

Shimpling News

Summer 2026

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Over 65 and not heard about your shingles vaccine?

Don't worry!

Starting
1 September
2023

Ages 65 & 70
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Rolling out each year until...

By 2028
Everyone 65 in 2023
will have been offered
the shingles vaccine.

The full rollout will be complete by 2028.

SHINGLE VACCINE

The Parish Council:

Mrs Liz Brunwin	01284 828122
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Vacancy	

Contact details for the Clerk are:

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

(Correspondence and Appointment only)

Email: clerk@shimpling-pc.gov.uk Tel: 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;

- 13th July 2026
 - 14th September 2026
 - 9th November 2026
 - 11th January 2027
 - 8th March 2027
 - 10th May 2027 – Annual Parish Assembly, Parish Council Annual General Meeting (AGM) and Meeting
- 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 in the Annual Parish Assembly in May meeting;

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

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 and to highlight some of the work done by the Parish Council.

So let me start by thanking my fellow Councillors for their efforts during the year. There have been some long meetings along with the considerable background reading that informs those discussions. Also, attending co-ordination meetings, meetings with other councils and service providers, especially due to local government reorganisation, has been a growing requirement.

Our clerk is Natasha Byford, and the Parish Council could not run without her conscientious efforts throughout the year. Parish Clerks do an essential and important role, providing continuity, legal and procedural expertise and advice to councillors. We are extremely lucky to have Natasha.

But our village needs many other individuals and organisations, some represented here tonight, working hard to keep the village clean and looking pleasant, keeping residents informed and delivering companionship,

fun and entertainment. My apologies now if I do not manage to include everyone who has helped.

Highlights of the year included:

Litter pickup day, an annual event, which was again well supported by the village and organised this year by Liz Brunwin. It also included some back breaking work in re-levelling the stones in the village hall carpark.

Throughout the year Steve, and others, have also provided an ongoing rubbish and tidy up service on their regular walks around the village.

The "Village Library" needed some TLC to bring it back to its best and this was gratefully undertaken by David and Linda Campan. It's good to see that it is so well used by the village and well managed by Mandy.

One of the highlights of the year is the Christmas tableau. This alongside re-siting of the bench and generally helping fix and put things up has been done by Laurence Rooke and Ted Pine with others assisting as necessary. We must also thank Sue and Graham who provide the free electricity every year.

In January a Thermal Imaging Camera was made available to residents to see how well their houses were insulated and helpfully was linked to potential improvement grants. Jen O'Reilly-Turner organised the sessions which were enlightening.

As always, thanks go to Chris Cooke from Lark Valley Landscapes and his employees for their efforts in again keeping the village grass looking good.

As ever the village newsletter provides an invaluable service to the village, guiding people to our key hubs of activity; St George's Church, the Bush public house and the village hall as well as sharing important local information. Many thanks to Sarah Smith for all her hard work in putting such a great looking magazine together. The Village Hall Committee continue to do a wonderful job of introducing new events to our community together as well as continuing with ones which are already popular. You will hear more about their work later. The Parish Council is pleased in its continuing support of the village hall to ensure its continued success.

Much of what the Parish Council does is with the grateful support of our County and District Councillors, Richard Kemp, Stephen Plumb and Michael Holt. We thank you for always being responsive to our requests for help; it is much appreciated. I should say, by this time hopefully Richard has finally been allowed to retire, and we wish him well in his future endeavours.

Some multi-year projects are moving forwards, albeit in some cases slowly. I reported last year that the Village Hall lease had been signed. Unfortunately, it has taken a further year to get all the paperwork dealt with satisfactorily, through no fault of the Richard's family or the Parish Council.

The introduction of Electric Vehicle chargers at the Village Hall has also seen delays. In this case it is because the initial company doing the installation decide not to go forward with the work. A new company is taking on the

responsibility but as expected, they are starting from scratch so there is still no go-live date. Thanks to Gerry Shrimpton for getting us this far.

Some people will have noticed that we now have an improved bus service to the village. Throughout the year Gerry has worked with the various transport organisations to get the extra buses even in these difficult financial times.

