

PARISH NEWS

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SHILLINGTON, PEGSDON & HIGHAM GOBION



SHILLINGFEST 25

Saturday, 28th June - Memorial Playing Field, SG5 3NX

- 12.30 - Arrival of Shillington Classic Vehicle Club
13:00 - Opening by our MP - **Mr. Blake Stephenson**.
13:50 - 3 flypasts over Playing Field by **BBMF Hurricane**
(subject to aircraft serviceability and weather conditions)

Note 16:55 - Sunday, 29th June - flypast also scheduled for over Playing Field by both **BBMF Spitfire and Hurricane....)**

- 14:00 - **Shefford Majorettes**
14:30 - **Garden City Samba Band**
15:00 - **Fynnius Fogg**



Most of the stalls and sideshows we had last year will be back, from village organisations/businesses to national charity fundraisers, with a few new ones for your added interest. An additional item this year will be a food bank drive with a collection point for canned/package items for the **Bedford Foodbank** (regular collections to 1 Bells Close) as well as stock for the **Animal Foodbank** located in High Road. Please bring along a can or package to support these worthy causes.

Plenty of tasty, great food from the **BBQ team**, **Dan the Pizza Man**, **Ice Cream Man** and rounding off with tasty cakes and cuppa from our **WI. Social Club** will have bars inside and out and **Pimms Tent** provided by Church members.

If you would like a stall or want to get involved please contact

☎ **07711-504489** or sallystapleton@btinternet.com

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PARISH COUNCIL

We are pleased to report that the vacancy for a parish councillor has now been filled. Shelby Long came forward at the May meeting and the existing councillors voted to co-opt her. As she is considerably younger than many of the others, we look forward to hearing her perspective on topics we discuss in future. John Hyde was re-appointed as chair of the meetings and Richa Mitra takes over as vice-chair for the coming year. Parish councillor representatives on village management committees are John Hyde and Mark Thyne for the Playing Fields, Joe Olding for the Village Hall and John Hyde, Annie Palmer, Richa Mitra and Shelby Long for the Risk Management Working Party.

At the April meeting, the problem of loose stones spilling onto the road from a driveway was mentioned. The parish council urges residents to check for this and sweep it back regularly and also to trim their hedges before they obstruct pavements or roads and inconvenience others. Councillors are aware that children are unlawfully using e-bikes in public places such as the playing field and on pavements. Parents are urged to stop this before someone is injured. E-bikes should be used only on land without public access and with the permission of the landowner. A little consideration for the needs of others is essential in a friendly village like ours where many short journeys are made on foot.

With strong gusts of wind toppling the christmas trees erected in the War Memorial grounds in recent years, councillors approved the Christmas Tree Committee's suggestion to install a below-ground housing to provide better support. This will be covered over at other times of year for the safety of visitors.

In his written report, Central Bedfordshire Councillor, Blake Stephenson confirmed that the Ward Councillor Grant Scheme will continue to be available this year to help local organisations needing funds to meet their aspirations. The Parish Council also reserves some of its budget each year to assist village groups and has awarded £63.47 to Shillington Volunteer Litter Pickers.

Local authorities including Central Bedfordshire Council periodically carry out a Community Governance Review to check that parish and ward boundaries are suited to the number of electors within them. The parish council felt that there was no need to alter the current arrangement where it has 10 councillors or change the ward boundary where our CBC councillor represents Shillington and Meppershall.

Councillors voted to oppose a recent planning application, CB/24/01379, for new houses on land next to Dawes garage. This site was approved for the construction of 18 houses in the last Local Plan but the developers are now seeking to build just nine and these would be four or five bedroom properties. Not only does this mean that there would be no affordable housing to meet local need but the developers would also avoid the obligation to pay for any community benefits such as traffic calming on nearby High Road. There was also concern that the visibility splay where the new entrance road meets High Road would be inadequate.

Just before the *Parish News* deadline and to inform the compilation of the next Local Plan, Central Bedfordshire Council published the list of 626 sites that developers, landowners and others have submitted as possible places for new homes and jobs, renewable energy generation and green spaces suitable for Biodiversity Net Gain. Eight of these are in Shillington parish with five of them off Upton End Road. The Parish Council will take a close look at these and submit our views to CBC as soon as the opportunity arises. Please note that the list is arranged by ward boundaries, so look us up under Meppershall and Shillington. You can find out about them at https://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/info/332/call_for_sites

The Annual Meeting of the Parish was held a week after the May PC meeting and we were pleased to see an excellent turnout. Many thanks to everyone who attended. They were treated to an entertaining talk by farmer, Whizz Middleton, and reports from many village organisations. A full account appears as a separate insert within this magazine.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS / ITEMS / NEWS IN BRIEF



W A N T E D:

Items for the Church Tombola Stall at
Shillingfest25 on **Saturday, 28th June.**



Contact **Margaret (Mags)** on **01462-711635.**



BEDFORD FOODBANK

Thank you once again for the continuing support of the local community with the Bedford Foodbank.

The need for help from Bedford Foodbank continues to increase year upon year and they now regularly feed over 2,000 people a month, giving them enough food for 3-4 days, or around 10 meals.

The monthly food leaving the warehouse is generally in the region of 20-22 tonnes, so all donations are much appreciated.

Shillington collections can be left at **1 Bells Close** or at **The Congregational Church** when open.

Items currently in short supply:

*UHT Fruit Juice
Jars of Coffee
Jars of Jam
Tinned Fruit
Bars of Chocolate*

*Tinned Meat
Tinned Fish
Tinned Vegetables
Shower Gel
Deodorant*



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**



All Saints Church

Gravenhurst and Shillington



www.allsaintsshillington.org.uk

Hello from All Saints Church!

I really love the months of June and July when we see summer all around us. The buds that have been forming and revealing themselves in Spring have burst forth with life and colour. The days are longer and warmer and nature is blooming all around reminding us that new life keeps coming, the fields are changing colour and there is a richness to our surroundings.

Living in Shillington means you don't have to go very far to see the glory of the countryside, or hear the choir of birdsong and feel the sunshine on your face. There is much to be thankful for in nature and the vibrancy and movement of life all around.

For Christians, June is the month when Pentecost is celebrated. After the story of Easter and 50 days after Jesus' resurrection, the disciples, Jesus' friends, were waiting in hope for the coming of the Holy Spirit, God's Spirit.

