

ALPHETON PARISH MAGAZINE

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ALPHETON PARISH COUNCIL

**The Parish Council holds bi-monthly meetings at
7pm in Alpheton Village Hall**

Members of the public are welcome to attend

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING & ANNUAL GENERAL PARISH
MEETING**

On 30TH MAY 2024

COUNCIL MEETINGS - 2024

TUESDAY 23RD JULY 2024

THURSDAY 3RD OCTOBER 2024

THURSDAY 28TH NOVEMBER 2024

COUNCIL MEETINGS – 2025

THURSDAY 30TH JANUARY 2025

**Please note that Planning Applications may sometimes require
the Parish Council to amend the dates scheduled**

**If you wish to contact a member of the Parish Council please use the
following contact details:**

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Please refer to the Parish website at: Alpheton.onesuffolk.net to view Agendas,
records of Minutes and additional information

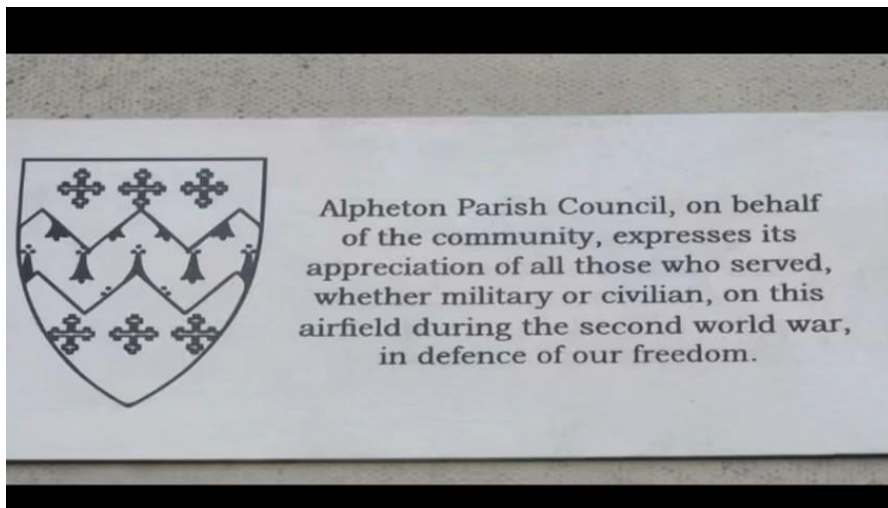
487th Bomb Group / D-Day Commemorations

On the 26th May a memorial service was held for the 233 American Air Force personnel who lost their lives from Lavenham Airfield - all in the last year of the Second World War. That is nearly one man a day. As can be seen on the front page, a plaque and a tree were also dedicated at Alpheton Village Hall to commemorate the arrival of the Americans 80 years ago.



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Are pleased to commission a plaque to the USAAF 487th Bomb Group on the Memorial Day Ceremony Sunday 26th May 2024 at Lavenham Airfield



Our grateful thanks to The Friends of Lavenham Airfield

Commemorations were also held for the D-Day landings on the 6th June on the Green in Long Melford with a service and beacon lighting.

Ever-living God

we remember those whom you have gathered
from the storm of war into the peace of your presence,
and especially those who lost their lives
in the bombing raids and during the D Day landings;
may that same peace calm our fears,
bring justice to all peoples
and establish harmony among the nations,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.



Sabbatical

Once upon a time Church of England ministers had a 3-month sabbatical (or 'study leave') every seven years, recognising that they work six days a week and long hours. This has now been 'rounded up' to every ten years. After 13 years of intense parish life - 3 years in Bury St Edmunds for my curacy - and 10 years here in the Chadbrook Benefice - I have been given permission to take a sabbatical this year (for good behaviour!?). I was originally planning to have a break when we were hit by the pandemic, but felt that it was not right to apply during the crisis. Accordingly, I will be away until approx. 11th September. Plans are already in place to ensure that things run as smoothly as possible and to provide ministerial cover - indeed you can look forward to a number of interesting guest preachers to keep people on their toes! I am planning some study, some retreats, some sailing, and may finally tidy the garage! However, I do believe that this will help me to focus on God and I pray that I will return with freshness and renewed inspiration. Thankyou for your understanding.

*Please be assured that I will continue to hold Alpheton in my prayers while I am away. Indeed it is always a privilege to walk with the cross through Alpheton on Good Friday and to pray for God's reconciling kindness and grace upon us all. **Revd Lawson***

(Editor's note - I know this picture is not in Alpheton!)



