

Shimpling News

Summer 2024

Issue 137

SHIMPLING VILLAGE VS CHADACRE

Fun day out for the family

Cricket starts 12.30
Garden games for children
Visit the Grotto, Sedge and
Rose gardens
Bacon rolls bar afternoon teas
Angels Delight Flute and Harp Duo

St George's Shimpling
East Window Appeal

**30TH JUNE
2024**

**THE CRICKET FIELD CHADACRE
IP29 4JD**

**GATE OPENS 12 NOON
(PLEASE BRING A FOLDING CHAIR)**

SORRY - ASSISTANCE DOGS ONLY

**FREE
ENTRY**

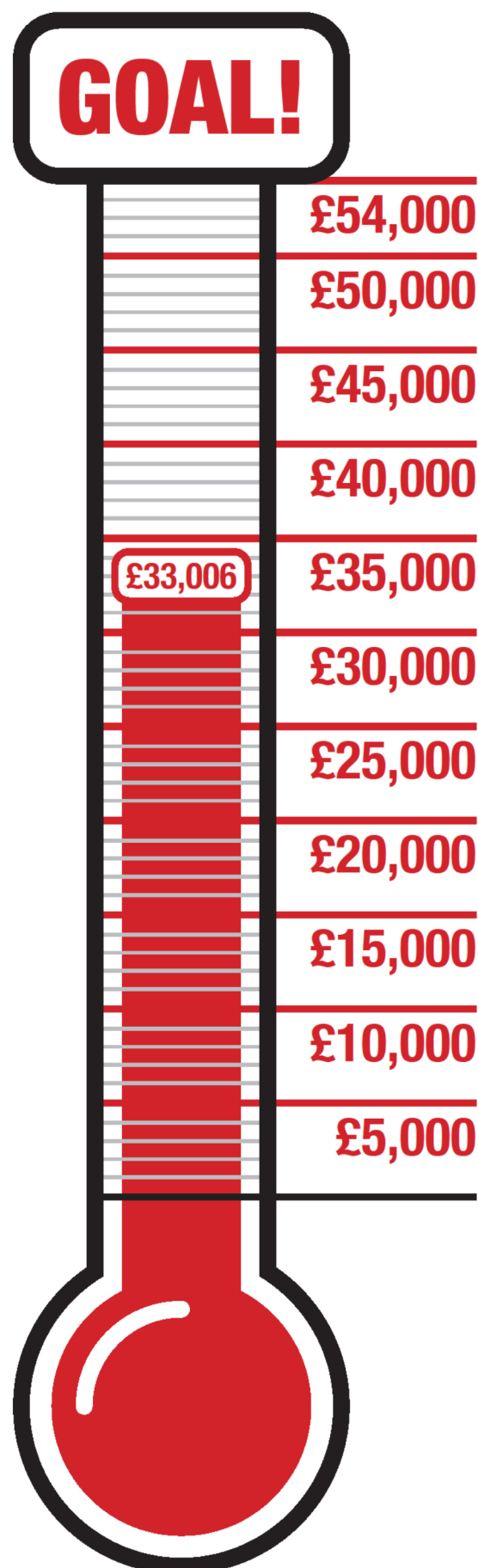
St George's Stained-Glass Window Fund – update!

As you can see from the thermometer, we are pleased to report that a further £11,000 has been raised since the last Shimpling Magazine was published. Our latest total is **£33,006!** An amazing achievement in such a short time.

Thank you to all those who supported the Sale Trail/Spring Market in any way on the 13th April. We raised over £400 for the window fund.

