

Around Little Shelford

Summer 2025



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Contributions for the autumn edition should be emailed to the address above (or delivered by hand to the Church Office in the North Building of the Churchyard) by **Friday 29th August 2025**. As space is limited, articles should be less than 340 words and adverts should fit within half an A5 page.

Please send photos for the front cover of the next edition, ideally of a Little Shelford scene in autumn, to newsletter@allsaintslittleshelford.org



Dear friends,

Welcome to another summer edition of Around Little Shelford. It's such a joy to see the village come to life over the summer months.

Summer tends to bring a sense of optimism, and this year is no different. We're especially looking forward to the Shelford Festival and Feast from 5th to 12th July – always a highlight in the village calendar and a fantastic time to come together as a community. Let me also commend to you the Shelford PTA Summer Fair on 28th June (see back for details).

We had a joyful gathering on Monday 5th May to mark the 80th anniversary of VE Day. It was wonderful to see so many people come together outside the Side Quest to celebrate – a big well done to everyone who helped make it such a joyful and memorable occasion.

Of course, summer will come and go, as it always does. And when it does, we'll each have different stories—some of great travels and adventure, others of challenge or quiet reflection. Whatever the summer has in store for you, I hope you're able to enjoy all that the village has to offer.

As always, All Saints church remains a place of welcome to all. From 27th July – 31st August, we'll have just one morning service at 10am, and one evening service at 6pm. All are welcome and we'd love for you to join us if you can this summer whether you're a regular or just curious.

I'm not sure how many more dry spells we'll see this summer—but it does make me think of the conversation Jesus had with the Samaritan woman at the well (John 4). In the conversation, Jesus speaks of a “living water” that will never run dry. It's a claim by Jesus that only he can quench the thirst we all have in our lives. It's a striking and powerful claim, and yet one that's full of hope. It is also an invitation, offered to each of us—to come and drink from Jesus the living water.

Much love,
Gideon

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.all saints littleshelford.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.

Services during the summer holiday (between 27th July and 31st August) will be at 10am and 6pm.

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, office@allsaints littleshelford.org

Granta Medical Practices Update May 2025

As you will be aware, GP surgeries and hospitals continue to experience increased patient demand. Between us all, we can help alleviate some of that demand by using alternative health services where appropriate.

Your local pharmacy can also offer treatments and prescribe medication for some conditions without you needing to see your GP. This service is called Pharmacy First and conditions that can be treated and prescribed for include:

- Earache (aged 1 to 17 years)
- Impetigo (aged 1 year and over)
- Infected insect bites (aged 1 year and over)
- Shingles (aged 18 and over)
- Sinusitis (aged 12 years and over)
- Sore throat (aged 5 years and over)
- Urinary tract infections or UTI's (women aged 16 to 64 years)

Don't forget, your local pharmacy can also help you with generalised pain and swelling, sore throats, bites and stings, headaches, constipation and diarrhoea, colds and flu, mouth ulcers, tiredness, and vomiting.

If you contact us with an eye problem, our reception teams may signpost you to the Minor Eye Conditions Service (MECS). MECS is made up of a team of eye specialists who treat non-emergency eye conditions that do not need hospital attention. Conditions covered include acute red eyes, acute irritated or inflamed eyes, sticky discharge or acute watery eyes, in-growing eyelashes, foreign bodies in the eye and recently occurring flashes or floaters.

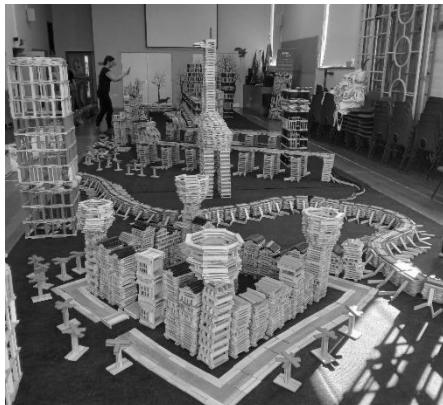
Finally, you can treat many minor illnesses such as colds and coughs, sore throats, and upset stomachs easily at home. Make sure you keep stocked up with health care essentials such as pain relief (paracetamol), cough and sore throat remedies, a first aid kit, upset stomach treatment, rehydration treatment and heartburn / indigestion treatment. Having these essentials at home will not only save you time, and help you feel better quicker, but will also help save the NHS much needed resources.

