

Shimpling News

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SHIMPLING

CHRISTMAS MARKET

7TH DECEMBER

SHIMPLING VILLAGE HALL

WREATHS / CRAFTS / PRODUCE

Refreshments

10.00 - 1.00



Alpheton and Shimpling Churches

St George's Stained-Glass Window Appeal

WE'VE MADE IT!



Our last fundraiser for the window was undertaken by Mark Beaver who cycled the entire length of N2 route (739km) in Portugal over 6 consecutive days in atrocious weather which raised an outstanding £1010 bringing our fundraising figure to £54,309.

Congratulations to Mark on this remarkable achievement. The photo above shows a group of Shimpling residents giving Mark a send off shortly before he left the country. Our original target figure was £54,000 but as with all projects, there are often unforeseen additional expenses so the extra £309 will go towards these. A huge thanks to all those who have supported this project over the past 12 months, not least to our **Fund-Raising**

Appeal Leader – Rosemarie Sadler who kept us all positive on what seemed at the beginning to be a very daunting figure.

The work on the window is due to be completed by the **20th December** when we will unveil the window at the **Carol Service at 6pm on Christmas Eve**. We hope that as many people as possible will be able to join us to celebrate this remarkable achievement.



Advertising in the Shimpling News!

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See the rates and further information at the back of this publication. If you would like to advertise please email the Clerk shimplingpc@gmail.com

Parish Council News

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Vacancy	

Contact details for the Clerk are:

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(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 13th January 2025

Monday 10th March 2025

Monday 12th May 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 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;

Cllr Dunkley's read the below report from his last couple of months as Chair:

Moving into the autumn months from a seasonal point of view, it is good to see that we are finally doing the same with the Village Hall lease. Whilst it is still with the lawyers, the end appears to be within sight. Likewise, working with PluginSuffolk to get Electric Vehicle chargers at the Village Hall is continuing to progress. The site survey has been completed and the report is available for the council's comment.

The budget process for 2025/26 has started and the budget working party has created a draft budget will be finalised over the coming months so we can put our Precept application in in January. It is expected to be a challenging year for all levels of local government, with allocations from Central Government unlikely to increase over the current year.

The Neighbourhood Plan process is progressing well. The Village survey results have now been collated and a report produced, with further analysis being done by the Neighbourhood Plan group. The information should prove very helpful in completing the Neighbourhood Plan itself and to provide support for other activities and decisions undertaken by the council. One of the areas mentioned most was the need for improved bus services. The next step will be to present the information from the survey to the residents through a drop-in event like the one held to explain what a Neighbourhood plan was and why it was necessary. Attempts to pre-empt issues with annual flooding problems in the village by identifying ownership of all the various ditches, pipes etc, so we determine their readiness for heavy rainfall, have not been successful, so far. However, we will continue to collate what information we can, with the expectation we will get there in the end.

Lastly, I am very pleased to see a good number of applications to become a Parish Councillor.

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:

- Trying to get Solar Panels funded for the Village Hall

- Looking at disabled access at the Village Hall

- Looking at getting EV Chargers 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

Here is a link to the full timetable

2024-05-29-Chambers-375.pdf (suffolkonboard.com)

Here is a link to the full timetable

2016-09-08-Felix-715.pdf (suffolkonboard.com)

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/24/04211 - 5 Streetfield Close Shimpling Bury St Edmunds Suffolk IP29 4HZ - Application for a Lawful Development Certificate for a Pro- posed Use or Development Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended) - Erection of single storey	Did not com- ment Did not com- ment	Not yet decided Not Yet decided
DC/24/04287 - Rectory Cottage, Old Rectory Lane, Shimpling, Bury St Ed- munds Suffolk IP29 4HQ - Full Plan- ning Application - Erection of 1No re- placement dwelling including en- hancement of 5 acre horse paddock (existing dwelling to become Bat Habi- tat)	Did not com- ment Did not com- ment	Not yet decided Not Yet Decided

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

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



Wrinkles

I've got something positive to say about growing old! Clearly there are many negative ways we can tell that we are getting on in years - pinch the skin on the back of your hand to see how long it takes to settle down ... do you struggle to get socks on? ... do you groan as you get out of a chair? ... do you 'fall over' or have 'a fall'?

