

PARISH NEWS

covering
SHILLINGTON, PEGSDON & HIGHAM GOBION



*Cottage at 20 Church Street prior to demolition and building of current property.
From the Village Old Photo Collection.... Courtesy of Mr. Eric Furr.*

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PARISH COUNCIL

At its meeting in June, the Parish Council decided to place an order for the work identified in the latest tree survey to go ahead, but not before the end of July. The contractors will check for nesting birds before proceeding to remove dead wood from several trees on the village green.

We dealt with another application for a grant, this time from Henlow and Villages Community First Responders. Their members have been able to reach residents stricken by medical emergencies promptly and before an ambulance has arrived. We agreed to award them £500.

The meeting heard that residents had complained about vegetation, including brambles, overhanging pavements in High Road, Upton End Rd and Apsley End Road and the highway in Bury Road. The clerk would contact relevant landowners and Central Bedfordshire Council.

Subsequent to the July meeting, our clerk, Lauren Darnall, received the welcome news that many hours of studying had paid off and she had been awarded a Certificate in Local Council Administration, otherwise known as CiLCA. This confirms that she is now a fully qualified clerk. Parish Councillors were delighted when they heard the good news and offered her their heartiest congratulations.

Later in July, we heard that Central Bedfordshire Council had published the list of sites that had been nominated for housing or other development in the next Local Plan which will be valid until 2050. The long time-scale means that the fact that Shillington's sewage treatment works is already operating at maximum capacity would not be a reason to rule them out at this stage. At short notice, we arranged an extraordinary parish meeting on 21 July with 8 councillors and 5 members of the public attending to familiarise themselves with the 18 sites submitted for Shillington parish.

They include many of the meadows around the village that are adjacent to Bury, Upton End, Hillfoot and High Roads. We dismissed many of them quickly as access would be on blind corners or places where Speedwatch has found that many motorists break the speed limit or are banned from operating as the police deem them to be too dangerous. These included the pastures with access adjacent to 70A Bury Road and behind Red House Farm as well as land off New Walk around 'The Gables'. The same applied to areas off High Road and Marquis Hill where important views across the village to the church could also be obscured and development would be conspicuous from Pegsdon Hills, the road to Pirton and some of public rights of way. A few months ago, the Parish Council was asked to nominate Local Green Spaces that were particularly valued by local people and these included several horse-grazed pastures between Bury and Upton End Rd which we decided were not suitable for housing. Building on many of the sites would lead to consolidation of the 'Ends' of the village, destruction of archaeological features and the risk of flooding were added factors in many cases. Numerous other sites listed in Stondon, Gravenhurst, Barton and Silsoe including 'Greenwoods' would undoubtedly have an impact on Shillington if they went ahead and some were on good quality farmland.

While most sites were thought unsuitable, some of those present considered development might be acceptable at others such as Bowles' Garage. We are not aware of any plans for this valued local business to close or move away but if it did, the proximity to many of the village's amenities and its central location opposite the village green could be suitable for well-designed housing. A small plot adjacent to 141, High Road which the owners would like used for bungalows for the elderly also attracted favourable comments. Some small sites off Upton End might be acceptable on their own but it was pointed out that with other larger sites as neighbours, this would set a precedent for them to be developed too. Many in attendance said that land currently grazed by llamas and horses off the Gravenhurst Road at Hadenham Farm was not the right place for housing but might be OK for renewable energy; its southerly aspect making it ideal for solar panels. No decisions were made at this meeting but we intend to hold another one on Tuesday 4 August at 7.30pm at the village hall.

The question of where future sites should be allocated is something that will affect all of us. You can go to www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/local-plan-sites to locate them and offer your own comments. After 17 August, Central Bedfordshire Council will evaluate them further, taking our comments into account.

For all Parish Council issues, please contact: **Miss Lauren Darnell, Clerk to the Parish Council**

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS / ITEMS / NEWS IN BRIEF

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 ☎ 01462-711594 or leave a message.
If there is a delay on this number then ☎ 07930-812940



F O U N D:

Unusual silver chain link bracelet
Yours ? ☎ 07549-489610 and describe !

ANNUAL FIREWORKS SPECTACULAR (20 minute show)
Saturday, 7th NOVEMBER @ 7.00pm
on The Playing Field



Gates open at 5pm.
Early bird discounted tickets on sale from the beginning of October.
Come and grab a special burger or one of Dan's pizzas.
Decent beer, spirits or wine at reasonable prices from the Social Club.
*Later evening entertainment in the Club with live band....**Mice with Glasses***
Hope to see you there....
Enquiries to Gavin ☎ 07826-518667 or Sally ☎ 07711-504489



SHILLINGTON CINEMA CLUB (?)

There has been some discussion in the village recently about the possibility of starting a cinema club in the Village Hall.

You may know that Pirton and Lilley both run similar schemes.

We are at the very early stages of investigating the possibilities at the moment, but if anybody has any expertise in this area or would like to get involved, please contact **Andy Gibbs** (bazwell2@gmail.com).

The Editor was very sorry to hear of Annie's recent 'break'.

Annie is a regular correspondent to this magazine.

*All very best wishes for a speedy recovery and restoration
to full walking order with the new pup*





All Saints Church

Gravenhurst and Shillington

www.allsaintsshillington.org.uk



Greetings from All Saints!

I wonder how you have been managing in the heat? It is a question I have been asked a lot over the last few months. Many people love the sunshine and the warmth but for many it is a struggle, for all sorts of reasons.

And sometimes, the heat slows us down in ways we didn't expect. It makes us move gently, breathe a little deeper, or notice even, how much we're carrying. And in that slowing - we become aware of our own weariness, not as a failure, but simply as part of being human.

And into that space, into that very place, I believe that Jesus speaks words that feel like shade and water and rest: *Come to me... and I will give you rest.* It's not a heavy instruction; it's a gentle invitation. A reminder that we were never meant to shoulder everything alone. God's gentleness meets our tiredness. God's humility meets our limits. God's companionship meets our need for relief.

And perhaps that's the hopeful thread running through these warm days: that rest is not something we have to earn. It's something offered. Something shared. Something found in God, and also in the kindness of one another - in friendships that lift a corner of the load, in small acts of care that make the day feel lighter.

