



*Around  
Little  
Shelford  
Winter 2023*

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Contributions for the spring 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 1st March 2024. As space is limited, articles should be less than 340 words and adverts should fit within half an A5 page.

The photo on our front cover this season was taken by Brie Lury. ***Please send entries to the Spring photo contest to newsletter@allsaintslittleshelford.org***

Dear friends,

Welcome to the winter edition of *Around Little Shelford*. In 1719, the prolific hymn writer, Isaac Watts penned one of the more familiar Christmas songs, *Joy to the World*. Watts was inspired in particular by verse 4 of Psalm 98: "Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises!"

As the sunlight wanes over the winter months in Little Shelford, the Christmas season gives us permission shake off the cobwebs and break forth into joyous song and praise. If you'd like to do so with some company, why not join us at All Saints where we are very much looking forward to making a joyful noise over the Christmas period; kicking off with *Carols in the Navigator* on 10<sup>th</sup> December and many more Christmas services to follow (see back cover for details).

My family and I are very much looking forward to our first Christmas in Little Shelford. We are grateful for the warm welcome we have received so far. Our eldest daughter, Rebecca, is eagerly waiting for "all the Christmas lights to go up around the village." Honestly no pressure at all as Mummy and Daddy will also fall short of her expectations in the Christmas lighting department.

Back to Watt's *Joy to the World*. Whilst we often sing this song during Advent Season to mark the first coming of Jesus Christ, it is clear from the words of the song that Watts actually intended *Joy to the World* to reflect a second Advent; the second coming of king Jesus, when he will return to "rule the world with truth and grace."

In its true form, Advent (which means *arrival*) encourages us not only to *look back* with joy at the birth of our saviour, it also encourages us to *look forward* with joyous anticipation to the return of our saviour. Two Advents – two arrivals, one past and one yet to come.

The 1<sup>st</sup> Advent helps us to see that God is graciously committed to us because he has appeared in our world (Titus 2:11). However, a two-fold vision of Advent helps us to see that God is not yet done with his gracious work in our world. God's patience in not bringing about the 2<sup>nd</sup> Advent is an indication that many more are yet to be saved (2 Peter 3:15). One day Jesus will return as saviour but also as judge to establish his just kingdom over all the earth (Rev 21:1-5).

*Joy to the World* like many other Christmas hymns help us to look forward to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Advent by reminding us to look back to the 1<sup>st</sup>

Advent, the very first Christmas when the Lord God himself came down to earth and gave us a song of joy for all eternity.

“Repeat the sounding joy.” There is a deep joy that repeats itself every Christmas. For those eagerly awaiting the return of Jesus Christ, it is a joy that will rise to a crescendo when Jesus returns.

I hope this Christmas brings you the joy of the Lord.

Season’s greetings,

Gideon Emmanuel, Curate at All Saints Church.

*All Saints*  
LITTLE SHELFORD

## What’s on at All Saints

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:

All Saints Minis (0-4), All Saints Kids (Reception-Year 6), Pathfinders (11-14, meeting from 9.30).

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

**6.00 pm** - Sunday @ 6 is a relaxed and informal service with contemporary songs. TNG, the group for 14 to 18 year olds, meets after 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.

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

# NATIVITY SERVICE



Christmas Eve  
5pm

Join us for a relaxed event. In the last stretch of a very busy time, we want everyone (guests included) to feel they can be part of it - to come however they want, with fancy dress allowed for any who want to help tell the Christmas story.

Please feel free to invite your friends. We will do our best to find something for everyone to do, however many of each part we end up with on the day! There won't be a full script and there is no pressure to get everything right.

If any child would like to borrow a traditional costume from our nativity wardrobe, these will be available to sign out and borrow from 10.45am-12pm on Sunday 10th and 17th December in the North Building, but children's own princess, storybook hero or any other costume is perfectly fine.

## Update from Shelford & Stapleford Youth Initiative

It has been a very busy start to the new term for us at SSSI over the last few months we have experienced significant growth and have engaged with over 270 young people through our youth clubs and activities. Most of this growth is due to our new Duxford Youth Club and the majority of the year 6 class from Great and Little Shelford Primary School joining us on a Friday afternoon for our Year 6+7 Youth Club held in our Youth Centre. We are now running 11 youth clubs a week, supporting 13 young people a week with 1:1s and have an average weekly attendance of over 130 young people. Throughout all this, providing safe spaces for young people to hang out and be themselves, informal education, and supporting them to overcome challenge.

