

A photograph of a church interior. In the foreground, a large, ornate wooden pulpit with Gothic-style carvings is visible. To the left, a wooden screen with a decorative top and a small sign that says 'SALMS' is partially seen. A large bouquet of pink and white flowers sits in front of the pulpit. In the background, a tall, narrow stained-glass window with blue and white patterns is visible. A dark wooden canopy hangs above the pulpit. The text 'Around Little Shelford Autumn 2025' is overlaid in a stylized font.

*Around
Little
Shelford
Autumn 2025*

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Contributions for the winter 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 21st November 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 winter, to *newsletter@allsaintslittleshelford.org*

All Saints
LITTLE SHELFORD

Dear friends,

At the time of writing we are just getting ready to enjoy the Little Shelford Fun Weekend, with a party at The Side Quest, a traditional family fun village fete and Harvest Celebration Sunday Service on the Rec, making use of the Marquee, for a 'pop-up' church event, outside the walls of All Saints Church.

In the past it was obviously a big village event inside the church building. If you have visited the church, you may know that we have a secret staircase with a door at the top that opens into thin air a few feet up above the pulpit (see front cover). 'What's is it for?', I am sometimes asked.

The answer is that it was used to give access to a wooden rood screen. At harvest the screen was decorated with all sorts of produce – fruit, hops, flowers etc. This was in an era before risk assessments were needed for working at height!

But the harvest was rightly celebrated as a reminder that work in the fields and food on the table were gifts of a good and generous God and not to be taken for granted. I was interested to read that in the mid-19th century, around the time when the Corn Laws caused the price of bread to rocket in England and the potato famine brought starvation to Ireland, at one point Prime Minister Lord Melbourne refused to sanction Harvest festivals, 'there being no reason to celebrate'.

Perhaps lean times should remind us of the simple truth that usually in this 'green and pleasant land' we have abundance, for which to thank God: ***'he has not left himself without testimony: he has shown kindness by giving you rain from heaven and crops in their seasons; he provides you with plenty of food and fills your hearts with joy.'*** Acts 14:17. Note to self: I need to thank God and enjoy this beautiful season of the year...

The other thing which harvest abundance makes possible is the chance to share with those who are in need. One of the features of our Harvest Celebrations each year is that we are able to pass on non-perishable food items to Jimmy's in Cambridge for their guests. What good work they do – and what a joy to be able in this small way to support their efforts!

Happy harvest season, everyone!

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, office@allsaintslittleshelford.org

Granta Medical Practices Update September 2025

Vaccines Update

As we approach the colder months, there are a number of vaccines that can help protect you against serious illness, including:

FLU - this vaccine helps protect against flu, which can be a serious or life-threatening illness. It's offered on the NHS every year in autumn or early winter to people at higher risk of getting seriously ill from flu.

COVID-19 - the Covid-19 vaccine helps protect against Covid-19, which can be a serious or life-threatening illness for some people. It's usually offered on the NHS in early winter to people who need extra protection from Covid-19.

RSV - the RSV vaccine helps protect against Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV) that can make babies and older adults seriously ill. This is offered all year round.

SHINGLES - this vaccine helps protect against shingles and is offered all year round. Shingles is a common condition that causes a painful rash. It can sometimes lead to serious problems such as long-lasting pain, hearing loss or blindness. You're more likely to get shingles, and it is more likely to cause serious problems, as you get older or if you have a severely weakened immune system.

PNEUMOCOCCAL (pneumonia) - this vaccine is offered all year round. It helps protect against serious illnesses like pneumonia and meningitis.

Book your flu vaccine with us and when you come in, we can check what other vaccines you are eligible for.

To book your flu vaccination please call 0300 234 5555 and choose the Granta site of your choice or wait to receive your SMS link via your mobile phone to book your appointment.

For further information about all of the vaccines available please go to www.nhs.uk/vaccinations/

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News from Rainbow Pre-school

Rainbow Pre-School occupies a building in the grounds of the school and has been under the management of the school since April 2023.

Rainbow Pre-school

During the second half of the summer term at Rainbow, saw the children able to enjoy the garden area, exploring the sand and mud kitchen, which now has its lovely new sail which we were able to purchase with a kind donation from Shelford feast. We will also be updating the mud kitchen over the summer holidays ready for the Autumn term.

