

PARISH NEWS

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SHILLINGTON, PEGSDON & HIGHAM GOBION



From the village old picture collection, courtesy Mrs. Beryl Gudgeon.

CLAWDERS HILL FARM – JEPPS FAMILY HAY MAKING C1960S.

*Rear of horse - Sid Ward / on cart lifting hay - Peter Jepps / in the centre of the stack -
Richard Jepps / top ridge, left - Willy Jepps / top ridge, centre - Frank Jepps
/ top ridge, right - Horace Jepps*

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PARISH COUNCIL

The parish councillors always examine planning applications made within the parish but recently considered another affecting land on this side of Barton where developers wish to build up to 500 homes, a lower/primary school and a 60-unit extra care facility. The site is already in the local plan and consequently, we could not object to the principle of development. However, we felt that it was important to let Central Bedfordshire Council know that we are greatly concerned about the additional traffic that the residents of these homes will generate in Shillington. We have requested speed limit changes and the installation of safe crossings in Hanscombe End Road, High Road and Pegsdon.

The parish council continues to support local organisations whenever possible and recently awarded Shillington Spitfires cricket team £180 and Shillington Short Mat Bowls Club £489.80 for equipment. This comes from money allocated to the parish from the Section 106 fund to which developers contribute. Councillors also awarded £500 to the Friends of All Saints' Church from parish council funds for further repairs to the churchyard wall and were pleased to hear that work was about to begin on much-needed improvements at the Sports and Social Club where £20,000 of parish council money had been allocated earlier for use by the Playing Fields Committee.

The clerk to a local council has a varied role and in July, we were pleased to hear that our (relatively) new parish clerk, Lauren Darnell, has completed the Financial Introduction to Local Council Administration (FILCA) course. This ensures that she can cope with all of the parish council's financial matters competently. Lauren will embark on the next stage of her training, a Certificate in Local Council Administration (CILCA), shortly which deals with organising the council's procedures and implementing its decisions as well as gathering information to assist councillors and liaison with residents and other organisations. The laptop that she uses is getting outdated and councillors have authorised spending £500 on a newer one that local business, Village IT and Technology, has refurbished.

After the chair met with our Central Bedfordshire Councillor, Blake Stevenson, councillors were pleased that he had provided a much improved and detailed report ahead of the July meeting. He explained that his work as the area's Member of Parliament kept him at Westminster on Tuesday evenings when Parish Council meetings are held and asked if some meetings could be held on Thursdays instead when he is usually here. We have agreed to consider this if a suitable venue is available.

As well as the current closure of Hanscombe End Road south due to water main renewal which may take until November to complete, we have been told that surface dressing and road marking will take place in Church Street and Hillfoot Road. When this proceeds, all through traffic will have to use a combination of High Road, Upton End Road, Bury Road and the unaffected northern section of Hanscombe End Road. The work is scheduled to go ahead between the 13th and 29th August. Hopefully, it will proceed smoothly and not take all of this period. Look out for further information on road signs and social media nearer the time.

A resident has asked us whether we use pesticides and herbicides. Although they are promoted as being safe if applied correctly, there is increasing concern that they may pose a danger to other living things. The parish council does not use any of these and we await a response from Central Bedfordshire Council about their policy on this. We are aware that weedkiller has been used on a pavement near homes in the village. We remind residents that they should not apply any of these chemicals in a public place as children and pets are particularly vulnerable and could become ill. If you are concerned about weeds near your home, please pull them up or cut them back and dispose of them in your garden waste bin if you have one.

The council is aware that the box hedging at the War Memorial is dying, having succumbed to box blight. It will be removed and replaced when the conditions are right. For many years, the council has been changing the old orange, sodium street lights that have failed with more reliable and cheaper to run LED lanterns. Recently, we authorised the repair of two more in Greenfields and Apsley End Road and it won't be long until all of the remaining sodium lights have been replaced.

As usual, there will be no parish council meeting in August. However, residents can continue to raise issues by contacting the clerk or one of the councillors, bearing in mind that it may take longer than usual to get a response.

ANNOUNCEMENTS / ITEMS / NEWS IN BRIEF

For all Parish Council issues please contact:

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<https://shillington-pc.gov.uk>



BREAST CANCER NOW

Afternoon event from 2 to 5pm

on Wednesday, 13th August.



Sandra's garden, 8 Church View Avenue, SG5 3NL
or Congregational Church if wet.

★ Teas ★ Coffees ★ Cakes & Scones ★

★ Raffle ★ Bring & Buy Stall ★

Please come along and support 😊

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**



GARAGE SALE - SATURDAY, 16TH AUGUST

@ 26a Apsley End Road, Shillington, SG5 3LX

from 10am to 2pm

✧ Bric-A-Brac ✧ Jigsaw Puzzles ✧

✧ Golf Clubs ✧ Old Tools ✧



ANNUAL FIREWORKS SPECTACULAR *(20 minute show)*

Saturday, 1st NOVEMBER @ 7.00pm

on The Playing Field

Gates open at 5pm.

Come and visit the stalls, grab a special burger or one of Dan's pizzas.

Decent beer (or wine...) from the newly refurbished Social Club.

Hope to see you there.... *Enquiries to Gavin or Sally.*





All Saints Church

Gravenhurst and Shillington



www.allsaintsshillington.org.uk

Hello from All Saints Church!

