

PARISH NEWS

covering
SHILLINGTON, PEGSDON & HIGHAM GOBION



*Flypast opening by Spitfire
at 11:49 approx.*

SHILLINGFEST 2023

*Stalls &
Sideshow
from Village
Organisations*

**Community Event
@ The
Playing Fields**

*Barbeque
Pimms Tent
Outside &
Inside Bars
Ice Creams*

CELEBRATING VILLAGE LIFE

**Saturday, 24th JUNE 2023
from 12 noon**

*Live music
during
afternoon
and into
evening*



Letchworth Morris Men

See page 7 for further information

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PARISH COUNCIL

THEIR FINAL MEETING

The outgoing parish council assembled for the last time on 4 April with Councillors Sally Stapleton, David Mott, Tony Howells and Alison Graham all attending their final meeting before standing down. In her last report as our Central Bedfordshire Councillor, Alison told those present that the CCTV system used across Bedfordshire to monitor public safety had been improved giving better quality pictures. In addition, mobile cameras could be deployed in future for up to 3 months in other areas where crime and anti-social behaviour had been experienced.

CORONATION MUGS

The parish council resolved to purchase coronation mugs for the school children and would buy them jointly with the councils for Stondon, Meppershall and Gravenhurst to take advantage of the favourable price for making a larger order.

GOODBYE, SALLY

When the meeting was over, councillors held a small celebration for Sally and presented her with a range of gifts to celebrate her 36 years of service to the parish council. Readers of Parish News will be pleased to know that she will remain in her position as editor.

NEW COUNCIL MEETS IN MAY

It was a time of great change when the new Parish Council met on 16 May with four people - Annie Palmer, Richa Mitra, Gavin Jenkins and Liam Keane, all attending for the first time as councillors. With six councillors from the previous term standing once more, there were exactly 10 nominations for the 10 vacancies and no election was required.

COUNCIL SELECTS NEW CHAIRMAN

Outgoing chairman, Sally Stapleton, returned briefly to open the meeting and supervised the unopposed appointment of Councillor John Hyde as her replacement. After signing in, John took over the meeting and thanked his predecessor for her many years of hard work on behalf of the parish. The Councillors selected Derek Turner for the role of vice chairman and he also joins the Parish Council Risk Management Working Party along with Blake Stephenson. Mark Thyne will represent the Parish Council on the Village Hall Management Committee and John Hyde will do likewise on the Memorial Playing Field Management Committee. Other Councillors returning for another term are Tracey Petrie and Angus McCormick.

With the formalities completed, other business included the inaugural report by our new Central Bedfordshire Councillor, Blake Stephenson, who also offered to take another look at the visibility problem at the junction of High Road and Upton End Rd. Details concerning the installation near the Sports Club of another storage container for equipment, much of it for the new Shillington Spitfires cricket team to use, were also discussed.

NEW PARISH CLERK APPOINTED

The final item on the agenda was the selection of a new clerk to replace Helen Smith who will also step down shortly. Following an interview with the former and new chairmen, councillors agreed to offer the post to Lauren Darnell. Some readers will recall that Lauren has served them in the shop and post office in High Road. She will take up her new position from the beginning of June, with Helen kindly offering her support as she acclimatises to her new role.

For **all** Parish Council issues please contact:

Ms. Lauren Darnell, Clerk to the Parish Council

45 Tiger Moth Way, Lower Stondon, Hitchin, Herts. SG16 6GN. ☎ to be confirmed

email: clerk@shillington-pc.gov.uk <https://shillington-pc.gov.uk>

ANNOUNCEMENTS / ITEMS / NEWS IN BRIEF



WANTED:

Bottles and cans for All Saints' Church TOMBOLA
at Shillingfest 23 (24th June).

All donations gratefully received.



Contact: **Margaret Johnson** on **01462-711635** for drop off or collection.

SHILLINGTON CARE

Do you need help with transport from Shillington?

We can get you to the surgery, hospital and collect your prescriptions.

Shillington Care is an informal group of people able to give help.

Give us a call and we will arrange for someone to pick you up and bring you back.

Initially, speak to **Liz** on **01462-711594** or leave a message.

If there is a delay on this number then call **07930-812940**



A BIG THANK YOU to Parish Councillors for giving me a splendid send off following the annual meeting of the Parish on 2nd May.

Two framed photographs – one of the ‘old team’ and the other of ‘gavel and mug’ went down a treat, followed by a light buffet and lively conversation.

Hard to believe I’ve spent 36 years on the Council but have enjoyed my time serving the community.

Very pleased we’ve won more battles than we’ve lost during that time !!

Best wishes to both new and ‘old’ members of the Council Team – may we continue to be victorious in parish endeavours !

*Very best wishes **Sally Stapleton** xx*



GET WELL SOON TIM.....

best wishes to Tim Armitage for a speedy recovery following a recent spell in hospital.

Very HAPPY BIRTHDAY wishes to the Apsley End ladies celebrating their xx birthdays during June xx

Steph, Natalie, Janet, Sally & Sami



DON'T FORGET TO SAVE THE DATE:

Saturday, 28th October @ 7.00pm on The Playing Fields
ANNUAL FIREWORKS SPECTACULAR (20 minute show)



ALL SAINTS' CHURCH SHILLINGTON & GRAVENHURST

www.allsaintsshillington.org.uk



UPDATE

As previously reported All Saints Church is now in 'Vacancy' and as such we do not have our own designated priest. It will be some months before a new Priest-in-Charge is appointed, however the church is carrying on.

We have already welcomed a number of visiting clergy including the Revd. Roger Wood the former Vicar of St. Margaret's Church, Streatley who has taken the majority of our services since March. Revd Roger is well known for the use of colourful visual aids during his sermons which are very effective and liked by the congregation. Also Revd Jane Wheatley our former Vicar has taken a number of services including a Baptism during our Sunday morning Communion.

On those Sundays when we have found ourselves without a priest we will manage with services of Morning Worship with Prayers & Hymns, sometimes taken by a 'Lay Minister' or a member of the congregation. The start time of Sunday morning services remains at 9.30am.

At the end of March we welcomed Revd Derwyn as a prospective candidate for the post of our new Priest-in Charge, he was given a conducted tour of the area, including all four Churches, Gravenhurst school and the vicarage. He met various groups from Shillington, Stondon, Arlesey and Astwick for informal discussions, followed by a formal interview. Although he was offered the post he declined, so we are now due to conduct a second round of interviews at the end of June.

We held our Annual Parochial Church Meeting on 14th May where we reviewed the last church year and elected a committee (PPC) who will make decisions regarding church life for the coming year. Other activities like Bell ringing, Choir, Bible study, our 'Friendly Space' and social events continue as normal.

However, if during the Vacancy, you need the assistance of the church and you would normally have spoken to Rev, Richard, please get in touch, in the first instance, with the Churchwardens. They are **Dick & Liz Brewer** and their telephone number is **01462-711594**.

Dick Brewer on behalf of
All Saints Church PCC



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WHAT'S GOING ON

The main point of contact on church matters is now
the **Churchwardens - Liz & Dick Brewer** ☎ **01462 711594**.
Visiting clergy will lead services until a new priest is appointed.