And as they waited, the power of God came in wind and flame. There was movement with flames of vibrant colours resting upon those gathered in that moment. It was the beginning of the early church, sometimes called the birthday of the church. An outpouring of God's power and love. It would be the catalyst that would send those few into the world to tell the story of Jesus and to share God's love.

It is a wonderful account of God equipping and providing a future for his people. God fulfilling promises to always be present and at work in the world just like the power of nature of always with us.

As you step out this summer or open a window to feel the warmth of the sun on your face, why not give thanks for the wonderful presence of nature all around and if you'd like to, thank God for his presence too!

All Saints' Church is open every day and everyone is welcome to come into the church to enjoy the space, a place of peace and prayer or join in any of the Sunday services.

We are excited to announce a Pet Service on Sunday 27 July at 9.30 am.

Bring your pets to church to celebrate the joy they bring!

We look forward to seeing you.

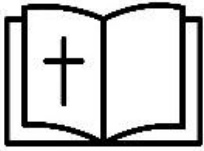
Every Blessing!

Rev'd Jenna Dearden

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All are welcome to services at All Saints as we head into June and July.

SUNDAY SERVICES IN JUNE

1 June	9.30 am Holy Communion 6.00 pm Evensong
8 June	9.30 am Holy Communion for Pentecost
15 June	9.30 am Morning Praise
22 June	9.30 am All Age Holy Communion <i>(A more informal service for children and families)</i>
29 June	10.00 Joint Service with the Congregational Church at the Congregational Church

SUNDAY SERVICES IN JULY

6 July	9.30 am Holy Communion
13 July	9.30 am Holy Communion 6.00 Evensong (a different week this month!)
20 July	9.30 am Morning Praise
27 July	9.30 am PET SERVICE

200 CLUB

*There is no 200 Club running at the moment but we hope to be back in the
Autumn if not before!*

SUMMER FUNDRAISING EVENTS

Strawberry Teas

Sunday 1 June 2025 3.00 pm - 5.00 pm

£8 Adults includes strawberries and cream, two cakes of your choice and tea/coffee

£4 Children under 1

To reserve a place, please call Liz ☎ **07963-199383** or Denise ☎ **07414-513683**
Pimms & Raffle!

Please see the Friends page for their forthcoming events.



TWO HORNS

by **Revd. Angus McCormick** ☎ 01462-712096

Minister of Shillington Congregationalist Church

So way back when I was a wee lad in Belfast and maybe you were much the same age if you are reading this, I remember the loud sound of the Shipyard horns signalling the end of the working day. Then hundreds of bicycles came down the street from the Shipyard to a junction near my house. The workers were of all ages and the bikes looked well used but certainly not of the racing type.

There was also another loud noise slightly later coming from the end of another street. It was from a spinning mill which was a very plain and dusty building. As youngsters we would creep into the building which, for some reason, seemed to have the doors wide open. Inside were the dusty bales and the complicated looking machinery that we could hear at times. Never saw anyone and we soon ran out again.



Not far away were the docks where so many ships came and went and sometimes newly built ships berthed briefly like the Canberra. There would be occasional loud horns sounding off. Smoke as well from some of the ships. There were nightly sailings to Liverpool and some went to Ardrossan and Douglas and other places. On Sundays it was so quiet apart from the bells of St Patrick's parish church.

So these sounds were connected to places of work and worship and the week was a regular routine of these sounds. Nowadays it is usually the sound of emergency vehicles or someone sounding off their car horn and of course maybe a helicopter.

Recently I was being driven by someone who suggested two horns in his vehicle might be useful. He wanted a gentle sounding horn to warn when necessary. He also thought he could use a specially loud horn to express a sense of anger or annoyance at appropriate times.

Well indeed if we're honest many of us drivers would probably agree with the usefulness of having two such horns. Not sure if it would make any difference to the situation we were reacting to but it would help us feel we could let off some steam.



The two horns idea makes me think of how road signs vary from LARGE letters with SLOW and 30 to smaller writing that says a lot about a road closure that I can never read until I've passed it. Not sure about stopping to read it either or is it possible to do a round trip several times until I have read it all !

Anyway back to horns. I've heard horns that have special tunes being played on them and I wondered what tune I would like to have on my horn. Maybe 'Jingle Bells' but all the year round? The ice cream vehicle often has a variety of tunes. I have come to the conclusion that I like SILENCE most of all.

Enjoy the birds and bees in their seasons.

Every blessing, *Revd. Angus*



CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH NEWS

47 Church Street, Shillington

www.shillingtoncong-church.org.uk

Led by God's love - welcoming all - serving our community

SERVICES:

All services commence at 10.30am unless otherwise stated. Visitors always welcome. If you need to contact our minister with any enquiries his number is 01462-712096.



CELEBRATING 200 YEARS OF FELLOWSHIP:

*In June we are celebrating 200 years of a presence in the village. Initially pastors from Hitchin or Bedford came to lead worship in a temporary building known as 'The Barn' at the top of Church Street, a person's house, or in the open air, until the present church building was completed in 1840. A special service is to be held on **Sunday 22 June 2025 at 3.00pm** to which all are invited to mark this Anniversary. The church will also be open on **Saturday 21 June** between **2.00pm – 4.00pm** to view items of memorabilia that we will have on display should you wish to visit, refreshments will also be available.*

FRIENDLY PLACE:

The Friendly Space continues with the new changed times - now open from 10.00am to 12 mid-day. We look forward to welcoming newcomers to join us for refreshments, company and chat.

RIDING FOR THE DISABLED:

Members of Riding for the Disabled held a Coffee Morning at the Congregational Church on Friday 11 April between 10.00am and 12 midday raising funds for their organisation. This was well supported in the village and over £400 was raised; thank you to everyone who supported this event. If you wish to find out more about the organisation or volunteering please contact Tel: 01462 436625 or e-mail: stevenagerdainfo@gmail.com.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK - SUNDAY 11 – SATURDAY 17 MAY 2025:

We held a Coffee Morning with a Bring & Buy Stall on Thursday, 15 May to raise funds during Christian Aid week. The church was open between 10.00am until 12 noon serving tea and coffee with some tasty cakes to sample and sausage rolls which were popular. The Bring & Buy stall also did some brisk service; in all a total of £400-00 was raised. Thank to everyone who supported or helped at the event during the morning.

