

*Around  
Little  
Shelford*

*Summer 2026*

## Key Contacts

### All Saints Church

*www.allsaintslittleshelford.org*

**Rector** – Simon Scott

*07739 984323*

*simon.scott@allsaintslittleshelford.org*

**Curate** – Gideon Emmanuel

*gideon.emmanuel@allsaintslittleshelford.org*

**Youth and Children's Minister** – Richard Carding

*rich.carding@allsaintslittleshelford.org*

**Administration** – Beth Emmanuel

*847815 office@allsaintslittleshelford.org*

### Parish Council

*littleshelfordparish.gov.uk*

**Clerk** – Beckie Whitehouse

*07480 242390*

*littleshelfordparishclerk@gmail.com*

### Memorial Hall

**Chairman of Trustees** – Bill Davidson

*davidson.wg@btinternet.com*

**Bookings Clerk** – Sarah Haigh

*07568 084330 booking.lsmh@gmail.com*

### Independent Community Website

**Editor** – David Martin

*www.littleshelford.online*

*davidm1961@gmail.com*

### Newsletter Contributions

*newsletter@allsaintslittleshelford.org*

Contributions for the summer 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 28<sup>th</sup> August 2026**. 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 England',

Five years ago, that was how the national football manager at the time, Gareth Southgate, started a letter to the nation. He was writing with the backdrop of Covid 19 and the death of George Floyd in the recent past - and with the prospect of a major football tournament about to happen. His letter was a powerful call to unity.

I am not expecting to reach a national audience in our Little Shelford Village Newsletter – but I will happily own up to a sense of pride in my country, and even, just possibly, allowing myself a dream of '60 years of hurt' miraculously ending in summer 2026, with the Football World Cup happening in America!

This year there is an expanded competition, featuring qualifying teams from 48 different countries – so more fans than ever before around the globe will experience the highs and lows of their national squads' fortunes, over the course of 104 matches.

There will, inevitably, be only one winner on July 19<sup>th</sup>, at the final in the New York New Jersey Stadium. Which makes me glad to be a part of something much bigger, even than the biggest ever Football World Cup.

In the last book of the Bible, the apostle John writes about a spectacular vision of international celebration, in front of God's heavenly throne: ***'a great multitude that no-one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb.'*** (Revelation 7:9). That global celebration, in my view, puts every other human gathering in the shade. It is more diverse and more all-encompassing than the biggest stadium could ever hold.

I expect that for many of us in Little Shelford the thought of a month of unavoidable football is hard to endure. Watching 22 people kick an inflated faux-leather sphere backwards and forwards for 90 +10 additional minutes just isn't our thing! Football cannot really overcome our differences and divisions.

But in God's amazing plan, there is a Lamb whose sacrifice really can forgive our sins, change our lives and point to a better way forward for our entire global order. In John's vision everyone is celebrating, and all are wearing the same team colours: ***'they were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands.'***

Church for the next month will hopefully be a (largely) football-free zone - so we can all focus our attention on Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God and celebrate his amazing triumph together, whichever country we are from.

Please come and join us if you are able to... I trust you will always find a warm welcome at All Saints Church.

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](http://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:

Minis and Creche (0-Reception), Kids (Year 1-4), Pathfinders (Year 5-8) and Deeper (Year 9+).

**11.00 am** - A quieter, more reflective service.

**6.00 pm** – A relaxed and informal service with contemporary songs.

*Over the school summer holidays, we will have one morning service at 10am and the 6pm evening service as normal.*

### 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.

To find out more contact the **Church Office:** 01223 847815, [office@allsaintslittleshelford.org](mailto:office@allsaintslittleshelford.org)

## Shelford School News

The first half of the summer term at Shelford School has had a full range of activities – whether that includes raising live chicks and caterpillars in Reception... or Year 6 receiving their hoodies – an important rite of passage each year. We probably ought to record that even more significant for our leaver's cohort was the final batch of assessments, which they managed in May with great resilience and purposefulness. Their teacher, Mrs Spencer, so much appreciated for the past three years, has moved on after half-term to a role in Museum education in Saffron Walden.

The school continues to work hard to deliver a holistic education beyond the demands of the academic curriculum. Recent weeks have included teaching on digital wellbeing and online safety. The Christian ethos of the school has been served by a trip for years 2 and 3 to Ely Cathedral, and the Ascension Day service at St Mary's Church, Great Shelford, before a picnic in the school grounds.

Highlights still to come – and dates for your diary - include the PTA Summer Fair from 1-4pm on Saturday June 27<sup>th</sup>, during which Rainbow pre-school will also have an Open Day. There are also a number of musical events planned – including the Midsummer Concert held at Great Shelford Free Church on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> July at 6:30pm and the School Choir performing at the Shelford Feast on the afternoon of Sunday July 5<sup>th</sup>.

I am sure many of us will want to express our thanks when we see them, to Mr Grey for his consistently cheerful hard work and professionalism leading the school – and also to Allison Tomlin, manager of Rainbow for many a year, on her retirement from the role this coming July.

