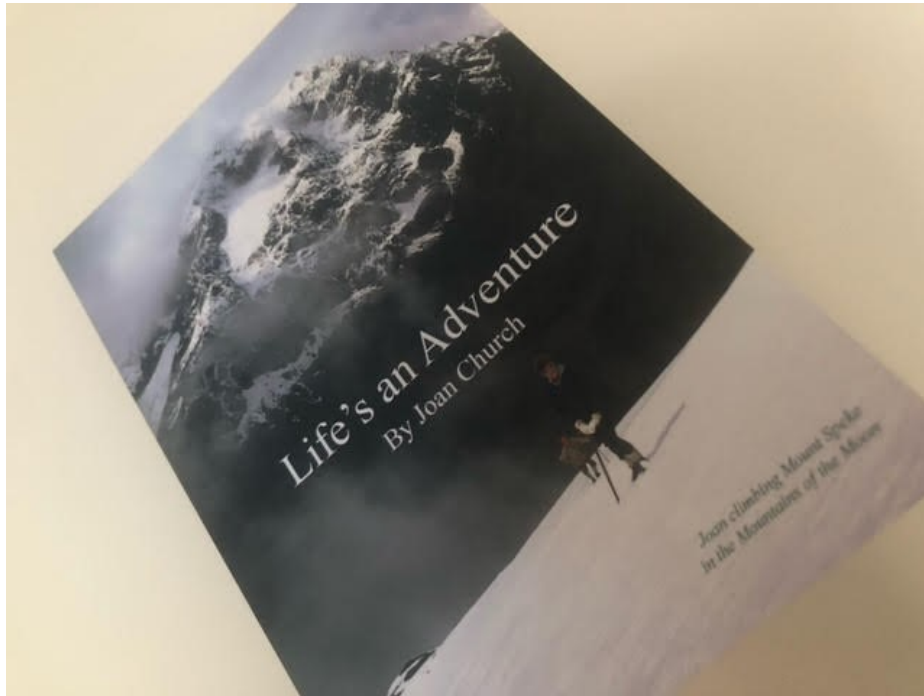


Villager publishes autobiography



Joan Church, a long-standing resident of Little Shelford, has released her memoirs of life on three continents.

Copies are available from Polly Stanton (722 509) or David Jones (847 213). All proceeds to SSYI.



Around

LITTLE SHELFORD

Spring 2021



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Thank you to all those who have contributed to this newsletter. Copy for the Summer edition should be emailed (or delivered by hand to the Church Office in the North Building of All Saints Churchyard) by Friday 9th July 2021. As space is limited, articles should be less than 340 words and adverts should fit within half an A5 page.

Thank you to all who sent in entries to the Spring photo contest. Diana Haines' shot of a swan on the Granta adorns our front cover this season. **Entries to the summer photo contest are now open.**

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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 (Enter the Pub Car Park and the defibrillator is at the rear of the Pub building on the left). When you open the defibrillator the machine will talk to you and guide you through how to use it.

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Waste and Recycling Bins Reminder

Wednesday	5th May	Black bin
Tuesday	11th May	Green & blue bins
Tuesday	18th May	Black bin
Tuesday	25th May	Green & blue bins
Wednesday	2nd June	Black bin
Tuesday	8th June	Green & blue bins
Tuesday	15th June	Black bin
Tuesday	22nd June	Green & blue bins
Tuesday	29th June	Black bin

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Little Shelford Groups

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From the Rector



Dear friends,

It is the season of annual meetings as I write: The church has its own Annual Meeting to elect council members and the very next day the parish AGM for the village is happening. This year they both happen within 24 hours on Zoom, which makes 2021 rather different.

At All Saints, we continue with David Brock and Clive Ayling as our churchwardens for the coming year. Edward Keene, living in Garden Fields, started last summer as curate and is due to be ordained priest this summer; Josh Cairns continues as youth and families worker and Monica Cragg as associate pastor for youth and music. Alison Hynds (our administrator) is the crucial hub of the operations – with office hours back in the North Building, from 8–1 each week-day.