SERVICES:

Our Sunday Morning Service is still at 9.30am mostly with Communion with normally live feed on Facebook. Sung Evensong is on the 1st Sunday in the month at 6.00pm

ALL SAINTS CHURCH - SUNDAY SCHOOL:

Our Sunday School meets most weeks and is open for children of all ages starting from 4 years old. For more information please **Adam Lockey** on **01462 712464**.

FUNERALS/BURIALS/THANKSGIVING SERVICES:

✠ 25th April - Christopher Hare - Burial of Ashes.
✠ 5th May - Victor George Norman - Burial of Ashes

200 CLUB – LUCKY WINNERS: (prizes 1st £50, 2nd £25, 3rd £10)

April 2023:

1st no. 023 – C E Ashwell 2nd no. 006 – Linda & Clive Butler 3rd no. 070 – Peter English

May 2023:

1st no. 031 – Ian Moss 2nd no. 017 – Trish Humphries 3rd no. 124 – Johnty Smith

OTHER NEWS FOR 2023:

- * Come and join us for afternoon tea, cake and a chat every Sunday from 3.00pm to 5.00pm in the Church.
- * 24 Hours of Live Music in the Church starting 9am on Saturday, 10th June - come and support the performers, entry free, donations to 'Friends of All Saints Shillington'.
- * The Church will have stalls at the 'Shillingfest 23' on Saturday, 24th June, so please come and support us and the event from 12 noon on the Playing Fields.
- * On Sunday 9th July is our Annual Strawberry Cream Teas and Cake again in the Church from 3.00pm to 5.00pm.
- * Sunday 16th July 'Flying Teddies' at the church in the afternoon.

Best wishes

Liz Brewer (Church Warden) lizbrewer313@gmail.com ☎ 01462-711594

REPORT FROM COUNCILLOR BLAKE STEPHENSON

- May 2023 -

May's local elections followed boundary changes which saw Gravenhurst and Shillington welcome Meppershall into the fold. We're blessed to live in such a wonderful area, and I'm keen that our three parishes work together where it makes sense to keep it that way.



First, I'd like to thank Alison for many years of service to our parish, and to send my best wishes for a well-earned retirement. I'd also like to thank those of you who put your faith in me at the ballot box, and to those of you who supported me during the election campaign. Thank you!

Whether you voted for me or not, be assured that I'm here to serve our entire community. To begin I'm sitting down with our Parish Council Chairs so we're as co-ordinated as possible on the priorities.

As you may know by now, the results from across the authority area resulted in no group having overall control: Independents now occupy 27 seats (not all of whom sit in the 'Independent Group'); Conservatives occupy twenty seats; Liberal Democrats ten; Labour five; and Greens one.

At the first Full Council I was appointed to serve Central Bedfordshire as: Vice Chair of Sustainable Communities Oversight & Scrutiny; Member of Development Management Committee, Bedfordshire's Police & Crime Panel, and the Appeals Panel; and substitute on the General Purposes Committee. So there's lots to do!

I look forward to meeting many of you over time to stay up to date about what's important to you. How we get things done may change given the new political map, but rest assured that I'll be working hard to ensure we get the very best deal.

With best wishes for a lovely Summer,

Blake.

SHILLINGFEST 23 (24th June 2023): Village organisations and groups providing stalls, sideshows and games, raffles and competitions - a great opportunity for the community to come together.



Spitfire flypast at 11.49am (approx.) to open the event

Plenty of food from the BBQ by the Playing Fields Committee; WI and Friends of All Saints with sweet and savoury food (*and Bedfordshire Clangers from Discolicious !!*) as well as hot and cold drinks and Pimms tent. Inside and outside bars by the Social Club (*open from 12 noon*) plus Ice cream & waffle van.



Musical interludes with David Foster and Andy Neaves and entertainment from the Letchworth Morris Men.
And into the evening with a live band
@ The Social Club



Classic vehicle parade



A huge THANK YOU to Participating Groups (in no particular order):

Social Club	Playing Field Committee	Friends of All Saints & Events Committee
WI	Mens' Club	Bedfordshire Fire Service
Classic Vehicle Club	PTFA	Spitfire Cricket Club
AFC Junior Football	Shillington Bellringers	Sewing Crafts (Kay Goddard)
Parish Council	Indoor Bowls Club	MND Fundraiser (Carole Pullinger)
Andy Neaves	Bedfordshire Police	Decorative Ribbons (Wendy Burton)

Contact **Sally (07711-504489)** or **Gavin (07826-518667)** for more information.
Check out Shillingfest facebook page for latest info updates.



May was a busy month for the WI but June promises to be even busier!



The Picnic in the Park to celebrate the Coronation of King Charles III was held on the Playing Fields. Weren't we lucky with the weather that day! The WI Gazebo was erected and Members met up for a picnic and a chat. The flypast by the Lancaster bomber was brilliant.

In April, we welcomed back Sally Searle who gave us an update on the Little Faces Schools in Kenya. A lot has happened in the two years since we last saw her. The education system in Kenya has changed. The school is now Bombolulu Secondary School and the charity has a new name: Empowering Kids in Kenya. This charity changes the lives of children who come from desperately poor backgrounds. Sally does most of the work running it – she is an amazing woman.

Sue Watkins' talk 'Nutrition – The Body's Design' in May was absolutely fascinating and entertaining. We are what we eat. It was most interesting learning about what happens inside the body when one eats different food types. My Gran used to tell me to chew my food properly (don't gobble it down) and to eat up my greens and carrots. That's just what Sue advised – Gran was right!

We are welcoming Wassledine at our Meeting on Thursday 1st June. Guy Lambourne will tell us about: 'Making a Living from Selling Sticks'. On their farm they manage a small woodland, a willow plantation and grassland in a wildlife friendly way. Sounds good!



The WI will have a cake stall from 3 to 5 pm (not a.m.!) at the Rock around the Clock 24 Hour Music Marathon on June 10th – 11th 2023 at All Saints' Church. We will also have a cake and refreshment stall at Shillingfest on the 24th June 2023. We are very much looking forward to these events.

We have reintroduced our Evening Walking Group and the Lunch and Supper Clubs are finding lovely restaurants, pubs, etc to meet and eat. The Knitting Group have just completed a project for Beds. Federation knitting hats for the homeless and Ukraine.

Our meetings take place on the first Thursday of the month at the Congregational Church at 8.00 p.m. Visitors are very welcome (£4).

For further information please contact:

Julia Bruce, President on 01462 712412 or

Jo Carroll, joxc Carroll@btinternet.com

THE GOOD, THE MAD and THE NIMBY....

By Annie Palmer (WI Ambassador for Climate Change) anniepalmer@hotmail.com

Attending protest marches is out of my comfort zone but I'm always glad that I went. The last one was XR's The Big One (march to save biodiversity) held in London in April. On the train journey up to The City, people seated next to me looked at my save the countryside banner and started a conversation. One young couple expressed their concerns about the loss of nature in this country; another told me they were growing their own organic vegetables.

