

Shimpling News

Spring 2024

Issue 136

REFRESHMENTS
SHIMPLING PARK
FARM BARN

& THE VILLAGE
HALL

Spring
**MARKET
AND
SALE TRAIL**

APRIL 13TH 10.00-13.00

SHIMPLING VILLAGE HALL

SALE TRAIL STALLS AROUND THE VILLAGE AND
AT THE VILLAGE HALL
(MAPS AVAILABLE FROM VILLAGE HALL)

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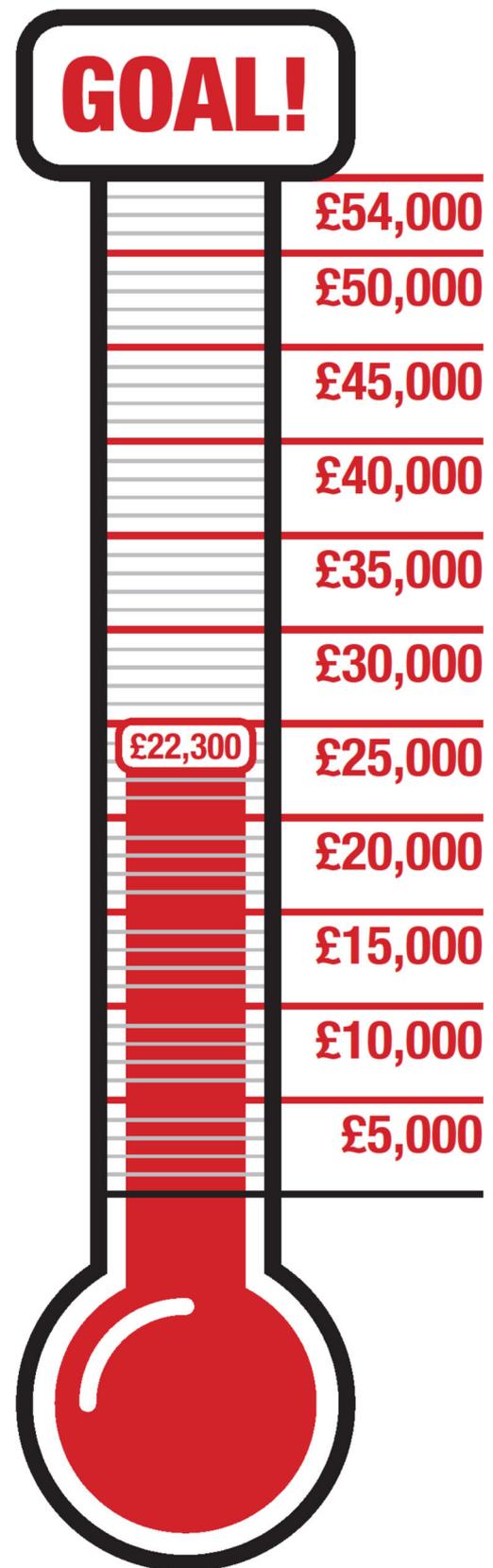
St George's Stained Glass Window Fund

A big thank you to all those who have donated towards the stained-glass window fund in any way, either through donations or by supporting the fundraising events. You will see from the thermometer that we have managed to raise over £22,000 so far.

Our next fund-raising event will be the **Spring Market/Sale Trail** on the **13th April** (details in this magazine).

In June, we will be holding a very special event at Chadacre - **Cricket Match/Garden Tours with afternoon teas** courtesy of the owners, Mr and Mrs Lamprell. Our thanks go to them for allowing us to use their beautiful home for this main fundraising event. If you would like to join the village cricket team, contact lizbrunwin@hotmail.co.uk. We very much hope that we will be blessed with better weather than the fete in 2021!

Mark Beaver has also very kindly offered to do a sponsored bike ride in aid of the church window appeal. Look out for details when he has set a date.



Raising Funds

As well as asking for donations, the church will be applying for grants from various charities towards the work. This is a long laborious and complicated process, and we thank Rosemarie Sadler for all her help coordinating this as well as heading the Fundraising Team.

Why can't the church pay for the work out of church funds?

A valid question bearing in mind that we have over £100k in our bank account. Below is a bit of background information:

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Firstly, our finances must support two churches - St George's in Shimpling and St Peter and St Paul's in Alpheton.