A big thank you to those of you who came along to our Brunch event at the end of September. It was great to welcome so many of you into our Youth Centre for a milkshake, to serve you breakfast in the Scout Hut and to enable you to experience our brand-new Football Cage (pictured). We were also showcasing our new 9-seater minibuss and trailer which we have been putting to good use with regular football cage sessions being run in multiple villages, a trip to an all-nighter at Adrenaline Alley (the biggest indoor skatepark in Europe) and by restarting our regular skateboarding and BMX sessions on Thursdays after school. Thank you to all of you who supported financially enabling us to purchase these fantastic resources.

With Christmas coming up we are excited to run a selection of meals, parties and trips to celebrate the season. Likely continuing with our annual tradition of going Ice Skating at Cambridge Ice Arena. We are so grateful for your continued support, and we would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from all of us here at SSSI. For more information about our work do not hesitate to get in touch with our Lead Youth Worker Zac Britton via 07599024210 or [zac.britton@ssyi.club](mailto:zac.britton@ssyi.club) alternatively you can head to our website [www.ssyi.club](http://www.ssyi.club)



## **Shelford School News (November 23)**

It has been a busy couple of weeks since the half term break! The cycle of Class Briefings has returned, with Year 1 and Year 2 families being invited first for an informative presentation with related activity and then to watch their children lead Celebration Worship. Every year group will get a chance to showcase what they have been learning.

The Year 6 children have been supporting their Reception buddies and Reception have joined the whole school in Celebration Worship for the first time. Year 6 pupils sit with their Reception buddies in House groups, supporting them in this new experience.

Year 1 students visited Pizza Express, linked to their Shelford Stars topic where they have been exploring their local community. Following some work in DT on hygiene and food origins, the children really enjoyed making (and eating!) their own pizzas.

The PTA have been busy raising additional funds for the school. The recent Bike Sale was incredibly successful and the result of a lot of hard work from a dedicated team of volunteers. We extend our thanks to them for their time and effort. In addition, Cake at the Gate has made a return and as well as this, the children have been busy creating Christmas Cards which are currently on sale for families to purchase. The staff and governors were very pleased to receive a letter of congratulations from the Local Authority in recognition of all of the hard work put in by the school's community to support pupils' development.

We wish Mrs Alderson the best of luck as she heads off on maternity leave and welcome back Mr Kerin as a of Year 6 teacher. We welcome Mrs Terry, joining the team as a part-time teacher in Year 3 from January. We also congratulate Mrs Sheppard, who will be Acting Deputy Headteacher in Mrs Alderson's absence. We must sadly say goodbye to Mrs Rose, who has worked as a Teaching Assistant at Shelford for 13 years. We wish her the best of luck in her new venture.

With so much to look forward to in the coming weeks, there is a buzz of excitement around the school. The Choir are busy rehearsing for Young Voices 2024 (performing at the O2 Arena) and Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 have begun rehearsing for the annual Nativity. Thank you to all members of the school community who are supporting all of these wonderful events.

Clare Mellor (Parent Governor)

## Granta Medical Practices Update, December 2023

Please find below details of when our surgeries will be open over the Christmas and New Year break.

**Please remember to order your repeat prescriptions in plenty of time** so that you do not run out of your medication over the holidays. The table below shows you when you will be able to collect your prescriptions, depending on the date you place your order.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Opening hours</b>	<b>Repeat prescription schedule</b>
<b>Fri 22.12.2023</b>	Open as usual	Place order today, pick up <b>Fri 29.12.2023</b>
<b>Sat 23.12.2023</b>	Open for pre-booked appointments only (Sawston)	Place order today, pick up <b>Tues 02.01.2024</b>
<b>Sun 24.12.2023</b> (Christmas Eve)	Closed	Place order today, pick up <b>Tues 02.01.2024</b>
<b>Mon 25.12.2023</b> (Christmas Day)	Closed	Place order today, pick up <b>Tues 02.01.2024</b>
<b>Tues 26.12.2023</b> (Boxing Day)	Closed	Place order today, pick up <b>Tues 02.01.2024</b>
<b>Wed 27.12.2023</b>	Open as usual	Place order today, pick up <b>Tues 02.01.2024</b>
<b>Thurs 28.12.2023</b>	Open as usual	Place order today, pick up <b>Wed 03.01.2024</b>
<b>Fri 29.12.2023</b>	Open as usual	Place order today, pick up <b>Thurs 04.01.2024</b>
<b>Sat 30.12.2023</b>	Open for pre-booked appointments only (Sawston)	Place order today, pick up <b>Fri 05.01.2024</b>

<b>Sun 31.01.2023</b> (New Years' Eve)	Closed	Place order today, pick up <b>Fri 05.01.2024</b>
<b>Mon 01.01.2024</b> (New Years' Day)	Closed	Place order today, pick up <b>Fri 05.01.2024</b>
<b>Tues 02.01.2024</b>	Open as usual	Place order today, pick up <b>Fri 05.01.2024</b>

Don't forget, there are **Prescription Collection Points at Sawston, Linton and Shelford**. Sign up today via [cpicb.grantadispensing@nhs.net](mailto:cpicb.grantadispensing@nhs.net) to pick up your medication at your convenience over the holidays.