Even in the heat, even in the heaviness, there is a place to breathe again. A place to be held. A place to rest your soul.

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 any of the services. We look forward to seeing you.

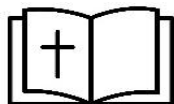
Every Blessing

Revd Jenna Dearden

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Mobile: 07708 666612





All are very welcome to services at All Saints in August and September!

SERVICES IN AUGUST

2 August 9.30 am Holy Communion
6.00 pm Evensong
9 August 9.30 am Holy Communion
16 August 9.30 am Morning Praise
23 August 9.30 am All Age Holy Communion
30 August 10.00 am Joint service with the
Congregational Church at ALL SAINTS

SERVICES IN SEPTEMBER

6 September 9.30 am Holy Communion
13 September 9.30 Holy Communion
**6.00 pm Evensong at St Mary's,
Lower Gravenhurst with Pimms
afterwards!**
20 September 9.30 am Morning Praise
27 September 9.30 am All Age Holy Communion

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Harvest Lunch on Sunday 11 October 2026

Christmas Fayre on Saturday 5 December 2026

Please see the Friends page for their forthcoming events.

200 CLUB WINNERS

JUNE

1st £50 No. 053 Maggie Theaker
2nd £25 No. 083 Matt Lodge
3rd £10 No. 152 Richard Brettell

JULY

1st £50 No. 116 Eddie Wilson
2nd £25 No. 090 John Carroll
3rd £10 No. 142 Clare Simkins

*For further information contact: **Tim Watson** ☎ **01462-711123***

THE CHURCH LANTERN



(The lantern above the stepped entrance at the south east corner of the churchyard)

We are delighted to announce that the restoration to the church lantern is now complete and the light is shining in splendour! Thank you to all who have helped and supported and to the Friends and the Parish Council for funding this project.



ANY WITNESSES....

by Revd. Angus McCormick ☎ 01462-712096

Minister of Shillington Congregationalist Church

Well, I read recently that in some countries animals/pets can be witnesses at marriages. That is not the pets getting married but human beings choosing a pet as a witness. Mind you from some of the marks made by witnesses I have seen in the past I reckon I could more easily recognise the mark of a cat's paw on the register. 

Things, life, moves on. I was also reading in a book by Professor Alice Roberts about the history of the Christian Church and how in early years there was an abundance of physicians and lawyers who became priests with an appropriate salary. Some Roman emperors had to ban too many professions becoming priests because they could see a good career ahead well paid.

So it was that bakers and dyers were two types of other workers who were banned for a time from entering the priesthood. I just wonder if there was any payback from these workers because of this ban by maybe refusing to supply bread for holy communion and also for providing purple cloth to clergy.

Today we know there is a great shortage of people choosing to be ordained as church leaders; many see church leadership now as a second career or even as a job in parallel with other work. Some people have chosen to undertake church leadership on a voluntary basis to enable congregations to survive.

Now it looks as if there will be changes to have registrars undertake the conducting of the processes for marriage for a fee of course. Such a choice does already exist and is the path taken by many.

Getting married and choosing witnesses has been an important life changing event and remains so. For many of us there is a sense of an unseen presence and holiness that is most important in a marriage ceremony. This context is a vital witness to this event.



There we have choices that we can make. I remember at least one marriage ceremony where a pet dog was brought in and the dog did seem to have difficulties about the whole proceedings!

That reminds me - I must walk the dog.

Enjoy the summer.

Every blessing, *Revd. Angus*



CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH NEWS

47 Church Street, Shillington

www.shillingtoncongregationalchurch.org.uk

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

SERVICES:

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



FRIENDLY PLACE:

The Friendly Place continues on a Monday - open from 10.00am to 12 noon. Come and enjoy company, friendship, chat, share tea, coffee, cakes and refreshments together. Everyone welcome, bring your knitting, reading or games if you wish.

Please note NO meeting during the month of August on the dates of 24 and 31 August.

BEDFORD FOODBANK:

Thank you to the local community for the continuing support of the Bedford Foodbank, which is much appreciated. During 2025 the amount of food distributed totalled 164,497.2kg and the number of food parcels handed out was 19,238.

Without the support of individuals, community groups and organisations the Foodbank could not meet the increasing need in Bedford and the surrounding area.

Items currently in short supply:

<i>Tinned Fruit</i> <i>Tinned Vegetables</i> <i>Cooking Sauces</i> <i>Long life Milk</i> <i>Long Life Fruit Juice</i> <i>Washing up Liquid</i>	<i>Long Life Milk</i> <i>Bottles of Squash – 750ml</i> <i>Jars of Coffee</i> <i>Cup-a-Soups</i> <i>Long Life Puddings</i>
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Collections can be left at **1 Bells Close** or at **The Congregational Church** when open.

DONATION:

The church made a donation to Venezuela via the Disasters Emergency Committee recently, following the earthquake which occurred in that country with many people killed and buried under fallen debris and rubble. The amount donated was £500.

BIBLE SUNDAY - 20 SEPTEMBER 2026:



We will be marking 20 September as '**Bible Sunday**' – with the aim of comparing the wide range and versions that members attending church may have. They could range between old large Family Bibles to small New Testament editions. It will be interesting to find how wide-ranging the variations turn out to be.



"The first week of August hangs at the very top of summer motionless and hot"
(Natalie Babbitt, writer and illustrator, 1932 – 2016).

After a busy June and July, Shillington WI is on its Summer Break. Members are looking forward to a 'Welcome Back' September meeting where they will bring their favourite board/card games along for everyone to have a go at. It promises to be a great evening of chat, fun and laughter.

Shillingfest was a great success. Shillington WI's cake and iced coffee stall proved popular. Cups of tea also went down very well.



Stephen Brown's talk in June (*'It's Hell on Wheels being a Driving Instructor!'*) was not only entertaining but educational. A few WI members came away wondering if they'd actually pass today's comprehensive driving test!

Many thanks to Jeff Redman for kindly hosting the WI's Summer Picnic at College Farm. It was a lovely evening. It did get chilly as the night went on which was rather surprising considering how hot it had been during the day.