Almost £48,000 has been raised or donated over the years for Alpheton Church and cannot be used for Shimpling.

Some of the money for Shimpling is restricted i.e. specifically set aside (sometimes at the request of donors for specific areas e.g the Faint House). These restricted monies cannot be used for anything else.

It currently costs in the region of £30,000 to run both churches per annum. This covers our Parish Share which is what we pay the Diocese for our Rector, administrator, Diocesan support, minor maintenance, organist etc.

We have the privilege and responsibility of looking after two Grade 1 listed buildings which are over 500 years old – it is prudent to have some money in reserve for emergency repairs which can easily 'eat £10,000 for breakfast'.

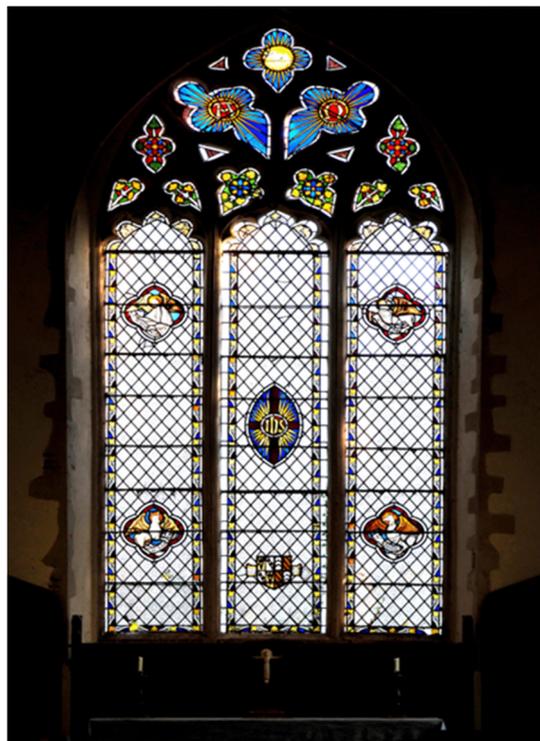
The Church of England does not offer grants towards

maintenance of buildings.

The bottom line is that **ONLY £20,000** is available to help pay for building-related works at Shimpling, and the PCC have agreed to use just over £9,000 of this towards the project. As well as the stained-glass window work costing at least £54,000, whilst the scaffolding is up there will also need more work to be done on the masonry around the window at a cost of around £10,000+ in the future.

The church is a community building – hosting concerts, weddings, funerals and christenings as well as its regular services. Many villagers are buried in the well-kept churchyard, and it receives a good number of visitors over the year as it is always open to visit.

Thank you again for helping to keep your church in good repair for future generations to enjoy.



The Parish Council:

Mrs Liz Brunwin	01284 828122
Mr Gerry Shrimpton	01284 827219
Mr David Dunkley	07809 148630
Mr Hans Engstrom	07872 875442
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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 11th March 2024

Monday 13th May 2024 (This will include the Annual Meeting of the Parish, the PC AGM and a normal PC meeting)

Monday 8th July

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 3 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, at the meeting held on the 5th February:

The Chair reported;

Cllr Dunkley's read the below report from his last couple of

months as Chair:

The Budget for 2024 has been derived and agreed and is to be confirmed later in this meeting. As with most, if not all, councils the overall size of the budget has risen to cover the increased costs of most of the services being provided.

Naturally, all services have been reviewed to see where, if possible, savings could be made.

One area we have tried to reduce the cost to the council is in the production of the Newsletter. From 2024 advertising will be chargeable, which will help defer the cost of production, whilst maintaining what is a very valuable village asset.

Following a successful open event at the Village Hall in October, the inaugural meeting of the Neighbourhood Plan group occurred in January. Since then a Building Design Criteria consultation has taken place so it feels like we are finally getting started. There is still room for more people to join the group for those that are interested.

Now that all parties are finally communicating, solicitors for both parties are now engaged with drawing up a new lease and it is expected that this will be completed before the current lease expires in April.

Additions to the Shimpling Website are continuing. There is still a lot of information to be loaded and further advertising of its existence and value is planned for 2024.