Inevitably the church's activities have been significantly altered by lockdown. The current pattern, as the guidelines ease a little, will be for our main Sunday services at 9:30, 11:00 and 6:00 – with the 9:30 especially acting as focus for our children's work, but welcoming others, of course. All places for services need to be booked by the preceding Wednesday, to help comply with test and trace rules and assigned socially distant seating.

This pattern is certain to change before long – and it is the plan to ponder carefully and prayerfully over the coming months what activities we resume or begin and how. The post-Covid 'reset' we all face is a good opportunity for the church to rethink our priorities: we would welcome any input into that process from anyone in the village.

We certainly expect to continue live-streaming church services and meetings to the website for some time to come so I am grateful to Simon Conway-Smith for his work in installing live stream equipment and for David Brock in securing the approval of the Diocese which was needed. I am also grateful to Charles Kingdon

whose hard work continues to improve the appearance of the churchyard.

Annual meetings come and go in the natural cycle of events, almost without us noticing them. But some happenings are more significant and have the capacity to stop us in our tracks. Overshadowing us all as I write this introductory letter is the death and funeral of the Duke of Edinburgh. At his great age, just two months short of a century, along with his long marriage to the queen of 73 years, a great focus of stability has been taken from us. So I am all the more glad to be able to turn to One whose love and goodness spans decades and eternal ages. How good it is, on the strength of what Jesus Christ achieved in his death and resurrection, to be able to trust that *'the eternal God is your refuge and underneath are the everlasting arms'*. (Deuteronomy 33:27)

With love from,

Simon Scott.



Looking Back...

It is with great sadness that we record since the publication of the previous newsletter the deaths of Joan Howard (buried in the churchyard on 18 March), David Altham, and Jacqui Higley (both buried on 29 March, in the churchyard and at Great Shelford Cemetery respectively). A tribute to David is printed at p.18.

More happily, Theo Nye is due to be baptised in church on Sunday 2 May.

Please to do notify us via newsletter@allsaintslittleshelford.org of any life events of villagers to be recorded here.

It is critical that Little Shelford residents make their views known during this consultation, both on the crossing in Hauxton Road and other matters of concern. The consultation runs until 9th June which is the deadline for comments from the public, Parish Councils. There was an update on East West Rail as part of the Annual Village Meeting on 22nd April and all residents should have received an invitation to this meeting.

There are several other public events organised by East West Rail and other local Pressure Groups where you can learn more and have your say:

East West Rail Company Events focused on our area:

Harlton to Hauxton (including the Hauxton Crossing)

Tuesday 11 May 11am -12pm

Great Shelford to Cambridge

Monday 10 May 7pm -8pm

Joining instructions for these events can be found on the East West Rail web site under the heading "Public events for you to attend online –Geographically-based events" on this web page: <https://eastwestrail.co.uk/consultation>.

Events organised by our local MP, Anthony Browne

Anthony Browne has held a number of on-line open meetings to get feedback on the East West proposals and may hold additional meetings in May. Details of these events can be found at his web site:

<https://www.anthonybrowne.org/>

Read more about the second consultation published on March 31 2021.

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

Additional information and events can also be found at the web site of "Cambridge Approaches" a pressure group formed to oppose the Southern route of the East West railway: <https://cambridgeapproaches.org/>

Accessing information if you are not on-line

Much of the information regarding the East West Railway proposals and consultation process is on-line. If local residents need help in obtaining paper copies of information or paper feedback forms to respond to the consultation please do not hesitate to contact the parish council clerk: littleshelfordparishclerk@aol.co.uk or Parish Councillor David Jones, da-vidjhjones@btinternet.com 01223 847213 who can help provide paper copies.

Andrew Hawthorn – Chairman, Little Shelford Parish Council

**East West Rail Update:
Consultation and engagement underway on the latest route proposals
Feedback deadline June 9th 2021**

The new East West Rail from Oxford to Cambridge could run through Little Shelford, Great Shelford and several adjacent Villages.

