickets in consecutive balls to set up the first hatrick opportunity of the afternoon. Unfortunately, we were unable to convert it and Chadacre soon started to pile on the

runs with some fierce hitting from their number 3 batsman. Some relief was found after he reached 50 and retired before David B cleverly forced a rather comical hit / walked into wicket moment to remove another of Chadacre's batters. Rafe then got his chance with the ball and boy did he take it. 3 overs, only 7 runs conceded and 2 wickets – what a debut performance, and some fine sledging thrown into the mix too: “More dots than a dalmatian!”.

Andrew completed our bowling line up, showing clear signs that he was a very capable bowler (which was confirmed emphatically in the second innings). The 20 overs were up and Chadacre had scored 123 for the loss of 6 wickets giving them a 27 run advantage as we headed in for tea.

Shimpling 2nd Innings (121 runs)

Feeling suitably refreshed from an extremely generous and delicious tea (big thanks to the Shimpling organising committee!), it was time to return to the field to chase down Chadacre's total and hopefully post an unassailable lead. Whilst Mark and Justin padded up, batters further down the order were starting to make their presence felt at the drinks tent. Both batsmen looked in decent form with some nice stroke play and running between the wickets before disaster struck on the final ball of the over. Justin misjudged a shot and the ball clattered the stumps. Although the next over started well with a boundary, there was further disappointment when first Oli, and then Andrew, fell in consecutive deliveries. Shimpling were 12 for 3 after two overs and the game looked like it might be slipping away. Thoughts started turning to the England game and whether we might just make it to the pub for kick off after all. Rafe was next to join Mark at the crease, where his father

(David P) who was umpiring warned Mark “Careful, he’s run out 5 people this year already!”. With that in mind, Mark started to hit out and hit big. Rafe kept him company for a while and showed he clearly has talent with the bat as well as ball, but sadly top edged one and was caught. Charlie was next in and decided to score single, four, single, four and so on, making for a very pleasing sequence in the scorebook. There were some fierce strokes in his innings and the spectators were starting to have to pay much closer attention as the pavilion came under fire. Mark’s innings came to a conclusion when he retired after reaching a quickfire 50 which included three crowd pleasing 6s. George was next to the crease but was unable to really get going, before Gary completed his pair after a few more big swings. One day bat will find ball, and I for one want to be there when it happens. This left Murf and the two Davids to bring the innings home and bring it home they did. They each reached double figures with some excellent batting meaning we surpassed our first innings total, ending on 121. Added to our first innings score, we had an overall lead of 94 for Chadacre to chase down. It was going to be tight but we had at least given ourselves a chance.

Chadacre 2nd Innings (79 runs)

Preparations for the final innings were shaken when first Adam had to withdraw to get home to London and then Justin was required to attend to family matters. Rafe was only too willing to continue to take on a much fuller role than he had been promised and Felix was lured back into the team (at least for as long as he wasn’t required to bat for Chadacre!). And we were very lucky to have Felix among our number when the ball flew to him in the second over.

Mark began with a relatively tidy first over, conceding just the 2 runs. Then George instigated the fightback with two wickets in his first over, with excellent catches by David B (our new keeper, and only a few balls after stopping one delivery with his eye) and Felix. Chadacre were 6 for 2 wickets after the first 2 overs. A promising start by Shimpling but we knew they had some decent batters to come. Mark repeated his trick with only a further 2 runs coming from his second, before George pulled a wicket maiden out of the bag. The batsman was enticed into hitting towards what he thought was a sparsely covered leg side. Little did he know we had Gary 'safe hands' Cann patrolling the area who swept round and completed an excellent catch. Chadacre were now 8 for 3 off 4 overs. Game on?

Mark made way for Rafe who bowled a beautiful couple of maidens to ramp up the pressure on the home side. George then bowled his final over which culminated with a caught and bowled to round off a four wicket haul. The tide started to turn back towards Chadacre though as their middle order fought back and started to find the boundary.