In the middle of July members paid a visit to Jennifer Hepworth's Lavender Garden and Workshop at Pulloxhill. It was a really enjoyable evening that started with delicious cakes at the Cross Keys pub. The sight and smell of lavender bushes was wonderful. Members came away with tips on how to prune, harvest and generally look after this iconic English country garden plant.



At our October meeting Shillington WI are holding a Multi-craft Taster Evening. As always, visitors are very welcome to this and to all our other meetings.

Lunch Club and Supper Clubs are taking a break in August. They will start up again in September. Members have had a great time, and some very tasty meals, at various venues in and around Shillington. The Book Club is also very popular. It meets regularly at member's houses to discuss the latest book that's been read.

Visitors are most welcome to our meetings.

For further information please contact:

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Jacqui Turnbull, Secretary - shillingtonwi@gmail.com

THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY BRIEFING.... And MOTHS

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



One day last June, I was hurrying past one of my buddleias when something caught my eye. It was the fluttering of several butterflies, the most I'd seen on the Butterfly Bush for a couple of years. The night before I'd driven back from Hitchin at around 11.00 pm and was pleasantly surprised by the number of moths that were about. This all gave me hope.

I recently attended a WildAboutPirton talk - its title was: Moths in Your Garden. The speaker David Riddle told us that it's been proven that these insects are as important for pollination as bees. Unlike butterflies, they're in our gardens all year round.

Worryingly, long-term monitoring has shown a 40% drop in moth species in southern Britain. The collapse of insect populations, particularly caterpillars, causes a devastating knock-on effect for small birds. Caterpillars are the primary, protein-rich food source for raising chicks. If caterpillars vanish due to the use of pesticides and developers destroying wildlife habitats, the songbirds that rely on them will simply starve.



Despite the intolerable power of big business, the winds of change are definitely blowing. I can feel it in what I am hearing and reading. One of those winds of change happened in Westminster Hall, London in November 2025. It was an event called 'The National Emergency Briefing' (NEB) and it focused on the UK's climate and nature crisis.

I initially thought that the government had organised the NEB but they had nothing to do with it. Actually, they're still having nothing to do with it. The initiative was spearheaded by Simon and Nick Oldridge and was chaired by Professor Mike Berners-Lee, a world-leading expert in sustainability. Ten of the UK's leading scientists and experts briefed an invited audience of over 1,200 leaders and politicians on the crisis. The briefing set out the implications of climate and nature breakdown for health, food systems, national security and the economy.

Professor Nathalie Seddon was the expert who spoke about nature. She is Professor of Biodiversity at the University of Oxford. Her message was simple: "Nature is not a nice-to-have. It's critical national infrastructure". One of the subjects she covered was food security. She told the assembly that productive farming depends on healthy soils and thriving pollinators. Soil degradation already costs England and Wales about one billion pounds a year. Blimey! What on earth is covering vast swathes of our soils with more concrete and tarmac going to cost us then?



Professor Seddon went on to say that: "pollinators contribute over half a billion pounds annually to UK agriculture. And yet, pesticide and habitat loss continue to push them into steep decline. When we destroy and degrade nature, we expose this country to escalating risks: floods, fires, food insecurity and economic instability". And what's the government doing about all this? They're keeping us in the dark. They waffle on about how their strategies are going to restore nature whilst covering what's left of it with housing developments and data centres.

The People's Emergency Briefing is a 50-minute film that is being screened at venues around the country – it summarises the evidence presented at the NEB. You can find a local viewing event on the NEB website. There are repeated calls from MPs, leaders and scientists for government to stage a prime-time, televised emergency briefing on the climate and nature crisis. However, government don't think it's necessary – they reckon they're doing enough to tackle it. If you think differently, please let your MP know. Don't hold back – go for it!

Annie x



UPDATE FROM OUR MID BEDFORDSHIRE MP BLAKE STEPHENSON

Parliament has closed for summer recess which means I'm able to spend six weeks back in the constituency getting out and meeting local people, businesses and community groups. And just one of those was spending an afternoon watching the fantastic Shillington Spitfires in action. If you haven't been down to see them before, I strongly recommend it!

One of the most important issues we're facing locally in Shillington, and Mid Bedfordshire as a whole, is development and infrastructure. That's why Central Bedfordshire Council's upcoming Local Plan is so important. It will set out plans for our neighbourhoods until 2050 on things like homes, jobs and services. I have submitted a letter in response to the public consultation. This letter included my ongoing campaign to ensure houses are never built on flood plains. I also wrote about the importance of delivering the appropriate infrastructure alongside any development, making sure any developments are sympathetic to their local area, and protecting our countryside.

As you will know, supporting our farmers is a priority for me and I recently joined a local farmer on a combine harvester to learn more about the challenges they have been facing this year with the summer heatwave and increases in costs to farm. I've also heard about an increase in rural crime which I have raised with the local policing team.

Finally, I've launched my second annual Mid Bedfordshire Pub of the Year competition, so do get voting for your favourite local and let's shine a spotlight on our fantastic pubs in Shillington and across Beds! All you have to do is head to blakestephenson.uk/pub-of-the-year-2026 and cast your vote before 5pm on 11th September.

Stay In Touch

*You can book an appointment at one of my advice surgeries by emailing
blake.stephenson.mp@parliament.uk*

*You can also find me on Facebook (**facebook.com/BlakeMidBeds**), as well as X and
Instagram (**[@Blake_MidBeds](https://twitter.com/Blake_MidBeds)**).*

*I also send out a regular e-newsletter and you can sign up on my website
blakestephenson.uk.*

LOCAL PLAN CONSULTATION

Tuesday, 4th August 2026 from 7.30pm
at Shillington Village Hall, High Road, Shillington



Central Bedfordshire Council have released the list of potential development sites to be included in the next Central Bedfordshire Council Local Plan. The Local Plan will guide how Central Bedfordshire grows up to 2050, including the homes, jobs and infrastructure needed, while helping to protect communities and the environment.

They are inviting residents, businesses and organisations to comment on the sites that have been put forward for possible inclusion in the plan. All views are welcomed, particularly focusing on the sites within our local area, where local knowledge will be most valuable.