Proposals published on 31 March by the East West Rail Company revealed that the new Oxford to Cambridge line could lead to significant impacts on **Little and Great Shelford** and neighbouring Villages including:

- Improving or closing the level crossing at Hauxton Road, Little Shelford
- A new, large railway junction near Harston and Hauxton either on level ground, or with bridges and flyovers.
- An additional two tracks in some areas to create four tracks between the Shepreth Branch Junction in Great Shelford (where the Liverpool Street Line and Kings Cross Lines meet) and Cambridge station with potential significant construction disruption to Great Shelford from “four tracking” the line
- Modifications to the Shepreth Branch Junction either on level ground, or with bridges and flyovers
- The Addenbrooke’s to Great Shelford Cycleway may have to be moved from its current location, but the link would be maintained.
- The proposed new route would also go through Chapel Hill in Haslingfield through a large cutting, one of the most beautiful spots in Cambridgeshire and a favourite of many cyclists.

If the proposals go ahead, it will mean many more passenger trains using the existing train line through Great and Little Shelford and opens the door to more freight rail traffic.

Regarding the Hauxton Road level crossing in Little Shelford, the consultation document states: "*There are a number of options we are considering for the Hauxton level crossing:*

- *Building a bridge or an underpass at the existing level crossing*
- ***Closure with provision of a pedestrian/cycle bridge***
- *Permanent diversion either with provision of a new highway or along other existing local roads.*

"At the next stage of design, we would need to consider the following matters and your response to this consultation:

- *The impact of any diversion via a new or existing road on traffic, including buses*
- *The impact of any diversion via a new or existing road for people including walkers, cyclists and horse riders*
- *The level of increased journey times if the existing level crossing is closed."*



Good Neighbours—The Cake Round

Following our successful Christmas event, a second distribution of cakes took place on 14 February, this time with a Valentine’s Day theme. Thirty households were in receipt of a mixed plate of cakes and biscuits. Strict hygiene procedures were observed and everyone was very appreciative of the efforts of the volunteer bakers and village delivery service.

We are hopeful that we will be able to resume our monthly tea parties on the first Wednesday of the month in the Pavilion very soon. If you would like to know more, please contact Christine 844243 or Judy 843313.

Judy Boothroyd

Cara Coffee

The outdoor seating of Cara Coffee is open Wednesday to Friday from 9am to 4pm for drinks and light bites.

We are looking forward to welcoming back all our customers....and meeting some new ones.

Julie Whitebread

Kaleidoscope

Summer 2021

10.30 to 11.30am via Zoom



27 April

**The Long And Winding Road
Becoming a Licenced Lay Minister
Neil Wade**

18 May

**Charity Doesn’t Just Begin At Home
The work of Christian Aid
Nick Georgiadis**

15 June

**Desert Island Verses
Caroline Bewes
High Sheriff of Cambridgeshire**

All Saints

Shelford School

Children and staff are delighted to be back at school, and the bike and scooter racks are looking well populated once again. It was particularly heart-warming to see all the 'welcome back!' signs dotted around the site.



Forest school remains a firm favourite at school and is a staple in our curriculum, with pupils and staff alike all enjoying our amazing outside space together.

Well-being and enjoying being back together remain the key priorities at the moment. Dynamic risk assessments are fully operational and everything possible is in place to make everyone feel as safe as we can; Lateral flow testing for staff, bubble systems and robust timings with one-way systems all help to keep our community safe. The school has introduced a silver linings padlet which you can access here: <https://padlet.com/head364/plk8nc124mimr16a>. Please take some time to read this, and if you would like to contribute, then we would love to hear from you.

The Easter break has been welcome, with beautiful sunny days and the gradual re introduction of some outside activities. A time to rest and recuperate before the summer term begins in earnest.

We have some exciting news within our teaching team, Mr Cuff will be taking a sabbatical for a year to move abroad, and Mrs Alderson will take on the role of interim deputy head. We as a Governing Board welcome her to the Leadership Team and are excited to work with her in her new role.

Finally, we look forward to introducing you to our new chicks in the next newsletter – they are arriving at school within the next few days!
Frances Dye-Parent Governor

The Shelford Pantomime 2021-“You shall go to the Hall”



All the restrictions last year meant that there could be no Little Shelford Pantomime but some of the older cast members have devised and rehearsed (in between lockdowns) a short play entitled, *The Shelford Pantomime 2021 – “You shall go to the Hall”*.