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:

- Creating a Neighbourhood Plan Working Group to get a Shimpling Neighbourhood Plan in place

- Updating the website to ensure smooth communications for the Village

- 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 could 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 their first meeting! Please do get in contact if you would like to help, there is room for everyone!

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	Shimpling PC Com-	Planning Authority
DC/23/02103 - Giffords Hall, Hartest Hill, Shimpling, Bury St Edmunds Suffolk IP29 4EX - Householder Application - Conversion of existing garage to ancillary accommodation, replacement roof and new glazed frames to existing conservatory (amended scheme to DC/22/00672) – Awaiting Decision	Did not comment	Granted

Application	Shimpling PC Comments	Planning Authority Decision
DC/22/06142 - The Hermitage, Bury Road, Shimpling, IP30 0JL - Planning Application. Erection of stables and two-storey outbuilding. Refurbishment of existing outbuilding. Stationing of temporary outbuilding for storage. Additional detail as per Design Access and Heritage Statement – Awaiting Decision	Did not comment	Granted
DC/22/06143 - The Hermitage, Bury Road, Shimpling, IP30 0JL - Application for Listed Building Consent - Erection of stables and two-storey outbuilding. Refurbishment of existing outbuilding. Stationing of temporary outbuilding for storage. Additional detail as per Design Access and Heritage Statement. – Awaiting Decision	Did not comment	Granted
DC/23/02104 - Giffords Hall, Hartest Hill, Shimpling, Bury St Edmunds Suffolk IP29 4EX - Listed Building Consent - Conversion of existing garage to ancillary accommodation, replacement roof and new glazed frames to existing conservatory, and internal alterations – Awaiting Decision	Did not comment	Granted

Vacancies on the Parish Council Need to be Filled Urgently

The Parish Council is currently seriously low on numbers, and this affects the work that can be done on behalf of the Village and even to hold the required meetings. If we are unable to fulfil our obligations, then there is the possibility that Babergh will step in to make those local decisions without local knowledge to guide them.

So, could you volunteer to help your Village? We need 3-4 new Parish Councillors to join our team. Parish Councillors do a very 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 what is involved with what a Councillor does and in becoming a Councillor, then please get in touch with the Clerk or any of our wonderful Councillors. We really do need your support and involvement.



We are excited to announce that we are officially accepting reservations for your child's place. If you would like to know more or wish to have an enrolment pack then please email me on littlesaplingslawshall@hotmail.com.

Now that we are edging closer to opening our doors to the first Little Saplings, we wanted to give you all an update on what has been happening behind the scenes.

Just before the Christmas period we advertised for staff and had an incredible response. We have since held interviews and have appointed Natasha Anger as manager. Natasha has 12 years experience within early years education, and has worked for both private and public schools. She is also Special Educational Needs qualified.

Sophie Plested is our appointed Deputy Manager and has a level 3 qualification in childcare and a degree in Applied Sports which she will be incorporating into the preschool curriculum. Sophie has worked for 3 years within early education. Both Natasha and Sophie have a wealth of experience and are very excited to be part of the team.

We have applied for some funding to update and improve the outdoor space for the children. The garden is ideal for the children to learn and explore to their hearts content, but we can make it better. The money from the grants will be used for a new mud kitchen and accessories, extra outside toys, and a range of equipment from bug hunting kits to gardening tools for our little green fingered saplings.

We have also launched a Just Giving page as we would like to give the inside a makeover before we open. If you can donate any amount please go to www.justgiving.com and search for Little Saplings Preschool.

We have been working on the snacks and lunch menus. A lot of time and research has gone into making sure that the children are offered nutritious snacks and lunches whilst in the care of Little Saplings. We have been in touch with a small local business, called Jess Cooks who specialises in making meals for young children. The meals all meet current guidelines from the DfH for early years nutrition and as a bonus, they all come in sustainable packaging.

We are planning a pre-opening Open Day where you can come and meet the new staff, have a look around the newly decorated and updated building and gardens. We will have facepainting for the children, a cake stall and lots of other fun things for the whole family to get involved in. This will be a great way to have a look at the amazing preschool setting which we are lucky enough to have on our doorstep. We will advertise the date on our social media pages and our website which is now live.

Lastly, thank you all for your continued support for Little Saplings. We are striving to make the preschool an exceptional setting for your Little Saplings to develop, grow and be nurtured.

