

Shimpling News

Summer 2025

Issue 142

Summer Barn Dance at Shimpling Park Barns, IP29 4HY with local Cèilidh Band, 'Catch the Pigeon' Saturday 9th August 7.30pm-11pm

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shimplingvh@gmail.com
Carol 07855762812

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Village Hall Funds

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Vacancy	

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(Correspondence and Appointment only)

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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 14th July 2025

Monday 8th September 2025

Monday 10th November 2025

Please note that 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 at the Annual Parish Assembly;

Good evening, everyone and thank you for joining us tonight at the Annual Parish Assembly.

For those of you who don't know me, my name is David Dunkley, and I am the Chair of the Parish Council.

This evening is an opportunity to thank the people who have helped to keep the village running and in good order throughout the past year. Most of those people do so as volunteers, i.e. unpaid, a situation some villagers

occasionally fail to appreciate. But without those volunteers Shimpling would be a less pleasant village.

So let me start by thanking my fellow Councillors for their help and assistance during the year. We have had some long meetings, due to the number of items up for discussion, but the hidden side of the work is the considerable background reading and co-ordination meetings, with other councils and service providers, that are needed.

Our clerk is Natasha Byford, and the Parish Council could not run without her hard work and persistence throughout the year. Parish Clerks do an essential and important job providing continuity, legal and procedural expertise and advice to councillors and we are extremely lucky to have Natasha. This year has been a particularly challenging one for Natasha as she has had to deal with all the usual work, significant extra work with grant applications as well as an addition to her family, Oliver. So, a big thank you to Natasha. Alongside the Parish Council are many individuals and organisations, some represented here tonight so I will let them tell you of their activities, all working hard to keep the village clean and looking pleasant, providing useful information to residents and delivering companionship, fun and entertainment. My apologies now if I do not manage to include everyone who has helped.

Litter pickup day is an annual event which is well supported by the village. This year, for the first time, it was organised by Gail Singfield. Throughout the year Steve has also provided an ongoing rubbish and tidy up service on his regular walks around the village.

Setting up the Christmas tableau and generally helping fix

and put things up has been done by Laurence Rooke, Ted Pine, and Matt Brown amongst others. With this year's Christmas tree being generously donated by Mark Milhench. Thanks also go to Chris Cooke from Lark Valley Landscapes and his employees for their efforts in keeping the village grass looking good.

The WhatsApp group, the email group, the village website and, not the least, the village newsletter, guide people to our key hubs of activity; St George's Church, the Bush public house and the Village Hall. Many thanks to Sarah Smith for all her hard work in putting such a professional looking and useful village magazine together.

The Village Hall Committee continue to do a great job of introducing new events to bring our community together as well as continuing with ones which are popular. You will hear more about these from Carol Squire later. The Parish Council is pleased in its continuing support of the village hall to ensure its continued success.

Whilst the configuration of the new local government structure is still to be determined for our region, it is almost certainly going to change the relationship the Parish Council has with the higher tiers of government. This makes it all the more important to thank our County and District councillors for the help and support they have given over this year and previous years.

Richard Kemp, Stephen Plumb and Michael Holt, we thank you for always being responsive to our requests for help; it is much appreciated.

We have seen the successful completion of some important projects throughout the year. The new Village Hall lease has

been signed giving tenure on the land around the Village Hall for the next 21 years. Many thanks to the Richards' family for agreeing to this.

The solar panels on the Village Hall were installed and have been working well to provide a reduction in energy costs. Although the cost of the project was over £13,000 the net cost to the parish was zero, due entirely to the great work done by Natasha in getting a range of grants.

Other projects are progressing well, such as the introduction of Electric Vehicle chargers at the Village Hall. This is awaiting a revised survey prior to implementation. Gerry Shrimpton has been instrumental in getting us this far. Gerry has also been working to get extra buses for the village. This year saw an additional service introduced, but we are hoping for more.

The Neighbourhood Plan is on track. The resident survey produced some very useful information from the over 100 replies. The responses were fed back at an open day attended by 61 residents and will inform the remainder of the process to generate a plan to go Babergh later this year. The team is me, Jane Wall, Mark Beaver, Mike Fahie-Wilson and is very ably led by Claire Douglas-Hughes. A lot has been achieved but there is still a lot to do.

Finally, I would like to add. The Parish Council occasionally make donations for specific causes we believe important to our village heritage. We were offered the opportunity to provide a plaque by the friends of Lavenham Airfield. In WWII the airfield used land across Lavenham, Cockfield, Alpheton and Shimpling.