Getting together in the summer months, with family, friends or neighbours is a great way to enjoy being together and if it is sunny enough, to enjoy the outdoors! Being with others can be a way for some, to have fun, relax and even re-energise. It is also a great reminder that sometimes, and in all sorts of ways, we need each other.

In the Bible there are many examples of Jesus valuing other people. Jesus also recognised the value of *being* with other people. When Jesus sends his disciples and his followers out in mission, ahead of him or out instead of him, to tell the people about him, Jesus would send them out in pairs, two by two. At the time, this would have offered protection and safety on the road, it would help give perspective when things were difficult and being with others would be a great encouragement, to keep going when things were not working out as planned. Jesus understood the value of good relationships and the value of caring and supporting each other on the journey.

It is a great example of how to live well together and to try and connect with others, especially when we sometimes feel alone. So, as the summer months roll on, why not think about who you connect with and give thanks for the people around you. And maybe if you know someone on their own, why not get in touch and remind them that you are there.

All Saints' Church is open every day (you may have seen our new 'A' board!) 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 look forward to seeing you.

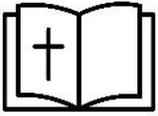
Every Blessing!

Revd Jenna Dearden

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All are welcome to services at All Saints as we head into August and September.

SUNDAY SERVICES IN AUGUST

3 August	9.30 am Morning Praise 6.00 pm Evensong
10 August	9.30 am Holy Communion
17 August	9.30 am Morning Praise
24 August	9.30 am All Age Holy Communion <i>(A more informal service for children and families)</i>
31 August	10.00 Joint Service with the Congregational Church at the All Saints

SUNDAY SERVICES IN SEPTEMBER

7 September	9.30 am Holy Communion
14 September	9.30 am Holy Communion 6.00 Evensong (At St Mary's Gravenhurst)
21 September	9.30 am Morning Praise
28 September	9.30 am All Age Holy Communion <i>(A more informal service for children and families)</i>



AUTUMN FUNDRAISING EVENTS – DATE FOR YOUR DIARY! ***Harvest Lunch and Auction - Sunday 12 October 2025***

More details to follow....

Please see the Friends page for their forthcoming events.



ALL SAINTS CHURCHYARD – IMPORTANT INFORMATION

During early Autumn there will be works carried out to trees/self-seeded shrubbery on the west side of the churchyard. Appropriate permissions for this work have been secured. If you have any questions about this, please get in touch.

Also, during October and November, as part of the maintenance of the churchyard we will be 'topple testing' memorials (headstones) to ensure their safety. This involves checking for the stability of the headstones and laying down any that are deemed to be unstable and/or at risk of falling. Where possible, we will seek to contact the family to inform them of any action taken. If you are visiting family graves, please do have a look at the stability of your memorial stone to ensure that it remains safe. If you have any questions about this or are aware of any unstable headstones please do get in touch.



CHURCH BELLS

Our church bells are having some maintenance work to keep them in great shape and ringing well! They will not be rung between the 1st August and the 18th August when we hope to have them ready to ring once more.



200 YEARS !

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

Joan said she was approaching 100 years of age but didn't think she would manage another 100 ! Peter Stapleton remembered a time when anniversary services were held on half-day closing Wednesdays to suit the shop-keepers but he especially remembers the 'cream horn' cakes so rare after World War Two. Angela, who was organist since 1964 and also has provided many years of refreshments for our wonderful socials, ensured we had a really super celebratory cake for our 200 years.

Rev. C. Stoper from Queen Street Hitchin began his mission in earnest in Shillington in 1825. The village was described at that time as 'a place notorious for the wickedness of its inhabitants' ! The foundation of the Congregational Church was the poor people and their needs; when much later (1840) a building was erected it was simple and practical.

The Congregation Way of faith is **about people** and seeing God's Grace in everyone; an open order of service with the members following the Holy Spirit as their sole authority in matters of faith; the congregation itself decides issues without other levels of organisation.

Members have always contributed to the local and wider community; supporting Hitchin hospital during the war; offering the building in case of emergencies (1960s); classes for woodworking and Bible study; giving teas to the older people; Easter concerts for the village; overseas missions; the first public light in the village; giving to the Playing Fields; the Men's Club (2004); the annual village Christmas Tree Festival bringing everyone together and giving to a chosen charity (since 2003) (*see Nola for this year*); village Food Bank donations collected; the Friendly Space each Monday; and of course much more such as supporting Shillington Care. Joan Wilson was Parish Clerk very many years ago whose bench is in the playing fields to enjoy.

There are many more things that could be added about those who have served this village and on whose good works and faith this fellowship continues to witness and look to the future.

*'As God guides, He provides '
You are welcome at any time.*

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.



FRIENDLY PLACE: The Friendly Space continues on a Monday and open from 10.00am to 12 mid-day. Everyone welcome to share company, chat and refreshments. NOT OPEN on Bank Holiday Monday, 25th August 2025.

BEDFORD FOODBANK: Extract from a thank-you letter received from the Food Bank.

“Thank you to everyone who has donated items to the Food Bank during the first six months of the year which has helped provide over 330 meals. All donations are gratefully received and never more so than now in the challenging times. Regular donations are vital to the on-going provision of food for those in the community who are in great need. Support for the Food Bank continues year on year and we now feed over 2,000 people a month. The amount of food leaving the warehouse is generally in the region of 20-22 tonnes a month. So far in 2025 over 87,165.53Kg of food has been given out; 5115 redeemed, 10,476 people have been fed, of which 3469 are children. Without the support of individuals, community groups and organisations the Foodbank could not meet the increasing need in Bedford and surrounding area. Thank you once again.”