Upcoming events.

16/03/2024 at 7pm. Quiz night and raffle at Bush in Shimpling. Teams of 6 - £3.00 per person.



Newsletter

Recruitment update

Fundraising

We had a fantastic night at the Red House Pub on the 27th January for our Race Night. A whopping £647.50 was raised! Thanks to all who supported us!

Opening date

We are full steam ahead for opening this Spring! We are just waiting to hear from Ofsted for a preopening inspection. Our official date will be announced ASAP. Our aim is for April, at the start of summer term.

We are delighted to announce that we have our new managerial team in place and ready to go! We had a wonderful couple of days meeting candidates for our Manager and Deputy Manager positions and we are so pleased that we have found two people who bring a wealth of experience with them. Both have specialisms in different areas and will bring a lot of knowledge with them.

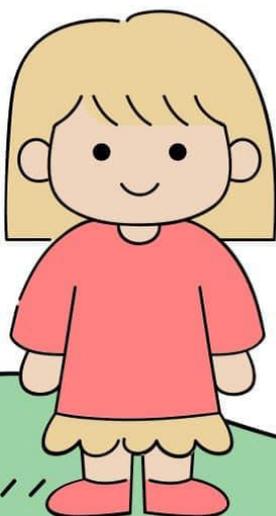
We are also excited to be working closely with West Suffolk College to recruit an apprentice in to the team. We can't wait to help someone learn new skills.

On our busiest days, the team will be supported by a bank staff member who has previous managerial experience in a preschool, as well as working with the Early Years Alliance.

We look forward to introducing you to the new team when we can.

Spaces available

We've had a huge flurry of enquiries for spaces. We do have a few places left, so if anyone is looking for childcare, please do contact us for further information little Saplingslawshall@hotmail.com



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

Useful numbers in case of Crime around the Villages

Non Emergency Police 101

Crimestoppers 0800 555 111



WWGD - What Would My Granny Do?

I know as a vicar I am rightly meant to consider WWJD – What Would Jesus Do? When I am struggling to decide what to do in a situation I often ask myself whether which course of action would please Jesus the most ... and I encourage you to do likewise. Nevertheless, there are still times when I think of my granny! She was a down to earth, sensible, no nonsense, practical person who lived through the Blitz with a young family; she abounded in common sense and community spirit.

I recently thought of her when considering the relationship between rights and responsibilities. Rights are important. Even in the Bible there are stories of people demanding their rights such as the persistent widow. At the same time having rights is a privilege that not everyone has. In order to have *rights* people must also fulfil *responsibilities* to the wider community and seek the common good. I sometimes wonder what my granny would make of things today where rights are often demanded but responsibilities are sometimes overlooked. Let us honour the many good examples of people who gave up their rights in order to serve others, and be encouraged to do likewise.

Good Friday Walk With the Cross – 10.00am

On Good Friday the Rector will be walking from the Old School to the Bush with a cross as we remember the dramatic events of Easter. You are welcome to pause and reflect or walk alongside. With best wishes for Easter.

CHURCH SERVICES

March

Sun 3rd	9am	Alpheton	Communion
	5.30pm	Holy Trinity	Choral evensong,



THE PARISH OF ALPHETON AND SHIMPLINGTHORNE

			Cathedral Choir
Sun 10th	4pm	Lawshall	Mothering Sunday Family Service
Sun 17th	9am	Shimpling	Communion
	4pm	TBC	4o'clock Communion #
Sun 24th	4pm	TBC	4o'clock Communion #
	6.30pm	Holy Trinity	Passiontide Evensong
Thurs 28th	7pm	Holy Trinity	Maundy Thursday meal/service
Fri 29th	2pm	Holy Trinity	Good Friday Devotional Service
Sun 31st	10.30am	Holy Trinity	Easter Celebration with Baptisms
	6.30pm	Lawshall	Easter Communion
April			
Sun 7th	9am	Alpheton	Communion
	6.30pm	Holy Trinity	Choral Evensong
Sun 14th	4pm	Lawshall	Café Church
Sun 21st	9am	Shimpling	Communion
	4pm	TBC	4o'clock Communion #
Sun 28th	4pm	TBC	4o'clock Communion #
	6.30pm	Lawshall	Evening Communion
May			
Sun 5th	9am	Alpheton	Communion
	6.30pm	Holy Trinity	Choral Evensong
Sun 12th	4pm	Lawshall	Café Church
Sun 19th	9am	Shimpling	Communion
	4pm	TBC	4o'clock Communion #
Sun 26th	4pm	TBC	4o'clock Communion #
	6.30pm	Lawshall	Evening Communion