VE DAY 80th - THURSDAY 8 MAY 2025:

The 80 year Anniversary of VE DAY was celebrated on Monday 5 May with a thanksgiving service at Westminster Abbey attended by the King and Queen, other members of the royal family plus specially invited guests. Thursday 8 May was marked during that week around the country with special events and celebrations. A collection was taken which raised £68-50 and is to be forwarded to the Royal British Legion.



“In early June the world of leaf and blade and flowers explodes and every sunset is different” (John Steinbeck).

Lisa Garrity was the speaker at our April meeting and entertained us with her stories about her musical travels. She played the alto and tenor saxophones – what a beautiful sound! She also played a recorder. Many members remembered their attempts at playing this instrument (very badly) at school and were surprised how lovely it sounded when Lisa played it! We are looking forward to welcoming her back at our December meeting.



At our May meeting we made a spectacular paper flower. It looked as if it might be complicated to make but our members Karen and Bev guided us very smoothly and expertly through the process. Everyone was very pleased and impressed with their flowers.

We are looking forward to Bells & Cakes on the 5th June at our lovely Church on the Hill.

In July we are organising a Summer Picnic. There's no meeting in August as it's our summer break.



Shillington WI are arranging visits to the theatre, to St. Albans Cathedral to hear the wonderful Christmas Orchestra and to see the Poppies at The Tower of London. It's all go!

Now that the lighter evenings are here, the Walking Club are making the most of them. We sometimes combine a walk with the Supper Club by walking to a pub for a meal! The Lunch & Book Clubs are also very popular.

Visitors, as always, are most welcome. Do come and join us!

**Liza Starling, President ☎ 07442-019089 or
Jacqui Turnbull, Secretary - shillingtonwi@gmail.com**

WHAT'S GOING ON ?

By **Annie Palmer** (*WI Ambassador for Climate Change*)

(new email imminent – please don't use old one.... !)

I've always been interested in old sayings and often wonder how they came about. It's a shame that many seem to be disappearing. "Luv-a-Duck!" is one that comes to mind. The idiom "to blow your top" isn't used much nowadays either, but it's one I can relate to at the moment. If somebody else tells me to give up trying to save the countryside (nature) from government and developers because we are powerless against them, I'm likely to erupt. That is giving in and, to use Sir David Attenborough's words, I have a "responsibility" not to do that. We all do.

I cannot get my head round the way we are being blatantly deceived/ lied to by those in power yet are unable to do anything about it. I can't work out, or understand, how their brains work – being a psychologist isn't in my remit. Maybe it would help if it was.



Many of the things that government and developers are saying and then doing are irrational and insane. For instance, they tell us that "Nature is dying" yet carry on doing the thing that is destroying it (Build, Build, Build). As we can't live without nature, anyone with more than two brain cells would immediately stop doing the thing that's killing it, but not these people. They

say we are in "one of the most water stressed areas in the country" yet insist that 1,000,000 houses are built here. They inform us that East of England is the country's arable heartland with "large areas of the highest quality agricultural land". It contributes significantly to UK crop production. It is unbelievable that they intend to cover a huge percentage of this resource, that is of vital importance to us, with tarmac and concrete – we can't grow food on that. What exactly is going on in their heads?

Government and developers are telling us that nature, water and soils are vitally important to us all that that we're losing them at an unprecedented rate. Are they telling us so that, in the not-so-distant future when things go horribly pear-shaped, they can say: "We told you so"? They'll say that it was the general population who demanded they built all the houses, not them. It's about putting the blame solely on us rather than on themselves – it's our fault, not theirs. The powers that be know how to use words and are the ultimate brainwashers. Have I hit the nail on the head or am I barking up the wrong tree?

Regarding the housing crisis, developers point at the problem that they have created over the decades and tells the Government that they are the only ones who can solve it. Putting the solution of the problem into the ruthless, uncaring, money-grabbing hands of those that created it in the first place is an extremely stupid thing to do.



Years ago my young grandson asked me to play the computer game 'Minecraft' with him. I was rubbish. I went every which-way but where I needed to go. After a while he looked me up and down and said "Granny, what is your problem?". That question is very much applicable to those in power and to those who have power – without the 'Granny' bit of course.

Regarding people who don't care: "Someone with antisocial personality disorder will typically be manipulative, deceitful and reckless, and will not care for other people's feelings" (nhs.uk). Food for thought?

Annie x



UPDATE FROM OUR MID BEDFORDSHIRE MP BLAKE STEPHENSON

The last 12 months have been completely life-changing, and it is an honour to represent Shillington, not just as our ward councillor but as our local Member of Parliament too.

In this first update since being elected, I want to start by thanking Shillington Parish Council for the fantastic work they do for the local community.

I may have had to step down from that role, but I know just how important parish councils are to our daily lives and how hard everyone works.

At the start of summer, it may seem odd to be talking about flooding, but our village was hit hard by the floods of last September and I have been very focussed on this throughout Mid Beds. I secured a debate in the House of Commons on the impact of flooding in Mid Beds and how we need to improve resilience. I have continued to question Ministers on the increasing flooding risk from housing growth. And, after applying pressure in Central Bedfordshire Council, the budget now allows for our drains to be cleaned every year, rather than every three years!

I also remain focussed on road safety, which continues to be a priority throughout the county. I recently convened a meeting in Shillington with John, our Parish Council Chair, and representatives from both Central Bedfordshire and the Police so we could press them on the local concerns.

Things are progressing with the Local Plan. Central Bedfordshire Council has now published the results of its 'Call For Sites' and I will continue to monitor the progress of the plan with a keen focus on ensuring we protect our rural villages and beautiful countryside from damaging development. We do need sustainable development, but we need to stand up for our countryside and get the infrastructure our communities need.

I hold regular advice surgeries, drop-in sessions, and public meetings across Mid Beds. If you do need a surgery, please contact [**blake.stephenson.mp@parliament.uk**](mailto:blake.stephenson.mp@parliament.uk) and my team will be in touch.

Keep an eye out on my social media and website ([**blakestephenson.uk**](http://blakestephenson.uk)) for details of future public events. While on my website you can also sign up for my regular e-newsletter to keep up-to-date on the work I am doing for our area. And of course, do say hello if you see me out and about.