Simon Scott

## Rainbow Pre-school

### **Q What is Rainbow Pre-school?**

**A** Rainbow is a term-time only community pre-school under the management of Great and Little Shelford Primary School. We provide a safe, happy and stimulating environment for children aged from 2 to 4 years old.

### **Q How do I find out more about Rainbow?**

**A** You can find out more about Rainbow by visiting the Great and Little Shelford Primary School website and following the links to Rainbow Pre-school. <https://www.shelfordschool.org.uk/web/welcome/685385>

We are always happy for you to contact us and organise a visit to have a look around. To get in touch please email us at [Rainbow@shelford.cambs.sch.uk](mailto:Rainbow@shelford.cambs.sch.uk) or call 07985 216603.

### **Q When can my child start?**

**A** Children are welcome to join Rainbow at any point during the academic year. We have two separate rooms to cater for the specific age ranges. Our Sunbeam room takes children from the term after their second birthday and our Rainbow room caters for children in their pre-school year.

### **What parents say - a selection of recent comments**

We have loved sending our children to Rainbow Preschool! They have so much fun, make lots of friends and it is a great transition to starting at the primary school. It also offers a good combination of free play time and helping the children get used to structure and listening to instructions.

Rainbow has been such a wonderful environment for all of my children to learn and grow. The staff pay excellent attention to their needs (including my child with additional needs) and genuinely care about them. It has been very reassuring to have complete trust in leaving my children in their care over the years.

The team at Rainbow's were all very friendly and experienced and got to know the children so well. They knew of [our son's] interests - tractors, construction, robots! - and thoroughly engaged with him in discussion and learning about these interests. He really came out of his shell during his time there! We look back on his time at Rainbows with fond memories.

# Rainbow Pre-school

A unique place to play and learn in Shelford

Rainbow's experienced and caring staff strive to get each child's early years education off to the most fun start by encouraging learning through play.



- \* A safe environment - children are valued and respected \*
- \* We develop curiosity, creativity and imagination \*
- \* We encourage independence and love of learning \*
- \* Working in partnership with families \*

**We are now taking applications for both 2 and 3 year olds.**

For more information visit [www.shelfordschool.org.uk/web/welcome](http://www.shelfordschool.org.uk/web/welcome)  
or contact us at:



The Rainbow Room  
Great & Little Shelford CofE Primary School  
Church Street  
Great Shelford  
CB22 5EL  
T: 07985 216603  
E: [rainbow@shelford.cambs.sch.co.uk](mailto:rainbow@shelford.cambs.sch.co.uk)

Ofsted URN 110831

## The Shelford School Support Fund

The fund was established initially to pay the school's 10% contribution towards the costs of ongoing repairs and maintenance and of any new building.

Whilst it continues to do that it now does much more, providing funds for:

- individual pupils to access school trips, music lessons, interventions, etc.
- whole school enrichment activities
- class sets of laptops and iPads
- classroom white boards
- internal refurbishments

We need your help if our pupils are to continue to benefit.

Please donate to the SSSF either:

- Directly via the Stewardship platform (includes Gift Aid Option):  
**<https://www.stewardship.org.uk/partners/20119207>**
- By direct payments to the Shelford School Governors' bank account:  
account no. - 00811386, sort code - 20-17-19.
- By cash or cheques (payable to 'Shelford School') sent to The Treasurer, SSSF, c/o the school office. (Please include your name and contact details if you wish your gift to be acknowledged.)

### Gift Aid

A Gift Aid form may be downloaded from the school website:

**[https://www.shelfordschool.org.uk/web/sssf\\_donations/552705](https://www.shelfordschool.org.uk/web/sssf_donations/552705)**



## A Reader's Response

In the last magazine David Jones wrote about the Finch family and their lasting legacy for Great and Little Shelford.

But perhaps the most significant legacy of Henry Finch which David did not mention is Shelford School.

In her book, *The Making of a Village School*, Marjorie Westbrook wrote:

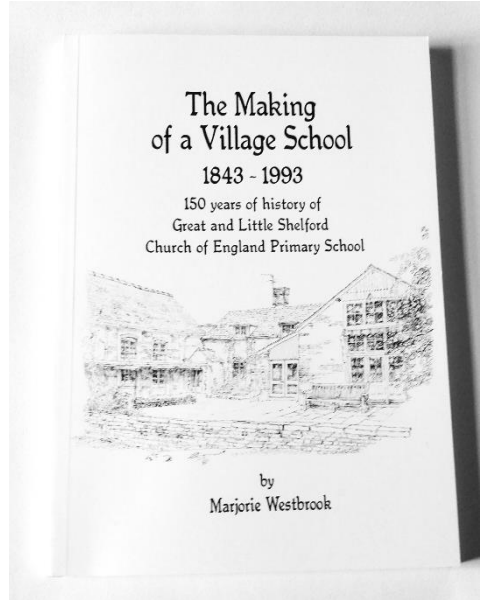
"In the early spring of 1842, the Reverend Henry Finch formed his committee..."

And then a few pages later, "...in the week of 2nd October 1843, 27 girls and 54 boys attended."

Could we achieve such progress today?