Sandra East, Head of Patient Services

Great and Little Shelford School News

Several activities during March and April enabled pupils to demonstrate their talents outside the classroom, encompassing the school's aims to promote kindness, responsibility, creativity and resilience.

The KAPLA Bricks workshop lead by the owner, Jennifer, provided a fitting and popular centrepiece to STEM week. Many thousands of bricks, both plain and coloured were used to create impressive structures. Based on bricks previously spaced out on the floor each year group had an hour to complete their task. Jennifer described and demonstrated each stage, so all the pupils, however tentative initially, were able to take part fully.



A week later musicianship was celebrated with a concert in school time for young players. An evening concert the following day showcased the school orchestra playing some cheerful pieces.

Following a late Easter holiday the summer term began with a flurry – quite literally for the Reception class children. Each year the school purchases some “living eggs” to incubate. The children watch the chicks hatch, feed, grow in size, and begin to develop wing feathers until finally they are able to escape the special tray used when the whole class sits to observe them and talk about them. At which point they move on to good homes elsewhere.

At the other end of the school Year 6 embarked on their SATS tests. The process went smoothly, aided not only by the careful organisation but by the “second breakfast” treats provided to maintain energy levels.

Trips have taken place for other year groups - to the Botanic Gardens, the Centre for Computing History and Shepreth Wildlife Park. What a range of interesting activities. And the remaining half term looks just as stimulating.

Great Shelford Library News

In May the library hosted the launch of *Firestarter*, by Fraser Grace. The true story of the 19th Century Shelford arsonist. The event was very well attended and Fraser gave a great talk about his book. Why not pop into the library to borrow a copy.



Engage Talk: – Lemurs and Crocodiles of Madagascar, Jane Wilson Howarth. Wednesday 25th June, 2.00pm-4.00pm. A donation of £2 is appreciated. Please stay for a drink after the talk. Please pre-book in the library or via Cambourne.referral@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

Stay and Play – Every Thursday (Term time only) - For children aged 0-3 years. 2.00pm-3.30pm. A relaxed drop-in session for families with young children, £2 per family. Toys provided.

Craft and Chat – Every Friday morning 10.30am-12 noon. Pop in to craft and chat with others. £2 donation for tea or coffee. No need to book.

Story, Rhyme and Duplo Time – Every Tuesday at 10.30am- For children aged 0-4 years. Come and enjoy stories and rhymes led by our wonderful volunteers. This is a free drop-in event. Parents/carers please stay with your children.

Art Club - Every Saturday morning 10.30am-12.30pm. Suitable for ages 4-10. Drop-in event. Suggested £1 donation. Parents/carers please stay with your children.

Great Shelford Library opening hours:

Monday	3-7pm	Friday	10am-1pm, 2-6pm
Tuesday	10am-1pm and 2-5pm	Saturday	10am-1pm
Wednesday	10am-1pm	Sunday	Closed
Thursday	Closed		

Telephone: 0345 045 5225

Email: Cambourne.referral@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

Web: www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk



SSYI 2024-2025 Annual Report

SSYI is a local Christian community youth charity that has been running for over 25 years, supporting young people in the villages of Great and Little Shelford, Stapleford, Sawston, Duxford and the surrounding area. It provides open access, targeted and activity based youth clubs, 1:1 support, schools work and more for local young people.

2024-2025, SSYI has experienced another year of meaningful progress and positive impact. Having our own space in Great Shelford - The SSYI Youth Centre - allows us to run a really varied selection of activities, from cooking based alternative provision sessions and targeted work, all the way to large open access youth clubs. This year, we've been able to take full advantage of our new minibus and trailer, bringing the football cage to local events like the Shelford Feast, the Little Shelford Family weekend and the Shelford Christmas Light Switch-On which has been a great success. Throughout the year, we have continued to support a growing number of young people dealing with issues related to substance misuse, including alcohol and drugs, alongside an increase in mental health challenges among those we work with. Youth provision is more important than ever!

One recent case study of our impact with a local young man

Ethan* is a young person who lives in the Shelfords. He initially attended our Friday youth club, and now regularly attends our Deeper sessions run by Tilly, one of our Youth Workers. Over the past couple of years, he has experienced tremendous personal growth. Initially shy and unsure, Ethan has grown in confidence and has become much more comfortable communicating with others. He has built some strong friendships through these sessions and has joined us on several trips too. The supportive environment and community have helped him build a stronger sense of self. His newfound confidence has not only improved his interactions within the group but also in other areas of his life, allowing him to face challenges with a positive mindset and a clearer sense of purpose. (*The name of this young person has been changed).