SHILLINGTON SHORT MAT BOWLS CLUB

MEET AT

SHILLINGTON VILLAGE HALL

Monday afternoons - 2.00-5.00pm // Friday evenings - 7.15-9.15pm



The short mat indoor bowls season is almost over for another year as we plan to take our summer break at the end of June and will reopen again in September.

Before the season closes members are still competing in our Aussie Pairs competition, and the top four players on the table will play the Aussie Pairs final after our AGM on the 27th June.

Our standard pairs competition was held on the 5th April and congratulations go to our winners Julia Bruce & Trevor Knight. On the 24th May, 12 members are taking part in the prestigious singles final, later in the afternoon we will enjoy a afternoon tea down at Disco-licious. Thank you to Toni Gearing for organising the afternoon tea, it will be needed after an exciting afternoon of bowls.

At Shillingfest this year the club will have a stall, there will be a table top version of the short mat bowls game on display. It is hoped this will give anyone interested in the sport an insight into what it's all about. If you are attending Shillingfest please pop by our stall and we can explain more about our club.

Anyone interested in joining the club is welcome to come and have a try (for free) 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. You can either turn up to the village hall on a Monday afternoon or a Friday evening, or if you prefer call or message Michelle (contact details below) in advance. However, please note new member requests may need to go on a waiting list at present.

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 Stevenage.

For further information please contact
Michelle Conlon (☎ 07974-772702) conlonmichelle@sky.com
or **Derek Lewison** (☎ 01462 711504)



SHILLINGTON SPITFIRES CRICKET CLUB

Season in full swing!

The Shillington Spitfires CC season has begun and the team is looking stronger than ever. We've had a very successful recruitment campaign during the offseason and have acquired a fair few new players pushing the squad size close to 30, which has proved a great problem. And to top it off, we have the first win under our belt. The team beat travelling Motely Crew CC in a tense battle up at the memorial playing fields.

At the time of going to press, the most recent game saw a defeat to Ickleford Cricket Club, but it was a fantastic game, played in a great spirit. The Spitfires bowled first having lost the toss, the first and certainly not last captaincy mistake of the day. On a lightning-fast outfield against some experienced batters, Ethan Hunt, Richard Phillips, Shannon Murnane, Alex Fouche, Tim Hall and Sethi Singh bowled with great discipline and were well backed up in the field, Glover also bowled. They finished on 204-6 from their 40 overs.



The highlights of our innings was a 37-run partnership between Harry Keen and James Howarth who dug in after a mini collapse against a Ickleford side who bowled very few poor balls. Shot of the day, if not season goes to Jack who unfurled a glorious cover drive for his first Shillington boundary. Man of the Match went to James Howorth for his top work behind the stumps including a smartly taken catch, plus a stylish 31 runs to his name.

Shillingfest

The Spitfires are looking forward to Shillingfest this year and will have a spot on the playing field for everyone to test their cricket skills. Details are still being finalised but if you think you're the next Alistair Cook or Jimmy Anderson, or even the next Gary Pratt, come along and say hi.

Grants and Sponsorship

The Spitfires are looking to ensure that the pitch and club will be an asset in the village for years to come and for us to be able to do that we are looking for local businesses and people who might want to sponsor the club. There are several packages available. If you email the club at: shillington.spitfires.cc@gmail.com we'll be able to explain how you'll be able to help. The Spitfires are also looking to secure grants for equipment, pitch care, and other facilities to help the team. We're looking for anyone in the village who might have experience in preparing community grant applications or could help us secure funding for equipment. If you feel you can help, please email us at the address above.

Shillington Spitfires Cricket Club 2025 Games (June to August)

Opposition	Date	Location	Game Format
Panthers CC	Sunday 8 th June	Home	40 overs
Offley & Stopsley CC	Friday 13 th June	Home	T20 (20 overs)
Graveley CC	Sunday 22 nd June	Away	30 overs
Steppingley CC	Wednesday 25 th June	Home	T20 (20 overs)
Ickleford CC	Sunday 13 th July	Home	40 overs
Saracens CC	Sunday 20 th July	Home	40 overs
Steppingley CC	Wednesday 23 rd July	Home	T20 (20 overs)
Wheathampstead CC	Sunday 27 th July	Away	30 overs
Henlow CC	Sunday 17 th August	Away	40 overs
Breachwood Green CC	Sunday 31 st August	Away	40 overs

RAMBLING ON with DEREK TURNER

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In February's *Rambling On*, I delved into the ledger that contains the financial transactions for Hanscombe Memorial Hall from 1911 when it opened. After 1916, a four-year gap in the records means we don't know what was happening there but they resumed suddenly in 1920.



Between the wars, use of the hall was occasional by today's standards. One hundred years ago during June 1925, there were just three social evenings with the hall charging the organisers £1 on each occasion. Two of these were for the village football clubs, Shillington Athletic whose pitch was behind 85 to 103 High Road and Shillington Rangers who played in the meadow behind what is now Woodmer Close. They appear to have buried their rivalry at these socials, presumably with members mingling and profits shared. The hall received no use at all the following month but money was tight during the inter-war period for many families who could not afford to go out very often.

Many instances of dances or concerts feature in the records. Shillington Starlight Orchestra played 13 times between 1925 and 1927. From 1928 until 1939, the Starlight or Star Follies used the hall on 38 occasions. Was this the same bunch of entertainers operating under a different name? Had the ratio of Shillington members to outsiders dropped or could the treasurer not be bothered to write Shillington each time? If you know anything about this or had relatives who performed with any of these outfits, please let me know. They didn't have a monopoly on gigs at the hall. In 1920, Miss Grundon paid in 15 shillings after the SA Band from Stotfold played, the Dacre Orchestra from Hitchin performed three times during 1925, the Carina Orchestra from Luton also played at three dances in 1925-26 and likewise the Thelma Orchestra in 1926-7.