But something that has changed in me over the years is the amount of joy I now get from seeing a new-born baby. Watch out any youngparents with a pushchair! I am likely to ask how old it is, whether it is eating well, and how the nights are going. There is something about the vulnerability of a baby and the love that parents have ... the hope that they have for the future and their willingness to give sacrificially ... which can bring tears to this hardened and world-weary soul!

As our thoughts start turning towards Christmas and all that the festive season entails (good and bad), I confess that I felt a sense of foreboding because of the challenges so many people are facing. But I am reminded of this simple truth - it is all about a baby being born. Despite having being born into adversity, this special baby is similarly a source of great joy. So I encourage you to come along to one of our services, to contemplate once again the wonder of the nativity, and to remind yourselves that God's heart is one of love, humility, sacrifice, and ultimately life. Indeed, there is even the hope that at the end of the age the wrinkles in my decaying skin will be given a heavenly facelift!

Rev Matthew



CHRISTMAS SERVICES 2024

Sat 30 th Nov 11.00-3.30pm	Messy Church, Melford Village Hall <i>part of the Christmas Fayre</i>
Sun 1 st Dec 10.30am	Family Advent Communion, Melford <i>family friendly communion service</i>
Sun 1 st 6.30pm	Traditional Advent Carols, Melford <i>choral service with readings & reflections</i>
Sat 7 th 10-1.00pm	Shimpling Christmas Market <i>festive fun & stalls, Shimpling Village Hall</i>
Sat 7 th 2-6.00pm	Christmas Tree Festival, Lawshall <i>Lawshall Village Hall, followed by carols at 6.00pm & pop up choir from 7.00pm</i>
Sun 8 th 4.00pm	Advent Wild Church <i>venue tbc</i>
Sun 8 th 4.30pm	Lights of Remembrance, Alpheton V Hall <i>remembering loved ones, refreshments after in Village Hall</i>
Sun 8 th 6.30pm	Lights of Remembrance, Melford <i>remembering loved ones, refreshments from 6.00pm</i>
Fri 13 th 8.00pm tbc	Beer & Carols Shimpling (tbc) <i>at the Bush Pub</i>
Sun 22 nd 4.00pm	Alpheton Carol Service <i>come and sing some well-known carols</i>
Sun 22 nd 6.30pm	Main Melford Carol Service <i>come and sing some well-known carols</i>



Mon 23 rd 6.30pm _____	Lawshall Carol Service <i>come and sing some well-known carols,_____ refreshments after at the Swan</i>
Tues 24 th 3.00pm	Crib Service, Melford <i>family friendly service, nativity dress optional!</i>
Tues 24 th 6.00pm	Shimpling Carol Service <i>come and sing some well-known carols</i>
Tues 24 th 10.45pm	Midnight Mass, Melford <i>an atmospheric communion service</i>
Wed 25 th 10.30am	Family Christmas Day Communion, Melford <i>please bring presents to show!</i>
Sun 29 th 10.30am	Benefice Communion at Holy Trinity, Long Melford <i>a simple communion service</i>

*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

Shimpling Parish Neighbourhood Plan

Thank you VERY much to everyone who completed the Survey – the Committee do appreciate you taking the time.

In early December, the Committee are due to meet with the Consultant (who will write the Neighbourhood Plan for us to ensure it complies with regulations) to discuss the results of the survey and therefore the base for the Plan.

A date for the [feedback event will also be arranged for mid-late January where everyone will be welcome to come to the Village Hall to hear about the results from the survey, other background work that has been carried out, together with any implications and recommendations for the Shimpling Neighbourhood Plan.](#)

We will advertise the date as soon as it is set and hope to see as many of you there as possible.