The airfield was used by the US 487th Bomber Group and there is a memorial there honouring the 233 aircrew who died on missions from the airfield between 1944 and 1945. We are proud to be able to add to that memorial.

Given we have just remembered the 80th anniversary of VE day, it seems poignant that we have a particular example of the sacrifices made in achieving it.

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 Audit

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: <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:

<u>Application</u>	Shimpling PC Com- ments	Planning Authority Decision
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/25/00865 - The Gannocks, Old Rectory Lane, Shimpling, Bury St Edmunds Suffolk IP29 4HG - Full Planning Application - Conversion of an agricultural barn previously approved under Class Q) to form 1No Dwelling.	Did not comment	Refused
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	

<u>Application</u>	Shimpling PC Com- ments	Planning Authority Decision
DC/25/00786 - Cracketts, The Street, Shimpling, Bury St Edmunds Suffolk IP29 4HU - Planning application - Erection of single storey rear extension to listed building. Installation of dormer	Did not comment	Granted subject to conditions
DC/25/00787 - Cracketts, The Street, Shimpling, Bury St Edmunds Suffolk IP29 4HU - Application for Listed Building Consent - Erection of a single storey rear extension to listed building. Installation of dormer	Did not comment	Granted
DC/25/00784 - Cracketts, The Street, Shimpling, Bury St Edmunds Suffolk IP29 4HU - Planning application - Removal of boundary hedge, dropped kerb and additional hard standing (following removal of shed). Re-siting of oil tank	Did not comment	Granted
DC/25/00785 - Cracketts, The Street, Shimpling, Bury St Edmunds Suffolk IP29 4HU - Application for Listed Building Consent - Removal of boundary hedge, dropped kerb and additional hard standing (following removal of shed). Re-siting of oil tank	Did not comment	Listed building consent not required

<u>Application</u>	Shimpling PC Com-	Planning Authority
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	

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



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**

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Lambs vs Sheep!

I hope that in the last few weeks you have been able to enjoy seeing the lambs in the fields around us. Lambs are always such a delight. They are inquisitive, social, communicative, and joyful; indeed they literally jump for joy. They are also vulnerable - I trust you have been keeping your dogs on leads in their vicinity? In contrast sheep can appear to be passive and a bit world-weary. They are so consumed with eating grass that there does not seem to be much time left for anything else.

Is there not a lesson for us in this ... how like sheep we can be! There are enormous pressures on many of us at the moment, but have we become so consumed by worries that we have forgotten the wonder and the joy of simply being alive? Indeed, one of my friends who works with children has a theory that babies are born close to heaven, but that the troubles of life harden us up and tend to draw us away from God.

Across the world Christians have recently celebrated Easter. It is interesting that the imagery of Jesus' sacrifice is of a lamb and not a sheep being slain. Maybe that speaks of the revitalisation God offers through Jesus' death and resurrection? The Easter story is a source of great strength to me; however I can still find things hard going, so personally I am extremely grateful that God still goes after lost sheep!

Church Services

June

Sun 1 st	9.00am	Alpheton	Communion
	6.30pm	Melford	Choral Evensong
Sun 8 th	4.00pm	Lawshall	Wild Church
			Golden Wood # ^^
Sun 15 th	9.00am	Shimpling	Communion
	4.00pm	Melford	Pub Social, The Hare # ^^
Sun 22 nd	10.30am	Melford	Elders' Commissioning



THE PARISH OF ALPHETON AND SHIMPLINGTHORNE

	4.00pm	Melford	'Shine' Informal Worship #
Sun 29 th	10.30am	Melford	Clopton Rose Service
	4.00pm	Melford	Messy Church
		Glebe Land (next to Rectory) #	
	6.30pm	Lawshall	Evening Communion
July			
Sun 6 th	9.00am	Alpheton	Communion
	4.00pm	Lawshall	Pet Service (<i>please bring pets or photo</i>)
	6.30pm	Melford	Choral Evensong
Sun 13 th	4.00pm	Melford	'Shine' Informal Worship #
Sun 20 th	9.00am	Shimpling	Communion
Sun 27 th	6.30pm	Lawshall	Evening Communion
August			
Sun 3 rd	9.00am	Alpheton	Communion
	6.30pm	Melford	Choral Evensong
Sun 17 th	9.00am	Shimpling	Communion
Sun 31 st	6.30pm	Lawshall	Evening Communion

^^ If there is weather warning we will swap these two weeks around

for our 4 o'clock community with family friendly services socials and events almost every Sunday at 4.00pm, contact Nicky on 07938 681319 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. For the most up to date information please check the diary of the Long Melford Website or look at the Holy Trinity Long Melford website diary (bottom left of homepage).