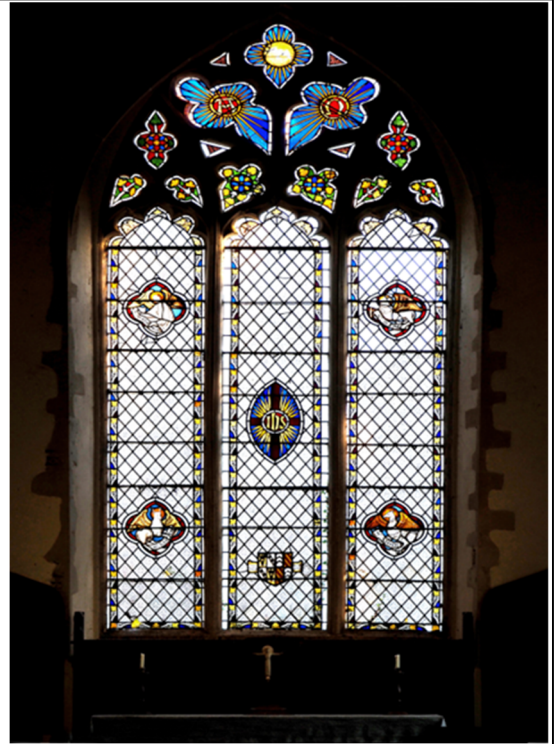
Rosemarie Sadler, who has been submitting our grant applications, has also been successful in securing grants from Suffolk Historic Churches, Suffolk County Council, The Hallifax Trust and the Helen Roll Charity. We hope to hear positively from other grant applications in July/August.

Our church insurers, Ecclesiastical Insurers, who were voted **Which Best Home Insurers in 2023**, also have a scheme running at the moment which donates **£130** to church funds if you buy home insurance from them and are a new customer. Please consider them when you next renew your home insurance.



We have received quotes from four specialist contractors for the repairs to the stained-glass window and surrounding stonework and the PCC and architect are working through these and will appoint the contractor shortly. We still hope to commence with the work in September.

We do hope that you will join us on the **30th June at Chadacre for the Chadacre v Shimpling cricket match/open gardens/afternoon teas** which will be a fun packed afternoon for all the family.



Please also note that there will be a **Folk Concert at St George's, Shimpling at 2pm on the 28th July followed by a BBQ.** Further details to follow.

Thank you all again for your help and support

Ways to give to the Stained-Glass Window Fund

Cheques should be made payable to **Alpheton and Shimplingthorne PCC** and posted to Liz Brunwin, Oakmead, The Street, Shimpling IP29 4HS. Cash donations can also be delivered to this address.

Bank transfers can be made to:

Sort code 60-04-16

Account no. 5623658

Account name – Alpheton and Shimplingthorne PCC

Please include the word **WINDOW** in the reference so that we can allocate your donation accordingly



The Parish Council:

Mrs Liz Brunwin	01284 828122
Mr Gerry Shrimpton	01284 827219
Mr David Dunkley	07809 148630
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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 Telephone: 07940 223200

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

Annual Parish Assembly – Reports presented by the Council and local groups / charities / committees from within the parish. Members of the public can speak freely at this meeting in May, raise issues and ask questions relating to the reports.

Annual Meeting of the Council (AGM) – Each May, Election of officers of the council. Declarations of acceptance of office.

Parish Council Meetings – Council considers matters relating to finance, planning and the Parish. Additional extraordinary meetings are held when required.

Dates of meetings: Parish council meetings will be held at 7pm on the following dates;

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

Monday 8th July

Monday 9th September

Monday 11th November

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

Parish Council Website and Social Media and Notice Boards

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

Twitter: @shimplingpc

Facebook: Shimpling Parish Council

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

Could you volunteer to help your Village?

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

Clerk or any of our wonderful Councillors.

Report from Chair, David Dunkley, at the meeting held on the 13th May:

The Chair reported;

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

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 have been Chair of the Parish Council for the past year.

It's been a challenging year in some ways. There has been a lot of activity from the Parish Council without seeing an obvious outcome. At least not yet. I will expand on that later. The work of the council has also become more difficult due to the limited number of Councillors, which has affected when we can conduct our meetings and how many activities we can take on.

So in saying that, I would like to very much thank the other Councillors for their help and assistance during the year. Particularly Liz, Gerry and Nathalie.

Nathalie Brown has decided to stand down as a councillor and we thank her for her enthusiasm and effort since joining in 2020. The good news is that Nathalie is continuing as Chair of the Village Hall committee. Also, Hans Engstrom ceased to be a Councillor this year. I am sure to concentrate

his time on his commercial interests and we wish him well this those.

The Parish Council could not run without Natasha Byford, our Clerk. We would all like to thank her for her hard work throughout the year. Parish Clerks do an essential and important job providing continuity, legal and procedural expertise and advice to councillors and we are very lucky to have Natasha. Yet again the Council have received an excellent external audit report, due almost entirely to Natasha's efforts.