With social distancing, only a small audience can be fitted into Little Shelford Memorial Hall...but they would like to have one! Windows and doors will remain open, masks must be worn and there will be no interval; the play lasts about an hour.

Some seats are available (adults – £8; children – £5) for both the evening performance on Friday 21 May at 7 pm and the Saturday matinée on Saturday 22 May at 3 pm, available on a first come, first served basis. Please contact *Sarah Coppendale* on 842498 (coppendales@btinternet.com) if you would like to come.

Wildlife Group

This year has been difficult for all of us. The very wet autumn prevented us from doing the large pollarding at Bradmere, as the truck has to come across John Faboud’s field. We have pollarded some of the willows on the footpath side to enable people to enjoy the view of the pond. We also had a tidy up.

The Wale is looking lovely. We cut the hedging around the bowling green and cleared a lot of dead wood, leaving some piles for insects and a pile of leaves for leaf mould. Several new nest boxes have been put up and are in use. The Goosanders are also nesting in their special boxes and have been seen on the river. There is a family of seven ducklings at the moment. This will reduce as the Heron is still around and he will pick them off for a good meal! Our Swans are back nesting on the far bank so we can look forward to seeing their cygnets soon (*ed. see front cover*). We are aiming to do some large pollarding in the autumn of two of the large willows on the road side. The only disappointment is the rubbish still being left around every day. Enjoy our lovely peaceful surroundings.

Diana Haines

A tribute to David Altham

It was with great sadness that we heard of the death in February of David. He was a long-standing supporter of Little Shelford Cricket Club, both as a player, a team Captain and as a Vice President of the Club. When the club was going through tough times in the 1990's David's enthusiasm and commitment helped to bring us through and helped to create the vibrant club we now have so he is remembered very fondly.

Neil Orpwood, a key member of LSCC for many years who remembers David well commented: "David was a stalwart of the club from the mid-eighties to the late nineties opening the bowling under the captaincy of Mike Roberts for many seasons. He was an old Etonian who always played in his old school cap and was also well known for his forthright opinions on the opposition's batsmen!"

Angus Topham-Smith, a VP of LSCC, also recalls playing and growing up with David: "I knew David ever since I was knee-high to a grasshopper. We were born and raised in Little Shelford. We played a lot of tennis together and grew up together in the Village. We were at St Faiths from 1955 to 1957, where David was captain of cricket and I was his swashbuckling all-rounder". Angus added. "He went off to Eton College and I to Fettes College in Edinburgh. David and I played cricket together for Little Shelford for many years. He was a very fine batsman and captain. He was also a talented musician and his piano playing was great, one moment Bee Bumble and The Stingers and then Rachmaninov or Ray Charles! David was also a good golfer and a member at the Gogs for some years. Often difficult to fathom, his own man, but multitalented".

Many other VP's and past players have very many happy memories of David and we offer his Sister Jane and Brother Jimmy and the wider family our sincere condolences. The Cricket Club will be commemorating David's contribution to LSCC at the Festival of Cricket and Old Boys Game on Saturday 11th September. Jane still lives in the village and the family are great supporters of the Cricket club. Jane and Jimmy are also now the last

close relatives of the Wale Family in the Village. The Wale Family allowed Little Shelford to play cricket in their grounds from the 1860's and, of course, those grounds were subsequently given to the Village as the Wale Recreation Ground where cricket is still played today.



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GRANTA Medical Practices

Granta Medical Practices Update, May 2021

COVID-19 Vaccinations

We continue to deliver second vaccinations, working in date order, vaccinating patients 11-12 weeks following their first dose. Current guidelines state that patients have to return to the venue where they had their first vaccination, as the second dose will be allocated and sent to that venue. Should these guidelines change we will, of course, let everyone know.

We appreciate that everyone wants to know when their appointment will be, and we are working as fast as possible to get through our patient lists. Please bear with us as our team continue to work incredibly hard to deliver the vaccine into our community.