On the return journey from a march earlier this year, a gentleman looked at my WI banner and said: "WI? Don't they do cakes?" After saying that they did – very good ones – I told him that the WI was also strongly into campaigning on environmental issues. We chatted all the way to Hitchin. As I went to step out of the train onto the platform, he said: "Keep up the good work". I will. I've met some lovely people when attending marches. There's always an atmosphere of togetherness, of sharing the same concerns and of caring (for each other and for the health and well-being of future generations).



I was recently asked if I'd heard of REUL, the retained EU law bill. The lady asking the question had just listened to a programme about it and she was livid. Her outrage is entirely justified. The Retained EU Law (Revocation and Reform) Bill would automatically revoke most retained EU law at the end of 2023. "There is no place for EU law concepts in our statute book". (gov.uk 2022). Plans for discarding up to 4,000 pieces of EU-derived laws following Brexit will cause legal chaos and have been called "not fit for purpose" by the government's own independent assessor. These laws include legislation on habitat protections that save endangered flora and fauna from development threats. As one lawyer put it, they are "going off a cliff edge" in January 2024.

REUL has been described as "reckless" by legal experts who say it gives "unprecedented powers to ministers to personally decide which laws should stay and which should go". If ever letters to MPs were needed, it's now.



The environmental ramifications of REUL are devastating and far-reaching. The protection of precious wildlife and habitats, the prevention of air pollution, the stopping of water pollution (by raw sewage and artificial fertilisers) and precautions against pesticide use could all simply disappear on the 31st December 2023. The thought that has just popped into my head is that perhaps the government isn't that bothered about keeping these essential protections. The construction industry certainly stands to benefit from this bonfire of EU environmental laws.

The heading on the front page of *The Times* 8th April 2023 was: 'Housing targets scrapped'. It said that fifty local authorities had scrapped their planning targets after "Michael Gove, the housing secretary, admitted that government would no longer pursue a mandatory target of 300,000 new homes a year". (Sorry; did someone just say something about a general election?). Mr Gove's words have certainly upset the 'Build, Build, Build' brigade who said that government reforms are creating a "nimby's charter". I've often been called a Nimby (Not In My Back Yard) for trying to stop building on greenfield sites. If it wasn't for "nimby's", we would have lost so much more irreplaceable countryside (which includes farmland) to concrete. With regard to myself, it's not a case of 'Not In My Back Yard', it's one of 'Nature In My Back Yard'. I'm proud to be a Nimby.

PS. Latest news about REUL: Government has got rid of the December deadline but not anything else.

Annie x



THE SOUL

by Revd. Angus McCormick ☎ 01462-712096
Minister of Shillington Congregationalist Church

WOW 1! Thousands, millions of people of all ages and in many places watched and enjoyed this year's Eurovision song contest. The emotion, the energy, the talent. Liverpool was able to have a great celebration and success in being the host city.

A week before this event of course millions watched and shared in the Coronation of King Charles III. London was a focus for a worldwide audience. People had queued and waited for hours to be there; one man said he saw nothing except the back of horses because of the crowds and the umbrellas! He still enjoyed it all. WOW!



I was reading about those people who seek to collect big and fierce BONES. I mean dinosaurs. Apparently there are many outstanding exhibitions such as Extraordinary Objects in nearby Cambridge. T.rex skeleton - TRX-293 Trinity sold at a 'disappointing' 4.8 million Swiss Francs. Sotheby's auction recently sold gorgosaurus for \$6.1 million! WOW! You could it seems buy a 'sculptural' triceratops skull for around £500,00.



Rarity, completeness, size matter a lot in this business but the 'wow' factor is more important for the really BIG spenders the experts say. James Hyslop, head of natural history at Christie's showroom in London says "some specimens really do speak to the SOUL". Well there you have it.

So is the WOW factor something that touches the soul for us? Why is this? How do we find it? At times the compensation awarded to families who have lost dear ones can be of a great range of amounts of money. All kinds of things have to be considered of course.

Not long ago my dear cousin Arthur died in the operating theatre and of course compensation had to be paid. What was his life worth? At that stage and to whom?I couldn't have put a figure on it. WOW! Somebody did.

Anyway my WOW factor and my SOUL is much more to do with ordinary everyday loving relationships in my life. In the Bible Jesus reminds us to consider gaining the whole world but losing our soul.



May we all find our souls and enjoy that WOW in knowing what it means.

Every blessing,
Rev. Angus



CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH NEWS

47 Church Street, Shillington

www.shillingtoncong-church.org.uk

SERVICES:

All services commence at 10.30am unless otherwise stated. Should you need to contact our Minister with any enquiries his telephone number is **01462-712096**.



UNITED SERVICE:

The service on Sunday, 30th July will be a Joint Service at All Saints, please note the time of 9.30am, which is the usual time at All Saints.

BEDFORD FOODBANK:

Thanks to the generous gifts made by the local community of both goods and monetary donations, regular deliveries continue to be made to help those most in need.

Items currently in short supply:

Bottles of Squash	Large tins of Potatoes	Tinned Custard
Jars Curry Sauce	Tinned Rice Pudding	Cup-a-Soup
Jars of Jam	Jelly	Bags of Rice 500gm
Biscuits		Deodorant

THANKSGIVING SERVICE TO COMMEMORATE THE CORONATION:



A Thanksgiving Service was held at the Congregational Church on Sunday, 7th May 2023, to commemorate the Coronation of His Majesty King Charles III and Queen Camilla.

The congregation welcomed the Deputy Lieutenant of Bedfordshire Professor Sir Les Ebdon CBA, and the Chief Superintendent of Bedfordshire Police John Murphy.

Donations were invited for the Prince's Trust which amounted to £118-00. Thanks also to the Choir of All Saints and Mr Michael O'Neill from Hitchin who played the organ for the service.

CHRISTIAN AID COFFEE MORNING:



A coffee morning was held on Wednesday, 17th May to raise funds for Christian Aid. Thank you to all those who supported this event which at the time of preparing this report totalled £146-00.

SHILLINGTON MEN'S CLUB

(Now in its 18th year)

On the evening of the 12th April 19 members attended a meal at the Red Lion at Great Offley, here the members enjoyed a two course meal of individual Steak & Ale pie or Sausages & Mash with seasonal vegetables followed by ice cream or Apple Crumble. This was our first visit to this venue since it changed management and again it did not disappoint, a good night was had by all. A big Thank You to Colin Smith for organising this event.



Our cultural visit took place on the 26th April, when 15 members attended a tour of the Royal Gunpowder Mills at Enfield. They were given a talk on how gunpowder is made, and then visited the Armoury which houses over 300 exhibits of firearms and militaria dating from the English Civil War to present day conflicts. They also visited the Rocket Gallery and finished with a Tractor/Trailer tour of the old site. Many thanks to our Events Co-ordinator Michael Bradley for organising this very interesting visit.

On the 10th of May 13 members enjoyed a visit to the Crown pub at Willington. Members enjoyed a two course meal of either Fish, Chips & Mushy Peas and Tartare Sauce or Steak & Ale Pie and Fresh Vegetables, followed by Apple Crumble or Ice Cream. This is always a popular venue due to the quality of the food and the fine selection of real ale on tap. Many thanks to Colin Smith for arranging this highly enjoyable visit.