Several sites within Shillington, Pegsdon and Higham Gobion, and the surrounding area, are included and it is now more important than ever that residents have their say to protect the Village and its green spaces.

The Parish Council have arranged a public meeting for **Tuesday, 4th August 2026 at 7.30pm** in **Shillington Village Hall**, to give residents an opportunity to understand more about the process and how it will impact them.

Please come along and have your say before it is too late!
Find out more and take part in the Consultation by **17 August 2026**

ALL WELCOME

*Further information available from **Lauren Darnell, Clerk to Parish Council***

☎ 01462-713224 / email: clerk@shillington-pc.gov.uk

SHILLINGFEST

Well that's another one in the bag and pretty warm it was too....

Thanks to all those who turned out to enjoy the stalls and sideshows/great food and drink purveyors and live band 'Redeployed' who were brilliant. Thanks to the various village organisations who supported both with food offerings and fund raising for their particular group or promoted their local business, hobby or charity. We were well supported with the vehicle marshalling thanks to members of the Men's Club.

Great to see some of our village classic vehicle collections (not only cars but military trucks and lovely old tractors too. Not forgetting the 2 motorbikes! Thank you Chris & Eddie).

Are we doing it next year? Stall holders are keen but we need more help in running the afternoon. We could make a much bigger event of it but those on the committee all sit on other organisations too and were pretty full on organising their own activities on their various stalls and sideshows so not able to get involved in the bigger picture.

I've had feedback that Pirton community event the following weekend was brilliant... bigger committee, lot of arena activities all afternoon, more folk involved and probably an unlimited budget too.

So come on Shillington – time to step up ! Some of us are getting a bit long in the tooth to be still doing this... I'm happy to support/advise but need more of you to get involved too.

Sally S – ☎ 07711-504489

XMAS TREE SWITCH ON – MEMORIAL GARDEN SATURDAY, 28TH NOVEMBER – 6PM



*Yes, I know.... Bit early to be talking Xmas !
But just to get you in the mood.... Note the date in your diary.*

We will be having another tree in the Memorial Garden this year to lighten up the village during the darker December evenings.

We're always open to sponsorship so if you'd like to make a donation to the tree it would be very welcome.

As part of this year's fundraising you are invited to 'sponsor a branch' (£5) and your name will appear on a 'recognition board' attached to the Memorial Garden railing.



We are delighted that Revd. Angus McCormick will be doing the big 'switch on' this year and hope he will be supported by Father Christmas and his elves if they can spare the time during their busy season.

Hope to see you there

Sally – 07711-504489 / Andy G / Clare R / Jacki F-S / Dan H



Lower Stondon Surgery Expansion - Information Session -

Are you a patient or a carer at Lower Stondon Surgery?

The surgery team and the PPG invite you
to an information session about
the forthcoming expansion

Fri 18 Sep 2026, 18.00-19.30

**Stondon Community Centre
The Pastures, Stondon, SG16 6QB**

Doors open at 17.30 for a prompt 18.00 start



Keep up to date with the building work

Subscribe to the PPG blog
www.stondonppg.wordpress.com
or find us on the surgery website

SHILLINGTON MEN'S CLUB

(Now in its 22nd year)

<https://Shillingtonmensclub.co.uk>

On the 10th June 15 members enjoyed a two course meal at the Bull Inn at Barton Le Clay. First course was Chicken Curry & Rice or Ham, Egg & Chips followed by Sticky Toffee Pudding or Chocolate Cherry Cheesecake all for £15, can't be bad! A big thankyou to Finola who delivered (as always) exceptional hospitality and top quality food. Thank you to Colin Hands and Stewart Rataj for arranging this visit.



On the 24th June 9 members attended an event to explore Vauxhall's heritage in Luton at the Stockwell Park Discovery Centre. The Carriage Hall that the exhibition was in was very cool in contrast to the baking temperatures outside. Fortunately, one of our members Ken Phillips was present on the trip and he was the Safety Officer there for many years and therefore, enhanced our knowledge of making Vauxhall vehicles in Luton. Many thanks to Michael Bradley for arranging this visit.

On the 1st July Andrew Elliman ran another excellent games night at the Crown in Shillington for our members.

Our 8th July evening meal took us to The Crown at Henlow. Here 16 members tucked into a two course meal of either Chicken Kiev on Mash with sprouting broccoli and gravy or Fish & Chips, followed by Sticky Toffee Pudding or Ice Cream. The service was excellent and we all had a good time! Thank you to Stewart Rataj and Colin Hands for organising this event. Trevor Knight won the raffle on this occasion.

Our July cultural event took place on the 15th at Henry Moore's Studios and Gardens in Much Hadham where the famous artist/sculptor lived for most of his life. The first part of our visit took us on a guided tour of Hoglands, his very modest house which was full of the artefacts and treasures he had kept over the years including paintings and sketches by famous artists including a "Picasso". It was like walking back in time to the 40/50's and was left just as it was when he died in the 1980's. The 8 members and partners then had lunch in the very nice air conditioned café on site in the visitor's centre. After lunch we enjoyed a guided tour of the gardens and studios looking at the large sculptures in the gardens which evolved from the much smaller prototypes he did in the studios. The main themes of all his sculptures were 3 fold, the reclining figure, the mother and child, and internal and external form together in one sculpture. Thank you to Michael Bradley for organising this very enjoyable event.



On the 22nd July 11 members enjoyed a lunch social at the Musgrave Arms. Jeff Redman won the raffle.

Future events:-

- 5th August - Games Night - The Crown, Shillington.
- 12th August - Evening BBQ - The Greyhound Haynes.
- 22nd August - Chiltern Open Air Museum, Chalfont St Giles - family & friends event.
- 26th August - Lunch Social - The Crown, Shillington.
- 2nd September - Games Night The Crown Shillington.
- 9th September - Evening Meal - The Raven, Hexton.
- 16th September - Bottisham Airfield Museum.

Membership:

Current membership is 56 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! Annual Membership is £15.