COVID-19 Vaccine Safety

The UK vaccination programme has been very successful. At the time of writing, more than 30 million people have been vaccinated and it is estimated that 6,000 lives have already been saved.

There have been reports of a very rare condition involving blood clots and unusual bleeding after vaccination. This is being carefully monitored and reviewed.

Information is changing rapidly and we will keep our website as up to date as possible. If you do not have internet access, please feel free to ring us with any questions you may have.

Sandra East, Head of Patient Services
Email: sandra.east@nhs.net
Direct number: 01223 627743.

LITTLESHELFORD DOG WALKING SERVICE

Would you like an experienced dog-walker to take your four-legged friend out for a walk on a regular basis?
Walkies available at the competitive rate of £4 per dog per hour. Please email to newsletter@allsaintslittleshelford.org to enquire.

Our next talk and discussion is about bus services and is on Monday 10 May at 8.00 pm by Zoom. Edward Leigh, who is a transport economist and works with Smarter Cambridge Transport, will talk on "How to pay for better bus services?". Smarter Cambridge Transport is an apolitical, voluntary organisation, advancing integrated, sustainable and equitable transport for the Cambridge region. Email the address at the bottom of this article for a Zoom link for the meeting.

The online University of Cambridge Festival held at the end of March contained some excellent talks. Several of them had an environmental theme and are available on YouTube.

The next Environmental Forum with our MP Anthony Browne is online on 17th June at 4pm. Email him at if you would like to ask a question or just listen in. anthony.browne.mp@parliament.uk

Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Independent Commission on Climate has produced its first report. There are plenty of challenges as you can imagine, particularly in transport, housing and growth. cambridgeshirepeterborough-ca.gov.uk

At a national level, you may have heard about the Climate and Ecological Emergency Bill. Drafted by scientists, legal experts, ecological economists and environmentalists, the CEE Bill is designed to reverse the climate and ecological breakdown we face. The Bill asks the UK to take responsibility for its fair share of greenhouse gas emissions (including flying and shipping), to actively restore biodiverse habitats in the UK and to stop damage to the environment through the production, transportation and disposal of the goods we consume. With the coming of the COP26 conference in Glasgow in November, which the UK is hosting, the timing of the Bill is apt. More details at ceebill.uk.

If you are interested in green matters and the environment, send an email to greengroupsssss@gmail.com to sign up for our newsletter, ask a question, or to get a Zoom link to join in our meetings. Also see our Facebook page.

Helen Hale

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Junior Section Administrator	Clara Cheng

Little Shelford Cricket Club 2021 Season kicks off!

LSCC matches start Saturday 17th April.

Now we have Government guidance on leaving lockdown we are pleased to say we will be starting cricket nets on the Wale in April 2021 with matches commencing on Saturday 17th April.

Our first game on Saturday 17th April was an away game, a Friendly XI game against Kimbolton 2nd XI. Our first home fixture for the 1st XI was on the Wale on Sunday 18 April at 1 pm against Cambridge St. Giles CC 2nd XI.

A full fixtures list for the 2021 season is available and we will be adding Junior Section games to the fixture list as well as County Junior Games to be played on the Wale as they are confirmed over the next few weeks. You can get regular match updates by following us on Twitter [@LShelsCricket](https://twitter.com/LShelsCricket). <https://littleshelford.play-cricket.com/home>

Artificial Strip to help development of Junior Cricket at LSCC.

Our plans to install an **artificial cricket strip** on one side of the square at the Wale are proceeding, following Parish Council approval, and we hope this will be done by the end of June. This will be of enormous benefit to the club and particularly our Junior Section both for nets and matches. Our new Junior section is growing fast and has teams for ages starting with U11's and if your Children would like to join the LSCC Junior Cricket section you can contact Ian Reid (ian.reid620@ntlworld.com), well known as a successful Cambridge based Junior Coach or Jamie Harrison (jjc.harrison@ntlworld.com), LSCC Player and experienced youth coach.