The Club is presently preparing for our participation in the forthcoming "Shillingfest" day on the 24th June. Again this will be in the form of a Tombola Stall and Club Display, with all proceeds going to our local Shillington Charity, in addition there may be a small selection of classic cars, to view courtesy of our Chairman Kevin Johnson, so please come and support us on the day, and see what the club is all about.

Future Events:

- 14th June - The Fairway Bistro, Lower Stondon Golf Club.
- 28th June - Visit to Didcot Railway Centre on Steam Day.
- 12th July - TBA
- 26th July - TBA

Membership:

Remains stable at 40 members. There are 8 elected Committee members who meet every 12 weeks to review and evaluate past events, plan future events and review the Club's Finances.



The Club offers members a bi-monthly opportunity to socialise and enjoy friendly conversation and comradeship over a good pub meal and beverages or a visit to a place of cultural or historical interest. This is the essence of the Club.

New members are warmly welcomed, so any new residents to the village, please take the opportunity to embrace village life, meet local people and come along and see what the Club has to offer! Membership is £5 to join with an Annual Membership of £15.

Contacts:

Events Co-ordinator - Michael Bradley
(01462 711162)

Email - michael894bradley@btinternet.com

Chairman – Kevin Johnson
(01462 712768)

Email – kevinjohnson360@msn.com

SHILLINGTON SHORT MAT BOWLS CLUB

MEET AT

SHILLINGTON VILLAGE HALL

Monday afternoons – 2.00-5.00pm // Friday evenings – 7.00-10.00pm



We are pleased to announce that we have resumed bowling on Friday evenings. Our Internal triples league has now finished and it was won by the team of Alan Hutty, Jan Rix and Bill Gearing. We have now commenced our summer 'Aussie Rules' pairs competition. Saturday 1st July will see all members in the Village hall for the finals of our competitions, including the aforementioned Aussie Rules pairs. Apart from our local competitions

Shillington members also participate in County and National competitions. One of our Shillington teams Tom Still, Neil Rixon and Carol Still came top of the Second division in the Hertfordshire 'Barnet League' and have been promoted to the first division for next season which starts in September.

Neil Rixon went on to become the prestigious Singles champion for Hertfordshire, which earned him a place in the National Finals. After coming top of his group in the preliminary stage, Neil went on to beat Suffolk, then Norfolk to reach the quarter finals. He then beat West Sussex, earning him a place in the semi-finals, where in a close match he beat West Midlands 8–7. In the final Neil took on the current world champion, Alex Kley, a 22 year old from Dorset. In a good final which was live streamed on Facebook, Neil eventually lost out 4 – 11. Neil, however, has earned his place in Hertfordshire's history, becoming the first Hertfordshire bowler to make a National final.



Tom, Neil and Carol with their Barnet League Trophies



Neil is presented with his runners up trophy

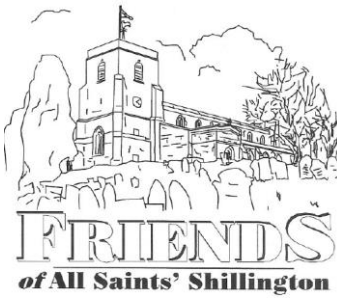
Short Mat Bowls is a fun game, as well as a competitive sport but you can meet and make some good friends in the process. Taking part in the National and/or Hertfordshire County Games is only part of the picture and we always welcome new members. Anyone interested in joining the club is welcome to come and have a try to see if they like it. We have spare sets of bowls available and you only need to have a flat pair of shoes with you to enable you to play.

Experienced members provide support and guidance for new and developing players and members can join in with regular County playing and learning activities at the County venues in Hatfield and Potters Bar.

For further information please contact

Derek Lewison (01462 711504) or Jeanette Waller (01462 622737)

HOLDING ON..... TO OUR PRECIOUS CHURCH ON THE HILL



Shillington is very proud of its medieval Church building and work is ongoing to keep it looking awesome and a focal point of the village.

How many times do we admire it and photograph it? Imagine if it wasn't there?

Fund raising is very different this year - on June 10th & 11th from 9am to 9am we are live streaming 24 hours of live music in the church - a literal 'Rock around the Clock'. Come up to the church and join in the fun or stay home and tune in.

There will be rock bands, soloists, choirs & classical instrumental performances all giving their time freely to create an amazing event.

Everybody is joining in this 'one-off' event, from the PTFA to the WI & Wives group all taking turns to serve up hot drinks, pastries and cakes throughout the day with Disco-Licious in charge of lunches.



We hope to make a big splash in the village and beyond. The event will be free and fund raising by sponsorship and donations.



We understand there are a lot of requests for donations in many areas at the moment so knew that if we were going to get any help we had to go BIG; arrange something that would appeal to everyone and put in the hours and imagination to really make our event stand out.

If you would like to donate, please follow this link:

[Friends of All Saints Shillington - Give A Little](#)

Thank you & greetings,

Joy Robertson

Membership Secretary
for The Friends of All Saints

Email: Foass@outlook.com

If you would like to make a donation and receive regular updates on the work of

Friends of All Saints' Church, Shillington

THERE ARE 2 EASY WAYS TO PAY:

1. You can make a donation by cheque/post

I/we enclose a donation of £..... to Friends of All Saints' Church, Shillington for the current year.

Name

Home address

.....

email address

I would like Friends of All Saints to be able to reclaim tax on my donation (see below):

(Yes / No) (Please delete as appropriate)

Signed..... Date

Please return this form, signed, together with your donation, to the Membership Secretary of Friends of All Saints' Church:

Joy Robertson, 18 Vicarage Close, Shillington SG5 3LS

Or

If you'd prefer to pay online:

HSBC, Friends of All Saints Church, sort code: 40 24 20, a/c No. 71596985

How we can ADD 25% to your donation. Under tax legislation, the Friends can recover some of the income tax you pay on any of your taxable income. In allowing us to recover this tax, you must have paid, or be due to pay, an amount of income tax at least equal to that we will be able to reclaim on your donation, this being 25p for every £1 you give.

In order for us to reclaim this very valuable bonus to our income, you need do nothing at all except sign and tick the box above to confirm that you are a taxpayer. We thank you in advance if you are able and prepared to do this.

Alternatively, donations can be made via the QR code below.



RAMBLING ON with DEREK TURNER

☎ 01462-712462

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Some of the most significant changes in our shared past were connected with developments in obtaining food. The earliest humans relied on finding plants that had edible parts and hunting wild animals for their meat. As supplies were depleted in one area, new ones were needed and they moved from place to place in an endless search to obtain them. About 12,000 years ago, something revolutionary happened. Some farmers abandoned their nomadic lifestyles and started to settle down and farm the land.

