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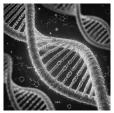
The photo on the cover this season was taken by Brie Lurie. Please send photos for the front cover of the next edition, ideally of a Little Shelford scene in summer, to *newsletter@allsaintslittleshelford.org* Dear friends,

I was pleased to hear that meteorologically we are on the verge of beginning the season of spring, at the time of writing: it didn't feel much like that, with frost lying crisply on the ground! In fact, the day was mentioned as an anniversary day in one of my favourite books: The Cambridge Book of Days – a daily feast of local trivia and memories.

It was, I discovered, on February 28th 1953, 78 years ago, that two scientists, Francis Crick and James Watson raced into The Eagle pub in Benet's Street, Cambridge, announcing that they had discovered 'the secret of life'.

I gather that people were rather underwhelmed in the pub at the time by their announcement. But we now know that they had made one of the most significant discoveries of the 20^{th} century.

The double helix shape of DNA has not only given us a pattern for the bike-path from Addenbrookes to Shelford – now slightly dilapidated (!); much more significantly, it spawned a whole new science of molecular biology, explaining how genes are passed down through the generations.



However true, biologically speaking, the claim of Crick and Watson to have discovered the 'secret of life' was, as the Rector of Little Shelford, I would want to flag up that there is more to life than what we can analyse scientifically in a test-tube.

We begin this week not just meteorological spring but the season of Lent, running for forty days up to Easter... Traditionally it is a time for reflection and for opening ourselves up to God, with a willingness to change, or even repent – to restore Jesus Christ to his rightful place on the throne of our lives.

Let me invite you to rediscover the 'secret to spiritual life' over the next few weeks. If he died on the cross on Good Friday so that our sins can be forgiven and rose from the dead on Easter Day never to die again – then we can enjoy in him a whole new world of spiritual life.

Maybe that will have you running down the High Street to tell people in the Side Quest the wonderful news you have discovered!

With love from, Simon Scott

What's on at All Saints

All Saints is a friendly, informal church family in the village of Little Shelford. We're always glad to have visitors, so whether you're investigating Christianity, looking for a church to settle into or just visiting the area, you are welcome to join us at a Sunday service.

Details of services and other activities may be found on the All Saints website. Go to

www.allsaintslittleshelford.org or scan this code:

The usual pattern of Sunday services is:

9.30 am - A family service where adults and children

join together for the first half hour before children leave for their own teaching groups:

All Saints Minis (0-Year 1), All Saints Kids (Year 2-6), Pathfinders (age 11-14).

11.00 am - A quieter, more reflective service.

6.00 pm - Sunday @ 6 is a relaxed and informal service with contemporary songs. All Saints Youth, the group for 14 to 18 year olds, meets before this service.

During school holidays and at special times of the year (e.g., Christmas and Easter) the pattern of services and activities may change.

Regular Mid-week Activities

Home Groups meet for Bible study, prayer and fellowship on Monday and Wednesday evenings and Wednesday afternoon.

A **Church Prayer Meeting** replaces Home Groups once a month.

A Women's Group meets on Thursday mornings.

All Saints Tots meets on Wednesday mornings in the Village Hall.

Kaleidoscope, a group for older members of the church, meets once a month on a Tuesday morning.

All Saints Youth meets for a mid-week Bible study on some Tuesday evenings.

To find out more contact the **Church Office:** 01223 847815, <u>office@allsaintslittleshelford.org</u>



SSYI Spring 2025 Update

What is SSYI? We are a community-based charity founded by local Christians serving the villages of Great and Little Shelford, Stapleford, Sawston and Duxford.



What do we do? We provide youth activities and clubs open to all local 11–18-year-olds. We particularly focus on those who are marginalised, isolated, at-risk or not accessing other youth provision.

Over the winter months activities have included our regular sessions in Great Shelford, Sawston and Duxford, attracting well over 100 young people each week. We also ran 21 weekly 1:1 sessions for young people at Sawston Village College and in the local Community. In the run up to Christmas we ran a bowling trip with our Deeper group and took 18 young people to the Winter Wonderland on Parkers Piece. We were also involved in the Shelford light switch on and set up the football cage which despite the cold was a great success.

Spring 2025 Plans

With Spring fast approaching, alongside our regular sessions, we are hoping to run a number of trips and activities in the half term and Easter Holidays, including another trip to the Gauntlet and a trip to F51 skatepark. For our regular program schedule visit: <u>www.ssyi.club</u>

Funding for SSYI is a continuous challenge and currently costs over \pounds 140,000 per year to run. We get funding from our Parish Councils, Local Churches, the Village Feast and put a lot of effort into obtaining other Grant funds. One of our most reliable sources is private regular private giving. We have only 22 supporters who give regularly but, there are over 15,000 adult residents in the Villages we serve so it's a tiny proportion who support us in this way. We need your help and want to encourage you to become a regular donor. In doing so you will get regular updates on our work. To becoming a regular donor, contact our Treasurer: John Greaves (jragreaves@yahoo.co.uk)

We are also looking for more volunteers, especially for the regular weekly sessions. If you can come along, even occasionally to help at our sessions or to help behind the café counter serving snacks in the Youth Centre that would really help, and enable us to maintain and grow the number of sessions and reach more of those who value our provision. Interested? Please contact Zac Britton, our Lead Youth Worker <u>zac.britton@ssyi.club</u>

GRANTA Medical Practices

Granta Medical Practices Update February 2025

As I write this, the NHS is again in the throes of extreme winter pressures due to high levels of infectious diseases such as flu, Covid, RSV and norovirus. Help stop the spread by following the three C's:

CLEAN: Wash your hands often, using soap and warm water or use an alcohol-based hand rub

COVER: Cover your mouth and nose when you cough and sneeze. Use a tissue or your upper sleeve, not your hands.