Oli and Charlie were then given their chance with the ball and they took it. They both got settled in during their first overs before striking in their second. Oli lured the batsman into a risky hit which allowed David P to take his first of two catches, whilst Charlie sent the bails flying with an unplayable delivery. Mark returned and managed to remove one more batsman (David P's second catch – never seen him drop one) which left Chadacre with around 30 runs to chase down but only 3 wickets remaining.

The real problem for Shimpling however, was that Chadacre's best batsmen had been saved to the end. The question was who to turn to now as the match was delicately

balanced? The answer was Andrew.

His first over saw them confined to singles and 2s but the batsmen did not look comfortable. His second over delivered two decisive and, for Chadacre, devastating moments. Andrew clean bowled one batsman before having their captain dismissed for a duck by hitting it straight to Mark, who was just able to get enough of his hand under the ball before it landed, to take the catch at mid-off.

Hatrick ball at the start of Andrew's next over but a four was struck on the first ball. Anxious glances to the scoreboard once more. Chadacre now only needed 16 runs to win and there were still 17 balls left to get them. Was the pendulum swinging back to Chadacre once more? This could easily go either way.

Except Andrew had other ideas. He clearly sensed one final opportunity to reach the pub before the end of the England game. Andrew ran in, the ball flew towards the wicket, the stumps were clattered, Shimpling celebrated. **Result: Shimpling won by 15 runs**

Post-match

The players headed off the pitch for photographs, refreshments and to uphold their media responsibilities. The news had already been relayed that England were losing 1-0 with only a few minutes remaining. Some players had already started their journeys home when news of a late equaliser started filtering through. Hang on, this would mean a further 30 minutes of football to enjoy... to the pub! Some hasty U-turns were made and a good number of the team re-assembled at The Bush where we were pleased to discover that Kris and Del were still very much leading the charge. Even young Rafe made it, proudly clutching the

match ball – a fitting end to a wonderful day for our village, where we were able to not only enjoy a game of cricket and raise important funds for the Church, but also enjoy each other's company.

Huge thanks goes to:

The Shimpling organising committee for months of careful planning;

The Lamprells for hosting us;

The players for entertaining us; and

Everyone for their generosity in supporting the event and raising money for our Church.



Shimpling and Alpheton WI have had a very busy last 3 months. In June we held our annual garden meeting in the garden of one of our members. Often the weather intervenes and we end up in the member's house. On this occasion we were very uncertain whether we could be in or out as the grey clouds looked very threatening and rain had been forecast, but thanks to a wonderful open fronted summer house we decided to risk it! It was well worth that risk because the rain held off and we were treated to being immersed in the beautiful and impeccably tended garden of Sue Tatum in Shimpling with her enviable open views onto Shimpling Park farmland. We also tucked into our traditional summer garden meeting fare of luscious strawberries, big fat raspberries, shortbread and cream. Our president had just been to the Royal Albert Hall for the 2024 Annual Conference of the WI. She was able to report back to us about what she heard there and about the vote on the annual resolution. One of the things which appeals to many WI members is the fact that through lobbying and campaigning, WI members have a voice on issues in the national interest. This year we approved a resolution to campaign for better dental healthcare for all nationwide. In July our speaker was Lewis Turner talking fascinatingly about a year in beekeeping illustrated by some awesome photographs which Lewis had taken himself. Think twice when you next open a jar and savour your honey: one honeybee produces only about 1.5 teaspoons of honey during its lifetime having possibly flown 5 miles each day reaching speeds in excess of 15mph! A bee can make more than 10 trips every day, visiting as many as a hundred or so