They took advantage of animals that could be tamed and herded or confined by fencing. They also saved seeds of edible plants and grew them under controlled conditions. They must have realised that this would save a lot of bother by having much of their food available locally and without having to move home frequently. The earliest archaeological evidence of agriculture has been found in the Middle East. At that time, our area was too cold for crops and the only people were seasonal hunters. By the Late Neolithic or new Stone Age between 5,000 and 4,500 BC, the climate had warmed up. People moved here from further south and east to take advantage of the temperate conditions and brought their knowledge of farming with them.

As the newcomers found suitable land, they built circular, timber-framed and thatched homes where several generations of a family lived together. They kept a combination of sheep, goats, cattle and pigs and tended small fields where they grew wheat, barley and vegetables in the surrounding area. The lines of some of the boundaries that kept their livestock and crops apart are sometimes identified during archaeological digs or show up in aerial photographs. In time, their homes dotted the countryside but there were no villages. Whatever else the Romans did for us, they left this system of farming system largely unchanged although steps were taken to increase food production to ensure that there was plenty of food for them too.



In the centuries after they abandoned 'Britannia' in 410AD, there was instability in many coastal areas as the Saxons, Danes, Jutes and Vikings arrived and sought to establish their own settlements. Our knowledge of the country's history then is fragmentary but it was the Saxons who reached this area. One of them called Scyttel had established himself as the local leader during the 700s or 800s and the village that followed would be named after him. Whether Scyttel was responsible for the formation of Shillington we do not know but it had become a village by the year 1,000. We've found the proof in the archaeological test pits that we've dug around the village with discoveries of thousand year old St Neots, Thetford and Stamford Ware pottery in the middle of the village around Church Street. There is also plenty in Upton, Hillfoot and Apsley Ends and at Pegsdon showing that people had abandoned their scattered homes and were clustering together. It's likely that Woodmer, Hillfoot and Hanscombe Ends were forming too but we don't have enough archaeological evidence yet to say with certainty. A few decades later in 1086, the Domesday book was published and shows that Shillington was not just a village with many Ends but an administrative unit or parish based on a Manor, as were Pegsdon and Higham Gobion.

The formation of villages seems to be linked to another massive upheaval in the countryside. Many of the old field boundaries were removed to create large 'open' fields. These were Church Field which extended from the church towards Hanscombe End, Town Field around Parsonage Lane east of the village and Windmill Field on the hills towards Meppershall.

Farmers were allocated strips that were “theirs” although they co-operated with others to plough them and harvest their crops together. We don’t know when, how or why the earlier system was ditched and a new one introduced. It seems unlikely that such a fundamental reorganisation of the landscape and the way people used it would have occurred spontaneously here, across much of central and eastern England and in many parts of Europe.



Each farmer had to pay a rent or tithe worth a tenth of his yearly produce to the Lord of the Manor who, before 1016, was Ailwin, a friend of the King, which suggests that it was the monarch who had imposed the new regime. Once the system was established, everyone involved met once a year to reallocate strips, resolve disputes and generally discuss farming policy. The system worked well and the food it produced was able to feed a growing population. It endured for several centuries.

By the 1600s, some landowners and larger farmers were becoming restless. They could see ways of making more profit if they had the freedom to farm as they wished and without having to get everybody’s prior approval for any changes. They decided to take action and another farming revolution began. Some used their clout to appropriate land for themselves, sometimes offering compensation to those affected while other persuaded MPs (who were usually landowners themselves) to introduce Acts of Parliament to facilitate redistribution. The resulting Enclosure Awards divided up the huge open fields into smaller units and the most powerful men in the parish usually found themselves with the best land.

The Awards were made parish by parish and Shillington’s were among the later ones, implemented in the early decades of the 1800s. Surveyors drew up the new boundaries which usually followed straight lines, regardless of the terrain. They were planted with hawthorn hedges which have looked magnificent this year with copious blossom lasting for several weeks. Some roads and streams were straightened too. It is easy to distinguish these artificial, modern boundaries from the ancient, sinuous ones.



After enclosure, some of the small farmers were unable to make a living and gave up to work for the larger ones or began new careers. This process has continued since then and now a handful of ‘barley barons’ farm the bulk of the land around Shillington, Pegsdon and Higham while the rest of us do something else. How times have changed!

- You can read more about Shillington’s history at <https://shillington-history.org.uk> or via the new village hub- <https://shillington-hub.org.uk>
- Join me for a short guided walk around Shillington to find out more about the past either on Saturday, 11 June at 10.30am or on Wednesday, 14 June at 7pm. The route will include some field paths, so appropriate footwear is required. Both walks begin and end at the village hall and will last for about two hours.
- We continue to excavate test pits and need more assistance and places to work. Please contact me if you can provide either.

Keeping footpaths accessible

Michelle Flynn, the Central Bedfordshire Council Footpath Officer arranges for some of the public footpaths and bridleways in this area to be mowed during the summer and for bushes to be cut back in September. She works with a tight budget and is reviewing where it is spent so that it is used where needed most. If you think that any paths are being missed or some are mowed too frequently, please contact her at michelle.flynn@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk

To identify the relevant path number, use the online mapping system <https://my.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/mycentralbeds.aspx>

CLOSED FOOTPATH

Footpath 20 is one of the longest paths in the parish and runs from close to the Gravenhurst boundary all the way to Apsley End.



The northernmost part of the path connects Church Pannell with the track from Bury Road serving Martin Granger's business premises and several paddocks. It has been unusable since it was destroyed when a ditch was enlarged during flood prevention work about 30 years ago.

In addition, temporary electric fencing has been installed when sheep have grazed the field adjacent to Church Pannell and no provision has been made for walkers to cross through it when they use that part of the path.

Successive Footpath Officers have investigated creating a new path parallel to the original route but I understand that they have failed to get the landowner's co-operation.

Some of you may recall that Richard Brettell challenged our new District Councillor, Blake Stephenson, on Facebook to get this path reopened. I support Richard in this and know many other walkers in the Parish feel the same. There must also be many walkers visiting this area who are disappointed when they find that they cannot use the route although it appears on the Ordnance Survey map.

I am going to email the Central Bedfordshire footpath officer, Michelle Flynn, requesting action to reopen the path and copy in Blake. I hope that you will do so too.

The footpath officer for Central Bedfordshire Council is Michelle Flynn and you can contact her at michelle.flynn@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk Please feel free to just state that you support the contents of my email if you wish to do so to save time.

Many thanks In anticipation of your support. *Maggie Turner*

**MND WALK TO D'FEET - "RUBY WALK FOR MND"
SUNDAY 24TH SEPTEMBER 2023
KEMPSTON TO SHILLINGTON - the long way!!!!**

Shillington residents Krystal Burroughs, Keeley Lewis, Mick Newman, Vicky Wallace and Mandy Walker will be joining Carole Pullinger (nee Jenkins) who grew up in the village on a "Ruby Walk for MND".

Carole's husband John lives with Motor Neurone Disease and this year they will be celebrating their Ruby Wedding anniversary, 40 years. In recognition of this occasion Carole along with lots of family and friends, who have been inspired by John, will be doing a "Ruby Walk for MND" completing 40kms for 40 years in a day to continue raising awareness and essential fund raising for research into MND. This will be happening on Sunday 24th September 2023, their wedding anniversary.