CONTAIN: If you get sick, stay home until you're well again. Try not to spread your germs to others.

Don't forget you can treat many minor illnesses at home with a wellstocked medicine cabinet. Colds and coughs, sore throats, and upset stomachs can all be treated by having a supply of health care essentials such as pain relief (paracetamol / ibuprofen), cough and sore throat remedies, a first aid kit, upset stomach treatment, rehydration treatment and heartburn / indigestion treatment.

And finally ... it isn't too late to get a flu jab – they are available until the end of March – just give us a ring to book your appointment!

2G3S Going Green in Shelfords, Stapleford, Sawston

Litter Picks – there is one in Stapleford on Sunday 2 March, meet at 2pm by the Pavilion, and bring gloves and a picker (grab stick) if you have them. And there will be one in Sawston on Saturday 8 March at 10am, gather at the Small Town Café at Ashwell Point opposite Lynton Way recreation ground (along Babraham Road, CB22 3LJ) - it is the 60s style building at the front of the industrial estate. Again, if you have gloves and a picker please bring along. If you have a high-vis vest it would be a good idea to wear it for safety reasons.

Dr Bike continues to run its volunteer-run weekly bike repair sessions at the Old Slaughterhouse in Stapleford, 3pm to 5.30pm every Tuesday. Children are welcome to come and learn how to look after their bikes and do simple maintenance and repairs, but please attend with them (for safeguarding reasons). For more information, contact <u>drbikestapleford@gmail.com</u>. You can also book a time slot at that address, though this is not essential.

We are planning various activities for 2025, watch this space! Films, discussions, speakers, stalls, repair cafes.....

Maybe you've been trying to eat more healthily in 2025. You might have heard the phrase 'eat 30 different plants a week' rather than the five-a-day recommendation. You can boost this number by sprinkling seeds on a salad or on a quiche, or adding to a casserole or pasta dish; cook with different herbs; or eat multi-grain/multi-seed bread. 'Eat a rainbow' is another mantra you may have heard - this means eat lots of different coloured fruit and vegs, as they contain various antioxidants and other compounds that are useful to your body. Another thing to bear in mind if you are reducing your meat intake is to ensure you have enough iron – green vegs like spinach, chard, and kale contain it, and absorption can be boosted by having vitamin C at the same meal e.g.by using a citrus dressing on the greens, or having an orange for dessert. You may be trying to buy local food, and this will reduce food miles (i.e. the number of miles between farm and fork), supports the local economy, strengthens food security by shortening the supply chain, is fresher and therefore more nutritious, and helps to build the local community.

And if you can get organic, even better. When crops are sprayed with pesticides you absorb a little of it yourself. Wildlife is reduced when strong pesticides are used. The neonicotinoids that have been officially banned (but in this area are often allowed for use on sugar beet) disorientate bees if they don't kill them – and one teaspoon is enough to kill over a billion honeybees! Organic farmers do use pesticides, but they tend to be less harmful ones and used in a very targeted way, or they will use another method e.g. a mulch to control weeds, or a natural predator for a pest. And antibiotics are only given to livestock on an organic farm if they are ill, never as a preventative measure. This helps to slow down the resistance that many bacteria are developing to antibiotics, due to their overuse.

If you are interested in green matters and the environment at all levels (individual, local, national, international), send an email to mail2G3S@gmail.com to sign up for our monthly newsletter, or to get more information about our meetings. We are a friendly group and welcome anyone who wants to come along to one of our events or to find out more about how we can live sustainably. Also see our Facebook page and our website 2g3s.staplefordvillage.org.uk/

The Shelfords WI

We were very pleased in early February to welcome Dr Caroline Shenton who had been Director of Archives at the Houses of Parliament to tell us about 'The Day Parliament Burned Down'.

Soon after starting in that position, she looked for early records of the 800 year old royal palace that preceded our current and iconic House of Parliament, which was then adapted for parliamentary use. Nearly all records were lost in a massive fire that started on 16th October 1834 and ravaged the House of Lords, House of Commons and the adiacent Law Courts and Chancery buildings. She put together the story of the layout and use of the buildings before the fire, immediately after and since the rebuilding of the current parliament building. She illustrated her story with excellent images of the buildings, both drawings and two watercolours by JMW Turner who was an eyewitness. Charles Dickens was a young journalist in 1834 and used his personal memory of the fire in several novels including Oliver Twist. Luckily the wind blew the flames and smoke towards the Thames and away from Westminster Abbey. The stonework of some of the old mediaeval buildings survived the fire but only Westminster Hall was reroofed and incorporated into the new building of 1847.