Many organisations help to keep Shimpling informed and involved with the activities going on in the village. The WhatsApp group, the email group, the village website and, not the least, the village newsletter guide people to our key hubs of activity; The St George's Church, the Bush public house and the Village Hall.

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. The Parish Council is pleased to be able to support the village hall wherever we can to ensure its continued success. To that end we have assisted with funds for additional Fire alarm equipment and new external pillar lights in the driveway to improve safety levels at the site.

There are many people that we would like to thank and my apologies if I do not manage to include everyone who has helped make Shimpling a better place for its residents.

Sarah Smith, for all your hard work in producing such a professional looking and useful village magazine.

Laurence Rooke, Ted Pine, and Matt Brown for helping fix

and generally put things up.

Stuart for installing the new Speed indicator on Slough Hill.

Chris Cooke from Lark Valley Landscapes and his employees for their efforts in keeping the village grass looking good.

John Pawsey for arranging the mowing of the grass verges leading up to the A134.

Also, our County and District Councillors, Richard Kemp, Stephen Plumb and Michael Holt who provide significant help and advice to the Parish Council Thank you for always being responsive to our requests for help; it is much appreciated.

I said earlier I would expand on the areas that have not yet shown an outcome.

The Neighbourhood Plan is progressing well and is about to issue a survey so that the residents can let us know what they think about particular ideas. The responses will be key to informing the final plan. Other documents have been created by external consultants, but these are in draft form currently. The team is me, Jane Wall, Mark Beaver, Mike Fahie-Wilson and is ably led by Claire Douglas-Hughes. A lot has been achieved by there is still a lot to do.

At the Village Hall there are two areas which are progressing but without conclusion:

Installing an Electric Vehicle Charge Point. Gerry is leading on this and we hope for conclusion this year.

Village Hall lease. This is with the lawyers and although there are no known issues between the two parties, it drags on. Hopefully this will be concluded very soon.

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:

- Updated 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

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. We ask that messages are only sent during sociable hours. 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 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>

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.

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.



An update from Little Saplings Preschool

Wow! What a brilliant start we've had since our opening our doors in April! The children have settled really well and are starting to build friendships, getting to know their key person and becoming more familiar with their routine.

We've had great fun out in the garden, planting, playing in the sand pit, water play, playing in the mud kitchen, painting, baking, mark making, reading stories and bug hunting. We're exhausted just thinking about it all! Plus, we managed to fit in a Prince and Princesses party, which was requested by one of the children. Who can turn down such a sweet request?!

We've recently hosted two fundraisers. One was a fabulous Paint and Plonk evening where we were gently guided through the session, learning how to paint a highland cow and everyone was able to take home their masterpieces at the end of the night. Our second fundraiser was an online auction, where prizes such as afternoon tea, tickets to Hollow Trees Farm and much more were up for grabs. We're pleased to have raised £341.20 between the events, this money will go towards sensory equipment for our preschool. We have some great events planned for the next few months, if you would like to keep up to date with our fundraising and our preschool in general, please follow us on Facebook www.facebook.com/lawshallittlesaplings



COMMUNITY PAEDIATRIC AND ADULT RESUS TRAINING

LEARN LIFE SAVING SKILLS FROM WEST
SUFFOLK HOSPITALS CRITICAL CARE TEAM

Monday 1st July, 6.30pm
Lawshall Village Hall, IP29 4PB

For more information please email
littlesaplingslawshall@hotmail.com

Registered charity no. 1206048

ALL SAINTS' CEVCP SCHOOL



Inspire Challenge Succeed

We are delighted to be able to share the outcome of our Ofsted inspection which took place in January 2024. Everyone's hard work, commitment, and expertise are recognised in the OUTSTANDING judgement we have received in all areas. We have made All Saints' CEVC Primary School a very special place to be and one that we are all incredibly proud of.

This outstanding judgement reflects the commitment of the school staff, governors and the whole school community. The children played an incredibly important role in the judgement with their enthusiasm, commitment to learning and their behaviour. The inspectors as they described the children's behaviour as exemplary!

'The school takes a highly personalised approach to every pupil's learning. This helps pupils to achieve very well.'

'Pupils are extremely polite and confident... Pupils' behaviour is exemplary. Pupils throughout the school listen attentively to their teachers and their peers.'

'Pupils learn exceptionally well. The school's well-planned curriculum is broad and highly ambitious.'