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PLANNING APPLICATIONS

DECISIONS FROM CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE COUNCIL

CB/256/00786/VOC - Land East of 55 Upton End Road

Variation of condition 2,3,6,7,8,10 and 17 of planning permission CB/25/00997/FULL (Erection of two detached dwellings, associated landscaping and new access proposal). Variation sought to amend house types and pre commencement conditions.

GRANTED

CB/26/01069 - 139 High Road

Single Storey side extension.

GRANTED

CB/26/00306 - Land adjacent to Chiltern View, Higham Road, Higham Gobion.

Installation of security gate to site entrance with tarmac surface finish from gate to the main road.

REFUSED

CB/26/01572/LB - Green Farm, Hanscombe End Road

Listed Building: Replacement first floor window.

GRANTED



SHILLINGTON VILLAGE HALL WINE TASTING FUND RAISER SATURDAY, 26th SEPTEMBER from 7.30pm



Enjoy wine and have questions about it? Ever wondered the difference between Bordeaux and Burgundy? As Blur almost said, "can't tell your claret from your Beaujolais"?

Join us to raise money for a Shillington charity - our beloved village hall, a key asset to the village for over a century - and enjoy yourself in the process.

Wine is made to enjoy so join us for an evening of enjoyment on Saturday 26th September at Shillington Village Hall to explore the world of wine and ask any questions you may have with Tesco wine buyer and Shillington resident Joe Olding (*no correct answers guaranteed!*).

Tickets are £25 and include a flight of 5 wines, plus a glass of fizz on arrival along with cheese and charcuterie nibbles. Discounts available on groups of 8+.

For tickets please contact....

Sally 07711-504489 / Katie 07974-676089 / Mags 07743-009076

SHILLINGTON SHORT MAT BOWLS CLUB

MEET AT

SHILLINGTON VILLAGE HALL

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

Shillington short mat bowls club is now on its summer break and will reopen in September.

At the end of June, we held our annual AGM which was followed by award presentations and the Aussie League final. Congratulations to Bill Gearing and Trevor Knight who took the title for this league.

Also, back in June members of the club attended the Hertfordshire County AGM as a club we managed to collect more awards than another other club in Hertfordshire, an achievement to be proud of.



(Shillington trophies at Herts AGM)



(Paul, Tony and Julia - runner up charity day)

During the summer club members still take part in some summer events held across the county. The most recent of these was the Quarterman Memorial Cup charity day. Two Shillington teams made it as far as the semi-finals, and congratulations to Paul & Julia Bruce and Tony Duke who just lost out in the final. A great day was had by all and a good lot of money was raised for the Headway charity.

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 turn up at the village hall on a Friday evening, or if you prefer call or message Michelle (contact details below) in advance. We are currently only accepting new members for Friday evening sessions.

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

Inaugural ShillingTON festival of cricket was a huge success

On Saturday 11th July the Shillington Spitfires hosted its first one-day festival of cricket up at the Memorial Playing fields. It was an incredible day with three teams competing in a knockout competition. The teams were the village's Spitfires, Pirton, Hinxworth and Motley Crew Cricket Club.

The opening games was Pirton against Hinxworth and it was a great way to start with a thrilling performance between both teams. Pirton won and secured their place in the final. Next up was the Spitfires versus the Motley Crew. This proved another tight game, and the home team had to take the bitter pill of losing by just seven runs.

The 3rd Place Play-Off game was next and Hinxworth were just that little bit too strong for the Spitfires and secured their 3rd place in the competition. Finally, it was time for the Grand Final. And what a final it was with Motley Crew holding their nerve to win the inaugural ShillingTON Cricket Festival title.



The Spitfires would like to thank so many people. Firstly, to the opposing teams – Pirton, Motley Crew and Hinxworth – who came over and made it a true festival of cricket. We'd also like to thank the Club and players' sponsors who have been brilliant this year and exceptionally generous – we hope you enjoyed your day.

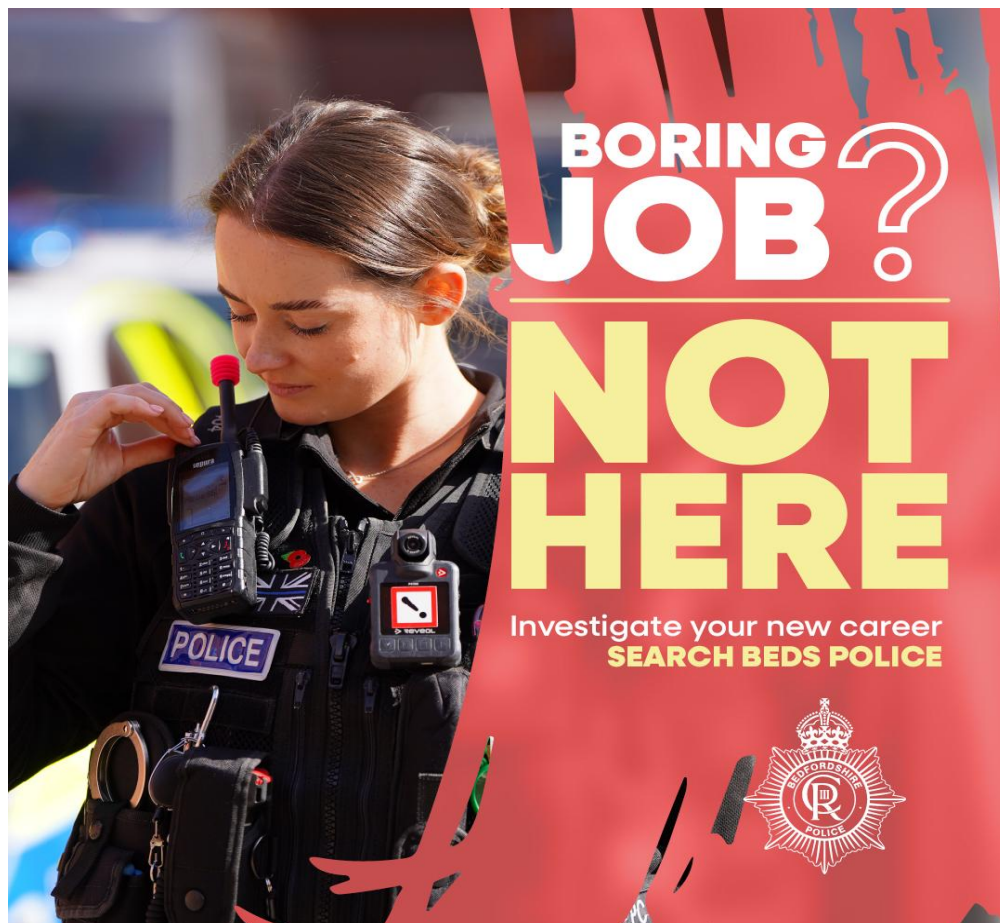
And thank you to all the volunteers who help set up the pitch, worked tirelessly behind the bar and barbecue, we're surprised you didn't melt. And a huge thank to those in the Social Club who helped ensuring everyone remained hydrated.