Items currently in short supply:

Tins of Fish	Jars of Coffee
Tinned Pasta	Long life Milk
Cooking Sauces	Long Life Fruit Juice
Tinned Meat	Tinned Vegetables/Peas

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

200 YEARS OF FELLOWSHIP: How wonderful to have shared this 200 years of fellowship when only 25 years ago the congregation was considering closure. The church was full with galleries in use as well as tables outside for use with refreshments afterwards. A special anniversary cake for all to share was made and the guest preacher was Rev Dr Janet Wootton who had inducted the minister, Rev Angus McCormick, at Shillington in 2002. Her sermon was especially appropriate and spoke to the hearts of all with many commenting on their return to faith afterwards. A commemorative plaque was unveiled by Mr C H Sharwood-Smith MBE, Deputy Lord Lieutenant of Bedfordshire, who lives locally and plans to attend again. In addition to representatives from other local and Congregational Churches; we also had the pleasure of young Harry Layton playing the cello. So much to celebrate “where the Lord wills He provides”



TABLE TENNIS CLUB: Person required to lead a table tennis club - would you be interested to run and organise a small club in the upstairs room at the Church on a regular basis ?

LIBRARY: The ‘Crown’ pub donated a quantity of library books to the Church when it closed recently. A person is required to man the library shelves, say for an hour each week, or alternate weeks, offering a loan of books to the local community.



If you are interested in volunteering for either of the above opportunities please contact our **Minister** or the **Church Secretary (01582-881824)** for further details.



Apparently July is known as “Picnic Month” in the UK. For Shillington WI this is very appropriate as it is our picnic month! Members enjoyed a Bring & Share one, with Pimm’s, in the cool of the Congregational Church.



In June we met at All Saints’ Church for an evening of Bells and Cake. Members tried their hand at bell-ringing (both the tower and hand bells) under the expert guidance of Emma and her team. Some of the WI even climbed up the ladder in the tower and had a look at the bells. It was a brilliant evening.

Our cake and savoury snack stall at Shillingfest proved very popular, as did our iced coffee. The weather was lovely - the strong breeze was rather challenging but it did, after members removed the back panel of the flapping gazebo, keep everyone and everything cool.

The month of August is when we have our Summer Break. We are looking forward to our September meeting when we catch up over coffee and jigsaw puzzles. It’s always a good, fun evening.

In October we very much look forward to welcoming Cath Kelly, a family historian, as our speaker. The title of her talk is: “Family History: Tracing Yours and Tales of Mine”. Lunch and Supper Clubs also restart in September.

There are so many excellent places to have a meal within a short distance of Shillington - we are spoilt for choice! The knitters are busy knitting lovely items for the Bedfordshire WI Day at Jordans Mill, Biggleswade on the 16th of September. Our Shillington WI banner will be on display at this event.



Our meetings take place on the first Thursday of the month in the Congregational Church at 7.30 p.m. Visitors are very welcome (£4).

For further information please contact:

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PESTICIDES – TO WORRY OR NOT TO WORRY?

By **Annie Palmer** (*WI Ambassador for Climate Change*) Anniejpalmer74@gmail.com

Many people regard pesticides as being fairly harmless as they consider that the application doses are too low to affect humans. As for herbicides, some think that they are a product that only affects plants but not animals, birds or insects. Surely, garden pesticides can't be that bad as you can pick them off the supermarket shelf and put them in the trolley alongside your bread and carrots?



I thought I'd do a bit of research to find out if I'm worrying needlessly about pesticides and whether or not I'm being OTT about them. Herbicides, insecticides and fungicides all come under the umbrella of pesticides. On the packet or bottle it always states what the active ingredient is. Examples are glyphosate and benzalkonium chloride (herbicides) and lambda-cyhalothrin (insecticides). What isn't listed (by request of the chemical companies) are the "inert" ingredients which include emulsifiers, solvents and surfactants.

These are essential for the pesticide's effectiveness and application. The name "inert" suggests that they are non-toxic but many are very harmful and can make the product even more toxic. Some have been linked to increased cancer risk, genetic mutations and harm to reproductive health.

With regard to the active ingredients listed above, there is strong evidence that they are all very toxic to humans. I typed the following question into my phone: "Is glyphosate harmful to human health?". It came up with: Toxic Effects of Glyphosate on the Nervous System: A Systematic Review (International Journal of Molecular Sciences). Boy, this document was well out of my league – it put my O Level in Biology with Chemistry firmly in its place. The following excerpt from the review gives an indication of a) how harmful glyphosate is and b) why I gave up reading it: "Glyphosate also seems to exert a significant toxic effect on neurotransmission and to induce oxidative stress, neuroinflammation and mitochondrial dysfunction, processes that lead to neuronal death due to autophagy, necrosis, or apoptosis, as well as the appearance of behavioural and motor disorders. The doses of glyphosate that produce these neurotoxic effects vary widely but are lower than the limits set by regulatory agencies".

The review goes on to state that: "Although there are important discrepancies between the analysed findings, it is unequivocal that exposure to glyphosate produces important alterations in the structure and function of the nervous system of humans, rodents, fish and invertebrates".