The route will see them leave Kempston and walk to Shillington via Haynes, Shefford, Clifton, Henlow, Stondon, Pirton and finally Shillington where they got married at the church on the hill! Training is well underway and all can be seen walking the local footpaths clocking up the miles!

The walk will be finishing at Shillington Social Club and all are welcome to see them come over the finish line, where the famous burgers will be available. Huge thanks go to the Social Club for their continued support.

If you would like to sponsor the walkers, please use the QR code or website link below, there is also a sponsor form available at the Social Club. Every donation helps and is very much appreciated, thank you.



<https://jp-fightback-fund.muchloved.com/Fundraising/Events/666490683>

The Shillington HUB website

The HUB website is now up and running and I would like to thank everyone who has helped me with what has been an at times 'challenging' but ultimately enjoyable and rewarding experience.

Through the HUB it is possible easily to access all of the village's websites and resources.

www.shillington-hub.org.uk

The project was made possible with a grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund and generous donations from the Parish Council and the Friends of All Saints' Church. The grant funding allowed us to create new content for the village, rather than simply copying across everything from the old obsolete sites. This included: -


- A video tour of the Church- www.foas-shillington.org.uk/
- Walking tour leaflets: - www.shillington-hub.org.uk/walking-tours-of-shillington/
- Derek Turner's excellent completely rewritten history pages: - www.shillington-history.org.uk/
- A sample of the village photo archive: - <https://shillington-hub.org.uk/shillington-photographic-archive/>

The remainder of the photos (over 500 of them) are being catalogued. They will be available via the website later in the year, together with a searchable catalogue.

The results of the feedback exercise were very encouraging. People have enjoyed the new content and, most importantly, the vast majority of people have found it easy to navigate around the various websites.

However, we have identified a couple of issues which need a little explanation: -

- When viewing the sites on a mobile device you will need to look out for the 'hamburger' icon. This comprises 3 small parallel lines near the top left hand corner of the screen and clicking on it will open up all of the menu options for each site.

It looks like this: 

- Each page does have a search facility. So, if you cannot find what you are looking for, just type a key word into the search box and it will bring up a list of each page containing that word.

If you do notice anything that is missing or out of date, please get in touch via the contact page on the village website: - www.shillington.org.uk/contact-us/

Andy Gibbs

May 2023

SHILLINGTON & DISTRICT CLASSIC VEHICLE GROUP SPRING & SUMMER MEETINGS SCHEDULE 2023

We will be resuming our informal evening meetings on Tuesday 28th March. Arrive anytime, most enthusiasts congregate from 6pm onwards and stay until late. Further meetings take place on Tuesdays every 2 weeks until the end of September.



**Shillington
Classic Vehicle Meet
2023
Spring/Summer Season**

**Tuesday Fortnightly
Meetings
From 6pm**

**The Musgrave Arms
Apsley End Rd
Shillington
SG5 3LX**

Tuesday Meeting Dates

March/April	28th	11th	25th
May	9th	23rd	
June	6th	20th	
July	4th	18th	
August	1st	15th	29th
September	12th	26th	

Our popular format is as before; bring along an interesting car, motorcycle, light commercial or 3-wheeler. If you don't have a suitable vehicle, come to have a look and a chat. These get-togethers are informal and for all the family, the aim is to have a fun evening with like-minded people.

Why not join our lively WhatsApp Group? Just contact **Zara** on **07860-646323** with your name & phone number and you will be added to the list.

Dave Malins

Email: TornadoRegistrar@aol.com

The poster is decorated with numerous illustrations of strawberries, some whole and some sliced in half, scattered around the central text. The strawberries are bright red with green leafy tops.

Strawberry Teas

Sunday 9th July

at All Saints

Church, Shillington

3:00 - 5:00pm

***For tickets, please call
Liz - 01462 713978
Denise - 07414513683***

£7 Adults

£3.50 Children under 12

**All Saints'
Church
Shillington**



SUNDAY 16TH JULY

**The Flying Teddies
come rain or shine!**

3 - 5 pm
All Saints' Church
Shillington
(inside if it pours)

Refreshments available

Only £1 per flight
including your
official certificate

This is a 'Friends of All Saints' event raising funds
to help repair and maintain the church building

**LIVE ENTERTAINMENT
AT THE SOCIAL CLUB**

SATURDAY, 29th JULY from 9pm



FRIDAY, 25th AUGUST from 9pm

MOTOWN & SOUL DISCO





Shillington Baby & Toddler Group



We have a new team leading Shillington Baby & Toddler Group this term, but we still need additional volunteers to ensure the Group can continue to run each week. This doesn't need to be a week-in, week-out commitment! Ideally we'd like to have a pool of helpers who can commit to helping, e.g. once a month.

If you are interested and would like to know more, please email us at shillingtonbtg@outlook.com, message us on Facebook (@Shillingtonbabyandtoddlergroup) or come and chat to us at one of our Friday morning sessions in the Village Hall (9.30am - 11.30am in school term time).

 Find us on
Facebook

Registered Charity 1054966

On Friday 5th May we celebrated King Charles III Coronation. Children were invited to come into school wearing wear red, white and blue or Royal themed non-uniform for the day and in exchange we asked for a small donation to go towards two benches we are planning to purchase for our playground. One to remember the late Queen and the other to commemorate the King's coronation, and our PTFA have kindly agreed to match the amount raised. During the day we enjoyed a virtual assembly with our Federated school, Stondon Lower, then enjoyed games and activities linked to the coronation and the Royal family. We challenged our families to join in with our very own 'The Big Help Out.' We asked children to spend an hour or two of their time to help around their local community in return for sponsorship, we raised an amazing £286.00! Our children were incredibly pleased to have been gifted a commemorative coronation mug from the Parish Council and these were presented to the school by Rev Angus and Sally Stapleton.



This is a busy term for school trips and our Year 2,3 and Preschool classes are all preparing for trips during the last half-term of this school year. Year 2 will be visiting Knebworth House to support their topic on Victorians, Year 3 are visiting RAF Hendon to compliment their work on WWII and Preschool are expecting a visit from ARK Farm who will bring lots of animals for our youngest pupils to learn about. Our Key Stage two classes took part in the Faith Tour and visited three places of worship in Bedford. They had an exciting time and learnt lots when they visited a Church of England church, a mosque and a gurdwara.

At Shillington Lower we welcome volunteers who can regularly commit to coming into school to read with the children or help in the classrooms and with school trips and events. If you can spare a couple of hours every week, we need you! Please contact the school office to have a quick chat about volunteering in school.

Our Preschool continues to grow and be busy, we have some sessions still available for September. Please contact the school office to arrange a visit to meet the team and have a look at our lovely new building.

We also have spaces in Reception class for September so if you, or anyone you know, are still looking for a school place in the Autumn term or planning an in-year move please ring the school office to discuss our admissions process.

If you would be interested in using Wrap Around Care for your child, please contact the school office as we are investigating the possibility of offering a breakfast club for an hour before school starts, 7.45—8.45am, and an after-school club from 3.30—5.30pm. This will probably be for all ages from Reception to Year 4.