Inside the theme of curiosity saw the children happily engaged with a dinosaur activity which included them exploring a selection of real fossils, digging for bones in the sand tray as well as making their own fossil imprints using salt dough. The children also took part in bug hunts in the wild meadow. The preschool children also took part in some playtimes in preparation for starting school.

The end of the summer term saw the preschool children having their party and leavers ceremony, which many of the parents attended. It was a day mixed with happiness seeing how far the children have developed and some sadness saying good bye. Looking forward all the staff would like to wish all the children the very best in their new schools settings from September.

In September the staff are looking forward to welcoming our new starters, getting to know them and their families, as well as moving the Sunbeams into the preschool room for the start of their last year at Rainbow.

Allison Tomlin
Manager



Great Shelford Library News

Thank you to all the children who joined and took part in this year's Summer Reading Challenge. We so enjoyed hearing about all the wonderful books that you read during the summer. The awards ceremony will be in the library on Monday 15th September at 4pm. Please come along if you can. We will keep certificates and medals safe for children who cannot attend the ceremony. As we head into autumn our regular activities will resume.

Engage Talk: – Autism and ADHD today a talk by Dr Kevin Bryant. Wednesday 24th September, 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 – Restarts on Thursday 11th September - 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 10.30-12. 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-12noon. Suitable for ages 4-10. Drop-in event. Suggested £1 donation. Parents and carers must supervise their children at all times.

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



2G3S Update September 2025

Dr Bike continues to hold its volunteer-run weekly bike repair sessions at the Old Slaughterhouse in Stapleford, 3pm to 5.30pm every Tuesday. We are also running Saturday afternoon sessions (3pm to 5.30pm), on the last Saturday of the month – so 27 September is the next one. 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 drbikestapleford@gmail.com. You can also book a time slot at that address, though this is not essential. Come and get your bike sorted for the new term!

Great Shelford and Stapleford Neighbourhood Plan – don't forget to vote on 4 September in the Yes/No referendum, which is asking the question 'Do you want South Cambridgeshire District Council to use the neighbourhood plan for Stapleford and Great Shelford to help decide planning applications in the neighbourhood area?'.

Repair Cafes – if you have items that have broken, don't throw them away but bring to our next repair café in Great Shelford Free Church on Saturday 20 September from 2pm to 5pm. Bookings at cambridgecarbonfootprint.org/events ASAP.

Bring along your broken item and a skilled volunteer will help fix it. We can tackle a wide variety of repairs including jewellery, electrical and electronic devices, as well as clothes and fabrics. Please do book in your item for repair – this helps us plan our schedule so we can avoid people having to wait, and also means we can do our homework in advance to assess the repair. The repairers are brilliant and can fix a lot of things but there are no guarantees.

Please note that we will not be able to replace cracked screens on phones or tablets. But we will collect portable non-working (unfixable) electrical items and ensure these are properly disposed of. We will also have a stall, run by SCDC, to accept unwanted working electricals, so they can be checked for safety before being offered a new home.

Little Shelford Village Fete – we will have a stall at this on 13 September, do come and say hello. And we will have a treasure hunt!

Conversation Evening on low energy houses, featuring at least two local examples where the owners will talk about the process of achieving this. Come and find out more before the winter bills begin to

bite. The date is September 23, at Cox's Close Community Room in Stapleford. More details on our website.

Greater Cambridge Chalk Stream Project – as you probably know, our chalk streams are under threat because of over-abstraction to give water to houses and businesses, and by pollution. Here is a chance to do something to help. This project has been launched by Cambridge City Council and ARU, and aims to: restore and preserve the region's chalk streams, increase biodiversity, introduce sustainable water management practices, and support communities to enhance and sustain their local environment. See cambridge.gov.uk/greater-cambridge-chalk-stream-project for more information, where you will see there is the opportunity to do something practical and hands-on. Local people can get involved:

- join a volunteer day to help with restoration work
- take part in 'citizen science' projects, such as monitoring water quality or surveying wildlife
- donate to the project
- advocate for the project to help spread awareness

Earth Overshoot Day is the point in the year when human demand for materials obtained from nature exceeds what the Earth can naturally regenerate in one year. For 2025, Earth Overshoot Day fell on July 24, the earliest it has been since the event was first calculated in 2006. Read more about how this is calculated and how it is changing year by year at ecowatch.com/earth-overshoot-day-2025.html.