The herbicides that are used to clear paths and driveways often contain benzalkonium chloride (BACs). It's a severe eye irritant and is especially dangerous for people with asthma or skin conditions such as eczema. It's lethal to aquatic organisms and toxic to dog and cats. When cats lick their paws, it leads to high concentrations in the mouth which damage the tissues and leads to severe ulceration of the tongue and mouth.



The insecticide lambda-cyhalothrin is highly toxic to fish, aquatic invertebrates and honey bees and moderately toxic to earthworms. It is highly toxic to mammals (including humans, dogs and cats and hedgehogs) through oral or skin contact. It remains active on the plant's surface for several days to weeks.

The statement that doses of pesticides "are too low to affect humans" is false. While single, low-level exposures might not cause immediate harm, repeated exposure to even low levels can have long-term health consequences including cancers and damage to liver and kidneys.

We are exposed to pesticides when people use them in gardens and fields and through some of the food that we eat. They can be absorbed through our skin or by breathing in airborne particles. They accumulate in our bodies over time, hence the long-term health problems.

Pesticides are highly toxic to dogs and cats. Symptoms of poisoning include vomiting, diarrhoea, drooling, breathing problems, and even seizures or death. In the past, I'd blame my dog's upset stomach and being off-colour on the fact that he'd probably chewed on a long-dead rabbit's foot or something equally gross. However, it's not beyond the realms of possibility that it could have been pesticide poisoning.



I often walk round the village and come across horribly distorted plants along the edge of footpaths and pavements. Many of them are harmless wild flowers such as the pretty little pink Herb Robert and Jack-by-the-hedge (Garlic Mustard which is a tasty sandwich filler). It's obvious that someone has sprayed them. There are never any warning notices. That "someone" sprays and disappears, leaving adults with children and dogs unaware that they are brushing up against these highly toxic substances. In the light of the above, this is totally unacceptable. Please, this needs to stop. With regard to me being OTT about pesticides, personally I don't think I'm being OTT enough.

Annie x

SHILLINGTON VILLAGE HALL

Reg. charity no: 3000066



The Village Hall Management Committee held their Annual General Meeting on 23rd July and were pleased to welcome 2 new members to the Committee – Mr. Joe Olding on behalf of Parish Council and Ms. Lauren Darnell as an elected member. Both were very keen to get involved and support this valuable village facility.

Current committee members were re-elected on block with Katie Brettell as Secretary, Denise Randall as Treasurer, Margaret Johnson as Booking Secretary and Sally Stapleton as Vice Chair. We continue to operate without a Chairperson at the moment. Thanks to all for keeping the Hall facility functioning for the village. User group members are always welcome and Bowls Group representative is Mr. Derek Lewison.

It was good to hear that the Hall continues with regular user groups including indoor Bowls, Sewing Group and Art Group, although the Circuit Trainer is now taking his classes outside for the summer and we sadly lost the Karate Group to the new community centre in Stondon.

During the year we had 17 children's parties and are pleased to be able to offer usage of little tables and chairs and toys, which were left from the Baby & Toddler Group. Sadly no news of anyone wishing to resume these classes, which were so popular with family members coming along to enjoy their children at play and meet other mums in the village.

We've had a couple of new enquiries – one for line dancing – just waiting to hear if this will be happening and the other for one of the latest fitness regimes – pole dancing..... unfortunately we have a 'sprung' floor, which prevented this class from starting up in our Hall.

We have a few ideas for fundraising over the coming year – more details to follow.....

A big thank you to our cleaner – Mrs. Yvonne Pratt - for keeping the Hall facility clean and tidy; to Mr. Bill Gearing for undertaking the weeding and keeping the exterior tidy and Mr. Paul Bruce for helping with our electrical supplier. Also thanks to local tradesmen for coming out at short notice to sort out electrical (Mark Willmott) and water (Matthew Harris) problems.

SHILLINGTON MEN'S CLUB

(Now in its 19th year)

<https://Shillingtonmensclub.co.uk>

On the 11th June 18 members attended an evening meal at The Bull in Barton le Clay. Here we had a two course meal of Chicken Tikka, Meat Pie or Ham, Egg and Chips followed by a Lemon Cheesecake or Chocolate Fudge Cake. A great night was had by all. Graham Williams won the raffle.



On Saturday 14th June 23 people (members and partners) attended a day out at the Coton Manor Gardens in Northamptonshire. This is a family owned Manor Garden with extensive flowering borders, a water and bog garden, a flamingo lake, a cascading rill, a wildflower meadow and free to range hens and flamingos. After exploring the gardens they all had afternoon tea and cakes in the Stableyard Café on site, which ended a wonderful day.

On the 25th June 17 members attended a lunchtime social event at the View in Pegsdon. Yet again we were well looked after by the host and her team, tucking into Cottage Pie or Gammon, Egg and Chips followed by Apple Crumble or Sticky Toffee Pudding. Peter Farmer won the raffle. Our next evening meal took us to the Green Man in Stanford. We were allocated a room of our own for the evening which was very intimate and quiet, which gave our 12 members attending a great opportunity to talk and catch up with each other. The meal was Scampi and Chips or Gammon Chop and Chips followed by a sweet of our choice, a great night was had by all.

Unfortunately our visit to Clive and Linda Butler's Model Railway on the 19th July had to be postponed due to bad weather this has been re-scheduled for August.

Finally, our lunchtime social took us to our very own Musgrave Arms on the 23rd July. 16 members attended a fun afternoon enjoying food from the extensive Italian Menu, washed down by plenty of red wine and real ale.