Marjorie's book is both informative and enjoyable. Copies are available from the Shelford School office at a cost of £3.

Polly Stanton



## Cara Coffee Volunteers

Have your circumstances changed recently? Do you have a morning or afternoon spare in your week? If so and you fancy a new challenge Cara Coffee in Great Shelford is looking for some new volunteers to join its busy team. Any previous experience of using a coffee machine or till is helpful but not essential - just a willingness to learn and a friendly demeanour are the main things! Email [Julie.whitbread@romseymill.org](mailto:Julie.whitbread@romseymill.org) for more info. Cara Coffee is open Tuesday-Friday 9-4 and Saturdays 10-1.30pm.



## Great Shelford Library News

Taking place across the first two weeks of June, HiVis fortnight gives libraries across the UK the opportunity to highlight services and support for those with vision impairments.

The Big Green Week takes place between the 6<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> June. We will have a display of books to support the Green Week, pop in to find books on how you can get involved and improve your local environment.

### Activities for Adults

**Craft & Chat** Every Friday morning 10.30am -12pm. No need to book.

**Tea & Games** Every Friday afternoon 2.00– 3.30pm. No need to book.

**Engage Talk** Master of Lies with author Piers Blofeld. Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June at 4pm. Please stay for a drink after the talk. Please pre-book in the library or via [Cambourne.library@cambridgeshire.gov.uk](mailto:Cambourne.library@cambridgeshire.gov.uk)

### Activities for Children

**Story, Rhyme & 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 during all library activities.

**LEGO CLUB** Mondays 4-5.30pm. Suitable for ages 2-10.

**Children's Games and Chess Club** Tuesday's 3.30-4.30pm. No need to book, just drop in to try your hand at chess or other games. Suitable for primary school aged children.

**Art Club** Every Saturday morning 10.30am-12noon. Suitable for ages 4-10. Drop in event. £2 donation.

#### 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](mailto:Cambourne.referral@cambridgeshire.gov.uk)

Web: [www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk)



## News from your Parish Council

Thank you to all those who attended the Annual Parish Meeting and hustings back in April.

At the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council in May Cllr Robin Skinner and Cllr Brie Lury were elected as the new Chair and Vice Chair for the forthcoming year and we welcomed Cllr Giles Dean as our newest councillor.

The work of the council continues much as usual - commenting on planning applications, looking after the allotments, Wale recreation ground, responding to consultations and reporting on all things Highways.

You may have noticed that a dead tree was recently removed near the pavilion on the recreation ground and some trees around the pond on Bradmere Lane have been pollarded.

The yearly playground inspection has been carried out, and our clerk does a visual check every week. If you see a problem, please let Beckie know by emailing [clerk@littleshelfordparish.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@littleshelfordparish.gov.uk).

A reminder that the East West Rail consultation closes on 9<sup>th</sup> June you can find out more here

<https://eastwestrail.co.uk/consultation/consultation2026>.

And finally

### IMPORTANT: UK LANDLINE SWITCH-OFF

The UK's old landline network is being switched off by 2027. This may affect older phones, telecare devices, pendant alarms and some home security systems.

Residents are encouraged to check with their provider what changes may affect them and what support is available.

The full resident guide is available here:

<https://www.phonely.co.uk/uk-digital-landline-switchover>

## **An update from your local MP, Pippa Heylings**

### **Charity Skydive for Arthur Rank Hospice**

In April, along with an extraordinary team of campaigners devoted to raising money for the hospice, I did a tandem skydive to raise vital funds. It was the scariest thing I've done and yet so exhilarating to jump out of a plane over Cambridgeshire at 15,000 feet! For a full 60 seconds we plummeted to the ground in tandem freefall at 123mph, and then for 5 minutes floated down under the parachute. I am delighted to say that together we raised over £26,000. Thank you to everyone who gave so generously.

### **Championing our Chalk Streams**

I have continued to champion one of South Cambridgeshire's most precious natural assets. Our chalk streams are globally rare, with only 260 in the world and 85% of them in England. They are essential to biodiversity and provide unique habitats for wildlife. They are being damaged by the twin threats of over-abstraction of water and pollution by sewage. I introduced a Bill in Parliament calling on the Government to nominate the UK's chalk streams, including those flowing through our own constituency, such as the Rivers Cam, Granta, Mel, Rhee and Shep, as a UNESCO Natural World Heritage Site. UNESCO designation will help galvanise public engagement and investment in their recovery.

### **Fighting for SEND Reform**

Since becoming your MP, I have heard from countless families struggling to access the support their children need. The SEND system is broken. It is failing children every day and pushing councils to the brink of bankruptcy. That is why I welcome the Government's recognition of this crisis and the steps they have set out to address it — though I know many parents have serious concerns about what the reforms will mean in practice. I have written to the Minister to convey those concerns, and I am grateful to everyone who responded to the consultation and shared their experiences with me. I will continue to campaign in Parliament for greater special needs funding for our area, and to raise individual cases with the local authority. If you are struggling to navigate the SEND system, please do get in touch — I am here to help.