I have left one of the most important projects to last. Again, I hope people have noticed and been involved with the development of our Neighbourhood Plan. This is important because it will help define how our village goes forward. The open day in January gave an opportunity to see the draft plan and make comments. These comments, alongside others from other interested parties have been reviewed and the plan amended accordingly. Once approved by the Parish Council the plan will go to Babergh for consultation and examination after which there will a referendum so the village can vote on the final version. Hopefully that will be late this year or early next. Suffice it to say there has been considerable work in getting this far and a well-done is deserved. The team was ably led by Claire Douglas-Hughes and consisted of Jane Wall, Mark Beaver, Mike Fahie-Wilson and me.

What the Parish Council have been up to ...

Over the last couple of months, we have:

- Completed the Internal Audit for the PC
- Held the Annual Parish Assembly and the PC AGM

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

We are now towards the end of the Review and Submission stage in the Neighbourhood Plan process. Overall, it has been an extremely successful process with a lot of good work done by the team and held together so well by Claire Douglas-Hughes. 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

<https://passenger-line-assets.s3.eu-west-1.amazonaws.com/hedinghamandchambers/HEDO/45-timetable-20250831-5f294bdd.pdf>

Distirct Councillors

Our District Councillors usually attend each Parish Council meeting and can also be contacted as follows:

Michael Holt

Phone: 01787 281712, Mobile: 07801 766813

Email: 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>	<u>Shimpling PC Comments</u>	<u>Planning Authority Decision</u>
DC/24/04287 - Rectory Cottage, Old Rectory Lane, Shimpling, Bury St Edmunds Suffolk IP29 4HQ - Full Planning Application - Erection of 1 No replacement dwelling including enhancement of 5 acre horse paddock (existing dwelling to become Bat Habitat)	Did not Comment	Granted
DC/26/00922 - The Hermitage Bury Road Shimpling IP30 0JL - Application for Listed Building Consent. Strip the existing late C20 cementitious render and re-render in lime render. Decorate in a mineral paint, colour to match existing	Did not Comment	Granted
DC/26/01035 - Red House Cockfield Road Shimpling Bury St Edmunds Suffolk IP29 4HX - Householder Application - Erection of a Two Storey Rear and Single Storey Side Extensions	Did not Comment	Granted

<u>Application</u>	<u>Shimpling PC Comments</u>	<u>Planning Authority Decision</u>
DC/26/01161 - The Winery Mount Farm Vineyard Blooms Hall Lane Shimpling Sudbury Suffolk CO10 9BY - Change of use from agriculture to flexible use for cafe/restaurant for part of existing barn. (7 day response)	Did not Comment	Permissi on not required
DC/26/01848 - Land At Shimpling On The Chadacre Road - Application to determine if Prior Approval is required for a Proposed: Erection, Extension or Alteration of a building for Agricultural or Forestry Use. Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 as amended Schedule 2, Part 6. - Steel portal framed building with a lean-too for general purpose agricultural use	Did not Comment	

Shimpling Parish Neighbourhood Plan

We have been rather quiet with news on the Neighbourhood Plan since the last newsletter but things have continued to progress.

All the responses from the village and the various Councils/ Agency's were put into a report and commented upon/ suggested amendments to the Plan made. This was approved by the Parish Council on the 11th May and the report is being amended accordingly. The Plan and all supporting documents will then be submitted to Babergh District Council by the end of May.

The next stage will be the "consultation period" and then the Plan will be sent for Independent Examination.

The final stage will be for the formal Parish Referendum where everyone in the Parish has the opportunity to vote on the adoption of the Plan. If this is positive Babergh District Council will then be required to take the Plan into account on any decisions made.

As always, we will keep you up to date with progress through the last few stages.

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

THE HALLIFAX TRUST

A locally based charity providing educational grants to Lawshall School, and students **under the age of 25** receiving further education at colleges or universities. Funding for other types of formal training for a profession or vocation will also be considered. To qualify students must either have parents living in Shimpling or have in the past attended Lawshall School whilst their parents were living in Shimpling or Alpheton. Funding may also be available for other Shimpling based projects.