**Be prepared for common health problems** by keeping a well-stocked medicine cabinet at home. You can treat many minor illnesses such as colds and coughs, sore throats, and upset stomachs by having a supply of health care essentials such as pain relief (paracetamol / ibuprofen), cough and sore throat remedies, a first aid kit, upset stomach treatment, rehydration treatment and heartburn / indigestion treatment. Having these essentials at home will not only save you time and help you feel better quicker, but will also help save the NHS much needed resources.

**Local pharmacists** can also offer you advice and guidance on the best treatment for you. They are available on every high street and in supermarkets, with many open in the evening and at weekends.

**Whilst we are closed**, if you need urgent medical assistance, please use the NHS 111 service. If you have an emergency that poses an immediate threat to life, please ring 999.

For further information on available healthcare services, please go to [www.nhs.uk](http://www.nhs.uk) or our website [www.grantamedicalpractices.co.uk](http://www.grantamedicalpractices.co.uk)

We wish you all a healthy and peaceful holiday season.

*Sandra East, Head of Patient Services*

## 2G3S Going Green in Shelfords, Stapleford, Sawston

### Events coming up:

**South Cambs Organic Gardeners** meet at Cox's Close in Stapleford on Monday 11 December at 7pm.

**Sustainable Food** - looking ahead, our next conversation evening is on Monday 29th January at Great Shelford Free Church, and will be led by Cambridge Sustainable Food. Perhaps 2024 is the year to tackle your carbon footprint through the food you eat.

**Dr Bike** continues to hold volunteer-run weekly Bike Repair Sessions at the Old Slaughterhouse in Stapleford. 3 pm to 5.30 pm every Tuesday. We offer a free 23-point check, and we can do minor repairs for a donation (just to help us maintain a stock of commonly-used spares). Children are welcome to come and find out how to maintain their bikes, but must bring a responsible adult with them as well as their bike. We can't work on hydraulics or e-Bike electrics. If you are interested in joining our team of volunteers, or have any questions on Dr Bike, get in touch using [drbikestapleford@gmail.com](mailto:drbikestapleford@gmail.com). You will make lots of bike-riders go away very happy!

### Past events:

For full reports of these events in November, please see our website.

**Retrofitting for Energy Savings and Financial Relief** - speakers from Cambridge Carbon Footprint talked about retrofitting, grants available, and showed infrared cameras, which can be borrowed, to see where you are losing heat from your home. Discussion and advice sessions followed.

**Repair Café** was held at Sawston Free Church. Future local ones will be in February and May 2024.

**Book Group** at the Three Horseshoes pub in Stapleford, discussing 'Islands of Abandonment' by Cal Flyn. Even though the discussion has been and gone, this book is an interesting read.

**Cambridgeshire Parents for Sustainable Travel** needs your input. The collapse of the Sustainable Travel Zone proposals so suddenly has left a confusing vacuum with a complete absence of policy. Congestion continues to worsen, leading to dirty air, high CO2 emissions and wasted time for people and businesses trying to travel into and around Cambridge. It is very clear that something needs to be done and whilst a majority of politicians support action, they have lost sight of what they should be aiming for. They need to develop policies to deal with

present and future transport needs, inaction is not an option. This organisation wants to build a set of principles for Cambridgeshire's needs for sustainable travel, which will inform policymaking. What is most important to you when it comes to sustainable travel in our area? Please tell them what you think should be done to solve congestion and air pollution.

**Christmas and party season** – perhaps this is the year to try and buy less “stuff”, from glitter cards that can't be recycled, to helium balloons that deplete the world's finite stores of the gas, to crackers with useless plastic trinkets in, to over-packaged presents with lots of plastic wrapping, to lights with non-rechargeable batteries. Most wrapping paper is recyclable now, or perhaps you and the children can have fun stamping seasonal designs on plain paper. Printed cards can be recycled, or if you have time, you can make your own. And try not to buy too much perishable food. Freeze leftovers, or make soup or a pie.

**Trees for Cities** – you may have heard of this charity as there was an article in a recent Waitrose magazine. In the 30 years it has been running, it has planted 1,765,366 trees, over 200,000 in 2022-23 alone. They have now planted trees in 10 different countries, including Ethiopia, Peru, Kenya and Nepal. The charity aims to make urban communities more resilient to environmental threats, and they do this by planting a range of tree species. Trees reduce temperatures in hot summers, absorb air pollution by roads, create shade, create wildlife habitats, and there is evidence that being in green spaces improves mental health. If you would like to help, it costs just £6 to plant a tree in one of the charity's urban forests. See [treesforcities.org](https://treesforcities.org). Or plant a tree in your garden (of appropriate size, obviously). It's a good time of year to plant a tree, and the local nurseries and garden centres should have a good choice and can give advice. A good idea for a present?