Alpheton Film Nights

Mon. 10th June. 'TILL' (true drama),
starring Danielle Deadwyler, Whoopi Glodberg.

Mon. 8th July. 'THE FABELMANS' (drama),
starring Michelle Williams, Paul Dano.

Mon. 12th Aug. 'WHAT'S LOVE GOT TO DO WITH IT?'
(romcom), starring Lily James, Emma Thompson.

Mon. 9th Sept. 'THE UNLIKELY PILGRIMAGE OF HAROLD
FRY' (book drama),
starring Jim Broadbent, Penelope Wilton.

Doors open 7.00pm for 7.30pm start.
Admission price is £4.50, including tea/coffee & biscuits.
The bar is open.

Election Reflection

As we face the election mania over the next few weeks. I offer some more spiritual sentiments from a Christian commentator I follow ...

People are widely feeling **disquiet** about the world and its violence; **discord** as debates and politics become polarised, personal, and common ground is harder to find; and **disillusioned** as faith in the unrealistic promises of political systems, whether of the left or the right, has been eroded.

And yet as people of faith we offer a counter to these - the **peace** of God in place of disquiet, **grace** in place of discord, and **hope** in place of disillusionment. All three are of these gifts of God

Whatever the next weeks bring ... let's keep stay sufficiently focussed on God and his love ... or we may go mad! **Revd Lawson**

Alpheton and Shimpling WI

In May each year Shimpling and Alpheton WI hold their Annual General Meeting. We have had a very busy and enjoyable year. The year started well with beautiful sunny weather, if a little windy, for our garden meeting. We have welcomed a variety of excellent speakers.

We should now be able to plan a wildflower patch in our gardens, know exactly what can be recycled in our blue bins at home and what goes to a local recycling centre.

We participated in a strollercise session which turned out to be more energetic than the name suggested and learnt the etiquette of the Victorian tea ceremony, especially how to show our pleasure or dissatisfaction by the placing of our napkin. One talk from the local branch of the Dogs Trust promoted a visit to the branch at Snetterton, which was very successful.

Our Christmas meal was at the West Suffolk College restaurant. This was such a pleasant evening with good food and excellent service from the young trainees that hopefully we will be able to repeat it this year.

Our next 3 meetings will be:

June 11th. Garden meeting.

July 9th. A year in bee keeping by Lewis Turner. Alpheton Village Hall at 19.30.

August. No meeting.

September 10th. "Lighting the fuse" by Lucy Lewis the first female Bomb Disposal Officer. Shimpling Village Hall at 19.30.

If you would like to join us for any of these meetings contact Marion Argent on 01284 827074 for further details.

Damaged Bus Shelter in Bridge Street



The Bridge Street bus shelter was demolished recently when a vehicle drove into the side of the shelter. The driver was unhurt and the vehicle removed immediately.

This is now in the hands of Insurance Companies and it is likely to be some time before Contractors are able to clear the site of debris.

Our grateful thanks go to a neighbour who has carefully taped around the damage to keep it as safe as possible.

A replacement bus shelter will be installed in due course.

The Parish Council regrets any inconvenience caused while arrangements are made to clear the area.

Madeline Gray

Chair – Alpheton Parish Council

Church Services

June

Sun 2 nd	9.00am	Alpheton	Communion
	10.30am	Melford	Family Service
	6.30pm	Melford	Choral Evensong
Sun 9 th	4.00pm	Lawshall	Messy Church
Sat 15 th	All Day	Hadleigh	'Refresh' conference # **
Sun 16 th	9.00am	Shimpling	Communion
Sun 23 rd	4.00pm	Foxearth Meadows	Wild Church # *
Sun 30 th	10.30am	Melford	Clopton Rose Service
	4.00pm	Melford	Pub Social, George & Dragon # *
	6.30pm	Lawshall	Evening Communion

July

Sun 7 th	9.00am	Alpheton	Communion
	10.30am	Melford	Family Service
	6.30pm	Melford	Choral Evensong
Sun 14 th	4.00pm	Lawshall	Wild Church at Golden Wood #
Sun 21 st	9.00am	Shimpling	Communion
	4.00pm	Holy Trinity	Shine Informal Worship # 
Sun 28 th	<i>2.00pm</i>	<i>Shimpling</i>	<i>Wild Church raking ... followed</i>
	<i>4.00pm</i>		<i>by BBQ & Folk Concert #</i>
	6.30pm	Lawshall	Evening Communion