THE PARISH OF ALPHETON AND SHIMPLINGTHORNE

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

For our 4 o'clock community with family friendly services and events almost every Sunday at 4.00pm, contact Nicky on chadbrooklightawave@gmail.com or 07938 681 319

For our toddler and youth groups, please contact Pam on 07890 880 976 or melfordfamilyworker@gmail.com.

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

Lent Lunches

Fridays at 12.30pm

St Catherine's Church, Long Melford CO10 9JU

Feb 16th & 23rd, March 1st, 8th, 15th & 22nd



Usually includes a brief reflection

Raising money for Storehouse Foodbank and the church in Tanzania

Fuel Support

Find out more about the support in your area

Help to heat your home:

Prepayment meters – if you are unable to top up your prepayment meter, Citizens Advice can offer you advice and may be able to refer you for charitable support. You can also contact Warm Homes Healthy People Suffolk for support, advice and an in home survey from a Pre Pay Coordinator. Call 07769 365796 or email prepay@eastsuffolk.gov.uk.

Local Welfare Assistance Scheme – This hardship grant offers payments up to £300 towards the cost of essentials, including energy. Visit the Suffolk County Council website for more information and to apply.

Surviving Winter - offers help, such as fuel vouchers or support for alternative fuels like oil and LPG, to help you heat your home. Apply online via the Citizens Advice Ipswich website or call 01473 298634 to find out if you are eligible.

Emergency Heating – if your home currently has no heating, Warm Homes Healthy People can provide free emergency heaters and help you find longer term support. Call 03456 037 686 or email whhp@eastsuffolk.gov.uk.

Subject to availability.

More information

Visit www.babergh.gov.uk/energy-fuel-and-utilities for more resources to help you keep fuel and utility costs down.



**Fuel
SUPPORT**



YOUR VILLAGE NEEDS YOU!

The Annual Village Clean Up Morning will take place on **Sunday 17th March** at 11.30am from the Village Hall. We look forward to seeing you there.

We have some high vis vests and litter picking sticks but if you have your own high vis vest and gloves, please bring them along

Under 18s must be accompanied by an adult



GREENING SHIMPLING news: the Shimpling environmental group

We meet on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 8pm at The Bush. If you would like to get involved please come and join us at one of our meetings. We would love to see you and what better way to galvanise thoughts and actions than over a drink together?

Topics evolving for 'action' include

- Maximising recycling/upcycling/equipment sharing
- Increasing the number of native trees/hedges/flowers thereby providing food and habitat for insects, birds and bats
- Minimising consequences of fossil fuel cars by carsharing, shared shopping and having public electric recharge points
- Tackling the impact of rainwater flooding

We appreciate that other organisations, farms, groups, committees etc will already be attending to their green agendas **and** we seek to extend good practice and promote new ideas. Would it not be fantastic if all Shimpling 'groups' had a green focus?

Our first action has been to provide a collection box for your pill foil/plastic waste outside The Bush (under the front shelter). Please use, and avoid throwing into your general waste bin – they will be recycled! This is just the first step towards improving our recycling opportunities.

A Question for YOU! Do you have knowledge about bats? If so we would love to hear from you! Please email shimpling.jaxx@gmail.com to share help up develop a Batty Shimpling action plan!!!

For further information about Greening Shimpling please email jane.wall@hotmail.co.uk.

SHIMPLING AND ALPHETON WI



JANUARY 2024

Marion Argent, President, introduced the Speaker for the evening, Sarah Clarke, who came along to talk to us about Suffolk Recycling Centers. Sarah explained that the Company that she worked for is FCC Environmental who are contracted by Suffolk County Council to oversee collections and recycling of waste in your blue recycling bins. Sarah told us about the difference in recycling soft plastic, i.e. clear film used over food packaging, which you cannot recycle and hard plastic containers which you can recycle. Silver foil can be recycled but you must squeeze it into a hard ball the size of a cricket ball so that it is a hard mass, this is to avoid soft pieces of foil escaping in the wind during transportation. Do not put Tetra cartons into your blue bin, even if there is a recycling symbol on the pack – they are not recyclable.