BENEFICIARIES

The Hallifax Trust has recently supported Shakespeare workshops and Bikability for Lawshall schoolchildren. We are also pleased to hear from students that have benefited from the Trust. We have helped them to purchase books and equipment, and cover travel costs. **Grants are not means tested** and we are pleased to hear from anyone meeting with the above criterion.

All applications are considered at our autumn meeting for the forthcoming academic year and must be received by 30th September.

HELP US TO HELP OUR CHILDREN

The Trust receives a small number of regular donations from local people, 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.

NEW TRUSTEE & ADMINISTRATOR

After many years as a trustee and treasurer to the Hallifax Trust, Jenny Pine is handing over these responsibilities to Mark Haselhurst, we also have a new administrator, Shelley Moore, both Shimpling residents with young families and links with Lawshall School.

CONTACT DETAILS

hallifaxtrust@gmail.com



Facing Uncertainty

Many people, young and old, are facing a future which is not quite what they expected. We can feel disappointed when things do not work out as we anticipated. Yet sometimes, it is in uncomfortable periods of change and challenge that we learn more about ourselves and about God.

I was recently struck by a poem written by an unknown soldier who was caught up in the wrongs and rights of the American Civil War over 150 years ago. No doubt this man, born as he was into unsettled times, found that his life took a number of unexpected turns. *Rev'd Lawson*

*I asked God for strength, that I might achieve.
I was made weak, that I might learn humbly to obey.*

*I asked for health, that I might do greater things.
I was given infirmity, that I might do better things.*

*I asked for riches, that I might be happy.
I was given poverty, that I might be wise.*

*I asked for power that I might have the praise of men.
I was given weakness, that I might feel the need of God.*

*I asked for all things, that I might enjoy life.
I was given life, that I might enjoy all things.*

I got nothing that I asked for—but got everything I had hoped for.

*Almost despite myself, my unspoken prayers were answered.
I am, among all people, most richly blessed*

Reverend Matthew Lawson

Church Services Include:

June

Sun 7 th	9.00am	Alpheton	Communion
	10.30am	Melford	Family Service
	4.00pm	Lawshall	'Sing Lawshall' Informal Service
	6.30pm	Melford	Choral Evensong
Sun 14 th	4.00pm	Melford	Shine Informal Worship #
Sun 21 st	9.00am	Shimpling	Communion
	4.00pm	Shimpling	Pub Social at The Bush #
Sun 28 th	4.00pm	Melford	BYO Picnic Party #
	6.30pm	Lawshall	Evening Communion

July

Sun 5 th	9.00am	Alpheton	Communion
	10.30am	Melford	Family Service
	4.00pm	Lawshall	'Sing Lawshall' Informal Service
	6.30pm	Melford	Choral Evensong
Sun 12 th	4.00pm	Melford	Shine Informal Worship #
Sun 19 th	9.00am	Shimpling	Communion
Sun 26 th	6.30pm	Lawshall	Communion

August

Sun 2 nd	9.00am	Alpheton	Communion
	10.30am	Melford	Family Service
	4.00pm	Lawshall	'Sing Lawshall' Informal

Service (tbc)

6.30pm Melford Choral Evensong

Sun 16th 9.00am Shimpling Communion

Sun 30th 6.30pm Lawshall Communion

for our 4 o'clock community with family friendly services socials and events almost every Sunday at 4.00pm, contact Nicky on [07938 681319](tel:07938681319) 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](tel:07890) or melfordfamilyworker@gmail.com.

For more details or any questions, please contact Vicky on [07804 558160](tel:07804558160) or chadbrookoffice@gmail.com.