Old Boys Game & Festival of Cricket Postponed, Saturday 11th September

The Old Boys Game & Festival of Cricket has been postponed until Saturday 11th September in the hope we can have a day of cricket fun on the Wale open to all with few covid restrictions. This will include a Junior Section T20 game in the morning when the Junior Teams will play for the first time for the **David Altham Memorial Trophy**, in honour of David, a long standing LSCC Captain, player and Vice President who passed away in February. A short tribute to David from the cricket club follows.

Shelford & Stapleford Youth Initiative

EVENTS COMING UP FOR YOUR DIARY: JUNE TO OCTOBER

Saturday 26th June 2.30pm – 5pm:

The SSYI Annual Garden Party* at “Lismore”, Whittlesford Road, Little Shelford. Our traditional English style Garden Party with music, lawn games, tea, cakes, scones and strawberries.

Saturday 17th July 12noon:

Grand Opening of the New Youth Centre* at the Memorial Hall, Woolards Lane, Great Shelford, by the High Sheriff of Cambridgeshire (Mrs Caroline Bewes) and the Chair of Great Shelford Parish Council. An opportunity to see this new facility and meet the SSYI Team.

Saturday 1st October 8am to 11.30am:

Our much-missed Big Breakfast* is back. A variety of breakfast food available from cereals to a traditional cooked “English”. Live piano music featuring David Adams, newspapers available. Relax and chat with friends. A great way to start the day!

All events will be raising funds for SSYI, a Christian, community based, Charity providing Youth Clubs and activities for all 11 – 18 year olds across our three Villages and beyond.

**All may be subject to late change due to Covid-19 restrictions but we hope for the best*

Keep up to date with details of our events and SSYI activities at: www.ssyi.club

David Jones



Singing for Breathing

Do you have breathing difficulties? Did you know singing can help?

Singing is a great way to improve the way you breathe and get the best from your lung capacity. The Cambridge Singing for Breathing group is meeting online, using Zoom, on Thursday afternoons, 2.30 – 4.00.

Kay Barrett has been leading the group for local community music charity Talking in Tune since May 2016. She says:
You don't need any singing experience to take part. It's all about what it feels like, not what it sounds like. The camaraderie of the group, the guided relaxation, the breathing exercises and the singing are so much appreciated by everyone, and the health benefits transfer over into daily life. The move to meeting online has worked really well for us. Singers can join from the comfort of their own home, even when they are feeling unwell. You need to turn off your microphone when we sing together, but that can be very liberating! You simply copy what you hear the leader singing, call and response style. We also make use of multi-track recordings, so we can continue to enjoy rounds and harmonies.

Do I have to pay?

Those who can afford it are invited to give a £3.50 donation each week, but this is not essential – we want everyone to be able to come.

Do I have to come every week?

We know that appointments, sickness, family commitments and such can get in the way! Just come when you can.

I have Long Covid, can I join?

The gentle pace and the breathing exercises and relaxation can be very beneficial, but do check with your doctor or respiratory physio, especially if your symptoms are severe. Do call Kay if you are unsure.

How do I join?

Simply contact Kay at singingforbreathingcambridge@gmail.com or call 07845 726975 for further information and to receive the Zoom link each week.

You can find out more at www.singingforbreathing.wordpress.com or <https://www.facebook.com/singingforlunghealthcambridge/>

Kay Barrett

Anne Clark
Trustee of Talking in Tune, charity which supports Singing for Breathing

LITTLE SHELFORD PARISH PLAN 2021 UPDATE



A Parish Plan is a statement of how the community sees itself progressing and aims to reflect the views of the community, identify which features and local characteristics are important to the people who live there and to spell out how residents want the community to develop in the future.

In May 2010, a Little Shelford Parish Plan was commissioned by the Parish Council. This followed an in-depth survey, completed by 65% of the households in Little Shelford. The Plan, which can be found on the village website, contains a brief overview of the population, facilities, and history of the village, and highlights the key results of the survey at that time. It identified a series of action points which mapped the main priorities for the village, the Parish Council, and other decision-making local organisations in the coming years.

Early this year the Parish Council undertook to assess progress against the Plan and to reassess priorities. Significant achievements and enhancement of the village has been made over the past 10 years.