Finally, we'd like to say thank you to Steven Eagell Toyota who through the 'Toyota Good For Cricket scheme' is offering some amazing prizes. And for every ticket you buy, you're helping the Spitfires as all funds raised going direct to the club. There are so many prizes available – including brand new Toyota cars – and it's just £1 per ticket. You can get yours here:



<https://www.toyotagoodforcricket.co.uk/support/shillington-spitfires-cc-sg5>

or click the QR code on this page.



Boring job? Not at Bedfordshire Police

Bedfordshire Police offers a career that gives you the opportunity to make a real difference within the community. Every day is different. We are a small and busy force that offers a lot of experience due to the wide range of crimes we see compared to other forces in the UK. You are not just a number at Bedfordshire Police. You will develop with close-knit teams and there will always be someone to support you through the ups and downs of policing.

As a police officer, you will handle things most people never experience in their lives. Your mental, emotional, and physical capabilities will be tested and you must maintain a professional approach throughout, no matter what the situation. It's a challenging 24/7 service and you will work a range of shifts, including nights. You might miss celebrations, birthdays, or holidays, but you will get the satisfaction of working in a job like no other.

You'll be part of a unique organisation, working with inspiring colleagues who understand the risks and rewards of the job. You'll be highly trained and well-supported throughout your service as you help people through some of the most difficult situations in their life. You will support victims and witnesses and provide reassurance in your community.

Everyone at Bedfordshire Police takes personal responsibility to help create an inclusive workplace, where police officers and staff respect one another, feel valued for their differences and can be themselves. We are committed to providing reasonable adjustments, wherever needed so everyone feels welcome and can flourish. As a frontline officer you could make the difference to someone every day. If you think being part of a team that helps to keep the public safe and tackles crime day-to-day is for you, then a role with Bedfordshire Police could be your next career step.

Bedfordshire Police is recruiting now. To find out about the different routes into policing and apply to join, visit the force website: www.beds.police.uk You can also follow the force on Facebook by searching Bedfordshire Police for more news and recruitment updates.

SHILLINGTON & DISTRICT CLASSIC VEHICLE GROUP

fortnightly summer meetings from 4.30pm supporting our local community pub:

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

The meetings will of course be weather dependent so if strong wind and rain predicted, will be cancelled and replaced by a better day meeting in the same week.

Dates remaining:

4th & 18th August / 1st & 15th September.

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.



Check local roads for closures as still a lot of works going on particularly Higham Gobion from Barton direction - new housing estate roundabout construction (15 June to 19th September)





SHILLINGTON CHILDMINDERS

Looking for Flexible, High-Quality Childcare in a Home-from-Home Setting?

We are experienced, Ofsted-registered childminders offering safe, nurturing, and stimulating home environments where children can play, learn, and thrive. Through play-based learning, we help children develop important life skills and confidence at their own pace. Our days are filled with fun and enriching activities - including visits to farms, play centres, splash parks, museums, and libraries. We also involve children in everyday experiences like shopping, gardening, and cooking to help them build practical life skills.

We are:

- Fully registered with Ofsted
- Covered by public liability insurance
- Trained in Safeguarding, First Aid, and the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) framework
- Kept up to date with best practices through regular training and professional bulletins

Children in our care enjoy opportunities to build social skills and explore a wide variety of toys and learning resources through baby and toddler groups and other local settings. We also work together to provide cover for each other during holidays and absences whenever possible.

*We are registered to offer **15 and 30 hours of funded childcare** for eligible children from 9 months old, just like nurseries and pre-schools. (Funding usually starts the term after your child turns 9 months). Additional charges may apply for meals 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.*

Get in touch today to discuss your childcare needs - whether you're looking for immediate care or planning ahead for the future, we'd love to hear from you!

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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Shillington and Stondon Federation



JOIN US IN MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Become a School Governor

*To make a meaningful impact on children's education
while contributing to your local communities.*

We are currently seeking volunteers from the Federation's local villages and wider communities to be School Governors.

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
- the opportunity to join working groups to focus on specific tasks
- 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

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

All Saints' Snippets

The fascinating history of the Church is one of the reasons it is so important to keep working on its preservation: -

A major rebuilding project was carried out on the church beginning in 1290. The project was overseen by the vicar of the time: Matthew De Assherton. He left a permanent reminder of his work in the masonry above the east window: a donkey (ass) and a barrel (tun).



2026 Projects

In 2026 we are faced with the prospect of having to re-roof the south aisle; a project likely to cost around £100,000! Daunting though that is, we are determined to continue working on smaller projects to maintain and improve the church.

For example, the lantern above the stepped entrance has now been renovated. Costs were kept to a minimum as much of the work was done by volunteers and we received a grant from the Parish Council.

Find out more on our website: - <https://foas-shillington.org.uk/>

Thank you for your support for our 'Church on the Hill'

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

2026 Events

Income from our events is vital to our continuing work. Here's what we have planned for the rest of the year. Hope to see you there:-

- **Thursday August 27th – Lady Chapel Lecture: The Amazing Jill Grey.** All Saints', 7 for 7.30pm. Tickets available on the door - £5.
- **Thursday September 24th – Lady Chapel Lecture: The Glory that was Greece.** All Saints', 7 for 7.30pm. Tickets available on the door - £5.
- **Sunday September 27th - 3pm to 5pm - Teddy Bear Hunt at All Saints'.**
- **Saturday October 3rd – Death Before Wicket – A Murder Mystery Whodunnit Play.**
Village Hall – Tickets on sale shortly
- **Sunday Teas** - each Sunday afternoon from May to the end of September, often enhanced by music and other activities.