More serious music was provided by Shillington Choral Society during the early 1920s and there were several Postmen's Concerts that raised money for the Nursing Association that Miss Hanscombe had organised. The Primitive Methodist Church had concerts in 1921 and 22 and Luton Co-operative Society held five from 1932 to 39. Other diversions were occasionally available. Magical Entertainment visited in 1920 as did the Motor Cinema Ltd but it was H. Pettit who showed films during the 1930s. Summerville Repertory Company put on a show in 1923 and the Kingsway Players did so in 1936 and 1939. Village organisations using the Hall included the Bible Society, Women's Unionists, Women's Institute, United Services Men's Club and the Boy Scouts. The Royal Ancient Order of Buffaloes (RAOB), an early version of the Men's Club but with some weird rituals, held a meeting in 1927. If its purpose was to set up a local branch in Shillington, it failed as I can't find another reference to it. Many individuals and families also hired the hall for private parties, wedding receptions and childrens' parties and there were plenty of whist drives and jumble sales.

General Elections from 1922 onwards generated business for the hall with political parties having meetings before the event and polling taking place there on the day. Other occasional uses were by the school dentist and the Weights and Measures Officer who came to check that shopkeepers' scales were accurate and they weren't fleecing their customers.

Of course use of the hall depended on people working behind the scenes to keep it in good order. Miss Elms was caretaker during the 1920s and later Mrs Ansell. The chimney had to be swept each year and H. Breed, George O'Dell and Archie Redman were among those who took on the task. John Cole, Frank Jepps, Edward Tingey and D. Stanghan all did work in the grounds, a long time before the car park covered them with tarmac. Witney Rayner tuned the piano in the 1920s but S. Farmer and Co of Luton had taken over by 1939.

The hall had a bank account from the early days initially with LCW and Parr's Bank when there were a huge number of banks to choose from but takeovers and mergers occurred frequently. Parr's Bank had been founded in 1782 but amalgamated with the London, County and Westminster Bank in 1918 and became Westminster Bank in 1923. Now it's all part of Natwest.

As the 1930s went on, the prospect of war became ever more likely. The first evidence provided by the accounts is on 28 July 1939 when people were being recruited to undertake Air Raid Precautions (ARP). Hostilities began five weeks later on 1 September. We'll take another peak at the accounts during the second world war in another *Rambling On*.

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

Sad news from The Crown

Our very good friends Vicki and Phillip are leaving the Crown. A most unfair and disproportionate rent rise has left them no choice but to leave. The way some pub-owning companies treat their tenants is iniquitous.

Of course, Phillip and Vicki do also have the Chequers at Westoning and, with typical generosity and thoughtfulness, all of their staff have been offered jobs there. We will greatly miss them and the most rewarding, enjoyable and successful partnership we have developed with them. They have raised £4,000 for the Friends over the last 18 months.

We wish them well in all their future endeavours.

2025 Projects

You may have seen that repairs to the next section of the graveyard wall are well under way. This money was partly funded by the money raised at the Crown. A legacy carved in stone that will last for decades to come.

All being well, we will soon begin work on the repairs to the masonry around the Bellringers' window.

We are also hoping to get together a small group of volunteers to work on smaller low-cost jobs including repairing and repainting the lantern and ironwork over the steps entrance and repainting the W/C. If anyone is interested in helping, please do get in touch.

Shillingfest 25

We will be running a raffle at this event. If anyone has any raffle prizes they would be happy to donate we would be very happy to hear from you.

2025 Events

- ☺ **Sunday Teas** each Sunday afternoon from the 4th May to the end of September, often enhanced by music, talks & maybe even some poetry.
- ☺ **Saturday 7th/Sunday 8th June: Rock Around the Clock** – 24 hours of live music at All Saints starting at 9am
- ☺ **Saturday 28th June – Shillingfest25** – look out for our raffle and the amazing Human Fruit Machine!
- ☺ **Sunday 13th July – Flying Teddies**
- ☺ **Saturday 18th October – The Hertfordshire Constabulary Choir Concert in All Saints' Church.**

Thank you, as ever, for your support for our 'Church on the Hill'

Andy Gibbs

Friends of All Saints' Church (bazwell2@gmail.com)

HOW YOU CAN SUPPORT THE WORK OF THE FRIENDS

As ever, we are always keen for more people to join our happy little band. If you would like to get involved, please do get in touch. We are on the lookout for: -

- *New Committee members,*
- *People who could help at events and activities,*
- *Bakers and helpers for Sunday Teas*
- *'Specialists' who could help with specific projects, such as publicity, events management, fundraising or IT.*

If you could help in any of these ways, would like to know more about what we do or would simply like to make a donation towards our work, please contact

**our Membership Secretary, Jackie Fletcher ☎ 07485-617556
or email foass@outlook.com**

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

NEW APPLICATION

CB/25/01584- 17 Upton End Road, SG5 3PG

Single storey side extension, with new windows and doors, removal of a chimney, and the extension of the existing detached single garage.

DECISIONS FROM CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE COUNCIL (CBC)

CB/25/00430- 4 and 6 Marquis Hill, SG5 3HD.

Installation of 2 below ground sewerage treatment tanks, 1 to each garden. Remove septic tank at 6 Marquis Hill.

Application granted

CB/25/00646/LB – 75 Church Street, SG5 3LJ.

Listed Building: Replacement of ground floor window, removal of later hearth and cupboard additions, construction of new internal partition wall and door and refurbishment of ground floor slab. Construction of new patio and erection of new fences and gate.

Application granted

DISCUSSED BY PARISH COUNCIL BUT NOT YET DETERMINED

CB/24/01379 – Land adjacent to F C Dawes and Son Ltd, High Road, SG5 3LL.

Erection of 9 dwellings.

PC - Do not support

CB/25/00997- Land East of 55, Upton End Road, SG5 3PG.

Erection of two detached dwellings, associated landscaping and new access proposal

PC - Do not support

SHILLINGTON MEMORIAL PLAYING FIELD

(Registered charity: 300065)

UPDATE



Main focus during the year was completing grant applications suitable for the refurbishment of the Social Club. Funds have been accumulating with contributions from Parish Council, Playing Field Committee, weekly meat raffle and generous donations from the Social Club committee. Phase 1 was completed in December. Works included re-felting the roof, tiles cleaned, replaced and pointed up. The loft was insulated to building regulations specification. New LED lights were installed replacing the old fluorescent tubes; the inside pillar by the bar was removed and old timber beams and upright steel beams installed, which had to be adjusted to fit the sliding door.