All Recycling Centres accept good quality items for re-use. Please ask a member of site staff or place them in the re-use container. Items will be collected from the site by nominated charities, including The Benjamin Foundation who operated the Re-use Shops at Foxhall and Bury St Edwards Recycling Centres. Sarah also mentioned that there is now no charge on rubble, etc. They will take paint pot tins if the contents are solid but not oil based paint tins.

Everyone really enjoyed the session, Sarah was an excellent Speaker, very knowledgeable and humorous.

FEBRUARY 2024

Marion Argent, President, introduced the Speaker for the evening, Marina St. Leger, who had come along to the meeting to introduce us all to “Strollercise” low impact

movements to 50/60's music. We were invited to take to the floor in lines similar to line dancing when she slowly went through the basic steps. Then the music started and the ladies followed the steps with Marina coming round and showing them the routines. There were three different routines, one being the charleston. It was a very enjoyable evening with everyone enjoying the music and many of the ladies joining in.

Jean Treharne

CALLING ALL GOLFERS !

We are looking into the possibility of resurrecting the Bush Golf Society. This will depend on the amount of interest shown so if you have golf clubs languishing in your garage that need an airing, get them out, dust them off and come along and join a small but friendly group (yet to be established of course!).

If you are interested please contact me using the details shown below.

angela_short@btinternet.com

07999 502286



**Copy for the Summer 2024 edition is required by
22nd May 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 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/>

You are welcome to join us and if willing to be a helping hand when we need it, please contact **Nathalie Brown** - Chair - email: nbshimpling@gmail.com or phone: 07961947497 or **Carol Squire** - Secretary - email: shimplingvh@gmail.com or phone: 07855762812

Hall update: There have been a few repairs needed at the hall that we have had to fund but the new fire alarm system, front door light and hot water boilers are now in place. The replacement of the driveway lights is to be completed within the next couple of months but please continue to bring a torch if coming to an evening event until then.

Christmas saw the popular return of the Children's Party and Santa and his elf made their annual appearance. Everyone had a great time and we plan to continue the event in 2024. The Christmas film night was also well attended and the PCC Christmas fair, wreath making, and panto rehearsals made it a busy Christmas period.

REGULAR AND COMING EVENTS:

Take a look at what is planned for 2024 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.

Regular Events

Our regular weekly/ monthly sessions continue - see our calendar of events page for more information. Sadly the Thursday evening Yoga has ceased but we continue to look for another tutor to fill this gap.

If you would like to suggest any other activities you would like the village hall to host – just let us know in person, by email shimplingvh@gmail.com or drop a note in our post box outside the village hall – we want the space to be used by everyone – all ideas welcomed and considered.

The Annual Shimpling Celebrates Fun Day - 27th May 2024
Start thinking about building those carts ready for the **cart race** and dust off the trainers for the road race. The Tug of War will also be back by popular demand.

Children's activities planned: bouncy castle, climbing wall, axe throwing and archery, arts and crafts area, welly wanging – plenty to keep everyone entertained.

Refreshments will also be available.

Summer Rock & Roll Dance at Shimpling Park Farms Barns



was a huge success last summer and great fun even for those who didn't dance. So many people joining in the spirit of the event - getting dressed up and trying out their dance moves. So back by popular demand – we plan to hold another dance on the **3rd August 2024 - PUT THE DATE IN YOUR DIARY**

**Planning to hold a party or family event ?
why not hire the Village Hall?**

Hire Charges:

Shimpling & Chadacre residents & concession groups - £8 per hour

Other Hirers - £10 per hour

All Enquiries – contact Carol on 07855 762812 or email shimplingvh@gmail.com

SHIMPLING VILLAGE HALL EVENTS - 2024

Regular Sessions

Pilates sessions on Mondays at 9.30am and again at 11.00am in term times - mats are available from the tutor.

Yoga sessions on Wednesdays 9.30 – 10.30am – for all ages – no experience needed.

Bring your own mat, blocks & blankets provided. Book online or cash on the day.