August

Sun 4 th	9.00am	Alpheton	Communion
	10.30am	Melford	Family Service
	6.30pm	Melford	Choral Evensong
Sun 11 th	4.00pm	Lawshall	Reflection & Prayer
Sun 18 th	9.00am	Shimpling	Communion
Sun 25 th	6.30pm	Lawshall	Evening Communion


September

Sun 1 st	9.00am	Alpheton	Communion
	10.30am	Melford	Family Service
	6.30pm	Melford	Choral Evensong

... and at Holy Trinity Long Melford **every Sunday at 10.30am**
(Google 'Holy Trinity Long Melford Facebook' for **livestream**).

 *If weather warning will swap with June Pub Social at the George and Dragon*

*** This event has now sold out*

 *Please check Holy Trinity Website diary at the start of July (there may be a special service at the Cathedral instead).*

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

For further information on our toddler and youth groups, please contact Pam on [07890 880976](tel:07890880976) or melfordfamilyworker@gmail.com.

For more details or any questions, please contact Vicky on [07804 558160](tel:07804558160) or chadbrookoffice@gmail.com. For the most up to date information please check the diary of the Long Melford Website or look at the Holy Trinity Long Melford website diary (bottom left of homepage).

Melford Music

Wednesdays at Holy Trinity Church at 1.10pm.

Free entry but donations welcome

Programme of Recitals

June

- 5 MARIANNE OLYVER Gypsy & Classic Pop
Electric Alchemy
Sponsored by BREAKOUT
- 12 CheGO Playing all styles
Chelmsford Guitar Orchestra
Sponsored by BESPOKE BLINDS
- 19 JILL CROSSLAND Piano
Sponsored by THE MILL B & B
- 26 LIZZIE GUTTERIDGE
English music from around the time of the church
Sponsored by THE IVESON CLINIC

July

- 3 THE ROCK CHOIR 
- 10 GWENDAL MOELE Accordion & Vocals
and JANE WARD **Sponsored by**
KING ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN & PLANNING
- 17 MAV DUO Cello & Harp
Mixed Styles from Columbia
Sponsored by THE ARTS SOCIETY, STOUR VALLEY
- 24 TOM COGAN Organ
Sponsored by THE DOVE COMPANY
- 31 ROMAN RUDNYTSKY Piano
Sponsored by THE HARE INN

August

- 7 SERENDIPITY Wind Trio
Sponsored by DAVID BURR
- 14 RACHEL BREEZE Vocal
Songs from the Shows
Sponsored by THE GEORGE & DRAGON
- 21 AHMED DICKINSON Spanish Guitar
Sponsored by THE CLOTHES LOUNGE
- 28 SAM PLACKET DUO Jazz Guitar
Sponsored by THE BLACK LION

The organisers reserve the right to change recitals without notice

ROCK 'N' ROLL

1950'S Summer Dance

SATURDAY 3RD AUGUST

7:30PM-11PM

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IP29 4HY



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ELY CONSORT
Matthew Rudd ~ conductor

An evening of
Classic & Contemporary
Choral Music

including
Bach, Brahms,
Jonathan Dove, Ola Gjeilo,
Elaine Hagenburg & Morten Lauridsen

Piano solos, & accompaniment, by Anne Reece

Saturday 22nd June, 7.30^{pm}

Holy Trinity Church, Long Melford

tickets: £15 & U18s free
www.ticketsource.co.uk/elyconsort
Church Shop, Café Hygge, Ivy & Bond & on the door

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**SHIMPLING VILLAGE
VS CHADACRE**

Fun day out for the family

Cricket starts 12.30
Garden games for children
Visit the Grotto, Sedge and
Rose gardens
Bacon rolls bar afternoon teas
Angels Delight Flute and Harp Duo

St George's Shimpling
East Window Appeal

**30TH JUNE
2024**

THE CRICKET FIELD CHADACRE
IP29 4JD

GATE OPENS 12 NOON
(PLEASE BRING A FOLDING CHAIR)

SORRY - ASSISTANCE DOGS ONLY

**FREE
ENTRY**

The poster features a central silhouette of a cricketer in a batting stance, set against a background of diagonal stripes in blue, green, and red.

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