If you are interested in green matters and the environment at all levels (individual, local, national, international), send an email to **mail2G3S@gmail.com** (*please note new email address*) to sign up for our quarterly newsletter, or to get more information about our meetings. We are a friendly group and welcome anyone who wants to come along to one of our events or to find out more about how we can live more sustainably. Also see our Facebook page and our website (type 2G3S into Google and you will find us).

Helen Hale

## Cambridge Carbon Footprint Thermal Imaging

Cambridge Carbon Footprint are once again delighted to offer to residents and organisations across Cambridge and South Cambs the opportunity to borrow and learn how to use a thermal imaging camera for free to help create more cosy and efficient homes. Learn how to interpret thermal images, to discover draughts, gaps in insulation, heating problems, etc. Having this information is great for deciding on home improvements and making fixes, both for homeowners and renters.

The Project also encourages individuals or organisations to undertake training to survey multiple homes. In 2022 a Heydon Parish Councilor borrowed a camera and undertook a survey of 20% of the Village's homes and intends to do more this year.

Training Sessions:

Four free training sessions will take place online from 7:00-8:30 pm on: Wed 1 Nov, Thu 14 Dec, Mon 22 Jan, Thu 29 Feb

Camera Borrowing:

**We only lend cameras to people already trained.** Bookings for cameras will open on 1st Nov, after the training session. Free Loans of 14 cameras will start on Fri 3rd November till early April.

Each loan: Fri pm to Mon am or Mon pm to Fri am from 14 volunteer camera hosts around South Cambs and Cambridge City.

***An excellent scheme - very much appreciate the opportunity to borrow the camera -thank you!***



## Update from your Parish Council

Firstly, many thanks to all residents who have trimmed back trees, shrubs and hedges over hanging pavements and to those who filled in the online survey or spoke to Councillors at the village weekend back in September. We are currently considering the best way forward from these responses and will keep residents informed.

Quotes have recently been sought for a replacement for the fence around the play area on the Wale Recreation Ground and repair and maintenance work along the river where there is a problem with invasive crayfish. These are potentially costly areas of work and funding opportunities are being investigated.

Last year's accounts have been audited and closed.

There have been on going planning issues around the extraction unit at the Navigator. The Parish Council are in contact with Admiral Taverns and will communicate and update residents as appropriate.

Finally, your Parish Council have formed a Planning Committee that can meet to deal with planning applications if they fall between the regular meeting dates.





**LITTLE SHELFORD  
PARISH COUNCIL**

**Are looking for a temporary litter picker**

2hrs a week (£10.42/hr)

To collect litter on the roadside verges, the Wale Recreation Ground,  
and to empty the bin in the play area.  
There may also be some small maintenance jobs to carry out.

Send your application to [littleshelfordparishclerk@gmail.com](mailto:littleshelfordparishclerk@gmail.com)  
by Friday 15th December.

## Shelford Twinning Association Talk

On 3rd November the Twinning Association was delighted to welcome M Jean-Louis Barges, a French teacher of adults, to our recent social event in Great Shelford Free Church Hall. Jean-Louis gave us an absorbing talk about the area where he was born and brought up – the Auvergne in central southern France.

The Auvergne is situated in the centre of the Massif Central. Four departments make up the region: Puy de Dome, Haute Loire, Cantal and Allier. Clermont Ferrand is the capital. The principal attraction in the Auvergne is the varied and beautiful scenery, including a chain of dormant volcanoes known collectively as the *chaîne des Puys*. The last confirmed eruption was around 4040 BC.

We were given information on the geography, history, culture and principal industries in the region, one of the main ones being cheese-making e.g., Saint Nectaire, Cantal, and Bleu d'Auvergne amongst other. Other industries include the manufacture of tyres in Clermont Ferrand, and knives in Thiers. Vichy is famed for its waters and there are a number of spa resorts in the area.

Jean-Louis also mentioned traditional dancing and finished his talk with a short video of one of these, the dancers circling and the men periodically stamping with precision. He illustrated his excellent



presentation throughout with a selection of beautiful photographs.

Following the talk we sat down to a ploughman's supper of homemade savoury cakes, bread, ham and continental meats, chutney, and cheese including three from the Auvergne, washed down of course with French wine.

We are most grateful to our stalwart team of helpers who did a magnificent job of setting up, washing up, and clearing the hall afterwards, and to all those who donated raffle prizes.