Works on Phase 2 are scheduled to commence sometime in July, when the Social Club will need to be closed. Look out for facebook posts for closure dates. This phase is for the refurbishment of toilets and installation of disabled facilities as well as improvements to bar, cellar and kitchen areas. If there is not enough in the funding pot, it is hoped that some works (internal painting, etc) could be done by local volunteers. All donations to the building fund would be gratefully received as well as additional voluntary support.

Playing Field User Groups have been busy - AFC football had to make use of other locations as well as Shillington due to the number of games during the season as well as a mixture of inclement weather preventing some games not being able to be played on home ground. The Club has been looking at floodlight improvements as well as trying to resolve parking issues due to insufficient space in the current car parking facility. It is hoped to make the old play area usable as a level car park in the future.



The Spitfires Cricket Club has been growing over last season with new members and a great voluntary maintenance team working hard on the square to make it playable. During winter months members have been netting at Robert Bloomfield Academy and started training at the Playing Field from April. Their first 2025 home match was against Watton-at-Stone on 20th April. 12 friendly home games are scheduled for the coming season. The Club can't join the Cricket league until they have changing facilities. This is another project requiring funding. Possibly a portacabin shared with AFC football located on the old play area.

The Shillingfest24 event at the end of June proved to be very successful with village organisations, local voluntary groups and businesses coming together raising their profiles as well as fund raising – a great community event, which was well supported. Plans for Shillingfest25 are now well underway with plenty of fun and music for all and high hopes of another successful day, more particularly since we've received confirmation of a flypast by a Hurricane. The event to be opened by our MP – Blake Stephenson. There will also be a flypast by both Hurricane and Spitfire on the following day - 29th June.

The annual fireworks spectacular at the beginning of November last year saw the village community coming together again and was thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended. We continue to fundraise for this event with BBQs run by a great team of volunteers. This year's event is scheduled for Saturday, 1st November.



The Social Club continues to flourish with monthly live bands, fund-raising activities and the occasional party, whilst offering beers, wines and spirits at competitive prices for locals to enjoy. Sky sports on the big screen have encouraged a greater use of the Club facilities, coupled with a dedicated team of volunteers supporting village activities at the Playing Field.

PEGSDON VIEW



For one reason or another it's been a quieter few weeks recently for me and mine, which has allowed me to get some jobs done in the garden.

Last year the weeds took over before I noticed and it felt like a losing battle. I'd decided I was going to keep on top of the weeding this year so it's top of mind when I'm in the garden, but I already feel engaged in a battle I can't win.

Let's just take a moment to talk about Bryony as a case in point. Lovely in wild hedgerows but it seems to go mad in my garden and strangles everything. Nothing there one minute and nearly at the top of the lilac tree the next. It's plant life on steroids. And how is it that I struggle to keep alive the plants I do want but those I don't want are thriving? *'Baffled of Pegsdon'*.

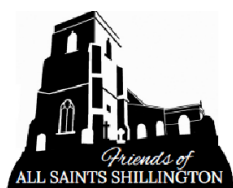
In other news, we're up and running with our Speedwatch group. Big thanks to all involved, especially Kat, Juliet and Michelle for all the assistance. As we'll always be in the same spot, regular drivers may get used to seeing us and just naturally start slowing down as a result in case we're out that day ☺.

Summer is on the horizon, though I do feel like it's arrived already given the lovely weather. The cowslips have been and gone in the valley, the Highland cattle have moved on to their next location and just the sheep remain.



I'm wondering if the weather will be good enough for the next Chapter25 book club meet at The View to be in the garden. Here's hoping.

All the best till next time, *Caroline.*



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All Saints Church
Gravenhurst and Shillington

Strawberry Teas

Sunday 1 June 2025

3.00 pm - 5.00 pm

£8 Adults includes strawberries and cream, two cakes of your choice and tea/coffee

£4 Children under 12

**To reserve a place, please call
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Denise 07414 513683**

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fortnightly summer meetings supporting our local community pub:

THE MUSGRAVE ARMS, APSLEY END ROAD, SHILLINGTON, SG5 3LX

Meetings now weather dependant so check notice board at The Musgrave or contact Zara to join the WhatsApp Group. Hope to meet every 2 weeks until the end of September from 4.30pm onwards.

Bring along an interesting vehicle if you have one, or just 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.

Contact **Zara** ☎ **07860-646323** for more information.

☺ **Shillingfest25 - 28th June @ The Playing Field** ☺





THE FRIENDLY PLACE

Spring schedule

From March 17th 2025


Mondays
10.00 am to 12.00 noon

At the Congregational Church, Shillington
Join us for tea, coffee, cakes and friendly chat.
Bring your knitting, reading, games if you wish.
No charge but donations are welcome!

Hosted by Linda & Trish of All Saints' Church
& Angus & Nola of The Congregational Church, Shillington

For more information you can call:

Linda ☎ 01462-711761 or Trish ☎ 07754-760073





We have had such lovely weather this term so far. We are extremely lucky to have such wonderful outdoor spaces for the children to continue their learning outdoors.

We celebrated World Art day with great enthusiasm on 15th April. Over the course of the day all children participated in exploring different areas of the arts. We started our day by having an assembly in which we learned all about the Royal Opera House and what the arts really means. We discovered that the arts is much more than just drawing and painting. The children were given our jobs for the day, then they spent the day moving around the school in their teams to explore the arts.

Create-Children were given creative freedom to design and make their own interpretation of the Mad Hatters hat. Design-Children became costume designers for Alice's adventures in Wonderland. Dance-Children were shown a clip of the Mad Hatter's tea party from the Royal Opera House Ballet production of Alice's adventures in Wonderland. They were then taught a step by step sequence of a dance of the same theme. Sing-Children made sure to warm up their bodies and voices by doing lip rolls, shoulder shrugs, singing scales and improving mobility in their mouths.



We have lots of school trips ahead of us. Year 3 & 4 visited the Queens Park Faith Tour in Bedford. Each part of the trip includes an informative presentation and tour of the place of worship, led by a member of that faith community. Reception and Year 1 are off to Mead Open Farm. The children are excited about petting and feeding the animals, and as always the tractor trailer rides. Year 2 are heading back to the Victorian era with a trip to the British Schools' museum in Hitchin. We wonder which school life they will prefer?

We are all looking forward to the 24 Hour Musicathon at All Saints Church on Saturday 7th June 2025 and hope lots of our families will be able to join us in celebrating this event.