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,
- ☺ Volunteers for specific one off projects
- ☺ 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 foass25@gmail.com

ALL SAINTS ILLUMINATED

To celebrate or commemorate your special occasion please contact:

Catherine on **07710-823384** or e-mail catherine.scleater@btinternet.com



It only costs £25 to sponsor a whole week's illumination - a perfect way to commemorate a special family occasion or loved one's anniversary.

Sponsor	Message	From	To
Cerys, Stuart, Joe and all your family and friends	Remembering Poppy Goaman on what would have been her 21 st birthday (20 th July). In our hearts forever. "There is freedom waiting for you On the breezes of the sky And you ask "What if I fall?" Oh but my darling, what if you fly?" Erin Hanson	Sunday 19 July	Saturday 25 July
Val Fiore & Family	In loving memory of Michael Fiore. On August 19th we would have been celebrating your 80 th birthday. We miss you every day, you were such a great husband, dad and grandad. Loved you so very much Val x & Lisa x	Sunday 16 August	Saturday 22 August
Pamela, Daren & Family	On the occasion of Eric 'Jim' West's birthday on 19th September. Missed and remembered every day. Love from Pamela, Daren and all the family.	Sunday 13 Sept	Saturday 19 Sept
Gill, Val, Jean & Families	In loving memory of Mum & Dad (Muriel and Ted Edney) who would have been married for 75 years on 15 th September 2026, having spent 60+ years together, in life, and now, together again xxx	Sunday 13 Sept	Saturday 19 Sept
Denise, Clare, Jane, Liz and Julia	Remembering our dear friend Tracey Kindley on her birthday.	Sunday 11 Oct	Saturday 17 Oct
David & Fiona Howarth	Donald MacKinnon - remembering your birthday on 31st October	Sunday 25 Oct	Saturday 31 Oct

SPENDING TIME OUTDOORS DURING THE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Rushmere Country Park

There are various trails so visitors can enjoy the park, including The Sculpture Trail, Oak Wood Trail, a Nature Rubbing Trail and The Heathland Trail. Cyclists are also welcome at the Park, and there are play spots available and a cafe. Find out more about the walks and trails at the park.

Houghton Hall Park

Located in the heart of Houghton Regis, Houghton Hall Park is a hidden gem – with 42 acres of parkland and woodland. Enjoy the dog friendly café, a walk around the woodland and the various play features available.

Forest of Marston Vale

The Forest of Marston Vale is 61 square miles and has 13 of its own woodlands which are ready for exploring! You can download activity sheets for children to take out and about into the park, keeping little ones busy and helping them learn about the animals and plants in the park.

Circular Walks around Central Bedfordshire

If you've got a car, a circular walk could be a great way to spend some time outdoors and see the best of Central Bedfordshire. There are a number of beautiful circular walks in the area including Katherine's Walk which covers Ampthill, Flitwick and Steppingley, the Everton Circular Walk in Sandy and the Dunstable Downs Circular Walk.

Greensand Ridge Walk

And if you're looking for a multi-day adventure, you could take on the Greensand Ridge Walk! It's a 40 mile (64km) long-distance walk that crosses Bedfordshire, with brief sections in Cambridgeshire and Buckinghamshire. We've split the route into 5 sections.

Dunstable Downs

Dunstable Downs is within the Chilterns Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) and is the highest point in Bedfordshire. There are miles of footpaths across the chalk grasslands of the Downs including several circular walks. The Chiltern Gateway Centre and the Downs' View Cafe offer spectacular view over the Vale of Aylesbury. The National Trust has activities set up during the school holidays including a kite festival, sports village and Big Camp, which is the perfect family adventure, offering you the rare opportunity to pitch your tent and camp overnight. Spend the weekend exploring the Downs in a new light and admiring our vast night-time skies.



THE FRIENDLY PLACE

Spring/Summer/Autumn schedule

From 2nd March 2026

Mondays, 10.00am 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
and Angus & Nola of the Congregational Church, Shillington
For more information you can call
Linda 01462-711761 or Trish 07754-760073**



PHEW..... WHAT A SCORCHER !

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



Wow! It's been hot and the plants are feeling it! Some plants seem to thrive in these conditions whilst others have struggled. For example it seems to have been an amazing year for Roses yet if Hydrangeas lack water they really suffer.

The longer these hot spells last the more we turn to thinking of having to use drought tolerant plants in our garden. This doesn't mean we are limited, just have to re-think a bit especially areas of the garden that have no shade.

Grasses can withstand dry spells and there are some really interesting varieties. They create movement and are very low maintenance, Providing a backbone in winter and frosts settling on them. Cut back some varieties in February and away

they grow next season. One of my favourites is *Stipa tenuissima* - Ponytail Grass. It grows to about 40cm and sways about in the breeze. Paired with *Echinacea*, *Lavender* and *Alliums* it looks lovely for a coastal feel or prairie style garden.

Stipa gigantea is exactly that! Gigantic! a real statement grass for a centre piece with lovely grass seed heads like oats tower above the flower beds in the most architectural and majestic way. For a nautical feel try *Festuca glauca*. A muted blue grass. Pairs well with *Lavender* or *Eringium*.

Quaking grass, an annual, does just that with its seed heads nodding in the breeze. Although an annual, it self-seeds and is lovely in flower arrangements for a dainty feel. *Agapanthus* is great for late summer colour and seems to thrive on neglect as does *Lavender*.

Once plants are established and get their roots down they do amazingly seem to withstand a lot of the heat. Things you can do if you notice if things are wilting water either early morning and evening not in the midday sun. Have waterbutts and use where possible, recycle washing up water for the plants. Applying a layer of mulch on beds really helps keep moisture if applied to a damp bed. Try not to worry about lawns they always tend to bounce back after rainfall.