*Penny Pearl*

## Why not come to Verneuil in 2024?

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

Shelford to Verneuil: **May 25<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> 2024**

Verneuil to Shelford: **July 6<sup>th</sup>- 9<sup>th</sup> 2024**

- Everyone is welcome (Singles, couples, family groups).
- It is an opportunity to get to know our twinned village, situated just north of Paris and its lovely people.
- An enriching experience for the whole family.
- It is not necessary to speak French, but fun to try!
- It is not a requirement to host if you have been on the visit; neither do you need to have gone to Verneuil in order to have guests to stay.
- Adults £115    Children £45\*



\*We are able to offer this competitive price for the children thanks to the very generous support of Great Shelford Parish Council.

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

Use the QR code to access our website.

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



## National award for Cambridgeshire STEM education nursery

An innovative Cambridge nursery specialising in STEM education and learning for early years children has been named as a winner of a national award.

Shelford Day Nursery, which offers a unique science, technology, engineering and mathematics pre-school curriculum, won the New Nursery of the Year category in the National Nursery Awards, held at the ExCeL London exhibition centre.

Panash Shah, director of nursery owner STEMtacular Childcare, said: "We're overjoyed to have won this national award, which recognises our unique curriculum, inspiring learning space and our amazing nursery team.

"The emphasis for us is always on encouraging children to learn through play. The STEM-based curriculum that we have developed provides structure while still giving the children the opportunity to shape their own learning by exploring our interactive nursery space.

"We're so proud of the nursery team, who create a fantastic atmosphere for the children and help them to learn in a fun and engaging way that prepares them for the transition to primary education."

Shelford Day Nursery opened in March 2022 following the renovation of a former bank in Great Shelford. The building and its grounds were completely remodelled to offer indoor and outdoor spaces where interactive learning is the major focus.

Children have the opportunity to experiment with water features,



discover properties of different materials in sand and gravel pits and even develop their first engineering skills in a 'construction zone'.

There is still a place for traditional childhood games, with activities like hopscotch used to develop maths skills.

And children can gain first-hand experience of the force of gravity on a slide plunging from the first floor of the nursery to the outdoor learning space on the ground floor.



Inside the nursery, children have access to the latest technology, including interactive touch tables and a sensory room featuring colourful lighting and interactive fibre-optic installations.

Nursery Manager Deborah Parfitt said: "Winning this award would not have been possible without the contribution of our nursery team, who have embraced the idea of centring our curriculum around STEM and encouraging children to learn through exploration and experimentation.

"We place a lot of emphasis on staff training and have attracted a fantastic team who are dedicated to developing themselves and continually improving the education we offer to our children.

"We have found that many parents chose us because our STEM approach complements their professional lives, and that has helped us to foster a culture of continued learning at home."

The £800,000 renovation project was supported by Growth Works, the strategic economic growth programme launched by the Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Combined Authority and Business Board to support businesses to accelerate and sustain their growth through consultancy and expertise, workforce skills development, and inward investment.

The award is the second national accolade for STEMtacular Childcare, which also owns wraparound childcare provider Cambridge Kids Club - recent winner of the Play Setting of the Year category in the national Out of School Club Awards.

For more information, visit [shelforddaynursery.org](http://shelforddaynursery.org)

## 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).

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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>
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### Little Shelford Defibrillator

The Little Shelford defibrillator can be found attached to the wall of the rear kitchen extension at the **Navigator 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	5th Dec	Green & blue bins
Tuesday	12th Dec	Black bin
Tuesday	19th Dec	Green & blue bins
Wednesday	27th Dec	Black bin
Tuesday	2nd Jan	Blue bin
Tuesday	9th Jan	Black bin
Tuesday	16th Jan	Green & blue bins
Tuesday	23rd Jan	Black bin
Tuesday	30th Jan	Blue bin
Tuesday	6th Feb	Black bin
Tuesday	13th Feb	Green & blue bins
Tuesday	20th Feb	Black bin
Tuesday	27th Feb	Blue bin

## The Good Neighbours Village Teas

These monthly tea parties are held on the second Wednesday of the month from 2.30PM to 4.30PM in the Sports Pavilion. We welcome Little Shelford residents and their guests to enjoy a chat and homemade cakes and sandwiches. Just turn up. If you would like a lift, please contact Judy (01223 843313) or Susu (07866 449189).

The next Tea Party will be a **festive Christmas Tea Party, Wednesday 13 December**. Dates for the new year are: 10 January; 14 February; 13 March.

## The Sleeping Beauty – Little Shelford Pantomime 2024



The Princess Aurora is looking forward to a party to celebrate her eighteenth Birthday but things are conspiring against her.