If you would like to keep up to date with my work, you can register for my e-newsletter at <https://www.pippaheytings.org.uk/newsletter>

## District Councillors' Report

Farhan and I are honoured and privileged to have been elected as the two District Councillors for Shelford ward, covering Great and Little Shelford and Stapleford in the District elections on May 7th. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Peter Fane and Will Jackson-Wood, the outgoing District Councillors, for their hard work and dedication over the last eight and four years respectively.

Farhan and I have got straight down to work, taking over "in flight" casework from Peter and Will and initiating new casework that was collected while we were calling on people over the last few months. Within eight days of taking office, we had attended our first parish council meetings and are looking forward to working with the three parish councils.

Our diaries have been filled with various induction courses for new councillors, including topics such as introductions to the various departments, code of conduct, council meeting procedures and local government reorganisation. Writing this on 14<sup>th</sup> May, we are looking forward to our first District Council meeting next week.

We thought we'd mention a bit about ourselves by way of introduction. Mark has lived, studied and worked in the Cambridge area for over 40 years and is now retired having spent many years commuting into London where he worked in financial services. He is



married with two grown up children and a wonderful granddaughter who recently turned one. He lives nearby in the Abingtons. Farhan is also married and is one of the council's younger members. He runs two businesses on Woollards Lane and lives in Queen Edith's. Greater Cambridge is growing at an unprecedented rate, and we are both committed to trying to ensure that the character of the three villages and the surrounding area is preserved.

Please do not hesitate to contact either, or both, or us at: [cllr.lunn@scams.gov.uk](mailto:cllr.lunn@scams.gov.uk) or [cllr.hussain@scams.gov.uk](mailto:cllr.hussain@scams.gov.uk)

*Mark Lunn and Farhan Hussain, District Councillors for Shelford Ward*

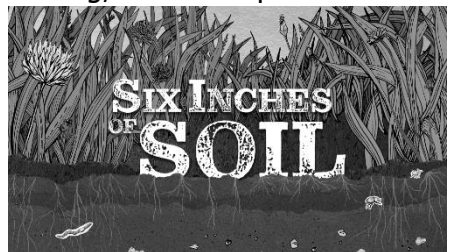
## 2G3S Update

**Planning meeting** – our next one is on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> June at 8pm, at Cox's Close Community Room in Stapleford. Come along and meet us and find out what we're planning, perhaps suggest something you think we should be looking at.

**National Emergency Briefing** – I have discussed this event in previous issues, and now a film has been made featuring all the experts talking about an aspect of climate change that is affecting us in the UK right now, and what needs to be done by government and business to help. There have been a number of local showings of the film, and if you want to see it you can do this on Saturday, 6 June, 6pm-8.30pm, at the NCI Community Centre off Victoria Road in Cambridge (free tickets via EventBrite). Or alternatively on Sunday 5 July, 7pm-9.30 pm, at Haslingfield Village Hall, free tickets available at [tickettailor.com/events/haslingfieldandharltonecogroup/2145810](https://tickettailor.com/events/haslingfieldandharltonecogroup/2145810).

**Dr Bike** continues to hold its volunteer-run weekly bike repair sessions at the Old Slaughterhouse in Stapleford, 3pm-5.30pm every Tuesday. It is also now running sessions on the last Saturday of every month, same time as on Tuesdays. For more information and to book a slot, contact [drbikestapleford@gmail.com](mailto:drbikestapleford@gmail.com). It will soon be possible to donate by card as well as by cash.

**Stapleford Village Weekend** – once again we are showing a film on the Thursday evening, 25<sup>th</sup> June, at 7pm. 'Six Inches of Soil' is a film made in the UK by a production team based in Cambridge and first released in 2024. It features the inspiring story of British farmers breaking out of the industrial food system and transforming the way they produce food – to heal the soil, benefit our health and provide for local communities. We screened this film in Sawston in May last year and liked it so much we are screening it again. More details of this regenerative kind of farming at [sixinchesofsoil.org](https://sixinchesofsoil.org). There will be an opportunity for discussion after the screening, and we hope to have some local organic food producers/sellers there. A pizza van will be on the Rec from 5pm so you can grab something to eat before the film starts. There will also be a bar, and tickets are on sale via the Stapleford Weekend website.



We also plan to have a stall at **Shelford Feast** on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> July.

**Swift boxes** – the group has now installed 20 boxes in Sawston, 16 in Stapleford and 13 in Shelford. Accommodation for martins and swallows has been less popular than swifts as they are messier birds. Let's see if swifts visit the new boxes!

Two ways your garden can help wildlife this month:

**Hedgehogs** – as you probably know, hedgehog numbers have declined sharply in recent years. You can help them by putting out food and by ensuring there are gaps in the fences between you and your neighbours (a 'hedgehog highway'). If you want to find out where hedgehogs have been recorded in your area, go to <https://bighedgehogmap.org/> and type in your postcode. The website also gives lots of information about hedgehogs, how to help, and campaigns being run.