We were privileged to have such a well-qualified and brilliant speaker giving a totally absorbing talk.

At the next WI meeting at 7.30 pm on Thursday 6 March a talk by Sarah Harrison will be titled 'You couldn't make it up' (a look at life) followed by a refreshment break and short AGM. As usual, visitors or prospective new members will be very welcome.

Our programme can be found at: https://theshelfordswi.wordpress.com

Neighbourhood Policing Team

Do you live in South Cambridgeshire? Would you like to meet your neighbourhood policing team? Hear what they have been working on over the past three months? Help set the priorities for the coming quarter?

If you've answered yes to all of the above then sign up to the online police community meetings. Email 'SOUTH CAMBS' to <u>communitymeeting@cambs.police.uk</u> and you will be sent an invite

Annual General Meeting of the Friends of Great Shelford Library on Tuesday 21 January

The meeting began with a fascinating talk by Ally Clarke on the Cambridgeshire Mobile Library Service and the valuable service which it provides around the villages for people who cannot get to a

each month. The buses carry, not only books but hearing aid batteries, stamps and 'phone cards to top up pay-as-you-go 'phones. Local stops include Cox's Close in Stapleford, Orchard Road in Great Shelford and Church Street in Little Shelford.

As well as the usual meeting business, a fond farewell was wished to Daphne Sulston who has coordinated the library volunteers' rota for the last thirteen years and looks forward to a wellearned retirement. She is shown here receiving flowers and a voucher from Helen Harwood,

chairman of the Library Friends committee. The meeting concluded with mulled wine, cakes and biscuits and informal conversation. Thanks to all those who attended on a cold January night.

Little Shelford Lawn Bowls Club

Last year the village responded very positively to our appeal to help save our Bowls Club and now, with a final push, we can make the club flourish and grow with a little more support and a few more new members. So please do come along and have a go at one or both of

our two taster sessions on Saturday 26th April, 2.30 to 5.00 pm or Thursday 1st May, 6.30 to 8.00 pm when tuition will be given and equipment provided: all you need is a pair of flat-soled shoes. Our first-year introductory membership is only £20.

You're never too young or old to take it up. Get in touch or just turn up. For further information please contact:

Vic Franklin Tel 01223 842276 (victorfranklin123@btinternet.com)



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static library. There are three mobile libraries, each carrying 3,000 items of stock and stopping at around 100 villages and communities





Annual Hedgerow Deep Clean Update

Councillor David Jones reports that on the weekend of 8th and 9th February villagers turned out to help with the annual hedgerow deep clean along the roads approaching and in the village. There was also a big tidy up on the SCOWP Jubilee Orchard and Meadow and the Allotments on Blennies Patch. Many thanks are due to the 20 or so volunteers who between Saturday and Sunday collected the rubbish.

So much rubbish in fact that we filled the skip on Blennies Patch quickly and the Parish Council are in the process of organising a second skip to collect the remaining rubbish. We will let Allotment Holders and the SCOWP team know when this is to happen.



More alarmingly, it became very clear during

the litter pick on the approach roads to the Village, particularly Newton Road, that the habit of drivers throwing cans, bottles and other food wrappers and waste out of car windows is becoming more and more rife. The litter pick teams found over 150 cans and bottles (including several broken bottles) between the last house on Newton Road heading out of the village up to the Motorway Bridge where Newton Road becomes Shelford Road. A quick look at what lay beyond the motorway bridge on the Shelford Road was also quiet shocking but we ran out of time and volunteers to proceed further.

So, the PC have decided to organise another litter pick specifically to attack the rubbish between the Motorway Bridge and the junction of the Newton Road/Shelford Road with London Road. The date is not yet fixed but it will be before Easter and we will advertise the event on local noticeboards and on the Village Facebook page.

It is illegal to throw litter out of motor vehicles or to drop litter while walking. Offenders could receive a £400 fixed penalty notice (FPN) or be taken to court and fined up to £2,500. (The £400 FPN can be reduced to £240 if paid within 10 days, however, this lesser amount is discretionary and can be withheld by the council in certain cases).

If you see it happening you should note the registration number of the vehicle dropping letter and report it on the South Cambridgeshire District Council website:

https://forms.scambs.gov.uk/REPORTENVIROCRIMEWASTEINYOURAREA/launch

Great and Little Shelford School News

Candlemas Service in St Mary's

Year 2 Children led the service, which included re-telling the story of Anna and Simeon from the Bible, when they welcomed the infant Jesus in the temple as, 'the Light of the World'. Rev Chris Shore created a circle of light using candles held by children from each class, which he blessed as they brought the candles back to school.

China day for Year 2

The children had a go at Chinese dragon dancing, learnt how to make delicious spring rolls (see photo) and they made lanterns.

Visit to the Botanic Gardens

Year 2 also went on a trip by train into Cambridge. In the Botanic Gardens they learnt how plants adapt to the environment where they grow.

The School Choir sing at Young Voices 2025

In February, the choir sang in front of an audience of 8,000 people in the O2 Arena.

Number Day

The school enjoyed a whole day to explore numbers on their Number Day. Maths came into everything. Year 1 children engaged in activities outside, collecting forest materials to solve number riddles.