To end on a more positive note, Cambridge Biodiversity & Regenerative Food Festival is on Parker's Piece on Saturday 27 September, 10.30am to 4pm. Free entry. See regenerativefoods.co.uk/events/Cambridge. The festival brings together and celebrates the growers, producers and organisations that contribute to a regenerative local food system and a wilder, more biodiverse region. You'll find a collection of regenerative and organic growers, bakers, makers, street food vendors, crafters, charities, community groups, demos, workshops and more.

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. Also see our Facebook page and our website 2g3s.staplefordvillage.org.uk/.

Helen Hale

2G3S REPAIR CAFE

Matching experienced repairers with people who need stuff fixed



We can help with
jewellery, clothes
and fabric,
electrical and
electronic devices,
and other items.



Booking is recommended. Bookings will open on 4th August

Repair Café is FREE, but donations are welcome.
Tea/coffee and cake will be provided!

Great Shelford Free Church

20th September 2025 2pm - 5pm

Venue: Ashen Green, Great Shelford, CB22 5EY

For more details and to book in an item for repair
scan the QR code or visit:

<https://bit.ly/4e6Fnga>

Email: 2G3Srepaircafes@gmail.com



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Great Shelford
Free Church



Cambridgeshire
REPAIR CAFE
Network

The Shelfords WI

Our WI Summer is based around gardens and teas. Neil and Clare Callan have a beautiful garden near Somersham. They have shown us photographs previously at indoor meetings. Although their favourite irises were over in July and some roses were past their best, alstroemerias in the beds and petunias in pots created the colour. A strongly built 'climbing frame' gave us a view of Ely Cathedral 10 miles away while at low level we enjoyed the huge variety of plants and gazing at wildlife in the pond. In their garden, that is open as part of the National Garden Scheme, there are also interesting sculptures in varying materials. After extensive wandering we enjoyed welcome cups of tea, scones jam and cream. A longish drive but lovely to be meeting in such a beautiful environment.

Our contribution to the Shelford Festival and Feast is to provide teas, coffees and cake to the many visitors on Feast Day. Cakes are cooked by WI members and several other Feast supporters for which we are very grateful. The range of recipes used was awesome from small cakes and decorated buns via ginger breads and fruit cakes to multilayer Victoria sponges and iced coffee and walnut cakes. A tribute to many cooks.

Just after 12 noon the heavens opened for a short period and the tables and chairs that had been outside the Sports Pavillion were rapidly moved onto the veranda or into the Pavillion. We soon had a steady stream of customers being served by a rota of WI members and other helpers; cake servers, tea makers, washers up and our treasurers at the till. Many thanks to Rosemary Livings and Anne Ashurst who masterminded the arrangements, and the Feast organisers for the provision of urns, large teapots, the crockery and other supplies. A real combined community effort.

We return to the Community Room at St Mary's Church on 4 September when Fiona Chesterton will give a talk on 'Secrets never to be told'. On 2 October we will welcome East Anglian Air Ambulance for CPR training and how to use defibrillators. Neil Callan will be back on 6 November to tell us of another passion, 'The History of the English Silver Spoon'.

As usual visitors and prospective new members will be made very welcome from September at 7.30pm in the Community Room behind St Mary's Church Great Shelford. Our programme can be found on our website: <https://theshelfordswi.wordpress.com>

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
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Kaleidoscope	Polly Stanton 722509 www.allsaintslittleshelford.org
Badminton Club	James Newman 07717 394176 james@jamesnewman.org www.littleshelfordbadmintonclub.co.uk
Ballet East (ages 3-18)	Jo Thorndyke jothorndyke@hotmail.com
Bowls Club	Ray Saich 842737 pandraisaich@gmail.com
Cricket Club	Chris Schofield 563276 chrisscofie@hotmail.com www.littleshelfordcc.com
Good Neighbours Tea Parties	Judy Boothroyd 843313 judyboothroyd5@gmail.com
Local History Society	Ray Saich 842737 pandraisaich@gmail.com
Pantomime	Sarah Coppendale 842498 coppendales@btinternet.com
Wildlife Group	Diana Haines 841415 dianahaines42@icloud.com
Physiopilates	cambridgephysiopilates@gmail.com 841968 www.physiopilates.org.uk
Pavillion Art Group	Penny Eames 07949 123023 pjcmagpie@gmail.com
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