Rector: Rev'd Matthew Lawson 01787 310845

Churchwarden: Vacant

Church Contact : Charlotte Blyth 01284 828544
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Tea with the Vicar !

At Ford Hall, Bridge Street on August 10th 2025
Including sponsored swimming, tennis tournament,
afternoon tea and live music ! More details to follow...

NEWS FROM THE LONG MELFORD PRACTICE (NOW UNITY HEALTHCARE)

Unity Healthcare Launches New Remote Site

This month, Unity Healthcare is opening a new, purposefully designed remote site to improve the way in which requests and queries are managed across the practice.

As a newly merged organisation covering a wider area and serving more patients, this central hub will play a key role in coordinating patient care more effectively. It is expected to make things run more smoothly and ensure fairer access to services

for all our patients – goals that we have been striving towards since the beginning of the merger.

We've recently received feedback from some patients highlighting concerns around accessibility and response times – areas we recognised might be difficult to manage consistently without the introduction of a new operating model. By centralising and streamlining certain processes, the practice aims to address these issues by providing quicker, more consistent responses. Whilst the way that patients contact and interact with the practice will remain the same, these internal changes should improve the overall experience for everyone. Some adjustments may be necessary as the new model is implemented, but immediate improvements are expected, along with longer-term benefits, particularly in areas such as staff recruitment and retention, which will help us to deliver a high standard of care.

We've been keeping our Patient Participation Group (PPG) informed about these changes and the anticipated positive impact, and we'll continue working closely with them and listening to patient feedback to ensure our decisions are in line with what matters most to our patients. In addition, local workshops will be held for patients interested in learning more about how eConsult works and how it can improve access to healthcare services. For those with questions about the system, information will be available to explain how it benefits both patients and the practice. Further updates will be shared through surgery communications.

We hope that our patients will share our view that this development is an exciting milestone, and an important step forward in working towards improving the care and services we can offer.

Aimee Longfoot, February 2025

Shimpling & Alpheton WI

11th March Meeting



This very moving talk was courageously given by Pauline Headland, another of our very own members. Many of us were unaware of the story which she had to tell and we all hold her in deeply respectful loving compassion having heard about the lives of her two treasured daughters, Victoria and Katie born in the 1970s who passed away at the ages of 20 and 21 respectively. Both suffered from a rare degenerative genetic syndrome called Sanfilippo disease. Pauline told us about this and other genetic diseases and how they are carried in recessive genes by both parents.

MPS is an overall name for conditions including Sanfilippo Syndrome. The MPS Society charity will be the BBC Lifeline charity on May 25th. Pauline spoke to us about the disease in order to raise some funds to give to the charity.

8th April Meeting

We were enthralled and concerned in equal measure by Jonathan Houseago, our speaker for a talk about hedgehogs. The little creatures themselves enchanted us all, but statistics troubled us; since 2000, rural populations have declined by at least a half and urban populations by up to a third. We learned what we can all do to try to help reverse this decline, by not keeping our gardens manicured, having wildlife ponds, having log piles which we keep moist and having hedgehog houses in our gardens.

For any further information about the WI please contact Marion Argent on 01284 827074.

HARTEST AND DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB

Looking back...

April's talk was by Mark Mason who took us on a fascinating journey through the history of tomatoes. From its origins in the Americas, where it was cultivated by the Aztecs, to its current popularity in Mediterranean and Italian cuisines - despite some initial reservations in Europe over its resemblance to poisonous plants from the nightshade family.



The evolution of the vast range of modern varieties of tomatoes has been shaped by cultural preferences and the evolution of agricultural practices. Whether one is growing or eating them, it was a wonderful insight into how this red fruit has won a central role in our lives!

There was no meeting in May, but we did have **our fantastic plant sale on Sunday 18th May**. Thank you to everyone who supported the sale on the village green – we had a great turnout and huge volumes of plants and cuttings, making over £900 for the club! It was a super opportunity for everyone to pick up some garden bargains, get some gardening tips and catch up with fellow plant lovers.

A huge thank you to All Saints PCC who provided refreshments and delicious cakes – the proceeds of which (circa £200) are in aid of the church.