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

**Copy for the March 2025 edition is required by 22nd February 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 !!**

September meeting: We thought that a talk by Britain's first female bomb disposal expert and now Marshall at Cambridge University might be interesting and how right we were! Lucy Lewis is as accomplished a speaker as she is a professional and she was thoroughly entertaining and engaging. It seems that



courage was needed not only to dispose of bombs but also to handle army life in those days as a minority female within Sandhurst when training. We were regaled with stories about rifle shooting disasters which became successes and extraordinary goings on at formal nights involving multiple pairs of underwear... After active service which saw her working for extended periods in Northern Ireland, she also worked in many other countries including Ecuador, Iceland and Sardinia. Subsequently she transferred to the Royal Military Police and served a further 8 years with her last post as a staff officer in Ministry of Defence before finally retiring at the rank of Major in 1998 because she wished to raise a family. Not content with making history once in her life as the first woman to dispose of bombs in the British army, she made history a second time as the first woman Marshall in Cambridge University's, at that time 809 year history. The Marshall is a ceremonial mace bearer who heads a team of Proctors and Constables who ensure good discipline and freedom of speech within the university. Their attire is what might be considered somewhat archaic; Lucy herself has two top hats which she wears; one for daily wear and the other a 150 year old silk top hat for ceremonial duties (of which there are many). We learned of the misdemeanors of Cambridge University students and how they are kept in order but that keeping students in order is much easier than keeping soldiers under control!

October meeting: This fascinatingly informative and interactive session was all about British Sign Language and was engagingly presented by Lindsay Barrell who used not only her hands, but also facial and bodily expressions to convey her meanings. She taught us how to spell with our fingers. Lindsey told us how she came to learn

BSL and said that many more people have been inspired to learn this vital communication skill after seeing Rose Ayling-Ellis in Strictly Come Dancing on TV. Lindsey herself has written some teaching courses for the language which could be used by hearing people; many of the teachers of BSL are themselves profoundly deaf. Sign language is very ancient and the first British recorded use was in 1450. Some signs have changed over time and of course, new signs have been introduced over the years. There is no universal sign language and over 300 sign languages exist around the world. It was fascinating to learn that there are even regional differences and the equivalent of accents as well as differences in ways of signing between the younger and older generation for example to do with phones. There is also Babysigning for 6 month old babies upwards. Being able to sign helps them to communicate when they are not yet able to speak. It was a Suffolk based boy and his mother who campaigned hard to get a BSL GCSE introduced nationally but although due to be rolled out next summer, this has, unfortunately been delayed. In BSL the topic or verb is always at the beginning of the sentence and BSL has its own grammar and syntax.

November Meeting: The speaker for this meeting was Tim Forman, fleet manager, trustee and volunteer for SERV (Service by Emergency Response Volunteers). Frankly most of us knew nothing about this organisation, but we all have so much to be grateful to them for. Essentially, these volunteers are what we colloquially call 'Blood Runners'. However, they do not only 'run' blood around, they also take platelets, blood products, plasma, faecal matter and donated human breast milk kept at various low temperatures in cars, vans and on motorbikes to hospitals, the East Anglian Air Ambulance and Magpas air ambulance, homes and transfusion services - wherever these deliveries are required. The role was first set up in 1962 and the service founded in 1981 in Surrey. There are now 42 groups around the country in most counties. They receive no funding from the NHS, government or regulatory bodies and the volunteers all pay for their own fuel and most use their own transport. The group for Suffolk and Cambridgeshire has 6 motorbikes, one car, 3 vans and an exhibition

trailer owned by the charity used mainly for fundraising. There are approximately 160 drivers on the Suffolk and Cambridgeshire list of whom approximately 20 are women and 20 controllers who locate and communicate with the drivers and also other areas to ensure that blood is received promptly and safely. The blood bank service has two main hubs near Bristol and Colindale north of London so many deliveries of blood are made there. This involves liaison between regions and drivers meet each other at designated locations to transfer the products over from one region to another and continue their journey. This valuable service has saved the NHS some £1,250,000 since its foundation, however, the Suffolk and Cambridgeshire region alone costs some £35,000 per year to run; a large part of which, approximately £15,000 is the cost of vehicle and public liability insurance alone, but other costs include training, high visibility clothing, communications systems and fleet replacements. The drivers must hold a current pass in advanced driving which is retested every three years. They work 12 hour shifts; 7am - 7pm and 7pm until 7am and must offer at least 2 such shifts per month. Of great interest and excitement was the fact that our speaker brought one of the motorcycles from the fleet into Shimpling village hall and showed us features of the bike and gave us the opportunity to sit ourselves on the 275kg vehicle! Fancy volunteering? There is no age limit and currently one of the drivers is 78 years old. However, they are always seeking donations of money and also teddies and soft toys, old mobiles, sat navs and hand held devices which are repaired for resale for fundraising.