"Everyone, every chance, every day"

Are you are still looking for a place for your child in September 2023 or perhaps know of anyone who might be? Give us a call for a chat about joining our fabulous school. We have limited places available in the school and in our Pre-school, Pixies class, where we are currently enrolling for September.

To arrange to meet Mrs Young, our Head of School, please call the office and we will be happy to make an appointment for you to tour our school.



Tel: 01462 711637 Email: office@shillingtonlower.co.uk

www.shillingtonstondon.co.uk



PIXIES Pre-School



FOR LITTLE LEARNERS WITH BIG IDEAS!

Pixies Pre-School is run and managed by the school, we take children from 2 years until they start in Reception class, and we work closely to provide a smooth transition into school.

Children can start in Pixies class when they are ready to be in a pre-school environment.

We offer:

- ☺ A vibrant and fun classroom
- ☺ Qualified, dedicated, and experienced staff
- ☺ Fantastic outdoor area providing stimulating learning experiences
- ☺ We provide a range of imaginative and stimulating learning activities
- ☺ 15 & 30 hour funding

Come and see our fantastic new building. Tours are available, contact the school office.



Outdoor Explorers

Outdoor Explorers is our Monday morning adventure where we encourage all children to appreciate the natural world whilst developing their confidence, self-esteem and help create more independent learners inspiring our children about the great outdoors.

The sessions are run outside on the school field by our staff, come rain or shine.

Limited spaces are available.
Please contact the school office for more information.

For more information, please contact us at:

Shillington Lower School

Greenfields, Shillington, Nr Hitchin, SG5 3NX

Tel: 01462 711637 Email: office@shillingtonlower.co.uk

www.shillingtonstondon.co.uk



SHILLINGTON CHILDMINDERS

Childminders provide safe, friendly home environments for children to play and have fun whilst gently learning through their play. We take children on outings to farms, play centres, splash parks, museums and libraries, as well as teach them life skills such as helping to do shopping, gardening and cooking.

We are individually registered to Ofsted, have public liability insurance, follow the Early Years Foundation Stage curriculum, undertake regular training including Safeguarding and First Aid and receive regular newsletters and bulletins from professional organisations.

We provide the children with opportunities to learn social skills and experience different play resources at baby/toddler groups and other settings. We are able to cover holidays and other absences for each other where possible.

Some of us are able to provide up to 15 hours of free childcare a week for eligible 2 year olds, as soon as care starts, in the same way that nurseries and pre-schools can. We are also able to provide the free sessions for all 3 and 4 year olds; at least 15 hours per week or up to 30 hours per week (for 38 weeks of the year) depending on parental eligibility and the childminder's policy. The free sessions normally start the term after the child's 3rd birthday. There may be additional charges to cover e.g. food and outings.

We each have differing childcare availability such as before and after school care, daytime childcare, overnight childcare, ad-hoc care or flexible care e.g. for shift workers.

Please contact us as below if you have any childcare requirements for now or the future:

Katie Brettell 07974-676089 katiebrettell@icloud.com	Laura Griffiths 07493-903621 lauralgriffiths820@gmail.com	Carli Mauger 07912-549931 carlimauger@gmail.com	Deb Pateman 07934-480446 debpateman@msn.com
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“WAKE UP & SMELL THE ROSES”! by Donna Cameron

Donna's Garden Designs - ☎ 07833-670934



Wow! You can almost see the garden growing! Every time I pop out into my garden something seems to have suddenly emerged or has burst open and none more so than the Roses! June is the height of the English Rose season.

I have over 20 different roses in my garden. Another one of my plant addictions! I buy them because of their interesting names!

Obviously I have 'The Generous Gardener'! and 'Gertrude Jekyll' one of my heroes! 'A Garden Designer' and 'Queen Elizabeth'. All these happen to be pink which is also my favourite colour!

A fantastic climbing rose I saw on holiday in Norfolk, aptly called 'Mermaid', is a large open rose, bright yellow and doesn't stop flowering all summer. I have two of these climbing the willow fences. I have been putting it in my latest designs as it's just so jolly!

I also have 'Pride and Prejudice' and 'Hot Chocolate'! And 'Joie de Vivre'!

An interesting old fashioned one that my teacher always said everyone should have in their garden is Rosa Mundi, dating to 1580. It is fascinating in that the petals are two tone. Light pink and cerise and they last well in a vase with some sprigs of Alchemilla Mollis.

Roses go back much earlier though and fossil evidence has been discovered dating to 35 million years ago. They were much sought after by the Egyptians and Romans for their rose petals and perfumes and have featured throughout history with their connection to love. Of course the Tudor Rose has been an emblem of England for hundreds of years and still features on the back of 20p and the Royal coat of Arms.

There is a rose for every situation. Be it climbing, rambling, patio or shrub. They have dipped in and out of fashion over the years. Back in the 1950s they were thought old fashioned in their sterile Rose beds. But they don't have to be grown that way. Put them in a mixed herbaceous border. Good companion plants are Lavender, Nepeta and Alliums. Gorgeous! and you can't beat the scent.

They are very low maintenance and robust. Just prune them in February, feed them twice a year once in April and once after first flush of flowers in summer with rose food and a mulch of well rotted manure. Keep dead heading and you will be well rewarded for years to come. Enjoy!

JOBS IN THE GARDEN FOR JUNE

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Put hanging baskets and containers out. * Mow lawns once a week, leaving some areas for wildlife. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Plant out bedding * Prune spring flowering shrubs. * Make sure greenhouse not too hot. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Pinch out side shoots of tomatoes. * Harvest lettuce, radishes and early potatoes. * Stake plants.
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VILLAGE FACILITIES

SHILLINGTON VILLAGE HALL



All enquiries please contact:
the **BOOKING CLERK** on ☎ **07376-682935**
e-mail: shillingtonvillagehall@yahoo.com

Large Hall - Stage - Small Meeting Room - Kitchen & Bar Facilities - Disabled Access & Toilet.

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* **Indoor Bowls** * **Exhibitions** * **Circuit Training** * **Karate** *

The Car Park (when not in use by hall bookers) can be hired for events where village parking is limited.

The Village Hall Committee would politely request residents making use of the Car Park for overnight parking to please note (see booking sheet on Notice Board) that Hall Hirers take priority for parking for their bookings, if you could ensure you are not occupying the car park during these times.

Thank you ☺

SHILLINGTON SOCIAL CLUB

Greenfields, Shillington

☎ **07826-518667** (Gavin)



Current Opening Times:

* **Mondays: 7.30pm-11.00pm** * **Thursdays: 7.30pm-11.00pm** *
* **Fridays: 7.30pm-11.30pm** *
* **Saturdays: 12 noon - 8.00pm** * **Sundays 12 noon-8.00pm** *

⇒ *Licensed bar with variety of beers, wines and spirits at social club prices – £1 a pint less than most pubs.*

⇒ *Regular monthly live music and fund-raising events and a great pool table.*

Don't forget to look out for updates on the Shillington Village & Shillington Social Club Facebook Pages.