Hot on the heels of the plant sale was a visit to **Benton End on Monday 19th May** to the beautiful garden of the celebrated artist and plantsman Sir Cedric Morris (1889 – 1982) and artist, Arthur Lett-Haines. Due to the recent warm weather, many of the irises were in full bloom so we were very lucky to catch them at their best.

Looking ahead...

There is a visit on **2nd June to Place for Plants, East Bergholt** with a personal tour by the owners, Rupert and Sara Eley. The 20-acre garden and arboretum are particularly known for their magnolias, camellias and rhododendrons.

There are also fine examples of yew topiary as well as two ornamental ponds and many rare and unusual trees and shrubs.

The Gardening Club Annual Show will be on Sunday 7th September, at 2.30pm.

There's a class for everyone, whether you like to grow flowers, fruit, or vegetables. There are classes for cooks, artists and crafters. We've also got fun new classes for children of all ages. Do put the date in your diary and think about what you might want to grow, bake or make. You have to be in it to win it!

The Show Schedule is available via our newly updated website: <https://hartestgardeningclub.onesuffolk.net>

In other news...

We have our new club logo! Thank you to garden club member David Cook who, with his son Seth, has designed our fabulous new logo.

Our website has had a spring refresh! Do have a look at the site as it's a great source of information about the club, some links to other local garden-related sites and also photos of the amazing gardens of our members: <https://hartestgardeningclub.onesuffolk.net>

Our Instagram page is active. Please do 'follow' us and spread the word! @hartest_gardening_club

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!

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)

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.

Monday 9th June **HYDE PARK ON HUDSON**
(drama Bill Murray & Laura Linney)

Mon 14th July **SAVE THE CINEMA** (drama
Samantha Morton, Jonathan Price)

Monday 11th August **MAGIC IN THE MOONLIGHT** (drama
Eileen Atkins, Colin Firth)

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



Note from Ollie's Petcare

I would like to thank all my customers, past and present for their support over the 14 years that I have had this little business. You may or may not know that it was a former villager, Jo Pugh, who encouraged me to look after her girls (chickens) whilst she was on holiday. I was only 9 at the time and after a couple of years, she thought I could do more. She then asked friends and neighbours to give me small jobs to encourage me to become more confident within the village community.

I am proud to say that I now know so many people and have become trusted with all sorts of jobs and arrangements and still have some original customers on my books.

There have been some lean years when the fox struck and there have been memorable moments shared only with the customer of course!!

It is now time to hang up the keys and allow other children in the village to become trusted by neighbours to carry out small tasks to learn responsibility and earn some pocket money.

Many thanks

Ollie Schofield

**Copy for the September 2025 edition is required by
22nd August 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 !!

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:

The Parish Council were successful in getting a grant for SOLAR PANELS and they are now installed and should help with the future cost of power in the village hall.

An ELECTRIC CAR CHARGING POINT at the hall has been applied for and we hope to have it installed by the end of 2025. There will be some groundwork that 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.

Village Hall AGM was held on the 28th April and the current committee agreed to continue to represent the residents on the committee. Sarah Milhench was nominated to be chair for 2025-6, Jenny Pine to continue as Treasurer, Pip Pryor Secretary, Carol Squire Events and Bookings secretary and David Johnston H&S lead. The minutes and reports of the meeting can be read on the Shimpling Village website (see above link)

Village Hall Activities

The regular activities continue as scheduled so check the **notice boards** and **WhatsApp** and join in the fun.

Unfortunately, both YOGA and DANCE CLUB failing to attract enough interested people to make them viable for the tutors, and both have ceased to be available.

PILATES classes started on a 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 need 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** comes 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.

Stuck for something to do with the family in holidays? – don't forget you can book the hall to play **TABLE TENNIS**. We are looking for a coach and to have regular sessions in the summer holidays - watch out for the posters on the notice boards and on WhatsApp

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

A very popular family **Bird Box making session** was held in February and then a **Pottery Mug Making Workshop** held in March. In April was a **Ceramic Flower making workshop** and then Don Sankey's **Silver Jewellery Workshop** made a return at the end of May.

Unfortunately, a **Terrarium workshop** and **Glass Mosaic Workshop** were cancelled as insufficient people booked onto them.

More **Pottery** and other sessions are planned for Autumn 2025 including a Christmas 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!

INTERESTED IN HIRING THE VILLAGE HALL?

The hall is available for hire for private sessions, e.g. dance practice, arts & crafts, activities or exercise sessions, children's parties, baby showers, birthday or other celebrations so if you are planning something similar, **why not hire our village hall?**

EVERYONE – we have a **table tennis** set just waiting to be regularly used – great fun for everyone!