Shelford and Stapleford Strikers Football Club	Anthony Stevens 843703 <i>disleystevens@aol.com</i> <i>www.pitchero.com/clubs/shelfordandstaplefordstrikers</i>
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Shelford Twinning Association	Penny Pearl 842483/217554 <i>penny.pearl@btinternet.com</i> <i>shelfordtwinning.org.uk</i>
Shelford Garden Club	Helen Chubb 845032 <i>www.shelford.org/gardenpage.htm</i>
Shelfords and Stapleford Youth Initiative (SSYI)	Zac Britton <i>zac.britton@ssyi.club</i>
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	16 th Sep	Black bin
Tuesday	23 rd Sep	Green & blue bins
Tuesday	30 th Sep	Black bin
Tuesday	7 th Oct `	Green & blue bins
Tuesday	14 th Oct	Black bin
Tuesday	21 st Oct	Green & blue bins
Tuesday	28 th Oct	Black bin
Tuesday	29 th Jul	Green & blue bins
Tuesday	4 th Nov	Black bin
Tuesday	11 th Nov	Green & blue bins
Tuesday	18 th Nov	Black bin
Tuesday	25 th Nov	Green & blue bins

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

Village Tea Parties

Held on the second Wednesday of each month in the Village Hall during winter months (November to March) 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 £1.50 per person.

All Little Shelford residents and their relatives are most welcome and we encourage newcomers to the village to come along to make new friends. Please pass the word around to anyone you know who may be interested.

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:

- **10th September**
- **8th October**
- **12th November**
- **10th December**

Macmillan Coffee Morning

Let's do whatever it takes to support people living with cancer.

Place: The North Building,

All Saints Church, Little Shelford.

Date: **Friday 26th September 2025**

Time: 9:30-12:30

Macmillan Cancer Support, registered charity in England and Wales (261017), Scotland (SC039907) and the Isle of Man (604). Also operating in Northern Ireland. MAC19933_InvitePoster



MACMILLAN
CANCER SUPPORT





The BIG BREAKFAST is back!

Saturday 18th October 2025

8.30am to 11.30am

Little Shelford Memorial Hall, Church Street

The Big Breakfast is back in Little Shelford! Relax and chat with friends. Meet the SSYI Team and hear about their work while enjoying a hearty breakfast, good company and good music.

A variety of breakfast food will be available from cereals, toasts and waffles to traditional and locally sourced "Full English".

We will be raising funds for SSYI, the community-based charity formed by local Christians over 25 years ago. Serving the South Cambridgeshire villages of Great and Little Shelford, Stapleford, Sawston, Harston and Duxford. Providing impactful youth activities and clubs open to all local 11–18-year-olds as well as one-to-one support. We are based in the Youth Centre at Great Shelford Memorial Hall but work with over 250 teenagers each month across the villages. A minimum donation of £10 for your breakfast would be appreciated. Contactless and cash payments accepted!

How SSYI helped one young person:

"I started coming to the SSYI youth group hoping that it would help me with my mental health and that. It also gets me out of the house. When I first came, I was badly behaved because I couldn't control my anger and emotions. SSYI staff have helped me and told me about the young leader programme, and I thought I'd give it a go and now I am a young leader, and I have to set a good example to the younger ones, this has helped me learn how to manage my own emotions and develop some better coping strategies. Staff have been patient with me and helped me to learn to control my anger and talk about my feelings, I have been given the opportunity to complete other courses such as my first aid course and staff have given me a reference for future jobs. I am aiming to become a youth worker and help others". Peter – 16

More details on the Big Breakfast and offers of help: Jane Greaves (jegreaves2003@yahoo.co.uk) or David Jones (davidjhjones@btinternet.com)

Little Shelford Local History Society

'A Century of Little Shelford History'

Little Shelford Memorial Hall, Sunday 2nd November 2025, 2.00-5.00pm

- Photographs, Paintings
- Village Sign
- All Saints – church records
- Gt & Lt Shelford School
- Legal documents relating to the history of some LS houses
- Archaeological finds, M11
- Pantomime
- Twining Association
- Cricket Club, Bowls Club
- Memorial Hall, Sports Pavilion
- New edition of 'Shelford Parva' by Fanny Wale



Little Shelford Memorial Hall Film Show

Saturday 22 November 2025

There will be a Memorial Hall Film Showing of '***A Complete Unknown***' on Saturday 22 November. Doors open at 7.00 pm for a 7.15 pm start. We will not be serving supper with this film but there will be a licensed bar.