**Make a Metre Matter** – this is a campaign run by 'Gardeners World' magazine encouraging you to dedicate just one square metre of your garden to doing something to help wildlife, a great way to get kids involved. You could for instance plant wildflowers, build a bug hotel, grow vegetables, make a pond, build a compost heap, or plant a tree. Last year 15,532 people registered their metre on the website, and it's hoped they can beat that this year. Register at [gardenersworld.com/make-a-metre-matter/pledge-to-win](http://gardenersworld.com/make-a-metre-matter/pledge-to-win).

**VanJarred Refillery** – if you want to produce less waste and use less packaging, there is of course the excellent Green Weigh shop in Sawston which has a wide range of dry goods, household cleaners in refillable containers (or take your own), and toiletries to fit the bill. If you struggle to get to Sawston there is now a company running a mobile van service that will come to you. As well as basic food and liquid refills, the van is equipped with herbs and spices, canned goods, soaps, deodorants and other personal care items, plus household products like Ecover Washing Up liquid and natural bleach. You order online at [vanjarred.co.uk](http://vanjarred.co.uk), and there is no charge for delivery, though the minimum order is £5.

If you are interested in green matters and the environment, send an email to [mail2G3S@gmail.com](mailto: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/](http://2g3s.staplefordvillage.org.uk/)

## SSYI Summer 2026 Update



### From Land's End to John o' Groats – Malcolm's Epic Challenge for SSYI Complete!

Huge congratulations to Malcolm Goodman of the High Street, Little Shelford, who has now successfully completed his remarkable Land's End to John o' Groats cycle challenge alongside fellow rider and friend Keith Dingle. Over 16 days they cycled more than 1,000 miles through rain, hail, strong winds and some very challenging terrain, demonstrating tremendous determination and resilience.

Malcolm undertook the challenge to raise funds for SSYI, while Keith supported Parkinson's UK. Their achievement has inspired many people across our villages and generated tremendous support for both causes.



Please donate using Just Giving or the QR code. Every £ you pledge will be matched £ for £ by a generous supporter:  
[www.justgiving.com/page/malcolm-goodman-3](http://www.justgiving.com/page/malcolm-goodman-3)

Although the ride is now over, there is still time to support Malcolm's fundraising effort for SSYI. Every pound donated helps us continue providing activities, mentoring and support for local young people. If you've been meaning to sponsor Malcolm but haven't yet got around to it, there is still an opportunity to contribute and help turn this incredible achievement into a lasting benefit for young people in our community.

### Summer Activities Now Underway

The Summer Term programme is now in full swing. Alongside our regular youth clubs in Great Shelford, Sawston and Duxford, we continue to offer football sessions, girls' groups, the new STIR discussion group, targeted youth work projects and one-to-one mentoring support.

As the weather improves, young people can also look forward to a range of special activities, trips and events designed to build confidence, strengthen friendships and create memorable experiences.

Our aim remains simple: to provide opportunities for local young people to thrive, develop new skills and enjoy being part of a positive and supportive community.

## **Come and Meet SSYI at Village Events This Summer**

Summer is always a wonderful opportunity to connect with the wider community, and we look forward to seeing many of you at local events over the coming months.

Please come and visit the SSYI team at:

**Stapleford Feast – Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> June**

**Great Shelford Feast – Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> July**

**Duxday, Duxford – Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> July**

We'll have our popular football cage, activities for young people and plenty of information about our work. These events are a great chance to meet the youth workers, chat about what we do and find out how local support helps make our work possible.

## **Double Your Impact – We Urgently Need More Regular Donors**

Like many charities, SSYI faces increasing pressure on funding. While we are grateful for support from parish councils, churches, grant-makers, local events and individual donors, regular giving remains one of the most important ways we can plan confidently for the future.

We therefore have an urgent appeal. A generous supporter has once again offered to match-fund any new or increased regular donation to SSYI. This means that every pound given by a new regular supporter will effectively be doubled. A monthly gift of £10 becomes £20. A gift of £20 becomes £40.

If you value having a trusted youth organisation serving our villages, please consider becoming a regular donor. With only a small proportion of local residents currently giving regularly, there is enormous potential for our community to help secure the future of this vital work. To find out more about how to become a regular donor and the work of SSYI visit [www.ssyi.club](http://www.ssyi.club) or scan this QR code.



## **Thank You**

Whether you have donated, volunteered, attended an event, sponsored Malcolm's cycle challenge or simply encouraged our work, thank you. The support of local people continues to make an extraordinary difference to the lives of young people across our villages. Together, we can ensure that SSYI remains a positive, welcoming and life-changing presence in our community for many years to come.

## **SSYI Big Breakfast**

**Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2026**

**8.30am to 11.30am**

**Little Shelford Memorial Hall, Church Street**

The Big Breakfast is back, the annual event where villagers relax and chat with friends. Meet the SSYI Team, hear about their work and meet some of the Young people we support 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 26 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!

A great way to start the day!

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

Keep up to date with details of SSYI clubs, events and activities at: [www.ssyi.club](http://www.ssyi.club).