A duo of talking cats, a fairy who bears a grudge and her dopey sidekick do their best to sabotage the plans but the knights of the round table ride to the rescue. But do you wake a sleeping princess with a kiss? Is it *de rigueur* in these woke times??

Prepare for the usual mix of pantomime jokes, a tenuous story line, an eclectic mix of characters, scenery to take your breath away, old and new songs with dance moves to marvel at and a bit of time travelling thrown in. You just can't possibly afford to miss it.

**Wednesday 10 - Saturday 13 January at 7pm in Little Shelford Memorial Hall.**

Tickets available (£5 children; £10 adults) from 1 December 2023 from:

Susie Manning – 07793 115654 (Little Shelford); Claire Taylor – 07379 314430 (Great Shelford); Helen McNaught - 07815 435584 (Hauxton); Susan Hunter - 07796 295167 (Sawston) or Sarah Coppendale – 01223 842498 (Stapleford). Any queries, e-mail [coppendales@btinternet.com](mailto:coppendales@btinternet.com)

# Friends of Great Shelford Library Annual General Meeting

The Friends of Great Shelford Library Annual General Meeting will take place on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2024 at 7.30 pm in the library.



Everyone is welcome to attend the meeting when seasonal refreshments will be provided.



## Little Shelford Safari Supper

Save the date: **May 18th 2024**

The Safari Supper is back in 2024. In 2019 we had over 100 villagers joining in the fun, meeting new people and old friends as they travelled around the village for supper. Anyone can get involved as there are plenty of ways of helping without hosting. The evening will start with drinks together and there you'll get your itinerary for a main course and a dessert in small groups at different locations around the village. At the end of the evening, we will meet together again.

Everyone who comes will make a contribution- either by hosting a main or pudding, by providing canapés or help for starter drinks, or wine for a main course, and you'll be able to give us a preference of what you'd like to do. There's no need to come as a couple or to have to host, so we hope as many people as possible can get involved. Dietary issues can be catered for with prior notice. Let us know if you are interested, we'll collect preferences of what you'd like to do in the New Year and you'll find out what you are doing by early May.

Please let us know if you are interested by emailing Kate Beaton, [katebeaton@me.com](mailto:katebeaton@me.com)

## Little Shelford Cricket Club 2023 Report and Annual Dinner

The 1<sup>st</sup> XI finished top of the CCA Junior League 1 South and so we will be promoted to CCA Senior League Division 3 for the 2024 season. A big step up for the 1<sup>st</sup> XI but under team captain Matthew Beal, there is excitement about playing at a higher level of cricket and anticipation that the club's strong team can make a big impact.

Sadly, we didn't manage to win the County Challenge Cup Final which was part of our Festival of Cricket on the 9<sup>th</sup> September. We played Chippenham Cricket Club, winners of the CCA Junior League 1 North. Our batting line up was weakened by key absences but we put up a good fight in a competitive game. We won the cup in 1963 and 1974 and one of our VP's, Angus Topham-Smith, who was playing in the winning team in 1974 had the dubious honour of presenting the cup to the Chippenham Captain!



The rest of the Festival of Cricket was a great success with the inter-club Junior section match for the David Altham Memorial Trophy producing a competitive and exciting game. While the softball tournament for our youngest players was a success for both boys and girls. (Left: Neil Orpwood handing out end of season

awards to the Softball Cricketer's). Some of the softball players will be moving on to the Junior Teams next year which has demonstrated the value of running Softball and Junior sections as we build and strengthen the club.

### Annual Dinner and Awards Evening

The annual dinner and awards evening was held on 30<sup>th</sup> September in the Little Shelford Memorial Hall at 7pm. It was well attended and a very enjoyable evening with players and supporters, friends and VP's all very well represented. It was great to celebrate the success of the club in the 2023 season at all levels. We also had chance to celebrate one of our 1<sup>st</sup> XI Batsmen, Seb Harrison, being awarded the Cambridgeshire Junior Cricketer of the Year, which is a fantastic accolade for Seb and the club.



The players celebrated at the dinner by sporting their "Beale Ball 2023" T-shirts, celebrating the major contribution made by 1<sup>st</sup> XI Captain Matt Beale in the drive for



promotion! Thanks and gifts were also offered to Ian Reid and Jamie Harrison, our Junior Coaches, as well as Neil Orpwood (Softball Coach) and Chris Scofield (Club Captain) for all their work in maintaining our excellent cricket square (envy of the County).