"My son loves attending youth group on a Friday, it's helped him greatly with his independence and his social interactions with others" – Parent

Our total impact across the Shelfords and beyond in 2024-2025:

- Over 300 young people regularly involved in our activities
- 1576 hours of face to face delivery over 12 months
- 100% of young people surveyed enjoy their time with SSYI
- Over 200 young people attending sessions in the Shelfords
- Over 100 residents of Great & Little Shelford involved in our activities

We need your help to continue our work in the Shelfords

We need your help in money or in time.

Funding for SSYI is a continuous challenge and currently costs over £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 regular private giving. **We have only 22 supporters who give regularly from £10 per month 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 and opportunities to meet our Youth Workers. To become a regular donor, contact our Treasurer: John Greaves, 15 Cabbage Moor, Great Shelford, Cambridge CB22 5NB (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 zac.britton@ssyi.club
(Note: All volunteers will be given appropriate training and support and are subject to DBS checks).



Scan the QR code to view the full report and our new video

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.all saints littleshelford.org
Kaleidoscope	Joan Church 842243 www.all saints littleshelford.org
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Ballet East (ages 3-18)	Jo Thorndyke jothorndyke@hotmail.com
Bowls Club	Ray Saich 842737 pandersaich@gmail.com
Cricket Club	Chris Schofield 563276 chrisscofie@hotmail.com www.littleshelfordcc.com
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Local History Society	Ray Saich 842737 pandersaich@gmail.com
Pantomime	Sarah Coppendale 842498 coppendale@btinternet.com
Wildlife Group	Diana Haines 841415 dianahaines42@icloud.com
Physiopilates	841968 cambridgephysiopilates@gmail.com www.physiopilates.org.uk
Shelford Bridge Club	Tony Cliff 0753273794 Anthony.r.cliff@gmail.com
Shelford Community Transport	John Dibnah 842054, Marjorie Smith 564922 Rosie Cranmer 513572, Gillian Northmore 504542 sites.google.com/site/littleshelfordcouncil/groups-and-businesses/little-shelford-community-groups/shelford-support-group

Shelford and Stapleford Strikers Football Club	Anthony Stevens 843703 <i>disleystevens@aol.com</i> <i>www.pitchero.com/clubs/shelfordandstaplefordstrikers</i>
Sustainable Shelford Environmental 2G3S	Linda Whitebread <i>greengroupssss@gmail.com</i>
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Shelford Garden Club	Helen Chubb 845032 <i>www.shelford.org/gardenpage.htm</i>
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The Shelfords WI	Vanda Butler 561053 <i>vanda.butler@googlemail.com</i> <i>www.theshelfordswi.wordpress.com</i>
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

Tuesday	10 th Jun	Black bin
Tuesday	17 th Jun	Green & blue bins
Tuesday	24 th Jun	Black bin
Tuesday	1 st Jul	Green & blue bins
Tuesday	8 th Jul	Black bin
Tuesday	15 th Jul	Green & blue bins
Tuesday	22 nd Jul	Black bin
Tuesday	29 th Jul	Green & blue bins
Tuesday	5 th Aug	Black bin
Tuesday	12 th Aug	Green & blue bins
Tuesday	19 th Aug	Black bin
Tuesday	26 th Aug	Green & blue bins

The Shelfords WI

Having listened to our members we try to vary the style and content of our meetings, making sure there is time for conversations and interactions. Our April meeting at which we welcomed both a new member and a visitor, was very sociable. Instead of us listening quietly to a speaker, our Secretary, Vanda Butler, organised an enjoyable Bingo evening with wine and nibbles in place of the usual tea/coffee and biscuits. The chocolate prizes were appreciated by quite a few different members.

On May 1st we were very pleased to welcome three Guide Dogs and their hosts, a meeting arranged by WI member Cornelia Ede. With many amusing stories, Gill Bane outlined the work of Guide Dogs in breeding dogs with suitable temperaments, the puppy training stage of up to about a year, more advanced training at a Guide Dog centre and finally passing to a blind owner.