## 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](mailto:newsletter@allsaintslittleshelford.org).

<b>Group name</b>	<b>Contact details</b>
All Saints Tots	Polly Stanton 722509 <a href="http://www.allsaintslittleshelford.org">www.allsaintslittleshelford.org</a>
Badminton Club	James Newman 07717 394176 <a href="mailto:james@jamesnewman.org">james@jamesnewman.org</a> <a href="http://www.littleshelfordbadmintonclub.co.uk">www.littleshelfordbadmintonclub.co.uk</a>
Ballet East (ages 3-18)	Jo Thorndyke <a href="mailto:jothorndyke@hotmail.com">jothorndyke@hotmail.com</a>
Bowls Club	Ray Saich 842737 <a href="mailto:pandraisaich@gmail.com">pandraisaich@gmail.com</a>
Cricket Club	Chris Schofield 563276 <a href="mailto:chrisscofie@hotmail.com">chrisscofie@hotmail.com</a> <a href="http://www.littleshelfordcc.com">www.littleshelfordcc.com</a>
Good Neighbours Tea Parties	Judy Boothroyd 843313 <a href="mailto:judyboothroyd5@gmail.com">judyboothroyd5@gmail.com</a>
Local History Society	Ray Saich 842737 <a href="mailto:pandraisaich@gmail.com">pandraisaich@gmail.com</a>
Pantomime	Sarah Coppendale 842498 <a href="mailto:coppendales@btinternet.com">coppendales@btinternet.com</a>
Wildlife Group	Diana Haines 841415 <a href="mailto:dianahaines42@icloud.com">dianahaines42@icloud.com</a>
Physiopilates	<a href="mailto:cambridgephysiopilates@gmail.com">cambridgephysiopilates@gmail.com</a> 841968 <a href="http://www.physiopilates.org.uk">www.physiopilates.org.uk</a>
Pavillion Art Group	Penny Eames 07949 123023 <a href="mailto:pjcmagpie@gmail.com">pjcmagpie@gmail.com</a>
Shelford Bridge Club	Tony Cliff 0753273794 <a href="mailto:Anthony.r.cliff@gmail.com">Anthony.r.cliff@gmail.com</a>
Shelford Community Transport	John Dibnah 842054, Marjorie Smith 564922 Rosie Cranmer 513572, Gillian Northmore 504542
Shelford and Stapleford Strikers Football Club	Anthony Stevens 843703 <a href="mailto:disleystevens@aol.com">disleystevens@aol.com</a> <a href="http://www.pitchero.com/clubs/shelfordandstaplefordstrikers">www.pitchero.com/clubs/shelfordandstaplefordstrikers</a>

Sustainable Shelford Environmental 2G3S	Linda Whitebread <i>greengroupssss@gmail.com</i>
Shelford Twinning Association	Penny Pearl 842483/217554 <i>twinningsec@gmail.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@googlegmail.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	9 <sup>th</sup> June	Black bin
Tuesday	16 <sup>th</sup> June	Green & blue bins
Tuesday	23 <sup>rd</sup> June	Black bin
Tuesday	30 <sup>th</sup> June	Green & blue bins
Tuesday	7 <sup>th</sup> July	Black bin
Tuesday	14 <sup>th</sup> July	Green & blue bins
Tuesday	21 <sup>st</sup> July	Black bin
Tuesday	28 <sup>th</sup> July	Green & blue bins
Tuesday	4 <sup>th</sup> August	Black bin
Tuesday	11 <sup>th</sup> August	Green & blue bins
Tuesday	18 <sup>th</sup> August	Black bin
Tuesday	25 <sup>th</sup> August	Green & blue bins

Food waste caddies are collected every week on a Tuesday.

## Little Shelford Cricket Club Spring Update

The 2026 season is well underway and there is plenty to celebrate at Little Shelford Cricket Club. Across the senior and junior sections, we have already enjoyed some excellent victories, thrilling finishes and impressive individual and team performances. With strong participation throughout the club and plenty still to play for, the summer promises to be an exciting one. Results summarised from matches played up to the end of May.

### 1st XI – Strong Start with Some Big Performances

The 1st XI has made a positive start to their campaign, recording **three league victories from five matches** so far. Highlights include an emphatic **80-run win over Serandib CC**, where Shelford posted an impressive **246-9** before bowling the visitors out for 166. Another excellent victory came away at Girton, with Shelford defending **225-8** to win by 25 runs.

The most dramatic result of the season came on 30 May when Shelford edged out Madingley by just **6 runs**, successfully defending 168 in a tense finish. There was also a nail-biting defeat against Linton Village, who chased down 209 with only three wickets remaining. Overall, the 1st XI is showing resilience and plenty of promise as they push up the table.

### 2nd XI – Battling Hard and Picking Up Important Wins

The 2nd XI has secured **two victories from four completed league matches**. Their season began with a thrilling **five-wicket win over Thriplow**, chasing 203 with five wickets in hand. More recently they were awarded victory at Linton Village after the home side conceded.

The team has been involved in several close encounters. The narrowest was a heartbreaking **four-wicket defeat to Abington**, despite posting a competitive 166-8. Another tight contest saw Burrough Green edge home by six wickets after Shelford scored 145-8. The squad continues to blend experience with emerging young talent and remains well placed for the remainder of the season.