Rector: Rev'd Matthew Lawson 01787 310845

Churchwarden: Vacant

Church Contact : Charlotte Blyth 01284 828544
07939 194233

ALPHETON & SHIMPLING CHURCHES

FRIDAY 14 AUGUST · 7:30PM

HARVEST BARN DANCE

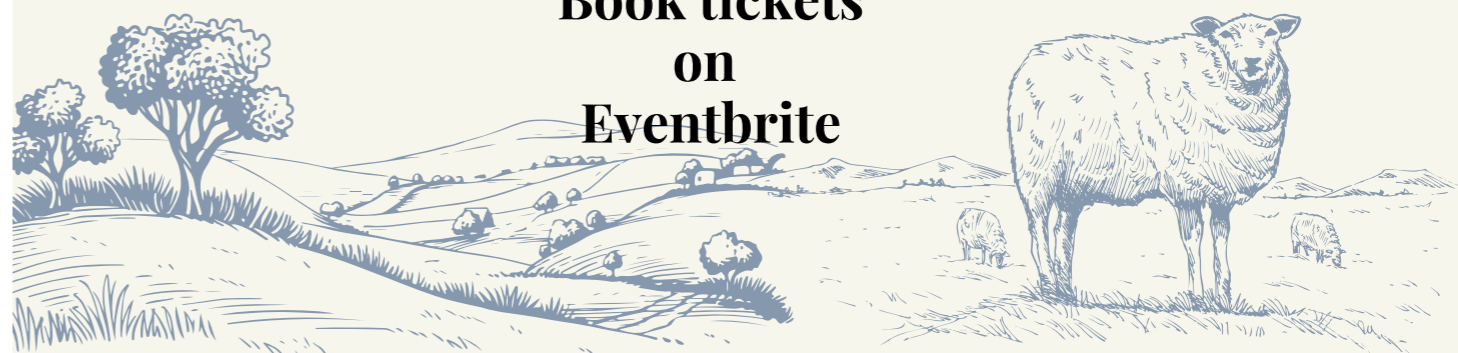


Catch the Pigeon 7:30 — 11:00 PM Shimpling
Ceilidh Band and caller Doors at 7:00 Park Farm IP29 4HY

GOOD FOOD & BAR ON SITE

MORE INFO · GOOGLE 'A CHURCH NEAR YOU SHIMPLING'

Tickets £25
Book tickets
on
Eventbrite





WHY RECYCLE?



TO REDUCE THE PRESSURE ON OUR LANDFILL SITES

Many of the items thrown into our black bins can be used again, but only if they're separated. This eases the burden on **limited landfill space** and reduces the risk of **groundwater contamination** and the emission of **harmful gases**.



TO CONSERVE THE WORLD'S NATURAL RESOURCES

Recycling **paper** saves trees, forests, and ancient woodland.
Recycling **plastic** conserves fossil fuels.
Recycling **metals** reduces the need for destructive mining.
Recycling **glass** conserves sand, the most extracted solid material on Earth.
Food waste can be used to produce energy and fertiliser

TO PROTECT THE WORLD'S ECOSYSTEMS

Reducing the need to grow, harvest or extract raw materials from the Earth means fewer **forests** are cut down, fewer **ivers** are diverted, **animals** are not going to be harmed or displaced, and **water, soil** and **air** will be less polluted.



TO PROTECT THE WORLD'S MOST VULNERABLE PEOPLE

An increasing demand for material items disproportionately affects the world's most poor and vulnerable communities, with many being displaced as a result of **pollution** and **climate change**.

TO SAVE ENERGY & WATER

Producing metals from recycled materials uses **70-95% less energy** and up to **95% less water**. Making paper from recycled paper uses **40% less energy** and making one tonne of recycled paper conserves **26,500 gallons** of water.



TO REDUCE GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS

Using less energy means a reduction in the use of fossil fuels, leading to **less carbon dioxide** emissions. Less food waste leads to **less methane**. Reducing greenhouse gas emissions is crucial to mitigate against the increasing threats associated with climate change.

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



Monday 8th June THE PENGUIN LESSONS - starring Steve Coogan

Monday 13th July LEE - starring Kate Winslet

Monday 10th August THE SALT PATH - starring Gillian Anderson and Jason Isaacs

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

Have you tried it yet?

Take the number 45 bus to Bury St Edmunds (Monday to Saturday). Meet nice people as you travel through the villages.