Dee Bevan brought Pepi with her to expand on the puppy training stage. Jackie Keenan brought a lively Brodie who is boarding with her while his owner is on a foreign holiday. During advanced training dogs are taught to lead a blind person, crossing roads safely and avoiding obstacles. Guide dogs are carefully matched with blind recipients such as owner Diane Rose who came with Zen. They have been together for several years and Zen has made a huge difference to Diane's life. She can access places that neither she nor Zen have been to before and have no fear of being in a tricky or dangerous position. What a lifeline for her. And for us, what an entertaining and informative evening.

At the 5th June WI meeting we will welcome Fiona Chesterton whose topic is 'Secrets never to be told – a story about an unexpected inheritance'. As usual visitors, and prospective new members will be made very welcome at 7.30pm in the Community Room behind St Mary's Church Great Shelford.

The following two WI meeting involve gardens. In July we will visit the garden of Neil and Clare Cullen, regular speakers at our WI. Our own garden Party will be in August.

Our programme can be found on our website:
<https://theshelfordswi.wordpress.com>

Eleanor Witter The Shelfords WI President



Shelford Festival and Feast, 5 – 12 July

The Bunch are in full planning mode for this July's Festival and Feast. Here's a quick rundown of events to remind you:

Saturday 5 July: Beer Festival followed by Scott Mills (Radio 2 DJ) in the evening.

Sunday 6 July: Feast day with hog roast, barbecue and vegetarian food, full bar, arena events, stalls and music from 12noon.

Monday 7 July: The Big Quiz, teams of up to 8 people with food included.

Tuesday 8 July: Young people from Sawston Youth Drama (SYD) perform.

Wednesday 9 July: Country night with Rattlesnake Johnny and the Yeehaw Crew.

Thursday 10 July: Comedy evening with some great comedians. Adults only.

Friday 11 July: Jason Donovan from 8 pm followed by Back to the '80s.

Friday 11 July in St Mary's Church: The Cambridge University Gospel Choir.

Saturday 12 July: Anthems Ibiza Orchestra, back by popular demand. All events, unless otherwise stated are in the grand marquee on Shelford Recreation Ground. Tickets are available online or from local outlets (even a few Jason Donovan tickets left for local residents, although sold out online!).

All events are cashless. Tokens will be on sale on Feast Day to use on the stalls.

Quiz teams must enter in advance, to book a team, contact Sarah on 01223 842498; coppendale@btinternet.com

We need **volunteers** for all aspects: set up and take down, on rota for food and bar in the week, and teas and food serving on Sunday, so if you can spare even an hour for the latter, please contact Sarah (as above).

All profits go to local good causes and a list of these is on our website at <https://www.shelfordfestival.org>

It is a great local event but we do need helpers – **please volunteer!** Thank you.

Cambridge Cake Creators

Our next meeting will be held on 19th June when we will be introducing Maureen Tothill from the St Ives branch. Maureen will be demonstrating a flower made from wafer paper. Our meetings start from 7.30pm and the fee for non-members is £10, this includes tea/coffee & cake.

We are now in our new venue! 'The Johnson Hall', I Gog Magog Way, Stapleford, CB22 5BQ (near St Andrew's Church)

For more information contact: Vanda 01223 561053 or vanda.butler@googlemail.com



Cara Coffee Volunteers

We are looking for a few more friendly, welcoming people to join our volunteer team at Cara Coffee, High Street, Great Shelford. Cara Coffee is open Tuesday to Friday 9-4pm and Saturday 10-1.30pm. We serve a variety of hot/cold drinks and snacks and are looking for volunteers who enjoy engaging with customers and who are happy learning how to operate the till or to use the barista machine as well as taking out orders, clearing tables and washing up. All proceeds from Cara Coffee go to Romsey Mill, a charity in Cambridge, helping to fund their hugely beneficial work with families and young people.

If you want to find out more email julie.whitbread@romseymill.org

Afternoon tea specials: A pot of any tea with scone, jam and clotted cream for £5.50 between the hours of 2pm and 4pm

Little Shelford Parish Council

Some of the play equipment at the Wale Recreation Ground, including the zip wire and the wobbly bridge, is currently damaged. We are in contact with the manufacturer to resolve these issues and arrange for the necessary repairs as soon as possible. Thank you to those who have taken the time to contact us, we appreciate your feedback and patience.

Following some recent clearance work at the allotments, we now have a number of new plots available. If you are interested in applying for a plot, please get in touch with our Parish Clerk Beckie Whitehouse littleshelfordparishclerk@gmail.com

Vacancy for Little Shelford Parish Councillors (2 positions)

Are you passionate about your community?