‘Staff are very knowledgeable. Fun, engaging and memorable activities motivate pupils to do their very best and apply their learning.’

‘Pupils with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND) receive personalised support...This enables pupils with SEND to make strong progress.’

All leaders know and understand their roles and responsibilities... this enables the school to ensure it is delivering the very best for every pupil.’

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. 10th JUNE 'TILL' (true drama) starring Danielle Deadwyler, Whoopi Goldberg.

MON. 8th JULY 'THE FABELMANS' (drama) starring Michelle Williams, Paul Dano.

MON. 12th AUG 'WHAT'S LOVE GOT TO DO WITH IT?' (romcom) starring Lily James, Emma Thompson.

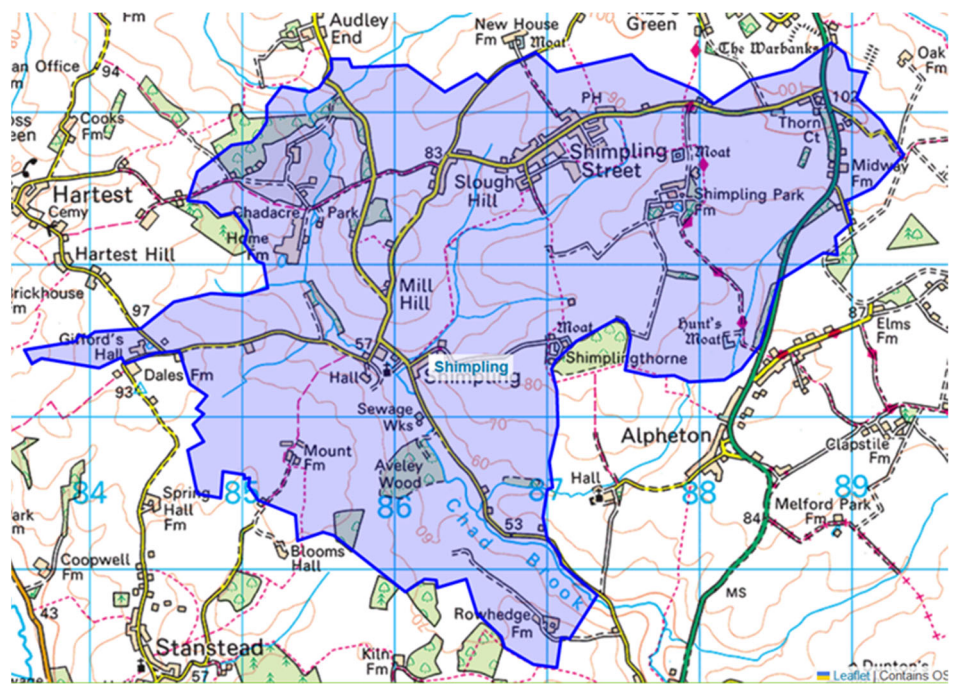
Doors open 7pm for 7.30pm start. Admission price is £4 including tea/coffee & biscuits. The Bar will be open.



Shimpling Parish Neighbourhood Plan

Following a successful open event at the Village Hall in October; which set out the

importance of having a Neighbourhood Plan, namely to give the community a voice for the future with regard to planning matters as well as facilities/amenities; the inaugural meeting of the Neighbourhood Plan Committee took place in January.



Since then the first part of the Landscape Assessment has been produced in draft and a Building Design Criteria consultation has taken place and the first draft received. The Committee are also working on producing a Survey which will provide all residents within the Parish the opportunity to give their opinions and views. The Committee hope this will be finalised and circulated with the Village Newsletter in the Autumn. It will also be available to complete online.

Every individual in each household can complete the survey - the more the merrier! - as the Neighbourhood Plan must be prepared with community input, support and consultation - so we hope you will all complete the survey to help shape the future of our village.

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

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

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

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



THINK again ...

Six years ago I wrote a short article about emails written in the heat of the moment. Recently I was recently reminded of the THINK acronym which I then recommended. After a church service for our district councillors a few weeks ago, many commented on just one of the points in my address; I had referred to the hurt and discouragement people can feel from poisonous social media comments. I was shocked to learn how many councillors have been seriously affected by online abuse. Surely it cannot be good for those in public service to operate in fear of unreasonable online criticism? Furthermore, it is not only councillors who receive this kind of treatment – many of us know what it feels like.