Brighten up your day, even when it is overcast. Give it a go this week, you will be amazed how much better you feel. No car park fees, no queuing for a space, no expensive fuel, leave it to the bus driver and see a different view of your surroundings. Looking forward to seeing you very soon!



Timetables are available on the bus, in the village or www.konectbuses.co.uk www.suffolkonboard.com

HARTEST & DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB

After a very wet and soggy start to 2026, we are now dealing with an arid climate with just a few drops of rain over the past few months. The gardening tools of choice for Spring seem to be a pickaxe and a hose!

Despite these dry conditions, the most notable change this season is the return of the dawn chorus, which is so uplifting and signals the height of nesting season for our much-loved blackbirds, robins, wrens, and thrushes. All our native birds are now actively collecting materials for nests, so do remember to maintain clean water sources and feeders to encourage more birds to your space, and it's never too late to add new bird boxes to fences or clean out existing ones.

Thank you to everyone who came to listen to Michael Marriott's interesting talk on **roses**. We had a great turnout, lots of delicious cakes, a fantastic raffle and the opportunity to buy a signed copy of Michael's RHS book on roses. Michael shared lots of tips on how to grow the very best roses, demystifying rose care (particularly around pruning), reimagining garden design and lots of practical hands-on advice including soil preparation, how to plant, watering and pruning this beautiful plant to get the very best blooms. We were all reassured that there really is the right rose for every garden!

We were delighted to welcome Mark Howard to our April meeting and hear about his experience of gardening a busy vegetable plot and a large area of grasses and perennials inspired by Piet Oudolf on 5.5 acres of what was poorly drained, heavy clay. Mark talked about the science, practical methods and myths behind **changing 'problematic' clay** into the kind of soil every gardener dreams of. We heard about the

top ten plants that thrive on clay soil if changing the soil structure isn't an option, the soil science that helps gardeners to create better conditions for plants that don't love clay, and the best ways to create organic matter for your garden with a low cost and low effort approach.

For those who couldn't attend and want to know the plants that are thriving in Mark's clay soil (and might also do well in yours), here's his list:

- Cornus Hornbeam Salix
- Miscanthus Hawthorn Viburnum Davidii
- Silver Birch Roses Hydrangea Paniculata

In May we heard from Lucy Chamberlain who has been growing her own food for over 30 years. She talked to us about **growing edibles**, drawing on her book '*Grow Food Anywhere*.' Lucy grows over 150 different edibles in her home garden, choosing their location according to where they would naturally thrive. Some crops are well known, such as raspberries, figs and tomatoes whereas others are more unusual like Malabar spinach and Chilean guavas! Lucy explained how to choose crops for specific areas in your garden, so we can all enjoy a huge range of home-grown veg this year!

Thank you to everyone who came to our annual **Plant Sale** earlier this month to buy plants, and to all who donated plants and helped to set up and clear away. A special thanks to the church who provided the delicious refreshments on the day. All the funds raised enable the club to engage interesting speakers for the following year.

There are no meetings in June and July as we now move into our summer season of garden visits, which are available to members at a small charge.

We return after a brief break in August with our **ANNUAL SHOW ON SUNDAY 6TH SEPTEMBER, 2.30PM** at the Institute. Timings are still to be confirmed – which we will circulate nearer the date - but do put the date in your diary (staging is the afternoon of Saturday 5th Sept and the morning of Sunday 6th Sept).

Find out more via our:

Website: <https://hartestgardeningclub.onesuffolk.net/>

Instagram: [hartest_gardening_club](#)

Facebook: Hartest & District Gardening Club

Email: hartestgardeningclub@gmail.com

Kit Morrison, on behalf of H&DGC

hartestgardeningclub@gmail.com



on March 9th 1945 by 487th Adjutant, Major Leo Burbridge. It included an illustration of the design and an explanation of the various elements and colours.

The 487th Bomb Group occupied Lavenham airfield in the spring of 1944 and so when the 'Friends of Lavenham Airfield' (FOLA) were looking to mark the 80th anniversary of the group's arrival it seemed appropriate to plant an oak tree....but not just any oak tree but one grown from an acorn that came from a tree to the east of the airfield that was of an age that it would have been present during the comings and goings of 487th aircraft during the war. Americans refer to such trees as 'witness trees'.