We are taking lots of enquiries for the Pixie Pre-school from September 2025. We offer spaces to children from 2 years and 9 months up until 4, spaces are beginning to fill up quickly so if you are interested in a space please contact Mrs Woodward in the school office to arrange a look around and complete the required forms. If you, or anyone you know, are looking for a Reception year place or are planning an in-year move please give us a ring to discuss our admissions process. At Shillington Lower we have our own Breakfast Club and After School Club. Breakfast Club starts at 7.45am and runs until 8.45am (£5.50) until the start of school. Our After School Club runs from 3.30 – 5.30pm, with options to collect children at 4.30pm (£5.50), 5.00pm (£7.50) or 5.30pm (£10.00). By arrangement, when a pre-schooler is ready and when nearing Reception entry age, access to wraparound is an option.

Shillington Lower School is federated with Stondon Lower School and share a Head Teacher and a Governing Board. Currently we have vacancies on the Governing Board for co-opted Governors. If this role interests anybody then please contact Laura Forgham our Clerk to the Governors (lauraforgham@shillington.cbeds.co.uk) who can assist with enquiries.

Current vacancies at Shillington and Stondon Lower are:

- **Cleaner Supervisor (Shillington)**

For more information please see our school website or call the school office for details.

**Shillington Lower School ☎ 01462-711637 email: office@shillingtonlower.co.uk
website: www.shillingtonstondon.co.uk**



School Governors needed at the Shillington and Stondon Federation



We are currently seeking volunteers to be School Governors and would be delighted if people in the Federation's local villages and wider communities would join us.

What is a School Governor?

Governors offer strategic guidance, rather than getting involved in the operational aspects of schools. The core functions include ensuring:

- that the vision, ethos and strategic direction of the schools are clearly defined,
- that the headteacher performs their responsibilities for the educational performance of the schools,
- and the sound, proper and effective use of the schools' financial resources.

What does the role include?

The Governor role involves:

- preparing for and attending around four main meetings and three to five committee meetings per year
- visiting the schools a few times a year with a pre-agreed focus to report on
- undertaking training

Although becoming a Governor requires drive and commitment, you will enjoy many professional and personal rewards, including career development opportunities and the chance to support young people's futures.

How do I find out more information and/or apply?

To find out more about the role and/or request an application form, please contact the Clerk to the Governors for the Federation, Laura Forgham on either email address:

lauraforgham@shillington.cbeds.co.uk or **forghaml@stondon.cbeds.co.uk**

Parent Governor

If you are a parent of a child at either school, or will be from September 2025, there will be a Parent Governor election held in September 2025 for the Parent Governor vacancy.



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	Carli Mauger 07912-549931 carlimauger@gmail.com	Deb Pateman 07934-480446 debpateman@msn.com
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SWEETPEAS

Donna Cameron - Donna's Garden Designs - ☎ 07833-670934



This time of year is soo busy in the garden. Lots of jobs to do. Sowing seeds; planting perennials and annuals; watering and weeding. But what a lovely time of year everything looking so lush and blooms and buds a plenty! The warm weather has really helped everything along.

I love going into my garden and I'm sure things that weren't there the day before are blooming! I have a bistro set at the end of my garden where I draw my designs and get inspiration. I have designed it so I am im mersed within the flower bed and plants are all around me. Bees buzzing and birds singing. Bliss!

This year by chance I was moving around some things and put an obelisk in the middle of the bed to move it out of the way. When I looked I thought perfect place for it to grow my sweetpeas up!

I chose the variety *Primadonna!* after a friend grew them for me last year and another friend sent me a mammoth variety this year so look forward to seeing these too! They know what I like! I do love Sweetpeas. My sister had them as her wedding flowers and featured on her invites.

They are so easy to grow and you can buy seed or plants for a couple of pounds and give you endless bouquets of fragrant flowers. The more you pick the more they keep giving. When they reach four leaves in growth pinch them out so they bush out, are stronger and provide more flowers. Train them up an obelisk and they will soon grow up it and feed once a week with a liquid fertiliser. A tip I learnt from my great uncle, who was a gardener, was to take off the tendrils to get extra long strong stems for the vase. He used to show them.

You can get so many different shades of sweetpeas although I think the pastel ones are my favourites. The scent is dreamy. There is a Perennial variety but it has no scent and is very vigorous. Sweetpeas were first recorded by a monk in Sicily in 1695 and there is an old fashioned variety named after him *Cupani*. By the 19th Century they were commercially bred and Henry Eckford, a Scottish nursery man, crossbred and developed the Grandiflora varieties with bigger blooms. They were very popular in Victorian times and were a sign of friendship.

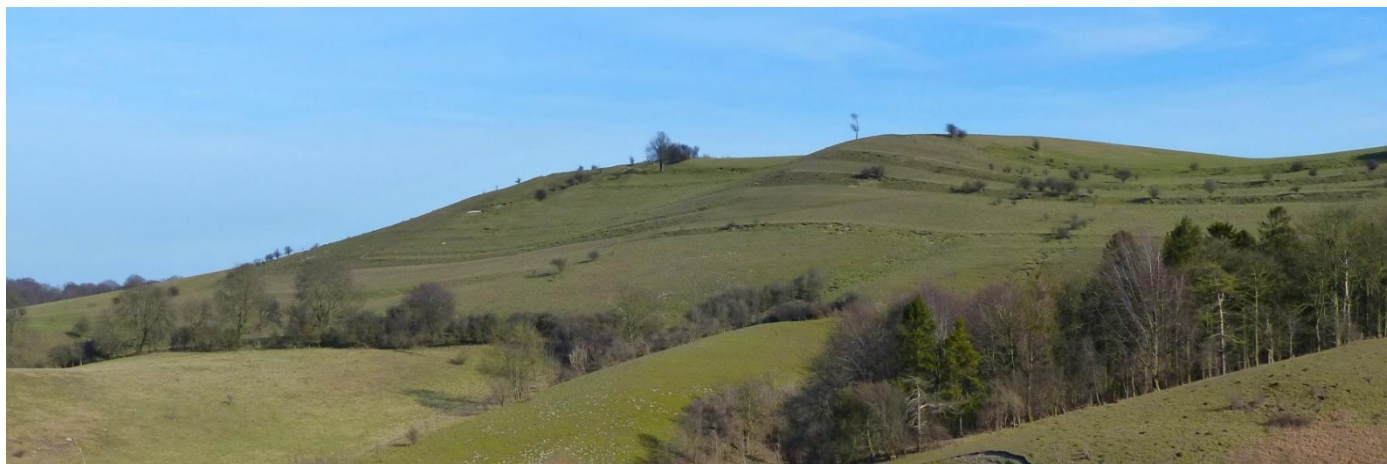
There are now over 200 varieties, all of them gorgeous! So give them a go and you won't regret it!