A Complete Unknown is a 2024 American biographical film about the early career of American singer-songwriter, Bob Dylan. ***A Complete Unknown*** examines the period of 1961-1965, beginning with Dylan's start as an American folk singer and ending with his controversial use of electric instruments at the 1965 Newport Folk Festival. Dylan is portrayed by Timothée Chalamet, who also produced the film.

The film earned eight nominations at the 97th Academy Awards, three nominations at the 82nd Golden Globe Awards, four at the 31st Screen Actors Guild Awards (winning Best Actor for Chalamet) and six at the British Academy Film Awards (including Best Film).

Tickets (£7.00 per person) are available from Sarah Coppendale: (842498) coppendales@btinternet.com and Diana Haines (841415) dianahaines42@icloud.com.

A brief summary of my stay in Verneuil, 24-27 May 2025

After a long drive, we arrived late Saturday afternoon. I was a bit apprehensive about meeting my hostess because I don't speak a word of French. However, Nicole's smile immediately reassured me that all would work well. It was magical from the outset, and I immediately felt welcomed.

I wanted to make a pencil drawing of her lovely house and so I did. It is a welcoming, comfortable house, whose architecture made me want to paint it.

On Sunday morning, we drove to Compiègne, where, in front of the large Imperial Palace, we admired a huge collection of dozens and dozens of Chevrolet Corvette Classical cars. Whilst there Nicole took me to see the town's castle museum and the views of the magnificent grounds and forests around, all of which is grand on a big scale – seen from the windows.



In the early afternoon, we visited the old town of Senlis to see its cathedral, which is a good example of French Gothic architecture. Sadly, our brief visit there was marred by a torrential rainstorm making it impossible to take photos. Later on in the day we attended a magnificent concert by the C4 de Picardie choir, then a dinner dance in Verneuil's town hall.

Monday - we explored Chantilly and its magnificent historical castle shaped from the Middle Ages.

Tuesday - after a tour of Verneuil and an excellent meal, we had to think about leaving.

I'm delighted with this stay. A friendship has blossomed between Nicole and myself. That's swell by anyone's standards don't you think?

Ian Taylor

Vacancy for Little Shelford Parish Councilors (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.

Do you have a few hours of spare time? 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 Councilors do?

Little Shelford Parish Council is made up of 7 voluntary councilors. 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 Councilor?

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

Parish Council Update

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



A number of trees have required work on the Wale over the last few months partly due to the stress all our trees have been under due to the hot dry weather and your Councilors have been regularly watering the younger saplings.



In September the fence around the play area will be replaced. Most of the cost for this has covered by funding. Additionally, your Council are still waiting for a response re the damaged playground equipment.

Finally, your Parish Council objected to the proposed outline application with some matters reserved except for access for a residential development of up to 6 No dwellings, formation of access, landscape planting and ancillary development (application 25/02685/OUT).

Little Shelford Pantomime 2026

Selling tickets to the public from 1 December.

Needless to say, it will as much fun as ever.

On which dates? Wednesday 7 January to Saturday 10 January 2026.

Where will it be held? Little Shelford Memorial Hall.

What time will it start? 7pm every night.

How many are in the cast? Cast of thousands!

Information, contact coppendales@btinternet.com or 01223 842498.

Tickets will cost £5 for children and £10 for adults.

Enjoyment for all the family.

Little Shelford Bowls Club Update

A large gathering of members and guests helped Little Shelford Bowls Club celebrate their end of season finals night on 28 August. In response to a vote of thanks to everyone who had helped and supported the Club throughout the year, David Jones, in conjunction with presenting the trophies, recited this poem, composed with the help of Chat GPT, which eloquently sums up the game of bowls. If you are interested in joining the Bowls Club next season and would like to attend our open days next April, please get in touch with Vic Franklin (victorfranklin123@btinternet.com).

Ode to Little Shelford Bowling Club

In a village where willows and wildflowers sway,
Lies a green where the bowlers come out to play.
With the sun on their backs and a breeze in the air,
There's a calm sort of magic that lingers out there.

The jack is rolled with a practiced grace,
Then woods take flight in a tactical race.
Each curve of the crown is a test of skill,
And each quiet end brings a louder thrill.

From seasoned pros with a knowing grin,
To new folks just hoping their bowl stays in—
There's laughter, advice, and the odd wise crack,
And always a warm cuppa waiting out back.