Future events:

- ❖ 13th August - Barbeque at The Greyhound in Haynes.
- ❖ 20th August - Marshall Amplification Factory Tour, Bletchley.
- ❖ 27th August - Lunch Social at The View.
- ❖ 3rd September - Evening Meal at The Crown at Henlow.
- ❖ 13th September - Partners event, Dunton Community Garden.
- ❖ 24th September - Lunch Social at The Musgrave Arms.
- ❖ 8th October - Evening Meal at The Three Horseshoes, Norton.
- ❖ 15th October - Visit to The Scott Polar Institute & Museum of Technology, Cambs.

Membership:

Current membership is 51 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.



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SHILLINGTON SHORT MAT BOWLS CLUB

MEET AT

SHILLINGTON VILLAGE HALL

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



We are currently on our Summer break and the club will reopen in September.

On the 27th June we held our Annual General meeting, followed by presentation of trophies and the final of the Aussie Pairs competition. Congratulations to this year's winners, Julia Bruce and Rob East.

We would like to thank all those who visited our stand at Shillingfest and to remind you that you are welcome to come and see the life sized game in action once the club reopens in September.



Our In-house triples league winners for 2025 receiving their cup and trophies were Julia Bruce, Margaret Webster and Toni Gearing.

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.

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.

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SHILLINGTON SPITFIRES CRICKET CLUB

Spitfires Flying High

The Shillington Spitfires Cricket Club have been on a rampage this summer, winning, (at the time of writing) six of the 12 games played so far. It is a fantastic achievement for a club that is still in its infancy.

One of the biggest advances is that the Memorial Playing Fields, our home pitch has become a fortress for the Spitfires with the team winning five games on home soil. The crowds and support have certainly help boost the efforts of all the players.



Talking of the players, Mandeep Singh, who everyone will know from the Village Stores joined the club at the start of the season and has made Spitfire history by becoming the first player (since cricket returned to the village) to score a century against Saracens CC, our most recent home game.

Mandeep's 105 not out wasn't the only record broken that day. The Spitfires scored their biggest total so far. A hugely impressive 230, which created out biggest ever margin of victory of 69 runs. And finally, it was the team's highest partnership of 147 which was between Mandeep and Tom Stokes.

Away From The Pitch

As with any fledgling sports team, the Spitfires are looking for grants and sponsorship so they can continue to be an asset to the Shillington community. Sponsorship will help with the day-to-day running of the club whereas if we can secure grants we can look to the long-term future and purchase equipment for 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. So, if you think you could help with sponsorship or have any knowledge in applying for grants, please get in touch, we'd love to hear from you. You can email the club at: shillington.spitfires.cc@gmail.com

2025 Games

Opposition	Date	Location	Game Format
Motley Crew CC	Sunday 3 rd August	Away	40 overs
Henlow CC	Sunday 17 th August	Away	40 overs
Breachwood Green CC	Sunday 31 st August	Away	40 overs
Motley Crew CC	Sunday 7 th September	Home	40 overs
Pirton CC	Sunday 14 th September	Away	Border Cup
Pirton CC	Sunday 21 st September	Home	Border Cup
Pirton CC	Sunday 28 th September	Away	Border Cup

Photo credit: @Jason Keen

RAMBLING ON with DEREK TURNER

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The Crown is closed and with the Social Club out of action too, there is nowhere to drink or eat in the central part of Shillington. In the early 1900s, tipplers could choose between the White Horse, Commander in Chief, Five Bells and Engine, as well as The Crown or walk a bit further to one of the Ends where the Noah's Ark, Edward VII, Red Signpost, Marquis, Swan and Musgrave Arms were waiting. Only the last of these remains open for now plus The View if you go to Pegsdon. We hear that a substantial increase in the rent was a factor that persuaded tenants Phil and Vicki to give up The Crown which is a great shame after all their good work including the charity events they have hosted. The regular monthly outgoing to the landlord will, no doubt, be a major consideration for anyone that wishes to take on the pub in future.

Rent is not just an issue for businesses in Shillington. I read recently about the case of the Prince Charles cinema in Leicester Square - where since 1991, the enterprising, independent management has shown films that big chains have overlooked. The building owner has proposed a major rent increase as well as a shorter lease and a reduction to 6 months for notice of eviction. This is not the first time that a small or well-established business has faced being forced out. Indeed, in central London, a handful of landlords own much of the land and have benefitted from rising property values which they use to justify demands for higher returns. They wield huge power and it's a daunting challenge for any tenant that wishes to challenge it.

When it comes to housing, rent is also a major concern for anyone who doesn't own their home as it can eat up a significant part of their income. Rents used to increase at a similar rate to house prices but in the 3 years up to April, they rocketed with average UK rents growing by 21% compared to 4% for house prices (according to Zoopla). This area is generally prosperous but some residents are struggling to make ends meet as shown by the increasing demand at food banks and for debt advice.

Since the Right to Buy was introduced in the 1980s, the supply of council houses has diminished as the proceeds from sales went to central government leaving local authorities unable to build replacements. Housing associations were expected to fill the gap in social housing but have failed to do so, forcing many people to rent privately. The situation is worse because large institutions like insurance companies, pension funds and private equity have acquired residential property and pushed up prices. When houses are treated as assets, the owners are incentivised to maximise their incomes - at the expense of the tenants. Here and in much of the rest of the world, property ownership has increased inequality between the haves on the one hand and the have-nots on the other. It's one of the reasons why many people feel politicians have failed and why there's little enthusiasm for any of the main political parties at present.