Poetry Festival – 12 March

A Poetry Evening in the School Hall, starting 6pm, will give children an opportunity to recite poems they have learnt by heart. There will be a 'Poetry by Heart' competition, but the most significant part of this festival is the enjoyment children get from the poems.

Shelford School STEM Week – 17 to 21 March

There will be a range of activities on Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics for different year groups during this week.

KAPLA Bricks Workshops – 19 and 20 March

Children will be encouraged to take part in a 3D, hands-on construction and learning activity, under the guidance of a Kapla construction expert.

Shelford School Holy Week – 31 March to 4 April

Every day a different part of the Holy Week story of the Bible will be recalled and explored with activities, stories and times to think. This will end with the School Easter Service at All Saints, Little Shelford on 4 April at 1.30pm, concluding the Spring Term.

Rev Julie Norris, Governor

Peter Pan the Pantomime, or was it the rehearsal?

From the pre-recorded safety announcement right up to Eleanor Harris-Wright's final "woof" as Nana, *Peter Pan* had the audience smiling and laughing throughout.

This year's pantomime was a Little Shelford script debut for Miles Cragg, depicting a rehearsal for a production of *Peter Pan*, beset with problems – from the lost 'Lost Boys' who spend most of the production trying to make their way back to Shelford from London, to missing props, problems with the set and issues with the sound effects and music. While the usual panto puns and audience participation were present, they were given a fresh, new twist, with the audience at one point finding themselves declaring that they wanted to go home! Oh no we don't!

Directors Dick Wallin and Heidi Meikle created a production which allowed all the youngsters to shine and Francess Richardson's brilliant artistic talent treated the audience to three beautiful backdrops. The sound team did a fantastic job, from timing the amusing bell ringing which accompanied Imogen Butler Burd and May Sillence's comical entrances as the fairies Doorbell and Schoolbell, to the wonderful scene between Raleigh (Alexander Hunter) and Columbus (Tommy Haworth) as they rehearsed with a pistol – theatrical comedy at its finest!

The costumes really brought the characters to life. The seagull chorus were a spectacle to behold: resplendent in white hoodies and leg



warmers and accompanied on stage by a human-sized ice-cream. The glitz and glamour of Trinny and Susannah (Millie Kennedy and Ella Guron) was magnificent, their costumes enhancing the fabulously stylish characters created by the actors.

The singing this year was second to none, thanks to Lucy Barlow and Miles Cragg's musical direction and a very talented cast. When the whole cast came together to sing, the audience could not help but feel moved, particularly during the rendition of 'You Will be Found'. Maddie Young, as put-upon Assistant Director, Steph, led the cast in a fantastic performance of 'Nine to Five', dazzling the audience with her singing and dancing. The pirates' performance of 'With Cat Like Tread' was also excellent.

Harry Chatwin and Joseph Morris were splendid as this season's Panto Dames, humorous in their bickering and disagreements but showcasing the genuine beauty of their singing in the scene where Hook sat nestled between them as they fought for his affection.



Thomas Welchman's depiction of Captain Hook was impressive as he switched personality traits: one moment cruelly reprimanding his poor first-mate, Smee (Dougie Carrothers); the next, crying for his mummies! Their duet, 'Good old Captain Hook', was fabulous.



Scarlett Wilkinson made a brilliantly bossy Peter Pan, commanding the stage as she chastised her poor Shadow all night! Their skilfully synchronised duet, 'Me and My Shadow' was superbly choreographed and wonderfully executed by both. Dougie - cast both as the sad, suffering Shadow and the sycophantic yet disgruntled Smee -

communicated the displeasure of both characters with inventive facial expressions.

Emma Russell made a wonderful Wendy, her happy enthusiasm and innocence offset brilliantly by moments of cutting cynicism and mischief: questioning the existence of Neverland; challenging Peter as to whether he could really be happy in a place without Netflix;



and offering – somewhat threateningly – to sew on Peter's shadow while brandishing an over-sized needle. Ouch!

Hannah Pulford's Tinkerbell was inspired. From the moment she dragged herself through the window into the Darling nursery in Act 1, only to be told to go back as they were going to start the scene again, Hannah conveyed the weary frustration and exasperation that brought so much humour to the role.

And there were so many more amazing performances! Emilia Munoz made a fantastically formidable and demanding Director, deflating the other characters' efforts with a withering look. Beatrice White and

Isabella Young had a wonderful onstage rapport in their roles as the Shakespearean crocodiles. Both sets of Lost Boys brought much humour to the stage: the workmen's refusal to give up their day jobs contrasting with the childhood innocence of the original lost boys. Miles McCrone elicited much empathy from the audience as the leftbehind Lost Boy, Hawkeye, receiving an enthusiastic cheer when he was finally reunited with the others. Finally, the chorus gave us a glimpse of the upcoming talent with their poetry recitations and musical numbers. The future looks promising.



To describe this as a village pantomime does not do it justice. The standard was incredible. I am already looking forward to next year. Oh yes, I am!

Little Shelford Pantomime – Auditions

Auditions will be held for *Snow White,* Little Shelford Pantomime 2026 on Saturday 26 April 2025 at Little Shelford Memorial Hall between 11am and 3pm. Any child between the ages of 9 – 16 will be welcomed.