Not just a sport, it's a way to belong,
Where stories are shared and friendships grow strong.
So, here's to the club where the good times are seen—
Long live the bowlers, the crown, and the green!

Little Shelford Cricket Club 2025 End of League Season Report

Another season is over and we have had another very mixed season. Our 1st XI struggled following the loss of some key player at the end of last season. With only 4 wins out of 16 games. While our 2nd XI suffered similarly and won only 3 of 14 games. The encouraging element was the spirit of the teams remained strong and we welcomed a number of the Junior players into the Senior Teams and they performed well. That bodes well for next season and we will also be working hard to recruit additional Senior and Junior players during the winter season with regular next too.

Our Junior teams meanwhile have performed very well. Great credit again goes to Ian Reid and Jamie Harrison, our Junior Section coaches, who continue to bring through good new players. The U15 XI won 12 of their 17 games while our U13 XI won 9 of their 12 games and were top of their league.

A highlight for the Juniors was when our U15 XI make it to the Vitality U15 Club T20 Regional Final. We defeated Great Melton Cricket Club from Norfolk by 73 runs on the Wale on 10th July in the Norfolk v Cambridgeshire final and it meant we had made our way to the Regional Semi-finals. On Monday 28th July our U15 XI, parents and supporters made their way to Leamington Spa to play in their first ever regional semi-final. Quite an achievement!



In the morning, we played Kibworth Cricket Club, the biggest club in Leicestershire, running no less than 15 teams each week (To put that in perspective Little Shelford puts out 7 teams per week). The early start to get to Leamington for 9am took its toll on our team and sadly, despite a great batting performance, our fielding and bowling was disappointing and Kibworth won by 66 runs. Our afternoon match became the runners-up final and an opportunity for the team to



restore their pride and composure. Which they did with great success, this time bowling, fielding and batting was all excellent and our team managed to defeat Barnards Green from Worcestershire by 8 wickets. Team pride was restored; the team collected its runners up trophy and we all went home much happier!

I am also pleased to report that our softball cricket was again successful with both many girls and boys enjoying the softball tuition under Neil Orpwood's and Jamie Harrison's watchful eye. It has been great to see softball players from previous years progress to the Junior teams as each year goes by. A highlight of our softball season was when our Shelford UXI Girls won the ECB Club Soft Ball Final on 31st August. They won all 7 games played, losing only 3 wickets in the entire day. Quite a triumph and we look forward to the girls moving into to our Junior teams.

All our statistics and league positions can be found at:

<https://littleshelford.play-cricket.com/> but in summary here is the final match statistics for the 2025 season for our teams:

TEAM	PLAYED	WON	LOST	LEAGUE POSITION
Little Shelford CC - 1st XI	16	4	11	6th of 9 Teams
Little Shelford CC - 2nd XI	14	3	11	7th of 8 Teams
Little Shelford CC - Friendly XI	3	2	1	
Little Shelford CC - Under 15	17	12	5	2nd of 6
Little Shelford CC - Under 13	12	9	2	1st of 9 Teams

As I write we are now preparing for the highlights of the end of the Season, the Festival of Cricket and the Club Annual Dinner and Awards evening.

Festival of Cricket Sunday 7th September 2025

The Festival of Cricket will feature a match between Little Shelford 1st XI v Great Shelford 1st XI playing for the Centenary Cup starting at 1.30pm. Old rivalries revived. Plus, there will be an inter-club Junior Challenge Match for the David Altham Memorial Trophy starting at 9am alongside a Softball Junior match. We will update you in the next

edition of "Around Little Shelford" as to whether we manage to beat Great Shelford for the second year in a row.

Annual Dinner and Awards Evening Saturday 27th September 2025

Finally, we will be holding our Annual Dinner and awards evening on Saturday 27th September starting at 7.00pm in Little Shelford Memorial Hall. Supporters of LSCC as well as players and VP's and friends of the club are all welcome. The dinner is £30 per head including a 3 course Indian Meal from our Junior Section sponsor www.navadhanya.co.uk, one of the best Indian restaurants in the area. There will be vegetarian curry options and for those who don't like curry an alternative of fish & chips from Winners will be available. More details and a booking form for the dinner from our Chairman

Do remember you can view all our matches, results and player statistics, including friendlies and Junior Section games on our ECB Play-Cricket web site: <https://littleshelford.play-cricket.com/> and you can also follow us on Twitter [@LShelsCricket](https://twitter.com/LShelsCricket).