### Under-15s – Cup Winners Still Going Strong

Last season's cup-winning Under-15s continue to impress and have already recorded **three victories from five league matches**. The

standout result was undoubtedly the dramatic **two-run victory at Chippenham**, where Shelford scored 132-8 and held their nerve to win one of the closest matches of the season.

There have also been convincing wins against Sawston & Babraham and City of Cambridge. The team has shown both determination and batting depth, with scores regularly exceeding 120 runs. A narrow defeat against Audley Wenden and an eight-run loss to Royston demonstrate just how competitive the division has become, but the squad remains firmly in contention.

### **Under-13s – Defending Champions Making a Statement**

The reigning **2025 Under-13 Champions** have begun their title defence in style, winning **their opening match of the season** in emphatic fashion. Shelford amassed a superb **177-4** against Haverhill before bowling the visitors out for 109 to secure a commanding **68-run victory**.

The total of 177 represents one of the highest team scores recorded by any Shelford side so far this season and demonstrates the strength of the club's junior development programme. With several fixtures still ahead, the Under-13s look well placed for another successful campaign.

### **Our Weekly Training Sessions – New Players Always Welcome**

Training continues throughout the season at **The Wale Recreation Ground, Little Shelford** and new players are always welcome.

**Seniors:** Wednesdays, 6:00pm

**Junior Hardball (10 years+):** Saturdays and Sundays, 10:00am – 12:00 noon

**Softball Cricket (Ages 6–10):** Saturdays, 9:30am – 11:00am

All sessions are led by ECB-qualified, DBS-checked coaches and provide a fantastic opportunity to learn new skills, improve fitness and make new friends. For information on nets and joining LSCC please contact Chris Schofield (Club Captain) [chrisschofield@littleshelfordcc.com](mailto:chrisschofield@littleshelfordcc.com) or for Junior Nets then please contact Jamie Harrison [jjc.harrison@ntlworld.com](mailto:jjc.harrison@ntlworld.com) or Ian Reid [ian.reid620@ntlworld.com](mailto:ian.reid620@ntlworld.com) our Award Winning Junior Coaches and for Softball contact Neil Orpwood ([neilorpwood@msn.com](mailto:neilorpwood@msn.com)).

## **End of Season Festival of Cricket, BBQ and Awards evening – Save the Date!**

To end our season, we will be running **Little Shelford Festival of Cricket on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> September**. The festival will run throughout the day at the Wale Recreation Ground, and everyone is welcome to attend. There will be exhibition cricket, junior activities and opportunities for players, families, supporters and villagers to come together and celebrate another season of cricket.

This year the festival will conclude with a **community BBQ, pop-up bar and the club awards presentation**, replacing the traditional annual dinner. We are hoping to make this the biggest and most enjoyable end-of-season celebration the club has hosted, so please put the date in your diary now.

## **Looking Ahead – 150 Years of Little Shelford Cricket Club**

Preparations are already underway for a very special milestone. In **2027 Little Shelford Cricket Club celebrates its 150th Anniversary**, marking a century and a half of cricket in the village.

Plans are being developed to combine the celebrations with the Village Weekend, with activities currently expected to take place between **10–12 September 2027**. The committee is exploring a range of special events and hopes to welcome former players, supporters and some notable guests to help mark this remarkable achievement in the club's history.

More details will be announced over the coming months, but for now please keep the dates free and join us in building towards what promises to be a memorable celebration of 150 years of Little Shelford Cricket Club.

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](mailto:davidjhjones@btinternet.com) 01223 847213

## History Snippet: The Walton Family - Mathematics Genius

I enjoyed preparing for the Little Shelford Local History Society talk in February on "The history of Little Shelford Manor". (The talk can be found on the village history website and on YouTube). It revealed a wide range of notable characters who inhabited the Manor House over the years. Last magazine I wrote about the Finch family and their lasting legacy for Great and Little Shelford. This time I have found out more about the Walton Family.

### The Waltons of the Manor House

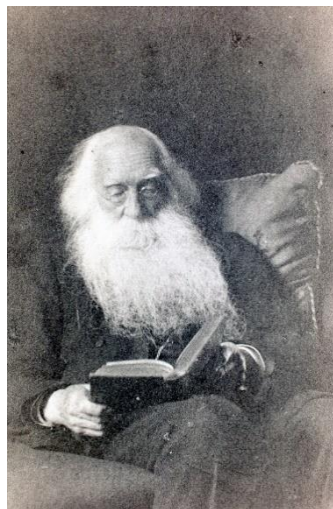
For much of the late nineteenth century, the Manor House was home to one of the most distinguished Victorian academics ever to live in the village: William Walton (1813–1901), a celebrated Cambridge mathematician whose books were read by students across Britain, yet who became affectionately known to villagers simply as "**Old Father Time.**"

William was born on 16<sup>th</sup> September 1813 at Pendleton, near Manchester, Lancashire, the son of John Walton and Mary Gandy.

Although the Walton family would later become closely associated with Little Shelford, their roots lay firmly in Lancashire, where several generations had established themselves as prosperous and well-educated members of society.