Ensure you have an area of shade in your garden by having a pergola with climbing plants, planting trees or a parasol. Greenery and plants rather than too much hard landscaping really lowers the temperatures of your gardens. Most of all enjoy your gardens and the use of outdoor space. For inspiration of Dry gardens visit Beth Chatto's garden or RHS Hyde Hall.

Happy Holidays! Donna x

JOBS IN THE GARDEN FOR AUGUST

✂ Prune Wisteria ✂ Deadhead Flowers ✂ Water regularly ✂ Keep Camellias and Rhododendrons well watered ✂ Trim Lavender ✂ Prune Rambling Roses ✂ Sow hardy annuals ✂ Mow an area of Wildflower Meadow	✂ Net Blackberries ✂ Take softwood cuttings of Penstemons ✂ Collect seed ✂ Harvest Sweetcorn ✂ Cut out fruited canes of Raspberries ✂ Keep Ponds topped up ✂ Lift and pot up runners from Strawberries ✂ Sit back and enjoy your hard work !
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VILLAGE FACILITIES

SHILLINGTON SOCIAL CLUB

Greenfields, Shillington ☎ 07826-518667 (Gavin)



OPENING TIMES:

- ★ Mondays: 7.30pm - 11.00pm ★
- ★ Thursdays: 7.30pm - 11.00pm ★
- ** NEW FRIDAY OPENING HOURS: 5.30pm - 11.30pm ****
- ★ Saturdays: 12 noon - 11.00pm ★
- ★ Sundays 12 noon - 8.00pm ★

☺ Meat Raffle every Saturday with proceeds to the Club Refurbishment ☺

LICENSING POLICY:

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



SHILLINGTON VILLAGE HALL

Registered charity no: 300066

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

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

Fund raising Clothing Collection Bank in Car Park.

- ★ **Children's Parties** ★ **Discos/Dances** ★ **Meetings** ★
- ★ **Indoor Bowls** ★ **Exhibitions** ★ **Circuit Training** ★

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 it would be appreciated. (See user monthly booking sheet on Notice Board)

Thank you ☺



USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS



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

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

Central Bedfordshire Council, Priory House, Monks Walk, Chicksands, Shefford Bedfordshire, SG17 5TQ. (www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk)	
General enquiries	0300 300 8000
Highways/Emergencies on roads (fallen trees, etc). 24-hour emergency team ...	0300-300-8049
Dog Fouling/animal welfare	0300-300-8302
Flooding	0300-300-8049
Planning	0300-300-8307
Recycling/Flytipping	0300-300-8302
Police (Emergency)	999
Bedfordshire Police (non-Emergency)	101
Bus Information	0870-608-2608 or 01234-228337
Shillington Services (Martin Brogan) for washing machine repairs, etc...	07975-944394
High Road Stores/Post Office.....	0345 722 3344
The Crown Inn.....	01462-711667
The Musgrave Arms (Giuseppe).....	07739-864634 / pub 01462-712789
Baan Thai Restaurant @ The View, Pegsdon.....	01582-883042
Mobile Fish & Chip Van – Spartan's Feast.....	07707-787752

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

- 2 Congregational Church Service – Revd. Peter Hyde – 10.30am
- 2 Spitfires CC – home match against Motley Crew – 40 overs – 1pm
- 4 Parish Council – Local Plan Consultation – Village Hall – 7.30pm
- 5 Men's Club – Games Night @ The Crown, Shillington
- 7 Spitfires CC – T20 tournament against Offley & Stopsley start.
- 9 Congregational Church Service – Mrs. Nola McCormick – 10.30am
- 9 Spitfires CC – home match against Ickwell – 40 overs - 1pm
- 12 Men's Club – Evening BBQ @ The Greyhound, Haynes
- 16 Congregational Church Service – Mrs. Nola McCormick – 10.30am
- 17 Playing Field Management Committee Meeting – Social Club – 8pm
- 22 Men's Club – Chiltern Open Air Museum, Chalfont St. Giles
- 23 Congregational Church Service – TBA – 10.30am
- 23 Congregational Church Service – Mrs. Janet Worley – 10.30am
- 23 Spitfires CC – away match against Milton Bryan – 40 overs
- 26 Men's Club – Lunch Social @ The Crown, Shillington
- 27 Lady Chapel Lecture – “Amazing Jill Grey” – Andy Gibbs – 7pm
- 30 United Service with All Saints, Shillington at All Saints – 10am
- 30 Spitfires CC – home match against Breachwood Green – 40 overs – 1pm

SEPTEMBER

- 2 Men's Club – Games Night @ The Crown, Shillington
- 3 Parish Council Meeting – Jubilee Room of Village Hall – 7.45pm
- 6 Congregational Church Service – Revd. Angus McCormick – Harvest Thanksgiving – 10.30am
- 6 Congregational Church – Joint Service with local Congregational Churches at Litlington
- 9 Men's Club – Evening Meal @ The Raven, Hexton
- 10 Wives Group – Bring & Buy – Congregational Church – 2pm to 4pm
- 13 Congregational Church Service – Mrs. Sandra Galton – 10.30am
- 16 Men's Club – Bottisham Airfield Museum
- 16 Village Hall Committee Meeting – Jubilee Room – 7.30pm.
- 18 Stondon Surgery Expansion - Information Session at Stondon Community Centre – 6pm to 7.30pm
- 20 Congregational Church Service – local arrangement
- 24 Lady Chapel Lecture – “The Glory that was Greece” – Andy Gibbs – 7pm
- 26 Village Hall Committee – Wine Tasting Evening – Village Hall -
- 27 Congregational Church Service – to be arranged
- 27 Friends of All Saints – Teddy Bear Hunt at All Saints' Church – 3pm to 5pm

OCTOBER

- 3 Friends of All Saints – Murder Mystery Whodunnit Play – Village Hall.
- 4 Congregational Church Service – Revd. Angus McCormick – 10.30am
- 6 Parish Council Meeting – Congregational Church – 7.45pm
- 8 Wives Group – Life behind 1st Class Curtain, Jennifer Hepworth – Congreg.Church – 2 to 4pm
- 11 All Saints' Church – Harvest Lunch
- 25 Village Hall Committee – Halloween Crafting Afternoon – from 2pm

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