Dance Club is held on Wednesdays 6-7pm – get fit and learn some dance steps used on Strictly Come Dancing!

Zumba Gold sessions are held on Fridays at 1pm in term times – have fun dancing your way to fitness.

Film Night – 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7 for 7.30pm start. See posters for the film of the month. Refreshments provided.

Rural Coffee Caravan – every 4th Thursday of the month 10 – 12 pm free refreshments and valuable information & advice from a great award winning charity.

FILMS - COMING NEXT

19th Mar THE OLD OAK – starring Dave Turner - a Ken Loach drama

16th Apr INDIANA JONES & THE DIAL OF DESTINY – starring Harrison Ford *** MY THAI FOODTRUCK IN ATTENDANCE**

21st May THE MIRACLE CLUB – starring Maggie Smith and Kathy Bates

18th Jun THE LOST CITY – starring Sandra Bullock and Channing Tatum *** MY THAI FOODTRUCK IN ATTENDANCE**

Additional Events early 2024

We are planning to hold regular special events for the village hall so watch out for the notifications and posters. These include:

Annual Pantomime – Robin Hood – 1st and 2nd March (afternoon and evening) **Tickets on sale now – email: shimphetonplayers@gmail.com**

Shimpling Celebrates Day – May 27th – **start building your race cart!**

Rock & Roll Dance – 2nd August – back by popular demand at Shimpling Park Farm Barns.

[Save the dates in your diaries and join in the fun.](#)

Village Clubs and Activities

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 Halifax Place and has equipment suitable for most children

in an enclosed area.

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

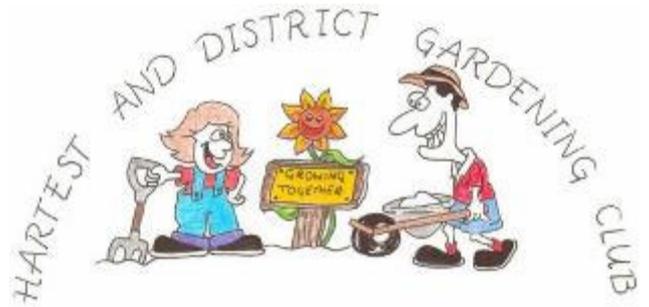
Thursday Green Shimpling - Shimpling Environment Group meets in The Bush once a month (Thursday at 8pm) to discuss ways to improve the local environment. Contact Jane on 07453453906 if you would like to join the group.

Wednesday Knitting / Crochet – meet in The Bush 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.



HARTEST AND DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB



Very different talks for our January and February meetings - Joe Sharman's talk about Snowdrops was so informative - even a bit old-school, involving a flip chart! - but also entertaining, and generated many interesting questions. Barbara Segall's tour around some of the beautiful gardens to visit gave us hints that we could copy for our own gardens.

The March 4th talk, from one of our favourite speakers, is "History of the Cottage Garden", by Andrew Sankey. He will be including muck heaps and superstitions! And will have plants for sale - always good news. And complimenting this will be the talk on April 8th - "Creating a Cottage Garden", by the owner of Pulham Cottage at Wetherden that we visited last June.

In May we have our Plant Sale at 2pm on Sunday 8th - hopefully on the Green again, then the next day a talk on the lives and conservation of Bumble Bees, such an important insect for us all.

Talks are at the Institute Hall, starting at 7.30pm, with entry at £2.50 for members and £5 for non-members. Everyone is welcome - please bring a car full!

Our website is www.hartestgardeningclub.info, and for any queries about the Gardening Club, please email me - 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.