Academically, William achieved remarkable success. He entered Cambridge University and graduated as the Eighth Wrangler in the Mathematical Tripos of 1836, placing him among the leading mathematicians of his era. He spent virtually his entire professional life in Cambridge, becoming a Fellow of Trinity Hall, an Honorary Fellow of both Trinity Hall and Magdalene College, and one of the University's most respected private mathematical tutors.

His influence extended far beyond the lecture room. William wrote a number of important mathematical texts, including *A Treatise on the Differential Calculus*, *Collection of Problems in Elementary Mechanics*, and *Problems in Plane Coordinate Geometry*. These works helped educate generations of Victorian undergraduates and established his reputation throughout the academic world.



After a distinguished career in Cambridge, William made a significant change in his life to enjoy his retirement. In **1879**, at the age of sixty-six, he purchased the Manor House from the Reverend James Edmund Law. This was more than a simple property transaction. The Manor House had been separated from the wider manorial estate, which was sold at the same time to Charles John Clay. William and his wife Frances made the Manor House their permanent home and both remained there for the rest of their lives.

His wife was **Frances Walton, née Smedley (1812–1898)**, who had been born in Hope, Flintshire, North Wales. The couple enjoyed a long and devoted marriage lasting more than fifty years. Census records show them together throughout their later life, and by 1891 they were settled comfortably at the Manor House with Frances's sister Jane Smedley and a small household of servants.

While William was renowned in Cambridge for his mathematics, in Little Shelford he became famous for his appearance. Contemporary accounts describe him as having an immense white beard and flowing white hair. As he walked through the village lanes with Frances, he became such a familiar sight that local people affectionately nicknamed him "**Old Father Time.**" According to Fanny Wale, writing in her book "A Record of Shelford Parva", residents remembered the couple as a handsome and dignified elderly pair who took regular walks around the village. William was known to be protective of the ladies in his household and rarely allowed them to venture far without him.

The Waltons quickly became part of village life. William was interested not only in mathematics but also in natural history and gardening, evidenced by some of his letters still preserved in the Trinity College archives. The Manor House itself, with its extensive grounds and traces of an ancient moat, provided an ideal setting for a scholarly retirement.

Following Frances's death in March 1898 and William's death in June 1901, ownership of the Manor House passed to William's niece, **Mary Caroline Walton (Pictured on the steps of the Manor House in 1912).**



William Walton died at the Manor House on 9<sup>th</sup> June 1901 at the age of eighty-seven. His funeral at All Saints Little Shelford Church attracted university colleagues, local residents and friends from across Cambridge. He was buried in the churchyard beneath a large beech tree, close to the heart of the village he had come to love. The double grave of William and Frances is still clearly visible in the graveyard at All Saints beneath that Beech tree.

The Waltons are commemorated by a late Victorian stone chest tomb, rectangular in form and enclosed by raised kerb stones. The monument features a broad inscribed ledger panel and occupies a prominent family plot within the churchyard. Although now heavily weathered and moss-covered, it remains an impressive example of the substantial funerary monuments favoured by affluent professional families in the late nineteenth century.

**Mary** became the last member of the Walton family to occupy the Manor House. She inherited not only the property but also responsibility for elderly relatives, including members of the Morison family connected through William's brother, the Reverend Stanley Walton. Family accounts suggest that Mary devoted much of her life to caring for these relatives and maintaining the household.

The Manor House remained in Walton family ownership for approximately **thirty-seven years**, from William's purchase in 1879 until 1916. In April 1916, Mary Caroline Walton sold the estate to William Raynes of Cambridge, bringing the family's association with the Manor House to an end.

Sadly, Mary died the following year, in 1917, having moved to Lindley House in Great Shelford and after a period of increasing isolation and personal tragedy. Villagers and the local press speculated that her sadness at having to move out of the Manor House, where she had lived so happily with William and Frances, contributed to her tragic end, being found drowned in the river near to Kings Mill, a suspected suicide. Mary's grave lies close to that of her beloved Uncle and Aunt and with the same style late Victorian stone chest tomb.

If you have memories of the Manor House and its residents, please do feel free to contact the author [davidjhjones@btinternet.com](mailto:davidjhjones@btinternet.com)

A vibrant illustration for a summer fair. At the top left is a large, bright yellow sun with rays extending across the sky. A string of colorful triangular bunting flags in shades of red, blue, yellow, orange, and green hangs across the top. The background is a clear blue sky. In the center, three red and white striped tents are set up on a green grassy hill. The largest tent is in the middle, flanked by two smaller ones. Each tent has a scalloped blue and white valance at the entrance and a small flag on top. Yellow sunburst rays emanate from behind the tents. Small clusters of colorful flowers (yellow, blue, pink) are scattered on the grass in front of the tents.

**Shelford School PTA**  
**SUMMER FAIR**

**SAT 27 JUNE**

**1pm - 4pm Free entry!**

**@Great & Little Shelford Primary School**

**Games, Stalls, Bouncy castle, Silent Auction,  
Food, Drinks, Ice creams, Raffle,  
Lane Academy Dance@2:15pm and lots, lots more...**