So, to guide both our emails and social media posts, here it is again ... THINK!

T – is it True?

H – is it Helpful?

I – is it Inspirational? (*often the most difficult*)

N – is it Necessary? (*phone calls can be better*)

K – is it Kind?

This does not mean we have to agree with everyone – in fact respectful debate and disagreement is a healthy thing for society. Nevertheless, Jesus set a high standard of loving our neighbour ... even saying we should pray for our enemies! Part of this is not putting on social media something we would not say face to face ... or indeed before God.

Revd Lawson

Church Services

May

Sun 19th 9.00am Shimpling Communion



THE PARISH OF ALPHETON AND SHIMPLINGTHORNE

Sun 26th 4.00pm Holy Trinity Social - *watching the abseiling! #*
6.30pm Lawshall Evening Communion

June

Sun 2nd [9.00am Alpheton Communion](#)

10.30am Melford Family Service

6.30pm Melford Choral Evensong

Sun 9th 4.00pm Lawshall Messy Church

Sat 15th All Day Hadleigh 'Refresh' conference #

Sun 16th 9.00am Shimpling Communion

Sun 23rd 4.00pm Foxearth Meadows Wild Church # *

Sun 30th 10.30am Melford Clopton Rose Service

4.00pm Melford Pub Social, George & Dragon # *

6.30pm Lawshall Evening Communion

July

Sun 7th 9.00am Alpheton Communion

10.30am Melford Family Service

6.30pm Melford Choral Evensong

Sun 14th 4.00pm Lawshall Wild Church at Golden Wood #

Sun 21st 9.00am Shimpling Communion

4.00pm Holy Trinity Shine Informal Worship #

Sun 28th [2.00pm Shimpling Wild Church raking...](#)
[followed by](#)

[4.00pm](#)

[BBQ & Folk Concert #](#)



THE PARISH OF ALPHETON AND SHIMPLINGTHORNE

6.30pm Lawshall Evening Communion

*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
07939 194233

Copy for the Autumn 2024 edition is required by 22nd August 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 !!

Useful numbers in case of Crime around the Villages

Non Emergency Police 101

Crimestoppers 0800 555 111



As you may have heard, on 1 April Long Melford & Lavenham surgery merged with Unity in Haverhill. The surgery is now managed by Suffolk GP Federation and I am Dr David Brandon the Clinical Lead for the combined practice. Recently I had the pleasure of meeting the Long Melford Patient Participation Group along with the GP Federation's Chief Executive David Pannell. This article is a summary of what David and I said at the meeting.

Who we are?

Suffolk GP Fed is a community interest not for profit healthcare provider. We are owned by the GP practices in Suffolk. We run a range of clinical services including podiatry and GP Out of Hours. The Federation also manage Unity Healthcare which is a large GP practice in Haverhill. Like Long Melford, Unity has faced many challenges but is now stable and is rated by the Care Quality Commission as Good.

Why merge Long Melford/Lavenham and Unity?

General practice is under well publicised pressures including a shortage of GPs. Long Melford had specific challenges and could not continue as it was:

- Dr Browning has indicated he plans to retire and Dr Cross did not want to run the practice on her own. The practice was unable to recruit additional GP partners. In addition, no neighbouring practice wanted to merge.
- Well publicised issues with the Care Quality Commission.
- A gap between income from NHS and costs of running practice

We agreed the only way of retaining services was by a merger. The plan was to implement this later in the year but we accelerated the timetable in order to give certainty to staff.

Progress so far

The practices formally merged on 1 April and is now known as Unity Healthcare. We have a combined senior clinical

leadership team including Dr Browning under a single Care Quality Commission registration.

We have a significant list of actions. Crucially we need to merge the two clinical systems at end of month which will allow us to work as one team.

The plan going forward

Some things will not change. Most importantly, we will retain provision of services at Long Melford and Lavenham, and patients will not be expected to travel to Haverhill (and vice versa). However, over time some things will need to change. We will work with the Patient Participation Group before these happen. Any change will be communicated in advance.

How services are delivered will evolve in the future. We need to broaden the practice team to include greater use of pharmacists, paramedics and other roles. We have already started to use new technology, for example new patients can register online via our automated system.