The site chosen for FOLA's commemorative oak was the grounds of Alpheton village, next to what became the access road to the airfield when it was necessary to reroute the A134 to accommodate the airfield (on land requisitioned by the Air Ministry from landowner David Alston). Post war Mr Alston donated the land to the village on which to build the hall. Whilst his wife Bathia Alston became Chair of the Village Hall Committee whose first job was to raise money to build it.

A cactus and three oak trees

(Or a tale from Lavenham airfield)

If you had been an American officer serving with the US Army Air Force's 487th Bomb Group on Lavenham airfield in WWII you would no doubt have been familiar with the base's Officers' Club and acquainted with the rather impressive bar therein.

Visible above the bar was the Group's unofficial insignia, which appears to have been painted on glass in colour, with the motto 'Strength and Precision' beneath it.

Towards the end of operations in England units of the US 8th Air Force were invited to submit the design of any Group insignia that they had been using to 8th Air Force Headquarters. This was done



In 2024 this young oak along with its plaque (the 'P' in a square - the identification symbol displayed on 487th aircraft, is framed in the shape of a B-24 tail fin) was dedicated in the presence of the sons of 1st Lieutenant Leo Wingate who served on the airfield with the 487th Bomb Group.

So this (as yet) small oak tree represents rather more than might be evident at first glance.

With grateful thanks to: Stewart Evans, John Pawsey, Paul Webber and the 487th Bomb Group (H) Association.

If you wish to learn more about Lavenham Airfield and its American occupants during WWII, FOLA offer a series of guided 'Airfield Walks' over the summer. For more details and to book, please visit our web page at: <https://bit.ly/42q6BdJ>



Dates will be released at the beginning of each month. Please keep a look out or text Andy on 07852 129028

Shimpling Village Hall

The Village Hall Committee meets every 8 weeks, to manage the hall and arrange events that residents can enjoy and generate income to keep the hall running & open.

We welcome interest from any resident who would like to get involved – please email Carol Squire: shimplingvh@gmail.com or phone, WhatsApp or text: 07855 762812

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

Events and activities timetable on the Your Hall website <https://yourhall.co.uk/hall/shimpling-village-hall/>

The Village Hall AGM was held on the 27th of April - the report will be available on the Shimpling pc website following its presentation to the Parish Council at their AGM on the 11th May 6pm.

Village Hall Activities

Future Arts & Crafts Sessions in the village hall 2026

Autumn Wreath Making Workshop - Following the success of the Spring Wreath Workshop we are planning to hold another in the Autumn - making Wreaths to adorn your table or door, full of the autumn colours.

The workshop will be in the village hall on the **24th of October 2026 at 10am.**

The session tutor will be expert florist Anne Brown <http://www.justanneflowers.co.uk/>



Let us know what other arts and crafts workshops you would like us to organise!

Email:

shimplingvh@gmail.com

All sessions have minimum attendance targets and will not take place if not reached.

Our ever-popular Christmas Pottery Workshop open to all ages will be taking place in **November 2026** - more information in the autumn village newsletter

Other Events

Schools' half term saw the hall made available for free to residents and families to use the table tennis set, the children's billiards table and other indoor games. We have on loan a New Age Kurling set - come and try it! Those who took advantage enjoyed the opportunity - *"We had a brilliant time and have all become experts at table tennis!"*



We are doing the same every school holiday in 2026 - just email or text to book.

Also - don't forget you can book the hall at other times for any events.

These continue as scheduled so check the village website, notice boards, Facebook and WhatsApp and join in.

- PILATES classes are on a Monday mornings and Wednesday evening with room for a few more so don't be shy – come and join in. It's time to get summer holiday fit.
- ZUMBA GOLD continues term time Fridays – a great way to dance your way to fitness - no prior experience or skill needed - just dance for the fun of it.