December 2024. We will be celebrating our 75th Anniversary with past WI members. January 14th 2025. Guide Dog Puppy Raisers. Shimpling village hall.

February 11th 2025. Sudbury Community Nursing Team. Alpheton village hall. For information about any meeting contact Marion Argent 01284 827074.

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)

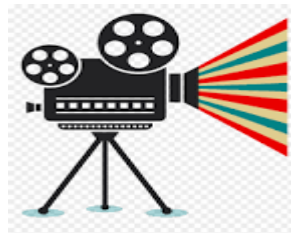
CRAFT AFTERNOON held the last Friday of the month (except December) in Alpheton Village Hall from 2pm to 4pm. Bring along your craft or learn one, or just come along for a chat. Entrance fee £3 to cover hall hire and refreshments.

All enquiries - Ali Hughes, 01787 248302.



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

Mon. 9th Dec: 'The Miracle Club', (drama).
Starring Maggie Smith, Kathy Bates.



Mon. 13th Jan: 'One Life', (true drama). Starring Sir Anthony Hopkins, Helena Bonham Carter.

Mon. 10th Feb: 'Glass Onion: A Knives Out Mystery':
(whodunnit). Starring Daniel Craig, Kate Hudson.

Doors open 7pm for 7.30pm start. Admission price is £4 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 – if you would like to get involved – please let the secretary know.

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

For all enquiries - our secretary is Carol Squire - email: shimplingvh@gmail.com or phone / text: 07855 762812

Committee members – we are saddened to say farewell to **Nathalie Brown** our chair who has been an inspirational leader and long-standing member of the committee. We will miss her enthusiasm and ‘can do’ attitude which has been so beneficial over the past few years.

We welcome two new members – **Pip Pryor and Sarah Milhench** who are bringing great additional skills and experience to the committee.

Hall update:

With support from the Parish Council, we continue to seek out funding for improvements to the hall for the side double doors and external redecoration. A grant for SOLAR PANELS and an ELECTRIC CAR CHARGING POINT has been applied for and we hope to have them installed in 2025.

The Fit Villages Survey was completed by many people in the village and the two most requested sessions were General Fitness sessions and Short Mat Bowls. The quest to find a fitness instructor who can do evening sessions is ongoing. We will be seeking the views of the **young residents** of the village on what activities they would like to do in the new year.

In the meantime – don't forget you can book the hall to play **table tennis** and if there is enough interest we are proposing to look for a coach and have regular sessions in 2025

The hall is also available for private hire – birthday parties, events and other celebrations

– Children's Parties, Birthday Celebrations, Baby Shower, Wakes, private dance lessons so if you are planning something similar – why not hire the hall?

Hire the village hall just £8 per hour for residents, £10 for non-residents.

Contact Bookings Secretary Carol by email shimplingvh@gmail.com or text 07855 762812

TWO SHORT COMEDY CLASSICS

17TH DEC 2024 - 7 for 7.30pm start



Only Fools and Horses

FREE ADMISSION WITH MULLED WINE & MINCE PIES IN THE INTERVAL

ADDITIONAL SWEETS ICE CREAM AND POPCORN ALSO FOR SALE



Sleeping Beauty

Join Princess Aurora and her fiery friend, Milo the dragon, on a time-warping adventure through the mystical realm of Ipswich – full of secrets, spells, spindles and the unstoppable force of love!

Get ready for a rockin' reawakening of 'Sleeping Beauty' as Ipswich's award-winning 'Rock 'n' Roll' Pantomime storms the stage!

A dazzling explosion of live rock and pop, with songs from Guns 'N' Roses, Imagine Dragons, Beyoncé, The Monkees and much more!

Rock n Roll pantomime in the Village Hall

Email: shimplingvh@gmail.com to book tickets: -
£5 per person or £7.50 on the door (under 12's free)

Refreshments, sweets, ice-creams & popcorn on sale

*Prizes for best dressed
Princess Aurora and Milo the Dragon!*

REGULAR AND COMING EVENTS 2025

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 in 2025

Rural Coffee Caravan is at the village hall every 4th Thursday of the month – free coffee (or tea) and cake and lots of useful information & advice. Cake donations welcomed!