Generally, governments have pandered to aspiring house owners and given little thought to those who don't want to buy or can't afford to. Housing policy has favoured those who invest in homes at the expense of those who live in them. This is not just the case in the UK. The European commissioner for jobs and social rights, Nicolas Schmit, has warned: "The housing problem divides our societies, and it may be a risk for our democracies". It doesn't have to be like this though. In Vienna, the city council owns a huge number of homes that cannot be sold off. Housing associations are only allowed to charge rents that cover their costs. These measures ensure that rented housing is relatively cheap and affordable.

Things may be changing here in the UK as more rental properties have become available across the country, 18% up from last year, and there are signs that rents are stabilising. However, some landlords are reported to be selling up, concerned that forthcoming legislation will give tenants too much power. Whether their fears are justified we'll have to wait and see. For now, demand for rental homes in this area remains strong but the supply is weak. When I checked on Right Move, there weren't any privately-owned homes available to rent in Shillington.

Back at the Crown, let's hope that there is someone out there who is willing to take it on. If there is, we need to give them our wholehearted support - and plenty of our custom. If there isn't, we may have to join the communities that have purchased their local and run it themselves. I hope you have deep pockets.



PLANNING APPLICATIONS

DECISIONS FROM CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE COUNCIL

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/TCA/25/00231 – Churchyard, All Saints Church, SG5 3LH.

Works to trees within a Conservation Area: Removal/cutting back of dead and potentially dangerous trees in the churchyard and the reduction of overgrown bushes, as indicated in green on the site plan provided, to facilitate safe access for the general public visiting the site.

Raised no objections

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.

Application granted

CB/TCA/25/00240 – 125 High Road, SG5 3LU.

Works to trees within a Conservation Area: Removal of 1x Silver Birch.

Raised no objections

DISCUSSED BY PARISH COUNCIL

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

CB/25/01496/LB – 5 Hanscombe End Road, SG5 3LZ.

Listed Building: Remove decayed oak outer face plate to sole plate on west end gable wall and replace with new oak outer face plate

PC - Support

NEW APPLICATION

CB/25/02111/PAAD - New Farm, Upton End Rd, SG5 3PG

Change of use of existing agricultural building to form three dwellings

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

Well, what a busy summer it has been. I am delighted to be able to report on three very successful events, albeit with very contrasting weather!

'**Rock around the Clock**' was very well attended, particularly in the afternoon, when superb refreshments were enjoyed by all. It was a huge effort by so many talented performers, dedicated volunteers, generous sponsors and, of course, Joy & Jim Robertson. It was a shame that poor weather and a lengthy power cut probably reduced numbers somewhat, but a profit of £3,500 is certainly not to be sneezed at.

Then came **Shillingfest25**, on which the sun shone down all day. Our raffle and the amazing human fruit machine brought in a tidy sum, close to £400.



Finally, on another hot and sunny day, **Flying Teddies**, despite competing with test cricket and Wimbledon, also yielded close to £400, with dozens of excited children and much tea and cake consumed. A local tree surgery company ensured a happy ending by rescuing the one toy that became treebound!

All in all, a very successful series of summer events. There are a selection of photos available to view here: - [Fundraising and events - Friends of All Saints' Church](#)

2025 Projects

The repairs to the graveyard wall have now been completed and it all looks very smart indeed. We hope, shortly, to complete the repairs to the masonry around the Bellringers' window. There are before and after photos of the wall available to view here:

[Recent Projects - Friends of All Saints' Church](#)

2025 Events

☺ **Sunday Teas** each Sunday afternoon to the end of September, often enhanced by music and other activities.

☺ **Saturday 13th September: - Bike and Hike**

This year we will be supporting Bike and Hike in conjunction with the Shillington Bellringers: -

Ring and Kerching – Come along and listen, watch or try your hand at bellringing. Make a donation or sponsor our ringers.

All donations will go to the Herts and Beds Historic Churches Trust, from whom we have received many grants in the past.

☺ **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

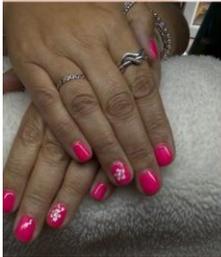
As ever, we are keen for more people to join our happy little band. If you would like to get involved, please get in touch. We are on the lookout for:

- 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 on 07485617556 or email foass25@gmail.com

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PEGSDON VIEW



All quiet in Pegsdon since I last wrote, excepting the water outage, multiple power cuts, and road accidents of course. But you are all familiar with those goings on now so no need to enumerate I think, just noting that the issues continue.

Our defibrillator got its first code issuance recently, thankfully it wasn't required in the end, but really grateful that it's there if needed.

Very sad to see the news from the Wildlife Trust regarding the sheep fatalities in the Pegsdon Hills reserve caused by out of control dogs. Dog walkers please remember it is a 'dogs on lead area', please don't put wildlife and livestock at risk by letting your dog off lead on Wildlife Trust land.

In the garden, I'd emptied my water butts completely within a short space of time, happy to refill in the storms. I'm hoping we did enough to save our trees from the worst of the heat stress, though I can see a fair bit of browning on the conifer hedge. I've been in two minds about keeping, thinning or replacing with another species for a while now so I do wonder if this summer's heatwaves have just made the decision for me.