Due to a very kind residents' donation - we also should also have **billiards** on offer this summer!!

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 REGULAR & COMING EVENTS

Take a look at what is planned for 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 or on the village website – all updated regularly to provide the latest information.

Regular Events

Weekly Pilates – 2 sessions on a Monday 9.30am and 11am and an evening session on **Wednesdays** at 6.30pm All equipment provided – just £7 per session

Zumba Gold - Friday at 1pm on a term time basis just £5 per session - dance your way to fitness



FILM NIGHTS are on the **3rd Tuesday of the month at 7 for 7.30 start.**

17th June – **Lee** starring Kate Winslet# portrays a pivotal decade in 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. Miller had a profound understanding and empathy for women and the voiceless victims of war. Her images display both the fragility and ferocity of the human experience.

15th July - The Ballad of Wallis Island starring Tom Basden, Tim Key & Sian Clifford. An eccentric lottery winner who lives alone on a remote island tries to make his fantasies come true by getting his favourite musicians to perform at his home

FILM & REFRESHMENTS £4.50 PER PERSON

ADDITIONAL SWEETS AND POPCORN ALSO FOR SALE

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

*******COMING SOON*******

SUMMER DANCE for all the family 9th of August 7.30 -11pm – this year the annual village dance is going to be a **BARN DANCE** or **CEILIDH** with the brilliant band “Catch the Pigeon” <https://www.catchthepigeon.uk> playing a wide variety of jigs, reels, hornpipes & polkas that anyone young and not so young can enjoy and dance to – no partners required! Put it in your diary and join in the fun! **TICKETS £20 each**

Vernon's QUIZ has been rescheduled for **Saturday 15th Nov** so gather your team and come to pit your knowledge against friends and neighbours. **TICKETS £20 each**

Email Carol at shimplingvh@gmail.com or text 07855 762812 to register your interest in both / any event or to suggest alternative ones.

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If you would like to advertise please email the Clerk
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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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Saturday 15th November

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Teams of up to 6

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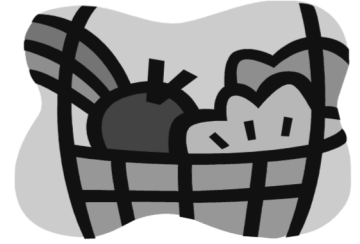
Tickets from Carol

Email – shimplingvh@gmail.com

Text Carol - Bookings Secretary - 07855762812

Hartest Farm and Craft Market Saturday 6th June

10-12.30—Hartest Institute



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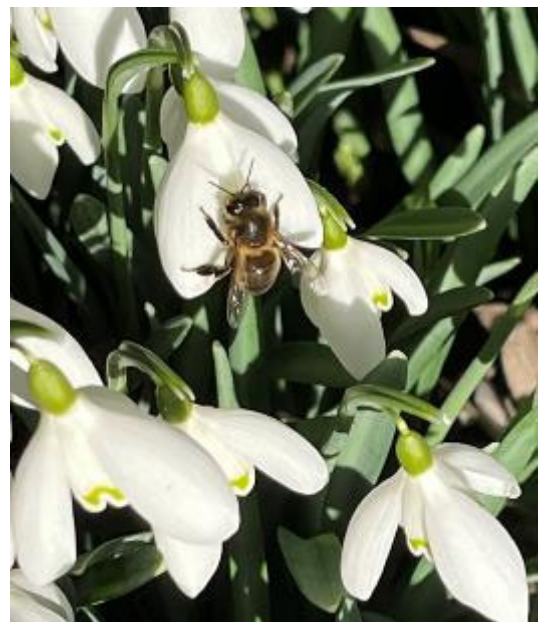
For more information contact

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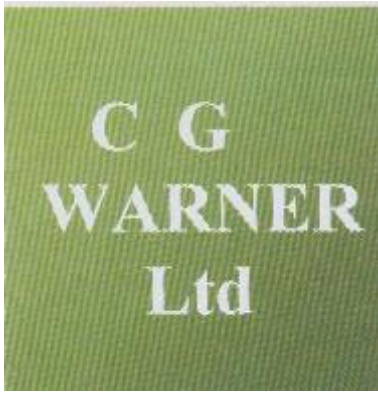
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Shimpling Postal Collections:-

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

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Bury St Edmunds - 01284 701444

Anglian Water Emergency :- 0800 771881

UK Power Networks Emergency:- 0800 31 63 105

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