flowers each trip and carrying up to a quarter of its body weight in pollen. Also in July we visited the Bury branch of Suffolk Record Office. We were welcomed and enjoyed a PowerPoint presentation about the work that the record office does, which showed us different types of documents that they hold with examples of documents from Bury St Edmunds. We were split into two groups with one visiting the vault where the documents are held at a regulated temperature. It was full of special storage boxes and these will be moving to Ipswich when this office closes in August. The other group looked at documents about Shimpling and Alpheton. One of the documents was the first ever meeting book for our own WI which started 19th November 1949. It was so interesting to look at the names from then and how many of us remembered them. There were also logbooks from Shimpling School and old maps from both villages. We were shown documents about Chadacre Agricultural Institute and pictures from the Millennium survey that Paddy Trevellyan and Steph Eady completed in Alpheton at the turn of the century, both of whom are past Presidents. There was so much to look at and digest. The groups then swapped over. Both groups thoroughly enjoyed both parts of the tour. It was interesting to see some of the two villages' history and some members are keen to go and research more. In August instead of a speaker we visited the Yum Yum fudge Company in Woolpit. Although a small enterprise they are very proud of their negative carbon status. It was started by a couple using their own secret recipes which use much more dairy content than most fudges, and is therefore creamier and less sweet. They are passionate about fudge and that showed through the tour. We saw all stages of production at their gleamingly squeaky clean eco friendly

site and the 5 fudge making team members were eager to show us every aspect of their creations. The range of flavours is huge involving very high quality ingredients from all over the world and setting them apart from their competitors. Perhaps an obvious import is Belgian chocolate but one of the ingredients is birch sugar from Finland, for example. They even grow their own rhubarb for the rhubarb fudge. As well as a rich dairy version of the fudge there is an oat milk based version which tasted convincingly very like the original dairy fudge. All the fudge is cut by hand with an enormous Japanese knife. Although they have supplied Harrods in the past the fudge is now sold through fairs and Shows as it allows the company more control of their ingredients and prices. Flavours included chilli, ginger fudge, liquorice fudge, mango fudge, chocolate fudges and heaps more as well as the more conventional vanilla. At the end of the tour we were able to sample as many flavours as we wanted. What more could we ask for. A very enjoyable visit. This was followed by lunch at a local pub. The ideal finish to the day. Our WI now has members from not only Shimpling and Alpheton but Long Melford, Cavendish, Glemsford and Lawshall. We warmly welcome women of all ages to come and sample a couple of our meetings. We meet on the second Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm, alternating between Alpheton and Shimpling village halls. Our next 3 meetings will be September 10th. "Lightening the fuse" by Lucy Lewis the first female Bomb Disposal Officer. At Shimpling Village Hall. October 8th. British Sign Language by Lindsay Barrell at Alpheton Village Hall. November 12th. Blood Runners by the Emergency Response Volunteers Service at Shimpling Village Hall. For any further information contact Marion Argent on 01284 827074.

Useful numbers in case of Crime around the Villages
Non Emergency Police 101
Crimestoppers 0800 555 111

CRAFT AFTERNOON held the last Friday of the month (except December) in Alpheton Village Hall from 2pm to 4pm. Bring along your craft or learn one, or just come along for a chat. Entrance fee £3 to cover hall hire and refreshments.

All enquiries - Ali Hughes, 01787 248302.



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

Mon. 9th Sept. 'The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry' (book drama) starring Jim Broadbent, Penelope Wilton.

Mon. 14th Oct. 'I Wanna Dance with Somebody' (Whitney Houston story) starring Naomi Ackie, Stanley Tucci.

Mon. 11th Nov. 'The Great Escaper' (true drama) starring Michael Caine, Glenda Jackson.



Doors open 7pm for 7.30pm start. Admission price is £4 including tea/coffee & biscuits. The Bar will be open.



GREENING SHIMPLING news: the Shimpling environmental group

In July members of the Greening Shimpling group were treated to a tour of Shimpling Park Farm and on into Alpheton Wood (an area of ancient woodland and as such a SSSI). John explained some of the workings of the farm, including their sheep and the agroforestry project. He also explained that the plan is to try and link Alpheton Wood with other such woodlands, thus expanding the natural habitat for mammals such as the dormouse. It was a really interesting and informative tour, with many thanks to John and Rufus Pawsey.

Also in July we were involved in the raking party at the church and our aim is to continue to focus on the churchyard in order to maintain and enhance its biodiversity. John also suggested that we can all do our bit in our own gardens to ensure that we are attracting wildlife. Look out for suggestions as to how we can do this on the village Facebook page and in the village WhatsApp group.