We also lost a few younger shrubs and in thinking of replacements I'll be looking into drought resilient planting. No conclusions yet, but as our garden is very much a slow work in progress I've plenty of time to do some research. Recommendations welcome.

Hope you are all keeping safe and well, *Caroline*.



MEMORIAL GARDEN CHRISTMAS TREE 2025

Lighting up on 29th November

The committee (as below) have now held a couple of planning meetings and are happy to receive your kind donations so this can happen this year and into the future.

Initial ideas for the 2025 event include carols with the Shillington Choir and Christmas songs for the younger members of the community. Switch on of lights by our MP Blake Stephenson in the War Memorial Garden. Mulled wine available along with mince pies/sausage rolls/tea & coffee in the Village Hall as well as a chance of photos with Santa and his elf. Hope to have a few stalls either promoting village organisations or selling Xmas goodies (let us know if you'd like one...) and the chance of a prize for "The ugliest Christmas Jumper".



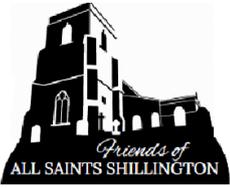
You will be able to buy your own 'tree' to display a photo of your loved one on the branches.

Please help to continue this now established and much enjoyed gathering by donating to cover the cost of the tree (estimated £230 for 15ft tree).

More details in the October edition.

Committee members:

Andy Gibbs, Daniel Higgs, Clare Richmond, Jackie Fletcher & Sally Stapleton



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Sponsor	Message	From	To
Val, Liza & Family	Michael Fiore. In loving memory for your birthday on the 19 th August. We have some marvellous memories. Love and miss you so much.	Sunday 17 th August	Saturday 23 rd August
Sally, Christine & Daniel	In memory of my dear Dad, Ron Fossey and much loved Son, Craig Stoten. God bless you both. Missing you both so much. With love.	Sunday 24 th August	Saturday 30 th August
Pamela & Darren Bakewell	On the occasion of Eric 'Jim' West's birthday on 19 th February. Always missed and remembered every day by us all. Love from all the family.	Sunday 14 th September	Saturday 20 th September

SHILLINGTON & DISTRICT CLASSIC VEHICLE GROUP

fortnightly summer meetings supporting our local community pub:

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

Check notice board at The Musgrave for meeting dates, or contact Zara to join the WhatsApp Group. Dates also posted on the Shillington Village Facebook page.

We meet every 2 weeks until the end of September from 5.00pm 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.



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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

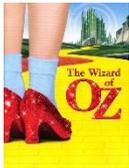




It has been a busy final term at school. Year 4 enjoyed a fabulous residential trip to Grafham Water. The weather was kind to them, and they conquered their fears, experienced new challenges and made wonderful memories. A huge thank you to all the staff who make these trips possible.

A big thank you to all the parents/carers/family members that joined us for Sports Day. It was so lovely to see so many of you cheering on the children who all had a wonderful day. A big thank you to all the PTFA members who helped with refreshments on the day. It was a lovely morning spent in the sunshine.

A huge thank you goes out to our amazing band of hard working and committed volunteers. They do an amazing job supporting the school and children.



Year 3 and 4 worked incredibly hard to put on their end of year production of the 'The Wizard of Oz'. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed it and agreed what a super performance it was – a few true thespians among them for sure.

Well done to all the children who took part in the 24 Hour Musicathon at All Saints Church on Saturday 7th June 2025 they really did raise the roof and did the school proud.

We wish our current Year 4 children good luck in their new adventures to middle school and look forward to hearing how they are getting on as they progress through their new school. We are excited to welcoming our new Reception cohort in September along with our new Pixie starters.

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 (£5.75) until the start of school. Our After School Club runs from 3.30 – 5.30pm, with options to collect children at 4.30pm (£6.00), 5.00pm (£8.25) or 5.30pm (£10.50).

By arrangement, when a pre-schooler is ready and when nearing Reception entry age, access to wraparound is an option.

Shillington Lower School ☎ 01462-711637 email: office@shillingtonlower.co.uk
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ELIZABETHAN GARDENS

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



Recently I was lucky enough to visit Kenilworth Castle which is home to a very impressive Elizabethan Garden. It was installed for Elizabeth I visit in 1575 by Robert Dudley to impress her and he pulled out all the stops!

On dropping down from the castle you arrive upon a terrace to survey the intricately laid out knot garden. Elizabethan gardens were heavy on scent and this did not disappoint. On a fine summers day the air was filled with the heady fragrance of Honeysuckle and Roses.

Gardens of this time served as both functional and decorative. Growing Medicinal plants, plants used for dyeing clothes and eating and for the home. They would separate the garden into four beds - a kitchen garden, a physic garden with herbs for medicinal purposes, an orchard and a pleasance.

A Pleasance was an area for Gillyflowers a term used to refer to perfumed perennials. Popular at the time were Carnations, Pinks and Sweet Williams. Pleasances were places of recreation to refresh both the mind and soul. They would all be enclosed by hedges or a wall and then separately be edged with an evergreens such as Thyme or Germander. Some Manor House gardens were very elaborate with knot garden designs and would have a terrace to view from above. Also some would have arbours with fragrant flowers and sculptures and sun dials.