In the future we intend to work with your Patient Participation Group to expand the use of e-Consult as the way to access services. We also want to expand the number of GP trainees we have as they often stay when qualified. Finally we will be starting an investment programme in both buildings shortly.

Concluding observations

We realise change is difficult but merger was the only option to retain services at Long Melford and Lavenham. We have pledged to work closely with the Patient Participation Group and will communicate changes openly and honestly. Looking forward, the merged Unity will be much stronger and sustainable in very difficult times for Suffolk general practice.

GREENING SHIMPLING news: the Shimpling environmental group

Residents met on 8th May 2024 at the Bush; the curry menu was an added bonus and will be an (optional), important part of future meetings! (Next meeting 12 June 7.30 to order your meal, discussion thereafter).

Key points which we would like to share with you this time are:

Recycling. This article in The Guardian details some of the mysteries of recycling.

<https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2023/feb/07/stop-wishcycling-and-get-wise-how-to-recycle-almost-everything>

Superdrug take medication blister packs – you will find their ‘box’ near the pharmacy counter in Bury St Edmunds – why not offer to take your friends/neighbours too?

‘Keep it local’ In order to reduce your carbon footprint, it’s important to ‘keep it local’ and use such recycling facilities near you. Keeping road miles to a minimum will greatly help the environment hence it is worth knowing the local bus timetables. <https://www.suffolkonboard.com/ways-to-travel/bus/bus-timetables/>

To Bury on Wednesday is route 375

To Sudbury on Thursday is route 715

Peer to peer help If you need a lift when buses do not run why not put a message on the Shimpling Neighbour Group WhatsApp page? Someone might be able to help.

Become involved Would you like to contribute to Greening Shimpling but you are not able to come to the meetings – no problem! Join the Greening Shimpling WhatsApp page. We would love to hear from children and young people! Lots of people share lots of information there – a vibrant means of communication! To join the Greening Shimpling WhatsApp send your mobile number to Jane (07453453906)

Shimpling Village Hall Committee - **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.

Shimpling Village Hall Committee - Report for the Summer Newsletter 2024

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

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

Hall update:

The replacement of the driveway lights is completed and we continue to with the help of the PC look for grants to do more improvements to the hall.

March saw the popular return of the annual Pantomime – this year’s being Robin Hood and all three performances were sold out. It was great fun and it is hoped that the tradition will continue for another year.

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.

We will be working with the Project Lead to find tutors and start these sessions in the village hall. Stanningfield village hall have already said they are keen to play friendly bowls matches with us if we can get enough interest.

We also are seeking the views of the **younger residents** of the village on what activities they would like to do and we start collecting views at the Shimpling Celebrates Day.

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.

Summer Rock & Roll Dance at Shimpling Park Farms Barns was a huge success last summer and great fun, many people joining in the spirit of the event - getting dressed up and trying out their dance moves. So back by popular demand – we are holding another dance on the 3rd August 2024 - PUT THE DATE IN YOUR DIARY & email: shimplingvh@gmail.com or text 07855 762812 for tickets



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

FILMS - COMING NEXT

18th Jun THE GREAT ESCAPER – starring Michael Caine & Glenda Jackson

****MY THAI FOOD TRUCK **** 6-7.30pm village hall

16th July 23 WALKS – starring Alison Steadman and Dave Johns.

17th Sept ELIZABETH IS MISSING – Starring Glenda Jackson

22nd Oct THE LOST CITY – starring Sandra Bullock and Channing Tatum

SHIMPLING VILLAGE HALL 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.

Additional Events 2024

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

Rock & Roll Dance – Saturday 3rd August – back by popular demand at **Shimpling Park Farm Barns**

October – Quiz Night

Save the dates in your diaries and join in the fun.

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

HARTEST AND DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB

Our April and May meetings showed careful planning (!), with a talk on the “History of Cottage Gardens” followed by one on “Creating a Cottage Garden”. Both were excellent, and very well supported.



Once again, we had an outstanding Plant Sale in May, thanks to the high quality of the plant donations that we had, and the support on the day. The beautiful weather also played its part, and helped to raise over £770, which means we can plan to have another big-name speaker next year and also continue to get the high standard of speakers to our monthly meetings.

The talk at the May meeting was fascinating - all about Bumblebees. John Taylor, the speaker, is so knowledgeable about the subject, and so passionate. And he is also an extremely good photographer - the pictures accompanying his talk were really very good.