- **FILM NIGHTS** have also continued the 3rd Tuesday evening of the month, showing some great films. Come along and enjoy the films.
Let us know what films you want to see. WhatsApp or Text Carol on 07855 762812 with your ideas
- The **RURAL COFFEE CARAVAN** come to the village hall every 4th Thursday of the month offering their coffee (or tea) and excellent range of home-made cakes & savouries. This fantastic charity distributes invaluable up to date information and advice, signpost people where to get the help they need as well as providing a warm welcoming session for all. Come for information & advice, come for refreshments & a chat - everyone welcome



***** Babergh Customer Services will attend the Rural Coffee Caravan mornings, giving residents the opportunity to sort out issues directly with a council representative so, if you have a query - come along and talk to them. *****

Copy for the September 2026 edition is required by 22nd August 2026 (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 PILATES CLASSES

THE BENEFITS OF PILATES

The focus is on core strength & spinal mobility to ensure optimum alignment of the body.
 The breathing and mindful aspect of Pilates supports both physical and mental well-being.

It is intelligent exercise!



3 Sessions are held
Mondays at 9.30 – 10.30 and 11 – 12noon
WEDNESDAYS 6.30 – 7.30pm
term time only

£7 per session - Equipment provided free
NO EXPERIENCE OR BOOKING NEEDED

Want to know more?
 Contact Tutor- Louise Fuller 07875 370902

Rural Coffee Caravan

Making a difference to rural communities throughout Suffolk

We'll be visiting:

Shimpling

Village Hall IP29 4HS

10am - 12pm

Thursdays:

25th June / 23rd July / 27th August

Come along for some company and a catch up with your neighbours over a cup of tea or coffee with biscuits and cake. We bring a great source of information along with the free refreshments.

We look forward to seeing you.

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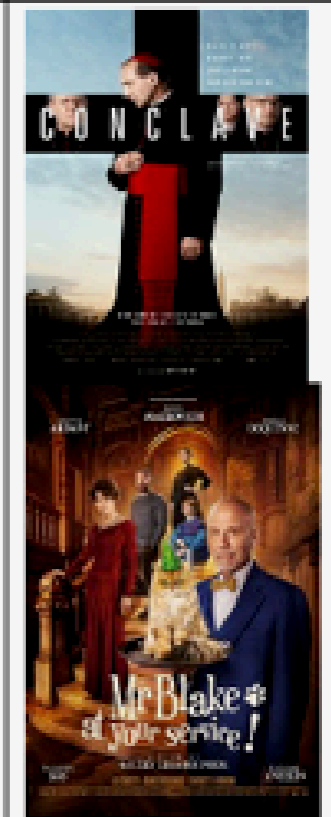
21ST JULY - **MR BLAKE AT YOUR SERVICE** - COMEDY

A widowed British businessman (John Malkovich) takes the job as a butler of a manor house in France to keep memories of his late French wife. His life takes a turn as he navigates the eccentric behaviour of the lady of the manor (Fanny Ardant) and the household staff.

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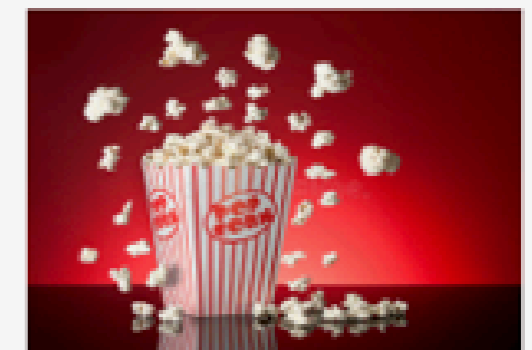
18TH AUGUST - **MOTHERS PRIDE** - COMEDY

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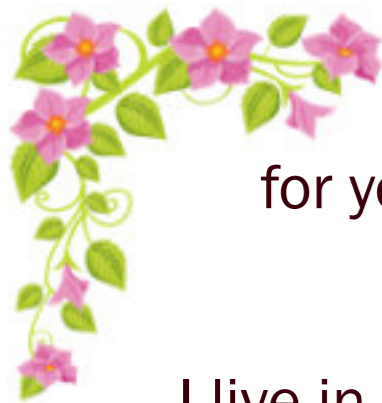


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