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

History Snippet: What's in a name?

So, our last remaining Pub has a new name, The Side Quest. For those who want to know why this name, look at the new web site (<https://www.thesidequest.pub/story>) but in short here is the explanation:

"This charming inn was lovingly restored by a local entrepreneur who builds virtual worlds for a living. Thrilled to embark on his own real-life side quest, he transformed the building into a welcoming, upscale haven for locals and travellers alike—a place to gather, savour exceptional food and drinks, and forge new connections. Curious about the name "Side Quest"? In the world of role-playing games, a side quest is an optional adventure branching off from the main story, often rewarding players with extra thrills and treasures. In everyday life, it's a fun detour pursued for joy, growth, or sheer curiosity. The term has leaped from gaming culture into pop vernacular, humorously capturing those delightful tangents that make life more exciting".

This prompted me to find out a little more about the history of the Pub and its prior names. It's embarking on a new and exciting journey but have there been equally exciting transitions in the past?

One thing we know is that the pub itself is a listed building, Historic England granted the pub Grade II listed status in on 29th August 1984, some 41 years ago. The listing cites the Pub as constructed from a row of cottages, probably late C17 with the Gable end to the road, similar to the other C17 cottages in the village and on the ground floor there are exposed beams generally of slender scantling and typical of late C17. We also know from village residents that the Pub has had at least two prior names, the Navigator and the before that the Plough.

The Plough

Although the building is C17 it may not have been a pub from the beginning so what is the earliest record of the Pub and what was it called in its earliest guise? I went to the best sources of local history research, the Fanny Wale book. Fanny Wale gives the pub, then also known as the Plough, a brief mention.

It is managed by Charles Jennings and supplied fine ale and stout from the local brewer Jarman of Meldreth. The Village History website (https://www.meldrethhistory.org.uk/topics/commerce/public_houses_and_brewery_in_meldreth/jarmans_golden_ale_brewery) tells us that in 1913 the Plough was one of only 7 pubs tied to and owned by Worboys and Jarman's Ltd of Meldreth & Cambridge, which eventually became part of Greene King. In 1909 Fanny Wale also mentions that Ted Moore made bread at the Plough and that in 1915 Charles Jennings died.

You will also find that a John Jennings owned the land on which the Plough stood as shown in the enclosure map in the Fanny Wale book dated 1813. Could that indicate that the Plough existed as a Pub in those days too? Perhaps this was Charles Jennings' Grandfather? To see if I could find any earlier record I searched the British Newspaper archive.

The earliest reference I found to the Plough was December 21st 1888, in the Cambridge Independent. There is a long story headlined "PUBLICANS CHARGED WITH ASSAULT. LIVELY PROCEEDINGS AT LITTLE SHELFORD". It reported a case at the Cambridge Division Petty

Sessions, that drew much public interest concerning an alleged assault involving two publicans and three of Little Shelford's then Pubs!

John Jennings of the George IV Pub [at the far end of High Street] and Robert Elbourn of the Plough were accused by a Mr Larkin of Ickleton of assaulting him. The incident happened at the Prince Albert public-house in Little Shelford (on the corner of Church Street and Hauxton Road). So, we know in 1888 the Plough existed and at this time the landlord was Robert Elbourn. Because of this incident Robert Elbourn lost his licence as a Publican and Charles Jennings must have followed.

Jumping ahead almost one hundred years to August 1981, I also found an article with a photograph showing some very famous footballers in the Plough. These were John Wark and Paul Mariner of Ipswich Town FC, from the days when they were flying high and UEFA Cup Winners. They were there to support fund raising efforts for Great and Little Shelford School by raffling a shirt worn in the FA Cup final of that year.

The Navigator

Finally, the newspaper archive revealed the date of the name change from the Plough to the Navigator. This was done with Greene King's support in June 1992 when Licensee Archie McLaren got so fed up with people getting his pub mixed up with The Plough in Great Shelford, he asked the brewery to change it. To which they agreed. Archie was a

keen sailor and came up with the Navigator name and hoped it would put the pub on the map! It kept that name only for 33 years before changing again to The Side Quest.

If you think you know more about the history of the Plough or our other local pubs, please do drop me a line at davidjhjones@btinternet.com

Little Shelford Local History Society

Interested in our village history? Look out for details of the LSHS History Day exhibition and information share on Sunday 2nd November at the Memorial Hall.

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