Licensing Policy:

Children aged 16 and under are welcome with an appropriate adult until 9pm on any day we are open

Social Club Committee

COME TO OUR FRIENDLY SPACE FOR A WARM WELCOME!

Hosted by Linda and Trish of All Saints' Church and Angus and Nola of the Congregational Church Shillington.
For more information you can call Linda 01462 711761
or Trish on 07754760073

Mondays, 11.00 am to 14.00pm
At the Congregational Church,
Shillington

Join us for coffee, soup and a roll, friendly chat.
Bring your knitting, reading, games if you wish.



Temporary closure of recycling centres for maintenance work

Starting from the end of May until August 2023, we will be temporarily closing three of our household waste recycling centres – Biggleswade, Ampthill and Leighton Buzzard.

These closures will take place consecutively, each for a three-week period, to carry out vital structural maintenance work to ensure they continue to run efficiently. To ensure that our services continue uninterrupted, we will be closing the recycling centres on different dates to provide residents with alternative locations to visit. Due to the nature of the works, we were unable to carry this out during the colder months as they may have impacted the length of closures.

The closure dates are as follows:

- Biggleswade: Monday 22 May - Tuesday 13 June, inclusive
- Ampthill: Wednesday 14 June – Wednesday 5 July, inclusive
- Leighton Buzzard: Thursday 6 July – Wednesday 26 July, inclusive

Our Thorn Turn site (Grendall Lane, Houghton Regis LU5 6GJ), which has undergone recent refurbishment, will remain open.

For further information regarding the closures and locations of each site, please visit our website.



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USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS



CBC's trading standards department has provided the following numbers, to assist residents in identifying doorstep cold callers, purporting to be from energy or water companies, and enable checks with these organization if any reason for concern.

British Gas	General Enquiries	0800 048 0202
EDF Energy	Customer services	0800 096 9000
National Gas	Emergency Service Helpline	0800-111-999
npower	General Enquiries (landline)	0800 073 3000
	General Enquiries (mobile)	0330 100 3000
ScottishPower	General Customer Service (landline)	0800 027 0072
	General Customer Service (mobile)	0345 270 0700
SSE	General Enquiries	0800 980 8831
Anglian Water		0800 145 145
UK Power Networks	To report or get info on power cuts Text POWER and your postcode to 80876 www.ukpowernetworks.co.uk	National number 105

Central Bedfordshire Council, Priory House, Monks Walk, Chicksands, Shefford Bedfordshire, SG17 5TQ. (www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk)	
General enquiries	0300 300 8000 (customer.services@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk)
Highways/Emergencies on the roads (fallen trees, etc). 24-hour emergency team	0300-300-8049
Dog Fouling/animal welfare	0300-300-8302
Flooding	0300-300-8049
Planning	0300-300-8307
Recycling/Flytipping	0300-300-8302
Police (Emergency)	999
Bedfordshire Police (non-Emergency)	101
Bus Information	0870-608-2608 or 01234-228337
Shillington Services (Martin Brogan) <i>for washing machine repairs, etc...</i>	07975-944394
ShillingtonHelp.....	(ShillingtonHelp@gmail.com) 01438-940160
The Crown Inn.....	01462-711667
The Musgrave Arms (Giuseppe).....	07739-864634 / pub 01462-712789
The View (formerly Live & Let Live).....	01582-882555

Parish Councillors – contact details:

John Hyde 07799-537346	Gavin Jenkins 07826-518667	Liam Keene 07867-993393	Angus McCormick 01462-712096	Richa Mitra via the Clerk
Annie Palmer via the Clerk	Tracey Petrie via the Clerk	Blake Stephenson 0300-300-8526	Mark Thyne 01462-712201	Derek Turner 01462-712462

VILLAGE CALENDAR

JUNE

- 3 Social Club – Live band “Jukebox” from 9pm. (Happy 60th birthday Farmer Ian) “Getting On, Getting on”
- 4 Congregational Church Service - Revd. Angus McCormick – 10.30am
- 5 Playing Fields Management Committee – AGM – Social Club – 8pm.
- 6 Shillington Classic Vehicle Meet – Musgrave Arms, Apsley End from 6pm
- 6 Parish Council Meeting - Congregational Church – 7.45pm
- 7 Shillingfest Meeting – Social Club – 7.30pm
- 10-11 Friends of All Saints - 24 hour Music Marathon @ All Saints – 9am-9am
- 11 Shillington History Walk with Derek Turner – meet at Village Hall – 10.30am
- 11 Congregational Church – no Shillington Service – joining with Pirton Methodist Church – 10.30am
- 14 Men’s Club – meal at The Fairway Bistro, Lower Stondon Golf Club
- 14 Shillington History Walk with Derek Turner – meet at Village Hall – 7pm
- 18 Congregational Church Service - Revd. Angus McCormick – 10.30am
- 20 Shillington Classic Vehicle Meet – Musgrave Arms, Apsley End from 6pm
- 24 Shillingfest – Community Funday at the Playing Fields from 12 noon
- 25 Congregational Church Service - Revd. Angus McCormick – 10.30am

JULY

- 2 Congregational Church Service - Revd. Angus McCormick – 10.30am
- 4 Shillington Classic Vehicle Meet – Musgrave Arms, Apsley End from 6pm
- 9 Congregational Church Service - Revd. Nicholas Pnematicatos – 10.30am
- 9 Strawberry Teas – All Saints Church – 3-5pm
- 15 Social Club – Hayley Vintner Memorial Darts Day – more details on SC FB page.
- 16 Congregational Church Service – Mr. Richard Crane – 10.30am
- 16 Flying Teddies – All Saints Church – 3-5pm
- 18 Shillington Classic Vehicle Meet – Musgrave Arms, Apsley End from 6pm
- 18 Parish Council Meeting - Congregational Church – 7.45pm
- 19 Village Hall Management Committee – AGM – Jubilee Room – 7.30pm
- 23 Congregational Church Service - Revd. Angus McCormick – 10.30am
- 29 Social Club – Live band “Free State Revolution” from 9pm
- 30 United Service at All Saints Church, Shillington – 9.30am
- 31 Playing Fields Management Committee – Social Club – 8pm

AUGUST

- 1 Shillington Classic Vehicle Meet – Musgrave Arms, Apsley End from 6pm
- 6 Congregational Church Service - Revd. Angus McCormick – 10.30am
- 15 Shillington Classic Vehicle Meet – Musgrave Arms, Apsley End from 6pm
- 25 Social Club – Motown & Soul Disco from 9pm
- 29 Shillington Classic Vehicle Meet – Musgrave Arms, Apsley End from 6pm

SEPTEMBER

- 2 Social Club – Live band “Kylie Tribute” – (Happy 40th Krystal!)
- 4 Playing Fields Management Committee – Social Club – 8pm
- 5 Parish Council Meeting – Congregational Church – 7.45pm
- 12 Shillington Classic Vehicle Meet – Musgrave Arms, Apsley End from 6pm
- 26 Shillington Classic Vehicle Meet – Musgrave Arms, Apsley End from 6pm
- 30 Social Club – Live band “Leech” from 9pm

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