- The Pavilion was built,
- the children's playground refurbished,
- broadband in the village was improved and
- a new village sign and village green were unveiled.

There have been major improvements in interaction between All Saints Church and the wider community, for example with Shelford and Stapleford Youth Initiative, All Saints Tots, and events such as the Annual Big Breakfast. Especially during this difficult year of Covid lockdowns, the village has pulled together to support one another.

On the Saturday evening, The Navigator will be hosting a Beer Festival with quality local Ales.

Sunday 19th September – Harvest Celebration, History Walk and Picnic.

All Saints Harvest Celebration 11am, all ages welcome, there will be songs and celebration for Harvest in the Marquee and gifts will be collected for Jimmy's night shelter. Followed by tea, coffee, cake and conversation. Stay on for.....

Village History Walk 12 noon starting at the Wale Marquee. A 75-minute walk including the Village Pump and All Saints Church and Churchyard. Led by local residents with a history flair!

Picnic from 1pm on the Wale. Bring your picnic, family and friends to a relaxed afternoon in late summer sun!

Getting together and raising Funds for local causes

Our aim for the Village weekend in 2021 is simply to get the Village together safely to have fun after a challenging 18 months. If we do make any surplus, we will be making our primary donations to Shelford School and the "Save the Wale" Recreation Ground fund. So, have fun and support local causes!

Come and help

The weekend committee is now very busy planning but there is still time for the Village Community to come up with ideas and suggestions for the weekend. So, if you have thoughts, or comments please e-mail their LSEC secretary, Jo Boyle, with your ideas. joboyle780@gmail.com

The LSCE committee is also very welcoming of new members and also welcomes those who want to volunteer to help over the weekend itself, even if you don't have time to join the committee. Please contact Jo if you would like to contribute in any way.

Remember, to keep fully up to date follow us on Instagram [search on *Little.Shelford* and look out for the Village Sign] and also look regularly at the Village website and the Parish Magazine.

Ian Beaton, LSEC Chairman

Annual Village Weekend – It's Back!

Friday 17th to Sunday 19th September 2021

Following the announcement of the Government unlocking plans in February we are increasingly confident the Village weekend will go ahead. So, hold the date in your diaries and remember, there is something over the weekend for every age group.

To keep fully up to date follow us on Instagram (*Little.Shelford*) [look out for the Village Sign] and check regularly the Village website and Parish Magazine.

What's happening over the weekend on the Wale:

Friday 17th September 7.30 pm – Village Get Together and Dance.

Our first Village get together for two years, with a different feel to encourage **maximum attendance**. No theme and no fancy dress, a relaxed evening for adults (over 18's) in the big Marquee on the Wale with dancing, a bar and food available for purchase from well-known local pop-up street vendors Steak & Honor and Waffle & Co. Ticket prices yet to be set but will be kept as low as possible and no need to book tables.

Saturday 18th September – 1 pm Village Fair & Show, 5.30 pm Beer Festival.

The Village Fair & Show will have something for every age group including stalls, BBQ, family games, animal exhibition, Body Blast sessions, raffles, bar, Village Group exhibits and nature tours around the Wale. More details of all the events of the afternoon will be released over the coming months.

For the Village Show in the marquee we are looking forward to seeing your photos of local wildlife, as well as lockdown lunacy comedy shots, home grown vegetables of all shapes and sizes and beautiful flowers. Categories will be open for old and young alike, from arrangements of flowers, baking triumphs and creative crafts, we hope we will have included a category for everyone to have a go. So, start planting now and get that camera out, and remember it is a Just for Fun Village Show. Entry sheets and more details to follow.

Not all of the action points have been fully achieved. Although improved, we should continue to press to be included in the next phase of enhancement to full fibre broadband to meet the growing demand of people working from home and the recent home-schooling needs. The Parish Council are well aware that the state of the roads and pavements continue to be a problem.

The population and demographic of the village has changed considerably over the past 10 years and what is important to the residents now may well be different. The Parish Council want to know your view on whether a new in-depth survey and development of a new Parish Plan would be worthwhile to map priorities over the coming years.