To both book a time slot to audition and to complete an audition form, please register online at <u>https://tinyurl.com/Panto2026</u>

Please ring Sarah on 842498 or e-mail <u>coppendales@btinternet.com</u> if you have any queries.

Little Shelford Memorial Hall Film Evening

Saturday 29 March 2025

There will be a Memorial Hall film evening with a showing of *Paddington in Peru* on Saturday 29 March. Doors open at 7.00 pm for a 7.30 pm start with a break for supper of pizza and salad.

Paddington in Peru is a 2024 <u>live-action animated adventure comedy</u> <u>film</u>. It is the third instalment in the <u>Paddington film series</u>, which are based on the <u>Paddington</u> stories by <u>Michael Bond</u>. The film stars <u>Hugh</u> <u>Bonneville</u>, <u>Emily Mortimer</u>, <u>Julie Walters</u>, <u>Jim Broadbent</u>, Carla Tous, <u>Olivia Colman</u>, <u>Antonio Banderas</u> and <u>Ben Whishaw</u> as the voice of Paddington.

Tickets (£15.00 per person) will be available from Sarah Coppendale: (842498) <u>coppendales@btinternet.com</u> and Diana Haines (841415) <u>dianahaines42@icloud.com</u>

Please book by Wednesday 26 March so that sufficient food can be ordered.

Drinks at the Wale Recreation Ground, Little Shelford

Friday, April 11th, 6-8pm

Please join us at the Sports Pavilion, to celebrate Robin Haines' foundational contribution to OASISS, when he was so moved by the plight of the Ukrainian people after Russia's invasion. This led to the amazingly successful resettling and integration of many Ukrainian refugees in our local community.



After Robin died last May, the Ukrainian community has raised money to buy a tree to be planted in his honour along with a plaque to remember his work.

The OASISS Committee and the Ukrainian guests are pleased to invite the many people who have been involved in different ways, to share this remembrance of Robin with his wife Diana, his daughters and others, for drinks and nibbles on the rec, when a plaque will be placed next to the tree in his memory.

Fundraising: As the situation in Ukraine continues and some of our Ukrainian families still have needs, voluntary contributions to OASISS will be gratefully received on the night. Thank you.

Little Shelford Groups

Activity groups in grey. To include a group in this list or to change the contact details, please email *newsletter@allsaintslittleshelford.org*.

Group name	Contact details	
All Saints Tots	Polly Stanton 722509 www.allsaintslittleshelford.org	
Kaleidoscope	Joan Church 842243 www.allsaintslittleshelford.org	
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Ballet East (ages 3-18)	Jo Thorndyke jothorndyke@hotmail.com	
Bowls Club	Ray Saich 842737 pandrsaich@gmail.com	
Cricket Club	Chris Schofield 563276 chrisscofie@hotmail.com www.littleshelfordcc.com	
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Wildlife Group	Diana Haines 841415 dianahaines42@icloud.com	
Physiopilates	841968 <i>cambridgephysiopilates@gmail.com www.physiopilates.org.uk</i>	
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Shelford and Stapleford Strikers Football Club	Anthony Stevens 843703 disleystevens@aol.com www.pitchero.com/clubs/shelfordandstaplefordstrikers	

Sustainable Shelford Environmental 2G3S	Linda Whitebread greengroupssss@gmail.com
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Shelford Garden Club	Helen Chubb 845032 www.shelford.org/gardenpage.htm
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The Shelfords WI	Vanda Butler 561053 vanda.butler@googlemail.com www.theshelfordswi.wordpress.com
Shelford Community Orchard and Woodland Project (SCOWP)	Gill Davidson <i>davidson.wg@btinternet.com</i> Mike Darsley <i>mdgb59@gmail.com</i>

Little Shelford Defibrillator

The Little Shelford defibrillator can be found attached to the wall of the rear kitchen extension at the **Side Quest Public House, 63 High Street.** When you open the defibrillator, the machine will talk to you and guide you through how to use it.

Waste and Recycling Bins Reminder				
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Why not come to Verneuil in 2025?

The dates for the visits have now been set, so put them in your diaries!

Shelford to Verneuil: May 24th-27th 2025 Verneuil to Shelford: July 5th- 8th 2025



- Everyone is welcome. (Singles, couples, family groups)
- It is an opportunity to get to know our twinned village, situated just north of Paris and its lovely people.
- An enriching experience for the whole family.
- It is not necessary to speak French, but fun to try!
- It is not a requirement to host if you have been on the visit; neither do you need to have gone to Verneuil in order to have guests to stay.
- Adults £130, Teens (13-18) £100, Children (up to 12) £50*
 *We are able to offer this competitive price for the children thanks to the very generous support of Great Shelford Parish Council.

If you are interested in the trip, please contact Sarah Haddow (sarah.haddow@talk21.com) or Colin Jefferson (<u>colin@frenchfrogs.net</u>)

Participation in the visit involves becoming a member of the Association, in accordance with our charter. (£10 single membership/£15 family). This is easy to organise.

Village Tea Parties

All Little Shelford residents and their relatives are most welcome and we encourage newcomers to the village to come along to make new friends.