This was our last meeting in the Institute for a couple of months, as we are off on our garden visits. The first one is to Gatefields Meadow, on June 3rd, by kind invitation of Annie and Ivan Robinson. Postcode IP29 4EX, opposite Gifford's Hall – the house, not the vineyard. They say this is the prime viewing time to see their garden and especially the wildflower meadow. It is a very special place with some interesting and rare plants, the Tulipa sprengeri might be over by then, but Annie will guide us through it.

On July 1st we then go to Conduit House on the Green at Long Melford, C010 9DU, to see a very special regeneration project and hidden garden. On both occasions we will meet at 7pm to make the most of the light, with entry at £5 per person, including refreshments, in aid of a charity of the

owner's choice.

Finally, in August we will be back in the Institute for a talk on No-Dig Gardening, to be given by our own Ralph Carpenter. An interview with Charles Dowding will be played, with a discussion to follow.

Although the final note is about our Annual Show, taking place this year on Sunday September 15th. All the classes, timetable and hints are on the Show page of our website: www.hartestgardeningclub.info. For any queries about the Gardening Club, please email us on hartestgardeningclub@gmail.com.

Geraldine Ross

SHIMPLING AND ALPHETON WI SPEAKERS REPORT 11TH MARCH 2024

For our March meeting we had a delightful "Musical Evening". Our guest was Tim Kipling, an extraordinary flutist accompanied by a harpist. We were entertained with beautiful classical music. Tim also gave an interesting talk on his journey into music from school days to one of the top flutists in the country. Tim has played with many important orchestras but his work with the Salvation Army as a volunteer gives him great personal satisfaction.



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(Shimpling AED Village Enterprise)

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Robin Hood – The Pantomime

The house lights dimmed, sublime music (Joseph Bailey) filled the air and Will Scarlett (John Watson) strode to the stage to meet the radiant Maid Marion (Olivia Campan) and the splendidly outrageous Dame Nell (Tim Smith). The plot unfolded; Marchioness Melania (Julie Rix, wonderfully malevolent) had turned the Earl of Suffolk into a frog (John Sinclair, astonishingly realistic) to persuade his daughter, Maid Marion, to marry her son, Basil, Sheriff of Nottingham (Rufus Pawsey) and thus lay claim to our fair county. 'Never!' cried Maid Marion, 'I am betrothed to Robin Hood' - our heroine was imprisoned by beastly Basil and guarded by his reluctant assistant, Gordon (Leo Campan). A trumpet sounded, an arrow flew through the air and to the rescue came Robin (Tina Campan) galloping down the aisle with faithful right hand men, Little John (Reynolds, father) and Big John (Abel, son). A menagerie emerged from the forest to assist; a confident cock pheasant (Mark Milhench) a nervous deer (Annie Haslehurst) a mysterious mouse (Annie Wise) and a grumpy owl (Lyra Reimann). And a fairy (Nathalie Brown, a transformation after her beguiling role as Ermintrude the cow). Fairy Appleblossom had a plan. Nell became the ravishing temptress Brigitte to entrap Basil - a steamy scene challenging the boundaries of family entertainment (wives in the audience struggled to restrain their husbands and shield the eyes of their children) - no wonder Basil was besotted and invited Brigitte to his castle. Their tryst disturbed Melania (a terrifying sight in curlers and night gown) but enabled Robin and friends to enter the castle. Fairy Appleblossom, being a tooth fairy, fixed

Gordon's dental problems in exchange for a key, stole Melania's magic wand and turned the frog back into the Earl of Suffolk. With Maid Marion released into Robin's arms all ended well, as it always does in Shimpling, and with another triumph for the Shimphton players, director, Katie Haslehurst and Stage Manager, Peter Rix.



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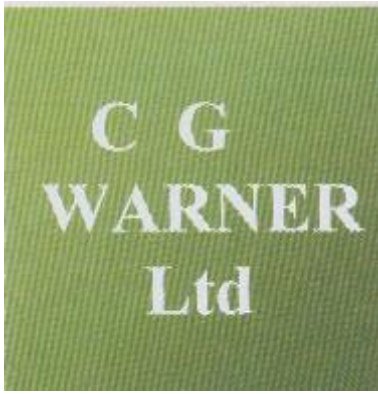
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