Do you want to help make a long-lasting change?

Do you have innovative ideas for the council?

Do you have concerns about a specific issue and want to do something about it? If this is you, then we need you.

We need people from all backgrounds and experiences who reflect their community to put themselves forward for co-option to the Parish Council.

What do Parish Councillors do?

Little Shelford Parish Council is made up of 7 voluntary councillors. A full meeting is held every other month and a Planning Committee Meeting is held in the interim month. Issues are discussed that are important to the local community.

The Parish Council sets a proportion of local taxes to be spent in the Parish, comments on planning applications in the Parish and run projects that help maintain, improve or enhance the local area. Local Government is changing and Parish Councils are seeing an increase in the responsibilities and opportunities to influence decisions made that affect our local community.

To be eligible to be a Parish Councillor?

You have to be:

- a British citizen, an eligible Commonwealth citizen, a citizen of the Republic of Ireland, a qualifying EU citizen or an EU citizen with retained rights.
- over 18 years of age

Additionally, you have to be one of the following

- a local government elector for the council area for which you want to stand
- have during the whole of the 12 months occupied as owner or tenant any land or other premises in the council area or within 3 miles of it for the whole period
- have during that same period had your principal or only place of work in the council area or within 3 miles of it for the whole period.

If you are interested, please contact our Parish Clerk Beckie Whitehouse littleshelfordparishclerk@gmail.com

Little Shelford Village Weekend 2025

Friday 12 to Sunday 14 September

The Little Shelford Entertainments Committee (LSEC) has been working hard to bring you a weekend of events for all ages including a Friday night party at the Side Quest Pub, a traditional Village Fete with multiple activities for children and families on the Wale Recreation Ground on Saturday afternoon and a restful set of Sunday activities. Put the dates in your diary. With this advance notice children and adults can start planning "Character from the World of Games" scarecrow and your Village Show entries now. Everyone welcome and more details of the events and Village Show can be found below. All Little Shelford Homes will receive a detailed Village Weekend Brochure in early July. Look out for it!

Ian Beaton, Chairman, LSEC

Friday 12th September 6pm onwards: The Side Quest Party

Join us for food and live music from "**Not My Circus**". **Barbecue, Hog and Lamb Roast** with catering by the Purple Pepper team and **Real Ales** available from the Side Quest. Vegetarian Options available. **FREE ENTRY** at The Side Quest Pub, High Street

Saturday 13th September from 1pm: Traditional Family Fun Village Fete and Show at the Wale Recreation Ground

Join us for **free** from **1pm to 5pm** for family fun, including traditional stalls, free bouncy castle assault course for small kids, dog show (feel free to enter your dog on the day!), maypole dancing, "Animal Experience" petting zoo, professional face painting, kids' games competition, Inter-street family games and tug-of-war, Crown Green Bowling Experience, Try the Cricket club Bowling machine, ERGO Rowing Machine Challenge and **Village show and Scarecrow display**. BBQ, vegetarian option, Ice Cream stand and licensed bar. Many other attractions for young and old.

Enter the Village Show and Scarecrow competition. Village Show categories for children and adults

Scarecrow Theme for 2025: "Characters from the World of Games" - Feel free to interpret this loosely & Bring Your Scarecrow to the Wale before 1pm for display and judging!

Sunday 14th September: All Saints Harvest Celebration 11am

All ages welcome. There will be songs and celebration for Harvest in the Marquee on the Wale Recreation Ground. Non-perishable gifts will be collected for Jimmy's night shelter. Join us after the service for tea, coffee, cake and conversation. Stay for....

Village History Walk 12.30

90-minute walk departing the Marquee on the Wale and including notable Houses and Residents, The Hall and Manor House History, the Village Pump, All Saints Church, its Brasses, Bier, Saxon Gravestones and the "Wailing Wall". Led by local-residents.

Picnic on the Wale from 12.30

Bring your picnic, family and friends to a relaxed afternoon utilizing the Marquee for Shelter.

The Village Show

We are very excited to be holding another Fun Village Show as part of the weekend. All entries are free. Entry forms complete with entry instructions are available from the Memorial Hall notice board, the village web site (www.littleshelford.online) or from christajostock@hotmail.com.

You can enter one item per category but as many categories as you would like. **Entry deadline Thursday 11th September 5pm.** Exhibits will be on show at the Fun Afternoon from 1pm and winners will be announced at 4pm.