Held on the second Wednesday of each month in the Village Hall during winter months and in the Sports Pavilion from April to July and September to October, from 2.30-4.30, these informal gatherings are organised by volunteers providing home-made cakes, sandwiches, tea or coffee for the modest cost of \pounds 1.50 per person.

If you would like a lift or need more information, please contact Judy Boothroyd (843313) or Christine Ruffles (07484 285794). *Dates of next tea parties:* 12 March 9 April 14 May 11 June 9 July

Parish Council response to EWR non-statutory consultation

Introduction

At the Parish Council we remain opposed to the EWR decision to take a southern approach to Cambridge. We continue to support the work of Cambridge Approaches and others in trying to reverse this decision through detailed analysis and challenge.

It is important that we respond in detail about the potential impact of EWR's plans on Little Shelford. We held a drop-in session in December to hear villager's views.

As you will know, EWR would close the Hauxton Road level crossing and their consultation specifically asks for opinions about whether we would support the provision of a pedestrian bridge, as well as the planned new road crossing the railway to join Newton Road.

During the consultation period it became clear that such a bridge might be used less than envisaged, because of its long ramps. The Parish Council decided to get the views of those most directly affected by the level crossing closure, on Hauxton Road between Newton Road and the M11, and Moor Close. Questionnaires were delivered to more than 65 households and we received 28 completed responses. In the vast majority of cases the respondent said they would make regular use of a pedestrian bridge. Consequently, the PC continue to support the provision of a pedestrian bridge, but with reservations.

Our response to the Consultation

This is what the PC said about the pedestrian bridge in its consultation response (Q19b):

"Little Shelford Parish Council (LSPC) is not convinced that it is necessary to close the Hauxton Road level crossing. Our experience is that, with the current 12 movements an hour, each causing the barriers to be lowered for 30 seconds, there are no traffic delays. This would not change significantly with the addition of 8 further trains an hour. If there are reasons why the current crossing type (half barrier) is not suitable, then EWR need to be clearer why that is the case.

Closing the level crossing will have the effect of splitting the Little Shelford community. We are pleased to see that a new road is planned, but this only provides connectivity. It will not compensate for the social isolation of those living on the west side of the railway. A new pedestrian bridge would help to compensate for this social split. It would also provide access from either side of Hauxton Road to any active travel corridor heading towards Cambridge.

In order to gauge potential usage of a new pedestrian bridge, LSPC sent out a questionnaire to those households most likely to be affected by the closure of the level crossing (Moor Close and most of Hauxton Road). There was a good response, sufficient to provide some consensus:

• Residents don't see that the increase in rail traffic necessitates closing the level crossing

• Almost 90% would use a new pedestrian bridge, but there is some strong opposition to having one

- Around half of pedestrian bridge users say they would use it to access Hauxton Road or Moor Close addresses on the other side of the railway – i.e. very close to them

• There is positive interest in new 'active' paths that provide connectivity toward Cambridge

LSPC is dismayed by the size, usability (due to the ramp length), visual impact and industrial style of the proposed pedestrian bridge.

• We urge EWR to look at further design options to enhance its usability. Highways design standard CD 353 does allow higher ramp gradients in special circumstances, which surely apply here. Adding steps could also increase its usage

• The height of the bridge is obviously fixed but the crossing point needs to be moved as far from Hauxton Road as possible to protect the privacy of nearby residents. For the same reason, the bridge should be screened on the southern side

• Pedestrian safety in the dark should be enhanced with the provision of movement activated lighting

LSPC strongly supports the provision of the pedestrian bridge because it helps to maintain the local community and potentially provides connectivity to a wider network but is not satisfied with its design. EWR need to continue engaging with the local community to develop further options before the statutory consultation."

There will be other consequences within Little Shelford. The Parish Council responded to Q20 as follows:

"EWR have made encouraging noises about supporting active travel. The area around Little Shelford is poorly served for foot and cycle paths. If EWR are able to make a substantive improvement in offroad connectivity locally that would be positive factor for local residents. A desirable new route would be one that ran alongside the railway towards Cambridge, connecting with the permissive path at the Rectory farm level crossing, and reaching the 'DNA' path off Granhams Road. Connectivity via the pedestrian bridge at Hauxton Road would make it accessible from Hauxton or the Shelfords.

LSPC is pleased to see that EWR have recognised the need for a redesign of the junction between Hauxton Road and Newton Road, when the latter will be carrying considerably more traffic. This junction, and the nearby one between Church St and Hauxton Road/High Street are the sites of some historic village buildings. Further work is required on the impact of changing traffic flows before the statutory consultation.

The parish council has been monitoring traffic speeds for a number of years. Traffic coming into the village along Newton Road is consistently far too fast in the built-up area. LSPC request that EWR add a mini roundabout where the new road meets Newton Road. This would have the effect of slowing inbound traffic, essential for traffic management and road safety.

The plans for the reworking of London Road / Shelford Road junction caused by the new London Road bridge crossing the railway appear unduly complex.

The planned construction compound on Newton Road to the east of the M11 will be a significant blight for local homeowners. EWR should consider making use of land on the other side of the M11, where there are no residents. LSPC would like this area to be returned as amenity land when construction is complete."