If you think this is of value, please contact the parish council clerk: littleshelfordparishclerk@aol.co.uk or Parish Councillor Sarah Penn, sarah@nw penn.net 01223 842899

*Andrew Hawthorn
Chairman, Little Shelford Parish Council*

Great Shelford Library

GOOD NEWS – BROWSING IS BACK AT THE LIBRARY



You can now browse the library shelves and use the self-service machines to check out your books. A friendly face will be at the door of the library to explain how managed browsing works and to answer your questions.

To ensure that everyone can use the library safely:

- a one-way system is in place
- customers are being asked to wear masks (unless exempt)
- you'll be asked to sanitise your hands when you enter the library
- social distancing will be in place
- returned books will be quarantined

Other services, such as Select&Collect, reservations and pre-booked use of the public computers (essential use only) are continuing as before. For further information about library re-opening, please visit: www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/library or call the Library Contact Centre on 0345 045 5225

Rosemary Humby

Sunday Services at All Saints Parish Church (in-person AND online)

At the heart of what we do at All Saints are our Sunday services. We welcome people from all church backgrounds and none, and both committed Christians and those undecided or investigating the Christian faith. We'd love you to come and join us.

9:30am family & kids service

An interim venture before we can re-launch our children's groups; ASKids has gone live in the church building every Sunday! Fun and Bible stories for children aged 0-11 and their parents.

11am morning service

Our main morning service has both an in-person congregation and an online one also, watching together on Zoom. **Please email if you would like to join the Zoom on Sundays.** office@allsaintslittleshelford.org

6pm evening service

Our informal 6pm service has a wide range of ages attending, and lasts for around 45 minutes. This term, we conclude our series in Acts. Our older youth group, TNG, for 14-18 year olds, meets afterwards.

Morning Service 11am		Preacher	Sermon
2 May		Josh Cairns	<i>What's gone wrong?</i>
9 May	HC	Rev Edward Keene	<i>One for all</i>
16 May		Rev Tom Habib	<i>A fresh start</i>
23 May		Rev Simon Scott	<i>All change</i>
30 May		Rev Edward Keene	<i>One God in Trinity...</i>
6 June		Rev Simon Scott	<i>Colossians 1:1-16</i>
13 June		Rev Simon Scott	<i>Colossians 1:9-14</i>
20 June		TBC	<i>Colossians 1:15-20</i>
27 June		TBC	<i>Colossians 1:21-23</i>
4 July		TBC	<i>Colossians 1:24-27</i>
11 July		TBC	<i>Colossians 1:28-29</i>

Weekly Midweek Meetings

Home Groups meet on Monday or Wednesday evenings or Tuesday mornings. If you would like to know more about home groups or join one please speak to the Rector, Simon Scott (841998).

Women's Morning Group meets on Thursdays during term time from 9:30 am for Bible study and prayer. There is usually a crèche. Please phone Christine Ayling (840405) if you would like to know more.

All Saints Tots has not resumed yet.

Monthly Midweek Meetings

Kaleidoscope meets monthly for the more senior members of the village and church. For more information contact Joan Church (842243).

Women Together, meets monthly on a Friday evening or Saturday morning. For more information contact Jo Pearce (575137).

The church website www.allsaintslittleshelford.org has more information about our services. Sermons from All Saints can be downloaded from the website or ordered on CD from Simon Conway-Smith, (847593).

Evening Service 6pm		Preacher	Sermon
2 May	HC	Rev Edward Keene	<i>Moses' How2Pray</i>
9 May		Rev Simon Scott	<i>Oh, Jerusalem</i>
16 May		Rev Simon Scott	<i>Paul's commission</i>
23 May		TBC	<i>On trial for his life</i>
30 May		TBC	<i>Friends in high places</i>
6 June		TBC	<i>Two years on death row</i>
13 June		TBC	<i>Enemy of the state</i>
20 June		TBC	<i>Dramatic testimony</i>
27 June		TBC	<i>Jolly boating weather</i>
4 July		TBC	<i>The last leg of the journey</i>
11 July		TBC	<i>To the ends of the earth...</i>