Donna x

JOBS IN THE GARDEN FOR JUNE

✂ Weed the beds	✂ Stake plants
✂ Plant up annuals in pots and baskets for extra colour and interest.	✂ Water plants using water butt where possible.
✂ Mow lawns once a week	✂ Pinch out side shoots of tomatoes
✂ Keep checking for aphids	✂ Pick some flowers for the house so you can enjoy them inside as well.
✂ Harvest lettuce, radish and early potatoes	





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Best time to visit: April to June / July to September / October to March

Environmental designation: Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI)

About the reserve:

One of the jewels of the Chilterns Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, Pegsdon Hills' steep chalk hills offer some of the best views in the county.

In spring, moschatel, or town-hallclock, named after the arrangement of its flowers, can be found in the woodland, while dingy and grizzled skipper butterflies flutter around in the grassland.

With summer arrives the smell of fresh herbs like wild thyme, marjoram and wild basil. The melodious song of the skylark is heard around the reserve. After dark the eerie green luminescence of glow-worms emanates from the grassland and bats fly overhead. Hoo Bit, once a larch plantation, is now a flower-rich grazed meadow, surrounded by woodland. White helleborine flowers in large numbers beneath the dense shade of beech trees. In autumn, honeysuckle, black bryony and old-man's-beard drape over trees and shrubs offering seeds and berries to hungry birds and small mammals.

In winter, fallow deer skirt along the woodland edge, while flocks of birds feed on seeds in hedgerow and field. We coppice in the wood and fell trees to allow light to reach the woodland floor. The deep earthwork on the Bedfordshire / Hertfordshire county boundary was once a barrier to free passage, situated as it is near to the ancient route of the Icknield Way. Large, multi-stemmed beech trees now mark its presence. Strip lynchets, or cultivation terraces, are evidence of an ancient settlement and there is a series of small quarries indicating former small-scale mineral extraction. The grassland is grazed and we remove scrub to prevent succession.

Contact us: Reserves Manager - ☎ **01234-364213**
bedfordshire@wildlifebcn.org

VILLAGE FACILITIES

SHILLINGTON SOCIAL CLUB

Greenfields, Shillington ☎ 07826-518667 (Gavin)

- ☺ Meat Raffle every Saturday with proceeds to the Pavilion Refurbishment
- ☺ Local free range Eggs for sale
- ☺ Local Honey for sale



CURRENT OPENING TIMES:

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

LICENSING POLICY:

*Children aged 16 and under are welcome
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..... Social Club Committee.*



SHILLINGTON VILLAGE HALL

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Thank you ☺



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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
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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
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General enquiries0300 300 8000
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Shillington Services (Martin Brogan) *for washing machine repairs, etc...* 07975-944394

High Road Stores/Post Office..... 0345 722 3344

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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
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VILLAGE CALENDAR

JUNE

- 1 All Saints' Church – Holy Communion – 9.30am/Evensong – 6pm
- 1 Congregational Church Service – Revd. Angus McCormick – 10.30am
- 1 All Saints' Church – Strawberry Teas – 3pm to 5pm
- 3 Parish Council Meeting – Congregational Church – 7.45pm
- 7/8 Rock Around The Clock – 24 hours Live Music @ All Saints from 9am
- 8 All Saints' Church – Holy Communion for Pentecost – 9.30am
- 8 Congregational Church Service – Mrs. Hazel Beadle – 10.30am
- 8 Spitfires CC – at Home to Panthers CC
- 11 Men's Club – Evening Meal @ The Bull, Barton
- 13 Spitfires CC – at home to Offley & Stopsley CC
- 14 Social Club - Hayley Vintner Darts Day – annual fundraiser
- 14 Men's Club – partners' event – Coton Manor Gardens, Northants
- 15 All Saints' Church – Morning Praise – 9.30am
- 15 Congregational Church Service – Mrs. Hazel Beadle – 10.30am
- 21 Congregational Church – Display of Church Memorabilia - 2.00pm – 4.00pm & refreshments
- 22 All Saints' Church – All Age Holy Communion (informal service for children and families)
- 22 Spitfires CC – away to Graveley CC
- 22 Congregational Church – 200th year Anniversary Celebration – Rev. Dr. Janet Wootton – 3pm
- 25 Men's Club – Lunch Social @ The View, Pegsdon
- 25 Spitfires CC – at home to Steppingley CC
- 28 Shillingfest25 – Memorial Playing Field from 1pm
- 29 Congregational United Church Service joined by All Saints' – 10am – Café Style Worship

JULY

- 1 Parish Council Meeting – Congregational Church – 7.45pm
- 6 All Saints' Church – Holy Communion – 9.30am
- 6 Congregational Church Service – Mrs. Sandra Galton – 10.30am
- 13 All Saints' Church – Holy Communion – 9.30am/Evensong – 6pm (*different week this month!*)
- 13 Congregational Church Service – Mrs. Hazel Beadle – 10.30am
- 13 Spitfires CC – at home to Ickleford CC
- 13 Friends of All Saints' – Flying Teddies at The Church
- 20 All Saints' Church – Morning Praise – 9.30am
- 20 Congregational Church Service – Revd. Angus McCormick – 10.30am
- 20 Spitfires CC – at home to Saracens CC
- 23 Spitfires CC – at home to Steppingley CC
- 23 Village Hall Management Committee – AGM followed by Ordinary Meeting – 7.30pm
- 27 All Saints' Church – Pet Service – 9.30am
- 27 Congregational Church Service – Mrs. Hazel Beadle – 10.30am
- 27 Spitfires CC – away to Wheathampstead CC

AUGUST

- 17 Spitfires CC – away to Henlow CC
- 31 Spitfires CC – away to Breachwood Green CC

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