PILATES resumes on Monday the 6th of January at 9.30 and again at 11am

YOGA continues the 1st 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month at 9.30 am

ZUMBA GOLD resumes on Friday the 10th of January at 1pm

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 07855 872812 or emailing shimplingvh@gmail.com or post a note in the village hall post box.

SHIMPLING VILLAGE AMENITIES, GROUPS & ACTIVITIES

Up to date information is on the village notice boards which are located near the bus stop, bottom of the village hall driveway, by Chadacre and opposite St Georges Church Shimpling and will also be posted on the

Shimpling Parish Council website <http://www.shimplingpc.onesuffolk.net>

Village WhatsApp - Shimpling Neighbour Group, contact Katie Hazelhurst to be added to the group - katierix@hotmail.com

Village round robin emails – contact Liz Brunwin to be added to the group lizbrunwin@hotmail.co.uk

Village Hall - Your hall website - <https://yourhall.co.uk/hall/shimpling-village-hall/> or **Facebook page** - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/477169739018535>

The Bush Public House – located at the eastern end of The Street – for opening hours menus and events go to: www.thebushshimpling.co.uk

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.

Village Library – our BT phone box on The Street has been converted into a lending library – have a look for something different to read or donate a great book for someone else to discover.

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 of the month at 7.30pm**) For more information contact Marion Argent: 01284 827074

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 - The Shimpling Environment Group is open to anyone who is concerned about our environment - from local to global. Meetings are organised via a WhatsApp group, which is also used to share ideas as to how we can live more sustainably and protect our world's resources. Contact Jane Wall on 074534 53906 or email jane.wall@hotmail.co.uk if you would like to join the group.

Cycling – Cyclists should watch out for the posters and notifications of cycle rides Mark Beaver kindly organises each summer. Rides around the beautiful Suffolk countryside are tailored to suit most levels of ability.

FILM NIGHTS

3rd TUESDAY OF THE MONTH 7pm for 7.30 start

**COME AND WATCH NEW AND FAVOURITE FILMS
ON THE BIG SCREEN—POPCORN AND
REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE !**



COMING NEXT

21st Jan – Keeping Mum starring Maggie Smith & Rowan Atkinson

18th Feb - The Lost City starring Sandra Bullock & Tatum Chan

18th Mar – The Colour Room starring Phoebe Dynevor & Matthew Goode

HARTEST AND DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB



Despite last-minute changes, the October and November meetings went well, the latter including the

AGM. The programme for 2025 was revealed to be a very exciting list of meetings and visits, available on the website – as below. Thanks to Ralph and Elizabeth for arranging it.

The next meeting is on Monday 2nd December at 7.30pm at the Institute as usual. It is a fun affair with nibbles, wine and a hotly contested quiz. Our 2025 subscription is £15 for a single person or £25 for a couple. This can be paid (preferably in cash at the moment) at the December meeting.

The meeting in January is on the 6th, with the speaker Tom Hoblyn, talking about Designing Gardens for RHS Chelsea. Tom graduated from the Royal Botanic Gardens in Kew and set up his practice shortly after that. He is an established figure at both RHS Chelsea and Hampton Court. He has won numerous Gold, Silver and Silver Gilt medals and places great importance on working with his local community. And in February, the talk is on “Composts”, by Paul Hansford, who worked for many years at Thompson and Morgan in Ipswich and had a special interest in compost, latterly peat free. He worked on scientific trials to establish the best formula for gardeners and will be talking about how his compost gives your plants the best start in life. He will also be bringing compost (in small blocks) with him for members to purchase. Entry to both meetings is £2.50 for members, £5 for non-members. This later meeting will be held at Stanstead Village Community Centre, COO 9AP, due to work being done at the Institute.

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

Could you be a



DIGITAL CHAMPION VOLUNTEER?



**Do you have an hour or more spare each month?
We are looking for friendly & reliable volunteers around
the county to join our team!**

Do you use a phone, laptop or tablet?
Could you support people in your local
community who would love to learn basic
digital skills to contact family members,
online shopping, book appointments etc.