### **Nets for the 2024 Season**

Nets for Senior Team members commence Monday 8th January 8-9pm at Fenner's sports hall. If you would like to come along and join the Nets then please contact Chris Schofield (Club Captain) for more information on [chrisschofield@littleshelfordcc.com](mailto:chrisschofield@littleshelfordcc.com). We will also be holding Junior Nets throughout the winter and if you would like to find out more about where and when please contact Junior Coach Jamie Harrison [jjc.harrison@ntlworld.com](mailto:jjc.harrison@ntlworld.com).

### **Vice-President Supporters and Sponsors**

We thank our main Sponsors, the Navigator Pub and Thai Restaurant in Little Shelford (<https://www.thenavigator-thai.co.uk/>) which welcomes us after home games and also Navadhanya Indian Restaurant in Cambridge (<https://www.navadhanya.co.uk/>) who generously support the Junior Teams. Also, our Vice-Presidents who help us with funding and often come to support the teams on the Wale on Saturday afternoons.

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).

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## **Obituary for Anthony Pooley**

ANTONY POOLEY, known as Tony, died peacefully in the Cambridge Care Home on Thursday, 26 October 2023.

Tony was born on 12 April 1927, in one of the cottages on the Terrace, since demolished. He was the son of Cecilia, née Jennings, and Arthur, and was the younger brother of Derek. Cecilia's forebears, the Jennings family, had for several generations lived at 93 High Street, which had formerly been the William IV pub, serving beer through the window to agricultural labourers as they returned from the fields at the end of the working day. Cecilia, Arthur, Derek and Tony moved in when the pub had become a private house, and number 93 remained Tony's home for the best part of a century. Arthur ran a small sawmill from a barn in the garden and Cecilia kept the village supplied with eggs; she bought an extra piece of paddock land at the back of no.93 from the people who lived in what is now Low Brooms, and was a very strong and self-sufficient woman.

Tony had happy memories of Little Shelford in the 1930s. He especially enjoyed being allowed to help get the harvest in with the 'big boys': his brother Derek, and also Doug Walker and Jack Fordham who were close neighbours. Tony went to the local primary school, where he remembered the headmistress at the piano, scowling at him because they were performing 'Widdecombe Fair' for parents and Tony never came in at the right moment in his role as 'Harry Hawk'. Tony went on to Sawston Village College in its early days, on his bicycle, coming home for lunch. He was never much of a scholar, and was always someone who preferred his own company rather than being in social groups, but he was keen on mechanics, enjoying taking engines apart and fixing things.

Tragedy struck the family at the end of the war, when Derek was badly wounded, serving in the Irish Guards. He came home, as an invalid, but died at the age of 22. Tony was just too young to fight in the war, but once he was old enough, he trained as a pilot, gaining his licence in 1951. Aviation became his passion throughout his working life. He moved to Canada, where he settled in Saint John in New Brunswick and worked as both a commercial pilot and a private pilot for the big Canadian industrialist K C Irving. This took him on many long-distance trips, delivering and fetching planes to Barbados, Mexico and Egypt. Tony also loved boats and had several, living on one of them for nine

years all year round. After his father died in the 1950s, for many years Tony spent the winter months in Little Shelford with his mother until she died, escaping the harshness of Canadian temperatures and snowfalls.

Tony did not make the domestic choices many people would make. He lived without many of what most of us would consider necessities, such as running hot water and reliable electricity. His accommodation in Saint John might not unfairly have been described as a shack. Fortunately, his Canadian neighbours were kind and took him under their wings, helping him as he grew older with his health needs, with Sunday lunches, repairs to the shack and lifts to the airport. The shack, however, was flimsy, and Tony grew older and ever more reclusive, until the neighbours got together and told him that it was unsafe for him to continue living there. He was helped to make the decision to live permanently in the UK, which proved to be the right decision, as a heavy Canadian snowfall brought the empty shack down not long afterwards.

In Little Shelford, Doug Walker valiantly shopped for Tony each week, as Tony found the bright lights of Great Shelford too much and hated having to go to the Co-op. Doug's nephew, the late Eric Arbor, also took care of Tony, inviting him and Doug for Christmas lunch every year despite Tony's criticisms that the potatoes were too crunchy or the sofa too soft. Once Doug, who was ten years older than Tony, became too old to manage Tony's needs, other neighbours took over, cooking Tony's meals, sorting out his medication, doing his laundry and sitting and chatting with him when he felt up to it.

After a spell in hospital, Tony was persuaded that his cottage, which by this time had huge holes in the ceiling open to the sky, rotting steep staircases and no glass in the windows, was unsuitable for him to live in. Investigations into his finances to see if he had enough money to pay for professional care uncovered the fact that he had considerable wealth that he had never spent, and so he moved into the Cambridgeshire Care Home just before he turned 90, where he had a warm room, good food and hot showers whenever he wanted. He found it difficult to settle at first, but the staff were kind and some would even talk about aeroplanes with him. Until his death, he still recognised his visitors. He faded away quietly at the age of 96.

