

Village Hall

September 2008 Report

It seemed a good idea to have a typical cream teas afternoon in the gardens, but unfortunately the weather was also typical and it rained and rained. Hurriedly the tables were moved inside and for those people who braved the weather, they were able to enjoy an afternoon, chatting with friends and neighbours, whilst enjoying a sumptuous cream tea with scones, cakes and numerous cups of tea, elegantly served to their tables by charming young waitresses. At the gathering a presentation was made to Joan Stevenson, Gwen



Blows and Edwin Blows, in recognition of all their hard work and commitment to the Committee covering a period well in excess of a decade.

New Programme

We hate to think that summer is nearly over (did it ever start), but autumn fast approaches and with it a new season of activities within the village. Many of the old favourites including the ever popular whist drives and of course the annual Quiz Night on Saturday 22nd November, complete with fish and chips. Tickets will be available from Charles Pugh (01284 828410) as from 23rd October, and as tickets are normally in great demand for this event, please make sure you book early to avoid disappointment.

For all you keen gardeners, we are trying to arrange a Gardener's Forum on Thursday 23rd October, please check notice boards for further details.



Advanced information - there will be a coffee morning on Saturday 6th December commencing 10.30.

For details of all events within Shimpling please refer to the separate sheet within this Newsletter.

Table Tennis

As from the beginning of September we are forming a table tennis club, initially aimed at those people who are keen to play and at a later stage to extend to those who wish to improve their game and special sessions for 'Beginners'. For further details please contact Ken Durant on 01284 828524 or turn up on a Tuesday evening.

Website

Our website appears to be coming popular and is being used by more people as we had 305 hits last month. The site is full of useful information and is up-to-date with all events taking place within the village. www.onesuffolk.co.uk/shimplingpc.

Add this to your favourites and if you would like reminders of events taking place, go to the contact page, send us an email and you will be included on our 'Reminders' circulation list.

Hire Charges

We have over the years endeavoured to avoid the need to increase our hire charges, but unfortunately we are also being affected by the rising costs relating to the running of the village hall and in particular the increased cost of electricity. As a result we are increasing our charges as from 1st September. We have recognised that the majority of our costs occur during the winter months, so we have therefore introduced a winter and summer rate to effectively reflect the incurred additional running costs. Full details of the new rates are detailed separately in this Newsletter.