Scan for
more information



**For more info call us on 01449 707030 or email
volunteering@communitiestogether-ea.org**

All volunteers must be 16+
Full training and DBS provided



CHANGES TO HOME RECYCLING FROM 2026

From 2026, you'll be able to recycle much more as we introduce additional collections – helping the environment, and cutting how much waste goes into your black bin 🗑️♻️

To meet new government legislation, we'll be:

✅ introducing new WEEKLY food waste collections for your unusable or expired:

- 🍲 leftovers
- 🍖 meat
- 🐟 fish
- 🦷 bones
- ☕ tea bags and coffee grounds
- 🍞 bread
- 🍝 pasta and rice
- 🥚 eggshells and dairy products
- 🍏 fruit and veg peelings

✅ accepting more items in recycling bins - including glass and cartons such as Tetra Pak (and plastic film from 2027)

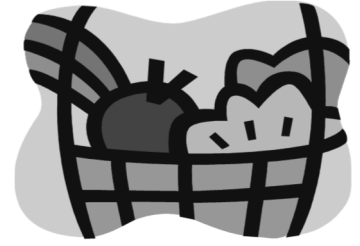
✅ providing a separate bin, box or bag for paper and cardboard, which will improve its recycling value and quality

🗑️ With significantly less rubbish in black bins (an estimated 58% reduction), and no longer containing food items which are most likely to cause bins to smell, we will also move to three-weekly rubbish bin collections in the same year

👉 However, our waste team would be sympathetic to those with exceptional needs on a case-by-case basis, such as those with larger families, with medical needs or without available space for the new bins

👉 Working with other councils in Suffolk and [Suffolk Recycles](#), these changes ensure we can meet new government legislation aimed at increasing the UK's plateauing recycling rates

Hartest Farm and Craft Market Saturday 7th December 10-12.30—Hartest Institute



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For more information contact

hartestfarmersmarket@gmail.com

Or see our Facebook and Instagram posts.

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

RECYCLING Shimpling has a bottle bank, a Paper and Card Bank and a Clothing Bank. If they are full please call
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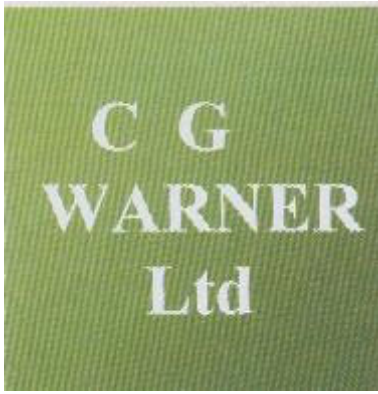
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Do please get in touch if there is something
you want to explore.



USEFUL VILLAGE CONTACTS AND INFORMATION

County Cllr—Richard Kemp 01787 378149

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

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

Shimpling Postal Collections:-

The Street Mon-Fri 4.30pm, Sat 12pm, Little Chadacre Mon-Fri 9am, Sat 7.30am, Aveley Lane Mon-Fri 9am, Sat 7.30am

Medical Services

NHS Helpline :- 111 (Non-emergency)

Glensford Surgery:—01787 280484

Lavenham/Long Melford Surgery:—01787 378226

Samaritans:- 116 123

Domestic Abuse Helpline:- 0808 2000 247

Vet Surgeries:-

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Anglian Water Emergency :- 0800 771881

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Citizens Advice Bureau:- 01284 753675

Suffolk Libraries Library Van—Every 4 weeks on Friday at Shimpling Post Box 14:20-14:35

Chambers Bus Service 375—Wednesdays only depart Hallifax Place to Bury 07:41 & 10:02 return arrival at Hallifax Place 13:37 & 16:54

Felix Bus Service 715—Thursday only depart 09:47 to Sudbury, return arrival 13:30



Christmas Market Orders 2024

Orders to charlottefblyth@btinternet.com



ORDER LIST (also on: www.alphetonandshimplingchurches.org.uk) These items can be ordered in advance (up until 1st December*) Please collect your order from Shimpling Village Hall on 7th December 10am and 1pm Do stay for coffee, mince pie and a chat and to browse other items on sale			
Christmas Wreaths Assorted Styles Choose on the day, First come, First served	£20/£25	(not including lights!) 	
Mini Christmas Cakes	£10	Round, topped with nuts and fruit	
Christmas Puddings *	£8	In a 1pt pudding basin	
Large Cakes	£8	Emma's fabulous chocolate cake	
Cakes and shortbread	£6	Victoria sponge Lemon Drizzle Shortbread Coffee & Walnut	