Comments to the Parish Council

If you would like to make comments about our response or have a point of view to express, please send your views to our Parish Clerk <u>littleshelfordparishclerk@gmail.com</u> or do attend the Public Session at the start of every Parish Council Meeting. Dates and Agendas are displayed on the Notice Board at the Memorial Hall on Church Street.

Little Shelford Cricket Club 2025 Season

Getting ready for our Second Senior League Cricket Season

The 1st XI will be playing in CCA Senior League Division 3 for the 2025 season after our successful first season back in the Senior League in 2024. There are quite a few player changes for the Senior teams in 2025 so it will be interesting to see if we can cement our place in the league. The clubs 1st XI team is supported by a strong 2nd XI squad and youth se



in the league. The clubs 1st XI team is CRICKET CLUB supported by a strong 2nd XI squad and youth section, so we are confident we can make an impact and hold our own.

LSCC Awarded the Rose Bowl!

We have been awarded the Rose Bowl by Cambridgeshire Cricket Association. It's for the best kept wicket in the 2024 season. The CCA has been presenting this since 1985 and it's the first time LSCC has won it. There are over 50 cricket pitches to choose from across the County in the CCA league, so quite an honour. Great credit goes to Neil Orpwood who spends much of his time over the year tending the

cricket square particularly during the season. We know how well liked the Wale is for cricket, it's why the Cambridgeshire Junior teams use it for County matches, a beautiful ground, with a fantastic Pavilion but this is a particular honour for the square and wickets themselves. Well done Neil!

Softball Cricket for Children 6+ Resumes Saturday 19TH April on the Wale Recreation Ground

For Children from six years old we restart out Softball Cricket coaching sessions on the Wale Recreation Ground from April. These sessions have been very



popular in the past few years and some of our young girls and boys are now progressing to play for our Junior sides. Children can come along and learn basic cricket techniques from our expert coaches and make new friends. They will learn batting, bowling, fielding and throwing skills as well as getting exercise in the beautiful and very safe surroundings of the Wale Recreation Ground while learning about teamwork and the joy of the game of cricket. **Softball starts on Saturday mornings from 19th April, 9-11**. For more information contact our softball coach, Neil Orpwood (07866 751651 or <u>neilorpwood@littleshelfordcc.com</u>).

AGM

Our AGM was held on Sunday 2nd February 2025 and was well attended. All our Officers were re-elected and Arijit Sen was confirmed as the new Captain of our 1st XI, and we wish him every success in the role. While Rupert Beale and Alistair Pringle were appointed as Joint Captains of the 2nd XI. Chris Schofield was confirmed as Club Captain. Our award winning Ian Reid and Jamie Harrison were re-appointed as our Junior Section Coaches.

Nets for the 2025 Summer Season

Outdoor nets for Seniors and Juniors will start in April on the Wale Recreation Ground on Whittlesford Road. Junior nets are on Saturdays and Sunday 10-12am. Senior teams net on Wednesdays 5.30 – 7.30pm. We will be using our bowling machine at Senior Nets. If you would like to attend or find out more about Senior Nets then please contact Chris Schofield (Club Captain) for more information on <u>chrisschofield@littleshelfordcc.com</u> or if you would like to come along to Junior Nets then please contact Jamie Harrison <u>ijc.harrison@ntlworld.com</u> one of our Junior Coaches.

Fixtures for the 2025 Season.

At the time of writing the 2025 fixtures list has not yet been published. But, all our fixtures and match results and player statistics, including friendlies and Junior Section games can be found on our ECB Play-Cricket web site: <u>https://littleshelford.play-cricket.com/</u> and you can also follow us on Twitter <u>@LShelsCricket</u>. The season starts on Monday 28th April for the Juniors while the Seniors will start with a friendly game on Sunday 27th April and league games will commence on Saturday 3rd May. All we need is good weather to get our season off to a great start!

New Senior Team Sponsor

We are also pleased to confirm that our new Senior Team sponsor will be the Side Quest Inn, the new



name for the Little Shelford pub formerly known as the Navigator. We thank Mark Gerhard, the owner and Mike Champion, the Manager, for agreeing to be our sponsor for the next four years. This will also enable our senior teams to be kitted out with new shirts and caps promoting the Side Quest. We look forward to a successful relationship with the Side Quest and we will be holding committee meetings and social events at the Side Quest during the coming year. We also continue to thank our main **Junior Section Sponsor**, The Navadhanya Indian Restaurant in Cambridge (<u>https://www.navadhanya.co.uk</u>) who will generously support the Junior Teams for another season.

Key Diary Dates

Please note these important dates, the **Festival of Cricket** our annual celebration of Junior and Senior Cricket with family and friends will be on Saturday 6th September. The Juniors will play for the David Altham Memorial Trophy and we hope the Centenary Cup will again be competed for by the Seniors against our local rivals Great Shelford. We hope to retain the trophy! **The Annual Dinner and Awards evening** will be on Saturday 27th September in the Little Shelford Memorial Hall.

Vice-President Supporters

Our Vice-Presidents help us with contributions to funding and often come to support the teams on the Wale on Saturday afternoons. We would love to have more Vice-Presidents to support the Club, so if you are keen to see the Village maintain its Cricket Team do please get in touch with our Chairman. Minimal commitment but maximum satisfaction from supporting the great game of cricket!