Just for Kids categories (up to 12 years of age)

- 1.4 small baked items with chocolate on a plate
2. Mini Garden on a dinner plate (example photo)
3. Funniest vegetable animal: Make an animal out of carrots, potatoes or any vegetable you like
4. Posy of flowers (max 20cm height)
5. Animal photo: take a photo of your pet. Animal in a field or wildlife
6. Holiday poem on A4 sheet with decorated border and illustrations; Write some lines about your holidays and make the page look pretty with drawings and decorations

Please come along and support LSEC in bringing the villagers of Little Shelford and their friends and families together for fun & friendship.

We are raising funds to improve our community so if you would like us to consider donating to your group or project, please email us. For more information, offers of help or to run a stall on Saturday afternoon contact: Christa Jostock christajostock@hotmail.com

Cricket Club 2025 Season Update June 2025

A slow start for the Seniors but our Juniors are doing well

It's been a slow start for the Senior Teams, although we have won two friendlies the 1st XI have won only one of their league fixtures so far. We are rebuilding the team after several departures last autumn so we knew it was going to be a tough season this year. The 2nd XI have yet to win a league game but have been very unlucky running close in a couple of matches. Our Juniors are continuing to shine though and this bodes well for the future of the club.



**LITTLE SHELFORD
CRICKET CLUB**

We have also combined our teenage girl players with Great Shelford to form one Shelfords Girls team both at U13 and U15 level. They are finding their feet and have had mixed success on the pitch but it's great to be able to offer girls only competitive cricket at this level for the first time, both for us and Great Shelford Cricket Club.

Reminder - Softball Cricket for Children 6+ on the Wale Recreation Ground

Children from six years old 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 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 neilorpwood@littleshelfordcc.com).

Reminder - Nets for the 2025 Summer Season

Outdoor nets for Seniors and Juniors on the Wale Recreation Ground on Whittlesford Road. Junior nets are on Saturdays and Sunday 10-12am. Senior teams nets 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 chrisschofield@littleshelfordcc.com or if you would like to come along to Junior Nets then please contact Jamie Harrison jjc.harrison@ntlworld.com one of our Junior Coaches.

Remaining Fixtures for the 2025 Season.

The full 2025 results and fixtures list (home and away) is posted on the Pavilion notice board and on the notice board at The Side Quest. It can also be found on our ECB Play-Cricket web site:

<https://littleshelford.play-cricket.com/> . You can also follow us on Twitter [@LShelsCricket](https://twitter.com/LShelsCricket). We welcome everyone to come and support both our Senior and Junior teams on the Wale, it is a beautiful spot to watch cricket!

Key Diary Dates – Festival of Cricket 2025, Annual Dinner and 150th Anniversary of LSCC

Please note these important dates, the **Festival of Cricket** our annual celebration of Junior and Senior Cricket with family and friends will be on Sunday 7th 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.

Finally, there is some exciting news about the 150th Anniversary of LSCC being founded. We will be celebrating this in a combined effort with the Village Entertainments Committee on the weekend of 11th and 12th September 2027. More news will follow but we can expect some great events over the weekend and the appearance of a number of cricketing celebrities! It's two years off but will require a lot of planning.

Become a Vice-President Supporter

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!

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Shelford Twinning Association Quiz

The Shelford Twinning Association held a quiz evening on 16th May and was delighted by the good attendance and most importantly, the high standard, yet again, of the quiz set by our usual quiz master David Beresford.

Once again David taxed our memories and our brains with a wide variety of excellent questions, all of which were illustrated by a photograph which hinted at the answer for example in the weapons round a picture of Dirk Bogarde confirmed the answer as dirk (one of the easier questions!).

There were 6 rounds of 10 questions, and during the meal a table round with slides showing parts of the logos of international aircraft lines (some well-known, some obscure!)/. As has become the tradition, the food served midway through the quiz was fish, sausage or chicken and chips, with a colourful frittata veg option supplied by the deli.

The atmosphere throughout the evening was warm and convivial with a lively buzz of conversation resuming as soon as there was a lull between questions.

We are as ever most grateful to Richard Patterson for organising this event, and to his willing team who served and cleared up, donated raffle prizes, helped in various other unseen ways – thank you all.