Our next meeting will be on September 11th at The Bush 7:30 pm. Anyone is welcome and the aim is to share ideas as to how we can further enhance the beauty of our village and surrounds. For further information please contact jane.wall@hotmail.co.uk.

Shimpling Village Hall Committee -

The Village Hall Committee meets every 8 weeks, to manage the hall and arrange events. Meeting minutes are available to read on the Village website <http://shimplingpc.onesuffolk.net/village-hall/>

Our chair is **Nathalie Brown** - email: nbshimpling@gmail.com or phone: 07961947497 and secretary **Carol Squire** - email: shimplingvh@gmail.com or phone / text: 07855762812

New committee members – welcome to Pip Pryor, Sue Sharrock and Sarah Milhench who have joined the team – great to have them on board. Sadly, we say farewell to Bernard Essery a long-standing member and thank him for all his support and hope he'll still be able to help with the Shimpling Celebrates Cart Race and Tug of War in 2025

Hall update:

With support from the Parish Council, we continue to seek out funding for improvements to the hall. A grant for SOLAR PANELS and an ELECTRIC CAR CHARGING POINT has been applied for and hopefully we will be successful.

Summer Dance at Shimpling Park Barns, 3rd August was a great success thanks to the support of our local community. Particularly the Pawsey family for use of their lovely venue and the excellent array of raffle prizes supplied by Ark Wines, Giffords Vineyard and Majestic (Sudbury). Other prizes included an MOT from Alpheton Garage and a Wildlife Photograph from local photographer Paula Freeman. Sarah Healy provided a delicious supper, and we enjoyed dancing to local band Rock House. Profits will enable us to replace the fridge & cooker in the village hall.



The hall has also been hired for **private events** – Children's Parties, Baby Shower, former local residents wakes so if you are planning something similar – why not hire the hall?
Families – we have a **table tennis** set just waiting to be regularly used – interested?



If you are planning an event – hire the village hall just £8 per hour for residents.

Contact Bookings Secretary Carol by email

shimplingvh@gmail.com or text 07855762812

VILLAGE HALL REGULAR AND COMING EVENTS

Take a look at what is planned for 2024/2025 on our page on the “Your Hall” website <https://yourhall.co.uk/hall/shimpling-village-hall/> or look at the **posters** on the **notice boards** around the **village** – these are updated regularly to provide the latest information or join the village WhatsApp group and get regular updates.

Regular Sessions

Rural Coffee Caravan will be at the village hall every 4th Thursday of the month – free coffee (or tea) and cake and lots of useful information and advice.

Cake donations welcomed!



YOGA continues Wednesdays 9.30 am and, once the school holidays are over

Dance resumes on the 4th of September at 6.30pm

Zumba Gold resumes on the 6th of September at 1pm

Pilates resumes on the 9th of September at 9.30 and again at 11am

Film Night resumes the 17th of September at 7 for 7.30pm showing the 5-star British Comedy of the Year - **WICKED LITTLE LETTERS** starring Olivia Coleman & Timothy Spall

*****STOP PRESS*****

QUIZ NIGHT returns to the village hall on the 19th of October at 7pm with Bar and Food. Tickets £15 per person including food. Book your teams table (max of 6 in a team).

****Win a magnum of wine****

Pre order your beer & wine, and it will be waiting for you on your table.

Contact Carol Bookings Secretary: email shimplingvh@gmail.com or text 07855762812

If you have ideas about what events or activities, you would like to be held in the hall or films you would like to see – please let us know by texting 07855872812 or emailing shimplingvh@gmail.com or post a note in the village hall post box.

Shimpling Village Clubs, Activities and Hall

For up-to-date information see the village notice boards and posts on the website, WhatsApp, village round robin & your hall website - <https://yourhall.co.uk/hall/shimpling-village-hall/>

Children's Play Area - The children's play area and field is in Hallifax Place and has equipment suitable for most children in an enclosed area as well as goal posts and a basketball hoop on the field.