David JH Jones, Chairman, Little Shelford Cricket Club <u>davidjhjones@btinternet.com</u> 01223 847213

Work at the Wale Play Area

The grass mound and surrounding area has recently been repaired with the new soil and grass seed. Therefore, a small part of the play area is fenced off to allow new grass seed to grow.

History Snippet: 80th Anniversary of VE Day

On 8 May 2025, we mark the **80th anniversary of VE Day**, our nation will unite to celebrate 80 years of peace since the end of World War II in Europe. VE Day 80 is not only a tribute to those who fought and died for freedom but also a powerful reminder of the resilience and unity that have defined our country ever since. **At**



9:30pm, on the 8th May beacons and Lamp Lights of Peace will shine across the United Kingdom and this would be a good time to pause and honour the war dead listed on our memorial.

As our contribution to the commemorations, we are carrying out research with the History Society to enhance or knowledge of those from the Village who lost their lives during World War II and whose names appear on our War Memorial at All Saints Church. We want to honour their memory by putting as much information as possible, including photos, on our Village History website along with the information we have found about our World War I war dead, also honoured on the Memorial.

The most comprehensive information readily available about those listed on the war memorial is found at the "Roll of Honour" web site. We have started our research and include additional information already found below this listing.

(Roll of Honour - Cambridgeshire - Little Shelford All Saints)

BAILEY	Dora Ellen	Naafi. Died 1942, buried 1 October 1942 at Little Shelford. Aged 25. Birth registered in the Linton Registration District in the March to June Quarter 1917, mother's maiden name Barham.
FROSTE		Trooper 14405448 141st Regt. (7th Buffs), R.A.C. who died on Monday, 14th August 1944. Age 19. Son of Frederick George and Hilda Mary Froste, of Little Shelford, Cambridgeshire. No known grave. Commemorated on Bayeux Memorial. Panel 10, Column 3. See also <u>Sawston Village College</u> <u>memorial</u> .

OLIVER	-	Flying Officer, 151326, 138 Sqdn., Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve who died on Thursday, 9th November 1944. Age 21. Son of Mrs. D. A. Oliver, of Whittlesford. No known grave. Commemorated on Air Forces Memorial at Runnymede, Surrey. Panel 208. See also <u>Sawston Village College</u>
NEAVES	Percy John	Private, 7372907, 198 Field Amb, Royal Army Medical Corps who died on Friday, 5th March 1943. Age 26. Son of Charles and Kathleen Neaves; husband of Ethel Neaves, of Little Shelford. No known grave. Commemorated on the Singapore War Memorial, Kranji War Cemetery, Singapore.
POOLEY	Derek Arthur	Guardsman, 2723861, 3rd Battalion, Irish Guards who died on Friday, 18th May 1945. Age 22. Son of Arthur William and Cecilia Mary Pooley, of Little Shelford. Buried in All Saints Churchyard, Little Shelford. See also <u>Sawston Village College</u>

Also listed for this parish in the Ely Cathedral Second World War Book of Remembrance:

TABNER EricSgt. 115 Sqdn., R.A.F.V.R., d 12/5/1944, age 20,**Edward**buried: WILSELE CHURCHYARD, Leuven, Vlaams-
Brabant, Belgium. Son of Albert Edward Tabner and
of Sarah Ellen Tabner (nee Sheward).

The Tragic Death of Dora Ellen BAILEY

Our first research focus was on the only female listed on our War Memorial from either World War I or World War II. Polly Stanton, a member of All Saints Church, took up the challenge of researching her death. This was not so easy. The NAAFI (Navy Army & Air Force Institutes) is a company created by the government on 9 December 1920 to run recreational establishments needed by the armed forces and to sell goods to servicemen and their families. It still runs clubhouses, bars, shops, supermarkets, cafés and other facilities on most British military bases and also canteens on board Royal Navy ships. The NAAFI provided important support to our servicemen and women during World War II but because they were regarded as a civilian organisation their record keeping on death in service was not maintained in the same way as the military.

However, thanks to Polly's diligent research we did discover how Dora BAILEY had met her death. Polly found an article in the Mercury and Herald Newspaper of Northampton dated Friday October 2nd 1942.

Sadly, Dora was involved in a road accident while walking out in the evening with Private Leonard Newton near Finedon, Northamptonshire on Saturday 26th September 1942. They were both hit by an RAF Lorry driven by a civilian driver but Dora died of her injuries. She and her family lived on the Hauxton Road in Little Shelford. A tragic accident but if were not for the war, no doubt Dora would not have been in Northampton. Dora was one of seven children and at the time of the 1939 War Census she was living at 44 Hauxton Road with her Mother, Sarah and three of her brothers including Frederick who is mentioned in the article. She is buried in the Churchyard of All Saints, Little Shelford. The article is replicated here.

Know more?

If you have more information about any of those listed or even photographs or living relative contacts, could you contact davidjhjones@btinternet.com.

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Good Friday 18th April, 3-5pm In the Memorial Hall, Little Shelford Come and join us for some Easter-themed games, crafts and snacks, for all the family All ages welcome (parent/carer supervision throughout)