As this was a fundraising evening as well as a fun one, the usual Raffle was held with a good number of prizes, a useful help towards swelling the profits from the event. All the moneys raised at our fundraisers go towards the not inconsiderable costs of entertaining the French group when they come over in July (when we have to organise a full day's outing, a half day's outing and a party for everyone).

Our own visit to Verneuil is imminent as I write – we depart on 24th May. The programme includes a visit to Chantilly Castle and a big party for the group and hosts. We always host a ceilidh when the French come over, and this year for the first time the Vernoliens asked that our ceilidh band accompany us and play at their function – good international relations!

If you would like any further information on the Twinning Association and our activities, please visit our website: Shelfordtwinning.org.uk, or email twinningsec@gmail.com.

Highway Robbery

Rooting around the British Newspaper Archive, one of the oldest references to Little Shelford I could find was printed in the Ipswich Journal on 1st November 1777. Insight into life at the end of the 18th Century in Little Shelford and the surrounding area:

"On Saturday night fortnight, about 6 o'clock, the Reverend Mr Fisher, of Duxford in Cambridgeshire, on his return from Cambridge, was stopped on the road between Little Shelford and Whittlesford, by two highwaymen, who robbed him of 3 guineas and a quantity of silver. They were seen to follow Mr Fisher from this side of Trumpington, and soon after he passed through Shelford Turnpike, one of them enquired of the keeper of the toll gate, "whose carriage it was that had just gone by", and immediately followed, when one of them with imprecations stopped the driver, while the other rode up to the chaise door, and tapped to the window, which being let down, he held a pistol to Mr Fisher's breast, and commanded him instantly to deliver his money or he was a dead man, which was complied with. He then demanded his pocketbook, which Mr Fisher told him only contained some private memorandums. The Highway man's companion opening the opposite door of the carriage, with a large pistol in his hand, the pocketbook was then delivered, which the Highwaymen promised to return it if it contained nothing of value!"*

**Imprecations: Old English word for curse or offensive language according to the Cambridge Dictionary.*

Speeding traffic, fly tippers and chucking beer cans out of car windows are our 21st Century concerns with Whittlesford Road, at least we don't have to worry about Highwaymen brandishing large pistols! The article raises a number of questions and perhaps our readers would like to see if they can answer them:

- (a) What were 3 guineas in 1777 worth in current day money?
- (b) Who was our King or Queen in 1777?
- (c) What kind of carriage had a "chaise" door?
- (d) And, most intriguing, where was Shelford Turnpike Toll gate?

80th Anniversary of VE Day

Thanks to all those who helped and turned out for our VE80 commemorations and celebrations at the Side Quest on Monday 5th May. It was a reflective and enjoyable afternoon for all who attended.



We were pleased and surprised to get quite so much coverage in the Cambridge Independent. We are continuing our research to find out more about those who lost their lives from the Village in World War II.

The names are listed below from the War Memorial in All Saints Church. If you have more information about any of those listed or even photographs or living relative contacts, could you let me know?

BAILEY, Dora Ellen
FROSTE, Victor George
OLIVER, Mostyn William
NEAVES, Percy John
POOLEY, Derek Arthur

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

TABNER, Eric Edward

The Village Flag Pole

In Memory of Colonel Derek Bishop MBE 1928-2022

After 2 years of back and forth with the planning authorities at SCDC and lengthy discussions on the best location we are pleased that the Village finally has a flag pole. Those that have used the Wale Recreation Ground recently will have noticed that it now sits splendidly to the right of the Pavilion

The Flag Pole has been generously Brenda, Derek's wife and two other anonymous donors from within the village. Derek and Brenda lived in the village for over 50 years and both have been very active in all aspects of Village life.

Brenda inaugurated the Flag Pole hoisting the Union Flag at the 10th Anniversary Party for the new Pavilion on 25th March 2025. A plaque has also been placed on the Pavilion external wall close to the Flag Pole explaining that it has been erected in loving memory of Derek. It will fly the Union Flag on suitable occasions, such as the Village Feast and on

VE80 day and also the Cricket Club flag for home matches.

My thanks also go to Neil Orpwood, Vic Franklin, Neil Ruffles, the Pavilion Committee, the Parish Council and Beckie Whitehouse (Parish Clerk) for their support and efforts in agreeing the final site and dealing with the planners and suppliers.

If you think you have the answers to the Highwayman article questions or can help in tracking down more information on the people on the WWII Memorial, please do drop me a line at davidjhjones@btinternet.com



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