## History Snippet: Three Little Shelford Schools

We all know that our local Village School is the Great and Little Shelford Church of England Primary School, located next to St Mary's Church in Great Shelford, which opened its doors at Michaelmas (the end of September), 1843. So, the school is now 175 years old. For an account of the early history of the school you can get hold of a copy of the excellent book 'The Making of a Village School' written by Little Shelfordian Marjorie Westbrook, and published in 1993 for the school's 150th anniversary.

But, did you know there have been at least three schools in the Village of Little Shelford itself. Here are a few facts about each of these schools.

### **The Rev Mr Preston's School in Shelford Hall**

We are lucky enough to know that in the early 1800's the Rev. Mr Preston ran a school in Shelford Hall (the old Hall, a part of which still sits at the corner of Whittlesford Road, Church Street and Bridge Lane – commonly known as the Yellow House). The Hall was shared with the Wale Family who also moved there in the 1700's. The school had no more than 12 pupils at a time and Rev Preston was the primary tutor.



How do we know about this school? Well, primarily because one of its pupils went on to be quite famous in his time. That Pupil was Thomas Babington Macaulay (1800 - 1859), 1st Baron Macaulay (Left), a British historian and Whig politician, who served as the Secretary at War between 1839 and 1841, and as the Paymaster General between 1846 and 1848. He was at the school from 1812 and even at the tender age of 12 and 13 he wrote extensively. His biography includes many letters written when he was at the School in Little Shelford.

### **The Studio Cottage or Little Shelford Evening School**

Fanny Wales "A Record of Shelford Parva" tells us about the evening school set up by the Wale Family (Occupants of Shelford Hall and major landowners) as an act of enlightenment to help educate the residents of the Village. The school was set up in Studio Cottage which sits in Pound Yard down the pathway next to Lime Cottage at the corner of Camping Close, on the Whittlesford Road. It operated from 1862 until 1914.

## The Finishing School at Kirby Lodge

A more recent school in the Village was the Girls Finishing School which occupied Kirby Lodge on the High Street. The school was opened in 1948 by Major and Mrs J B Smalley and finally closed as a language school in 1992. It started with six pupils lodging in the large family home. The main teachers were May Smalley – as Florence Smalley was generally known – and her sister.



By their second year of operation, they had about ten pupils, all girls, although the doctor's son from the village sometimes also attended classes. Some of the girls had their own room, and others shared rooms. Other teachers included a Miss Garrett and Mrs Katie Oakshott. The girls studied English, Classics, and a few other subjects and many were aspiring to obtain a place at Cambridge University. The Finishing school grew and at one time the "Square House" on Church Street, acted as an additional dormitory for the Finishing School.

May Smalley had lived on to the age of 99 years and 7 months, dying before her planned centenary celebration. Many in the Village will recall Mary Smalley and her sister Ros who lived in Kirby Lodge until the early part of this century. They eventually decided to sell up and found a pair of houses in Devon, and live next door to one another to this day.

There are a number of existing Little Shelford residents who can recall the Kirby Lodge Finishing School and some of the pupils who attended. There seemed to have been a certain amount of fraternisation between the girls at the school and local village boys which was quite inevitable. The hope is that some of these memories can be captured for the Village History Society before too long. Sadly, the school was also caught up in an unfortunate tragedy in the Autumn of 1949, not long after it opened. There is a very well written article by Sir Tom Shakespeare, an English sociologist and bioethicist called "An Aunt Who Wasn't There" about this tragedy which you can read on his web site: [https://farmerofthoughts.co.uk/collected\\_pieces/an-aunt-who-wasnt-there/](https://farmerofthoughts.co.uk/collected_pieces/an-aunt-who-wasnt-there/)

Do you know more about our three Village Schools? Any comments or additional information? Please feel free to contact me on davidjhjones@btinternet.com.

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# CHRISTMAS

## at All Saints

Sunday 10th December

*9.30am and 11am services as usual*  
6pm & 7pm - **Carols in The Navigator**  
High Street, Little Shelford CB22 5ES

Sunday 17th December

*9.30am and 11am services as usual*  
6pm - **Carols by Candlelight**

Sunday 24th December - Christmas Eve

11am - Morning Carols  
5pm - **Nativity Service**  
11pm - **Late Night Communion Service**

Christmas Day

10am - **All Age Service**

Sunday 31st December - New Year's Eve

11am - Morning Service  
From 5pm - **New Year's Eve Family Celebration**  
in the Memorial Hall, Church Street, Little Shelford CB22 5HG  
5pm - Games, 6pm - Service, 7pm - Food (to finish by 8pm)