Cottage gardens would be less grand and much more about practicality of growing for food. We can learn a lot about what flowers were grown from reading Shakespeare. He frequently refers to plants of the time in his plays and to quote 'Guilding the Lily' and 'A Rose by any other name' are just a few. He mentions over 50 plants in his works, including Thyme, Rosemary, Lavender, Daisies, Daffodils, Colombines, Mint and Oxslips. Also looking at paintings of the time, flowers often appear as posies or as stylised designs on clothing. Gardening was rising in popularity and gardening books were starting to be written so we can glean more info from these also.

A local Elizabethan Garden to visit is Hatfield House - the Old Palaces was Elizabeth I's childhood home and it was here she learnt of her accession to the throne. Visiting these places you really do get a sense of stepping back in time. Literally walking through a garden in which Elizabeth I enjoyed the same as we do today is truly magical.

So visit one this summer and you won't be disappointed but will return with ideas for your own gardens!

Donna x

JOBS IN THE GARDEN FOR AUGUST

<i>✂ Prune Wisteria</i>	<i>✂ Prune rambling Roses</i>
<i>✂ Deadhead flowers</i>	<i>✂ Sow hardy annuals</i>
<i>✂ Water regularly</i>	<i>✂ Mow area of wildflower meadows</i>
<i>✂ Keep Camellias & Rhododendrons well watered</i>	<i>✂ Net Blackberries</i>
<i>✂ Trim Lavender</i>	<i>✂ Take softwood cuttings of Penstemons</i>
<i>✂ Cut out fruited canes of Raspberries</i>	<i>✂ Collect seed</i>
<i>✂ Lift and pop up runners from Strawberries.</i>	<i>✂ Harvest sweetcorn</i>
<i>✂ Sit back and enjoy your hard work !</i>	<i>✂ Keeps ponds topped up</i>



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

Thank you ☺

SHILLINGTON SOCIAL CLUB

Greenfields, Shillington ☎ **07826-518667** (Gavin)

The Club will be closed for approximately 12 weeks (from 13th July) for phase 2 of the refurbishment project.



This phase will include improvements to toilet facilities for Gents & Ladies plus the addition of a new accessible W/C facility, a new kitchen, new cellar and new bar.

The 24/7 defibrillator located on the outside of the building will be fully accessible during this period.

Yes we will be open in time for the annual Fireworks Spectacular.....



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.

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National Gas	Emergency Service Helpline	0800-111-999
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	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

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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
Annie Palmer via the Clerk	Shelby Long via the Clerk	Joseph Olding via the Clerk	Mark Thyne 01462-712201	Derek Turner 01462-712462

VILLAGE CALENDAR

AUGUST

- 10 All Saints' Church – Holy Communion – 9.30am
- 10 Congregational Church Service – Mrs. Hazel Beadle – 10.30am
- 13 Breast Cancer Fundraiser @ 8 Church View Ave – 2pm to 5pm
- 13 Men's Club – Barbecue at The Greyhound, Haynes
- 16 Garage Sale @ 26a Apsley End – 10am to 2pm
- 17 All Saints' Church – Morning Praise – 9.30am
- 17 Congregational Church Service – Revd. Angus McCormick – 10.30am
- 17 Spitfires CC – away to Henlow CC – 40 overs
- 20 Men's Club – Marshall Amplification Factory Tour, Bletchley
- 24 All Saints' Church – All Age Holy Communion – 9.30am
- 24 Congregational Church Service – Mrs. Hazel Beadle – 10.30am
- 27 Men's Club – Lunch Social at The View
- 31 All Saints' Church – Joint Service with Congregational at All Saints – 10am
- 31 Spitfires CC – away to Breachwood Green CC – 40 overs

SEPTEMBER

- 2 Parish Council Meeting – Congregational Church – 7.45pm
- 3 Men's Club – Evening Meal at The Crown, Henlow
- 7 All Saints' Church – Holy Communion – 9.30am
- 7 Congregational Church – Harvest Thanksgiving – Mrs. Hazel Beadle – 10.30am
- 7 Congregational Church – Songs of Praise at Guilden Morden – 3pm
- 7 Spitfires CC – home to Mottley Crew – 40 overs
- 11 Wives Group – Bring & Buy and Quiz - Congregational Church – 2-4pm
- 13 Men's Club – Partners' Event – Dunton Community Garden
- 14 All Saints' Church – Holy Communion – 9.30am/Evensong – 6pm @ St. Mary's
- 14 Congregational Church Service – Revd. Angus McCormick – 10.30am
- 14 Spitfires CC – home to Pirton – Border Cup match 1
- 21 All Saints' Church – Morning Praise – 9.30am
- 21 Congregational Church Service – Mrs. Hazel Beadle – 10.30am
- 21 Spitfires CC – away to Pirton – Border Cup match 2
- 24 Men's Club – Lunch Social at The Musgrave Arms
- 28 All Saints' Church – All Age Holy Communion – 9.30am
- 28 Congregational Church Service – Mrs. Sandra Galton – 10.30am
- 28 Spitfires CC – home to Pirton – Border Cup match 3

OCTOBER

- 5 Congregational Church Service – Mrs. Hazel Beadle – 10.30am
- 7 Parish Council Meeting – Congregational Church – 7.45pm
- 8 Men's Club – Evening Meal at The Three Horseshoes, Norton
- 9 Wives Group – Speaker on Tax, Care and the New Guy – Congregational Church 2-4pm
- 12 All Saints' Church – Harvest Lunch & Auction – more details to follow
- 15 Men's Club – Visit to The Scott Polar Institute & Museum of Technology, Cambridge.

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