Monday walking group - explore the surrounding areas with fellow enthusiasts - contact Jackie Saunders for details - 07795984478

Tuesday WI - meet on alternate months: Alpheton Village Hall/ Shimpling Village Hall on the second Tuesday at 7.30pm) For more information contact Jill Leggetter email: legead321@gmail.com

Wednesday Book Club - Join in the fun laughter & lively discussion - 3rd **Wednesday** of the month at 7.30pm. Currently held at members houses. For more details contact Gill - 01284 827085 or 07807 777110 or email: gillygilly46@gmail.com

Thursday Green Shimpling - Shimpling Environment Group meets in The Bush Pub once a month (Thursday at 8pm) to discuss ways to improve the local environment. Contact Jane on 07453453906 if you would like to join the group.

Wednesday Knitting / Crochet – meet in The Bush Pub on the

first Wednesday of the month at 7pm

Cycling – Keen cyclists should watch out for the posters and notifications of cycle rides Mark Beaver organises each summer.

NEW to the village – want to be kept informed about what is available and future events?

Join the village WhatsApp Support Group by contacting Katie Haselhurst kh.shimpling@gmail.com or be sent the village round robin emails managed by Liz Brunwin – contact her at lb.shimpling@gmail.com

SHIMPLING QUIZ NIGHT

Win a Magnum of Wine !

Saturday 19th October

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Teams of up to 6

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Supper**

**Bar on the night and pre ordering of drinks
for the table**

Tickets from Carol

HARTEST AND DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB



September begins with our meeting on Monday 2nd. Angela Youngman is a journalist and author who has written numerous books on gardening and has delivered talks to garden clubs across the UK on subjects such as green gardening, companion planting and recycling in the garden. Her talk to us will be about "Grey Water Use", so expect lots of innovative ideas! The meeting starts at 7.30pm as usual, at Hartest Institute, £2.50 entrance for members and £5 for guests. Everyone is welcome to attend - if you haven't been along before but would like to learn about this subject, please come and give us a try!

Then it is our Annual Show on Saturday 14th and Sunday 15th. We have changed the day this year to see if more exhibitors can make it on a Sunday. Everyone is welcome to give it a go. Copies of the Schedule will be available at the September meeting and can also be downloaded from the Show page of the website, as below. Exhibits can be brought along to the Institute between 6pm and 7pm on the 14th, and between 9.30am and 11am on the 15th. We then close for judging until 2.30pm, when the doors will be flung open for you to find out who our winners are! Trophies will be awarded from 2.45pm, followed by a raffle. Tea/coffee and homemade cakes and biscuits will be available.

Looking ahead to October 7th, our talk will be on "Propagation – Plants for Free", which sounds great in these difficult times, and then on November 4th a more general intriguing title – "Good in Bed – long season interest plants" to finish up the year.

The website address is hartestgardeningclub.info, and for any queries about the Gardening Club, please email us on hartestgardeningclub@gmail.com.

Geraldine Ross

SAVE

(Shimpling AED Village Enterprise)

As most people are aware the village has an AED located in a locked cabinet outside The Bush. The device is registered with the East of England Ambulance Service, who have the access code details.

In the event of an emergency, the precise location of the AED would need to be given, to enable the Ambulance Service to give the code. The location is

The Bush, The Street, Shimpling IP29 4HU

Please make a note of these details, as it could save time in gaining access.

If you require any further details, please contact me
Marian Peck Chair, SAVE 01284 828187



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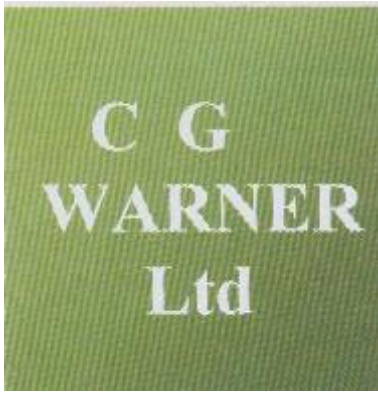
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Shimpling Village Hall—Carol Squire 07855 762812 or email shimplingvh@gmail.com

St George's Church—Rev'd Matthew Lawson 01787 310845

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