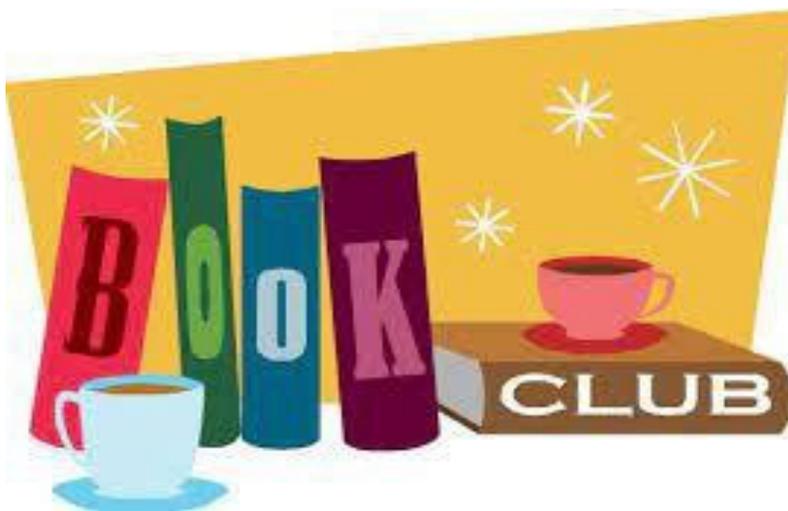


In the event of an emergency, the precise location of the AED would need to be given, to enable the Ambulance Service to give the code. The location is

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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Please come and join us for fun laughter &

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**Pass wide
and slow**

Calling all hedgehog lovers!!!

We are planning an exciting event called **OPERATION HEDGEHOG** to raise funds for the Suffolk Hedgehog Hospital.

We visited just before Christmas and they are outgrowing their lovely founder Sue's house and garden and need to move to a purpose built site near Newmarket which has already been earmarked.

OPERATION HEDGEHOG will be held on **SATURDAY 11 MAY** at **Lawshall Village Hall** and be a hedgehog-themed fete with games and stalls (indoor and outdoor) for all ages. Time wise we are thinking 10.30 -4.30.



Can you think of a hedgehog related game or stall that you would be happy to run on the day?

So far we have the following....

The Brooklyn family are running a 'Guess how many Prickles on the Hedgehog' game

Rafe Page (11) and his friend Billy are running a Tombola

Seth Page (9) wants to have sponges thrown at him in wooden stocks - does anyone have any??!

Elizabeth Clarke is taking on an amazing hamper raffle - any donations to her welcome!

A local professional cake-maker Vicki Murray has agreed to judge a hedgehog cake contest - prizes for best cake and funniest cake!

Judging at 3pm.

It would be great to have a hedgehog craft stall if anyone would be willing to take this on? So far we have some gorgeous crochet hedgehogs from Julia Keys and some beautiful hedgehog artwork by Wendy Theobald. Is anyone out there skilled enough to make some other hedgehog crafts to sell? It would also be brilliant if we could have a big banner or string of bunting to tie up along the

village hall saying 'OPERATION HEDGEHOG!' if anyone fancies making this?

The Douglas-Hughes family are running 'Splat the Hedgehog' (in the kindest possible way!!!!)

We will have a hedgehog foodbank station taking donations of meaty wet pet food in jelly!

Sue and Sharon from the Suffolk Hedgehog Hospital have agreed to come along with some of their loveliest hedgehogs for us all to cuddle.

Please get in touch if you can offer any support in the run-up or on the day. Together we can make this one to remember!

The Page family, Harrow Green, Lawshall

Contact Alice on 07919 164212 or alicepage@outlook.com

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. 11th. MARCH 'MRS HARRIS GOES TO PARIS'. (book drama) starring Leslie Manville.

MON. 8th APRIL 'GLASS ONION: A KNIVES OUT MYSTERY'. (whodunnit) starring Daniel Craig.

MON. 13th MAY 'A MAN CALLED OTTO'. (book drama) starring Tom Hanks.

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



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Full page £100

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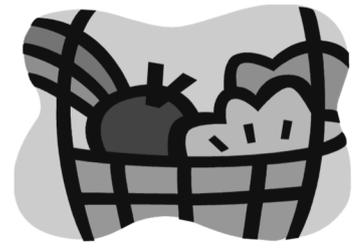
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Saturday 2nd March

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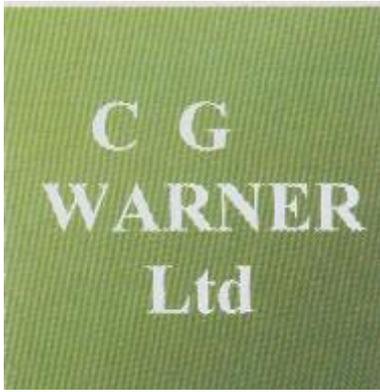
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There are lots more details on

www.shimplingparkfarm.co.uk

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

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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

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