

All Saints KIDS

Sundays 10:10 - 10:40 (term time)

Village Hall

Also, join us at 9:30am at the church building for
our family friendly service

YOUTH WORK AT ALL SAINTS

~~PATH~~ FINDERS

11 - 14 YRS
SUNDAY AM

THE NEXT GENERATION

14 - 18 YRS
SUNDAY PM

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Thank you to all those who have contributed to this newsletter. Copy for the winter edition should be emailed (or delivered by hand to the Church Office in the North Building of All Saints Churchyard) by Friday 14th January 2022. 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 autumn photo contest. Stephanie Saunders' shot of Oscar the scarecrow is featured on our front cover this season. **Entries to the winter 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. When you open the defibrillator the machine will talk to you and guide you through how to use it. The defibrillator contact on the Parish Council is David Munro, email: djm.munro@btinternet.com, telephone: 842399.

Waste and Recycling Bins Reminder

Tuesday	2 November	Black bin
Tuesday	9 November	Green & blue bins
Tuesday	16 November	Black bin
Tuesday	23 November	Green & blue bins
Tuesday	30 November	Black bin
Tuesday	7 December	Green & blue bins
Tuesday	14 December	Black bin

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See also <https://www.scambs.gov.uk/bins/find-your-bin-collection-day>

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from Rev Simon Scott,
Rector of Little Shelford



Dear friends,

It was my privilege to preach recently for the first time in the pulpit of Ely Cathedral. There had been no ecclesiastical coup; Susu and I are not trading our Rectory for the Bishop's House. I was there as the Chaplain to the High Sheriff of Cambridgeshire: Little Shelford resident, Caroline Bewes.

The office of High Sheriff, over 1000 years old, is the longest-standing secular office in the UK after the Crown. The 'Shire Reeve' was originally the local deputy of the King or Queen in each of the Anglo-Saxon shires. As today's successor to that role, the High Sheriff is the Queen's representative in the county for the courts and more generally for the maintenance of law and order.



October marks the official start of the legal year. Justice Services are therefore held in Cathedrals around the country, with the High Sheriffs involved and local officials in attendance, most of them fully robed, representing judges, mayors, police, prison and probation services.

At the service in Ely there was a very visible presence of the academic communities of Cambridge as well - with a former curate of All Saints, Revd Dr Mark Smith, carrying a hefty tome of University Statutes (secured to his arm with a chain) as a representative of the Proctors - the independent law enforcement body for the colleges.

Lord Lloyd Jones, a Supreme Court justice, was present on the day, in full court filigree and finery. After I had preached, I found a sermon of his online where he acknowledged that plenty of his colleagues in the legal profession belong to other faiths or none - and he admired them for their work and for their humanity. 'But', he commented, 'it does occur to me that it would be difficult to find a better foundation for what we are all seeking to achieve than the teachings of Jesus Christ, with their emphasis on the sanctity of human life, the value and worth of each individual and the duty to love one's neighbour'.

Hence I was very pleased to be able to preach at this occasion and to reflect on the acknowledgment of the Christian undergirding of the rule of law which is implied by holding the service in a cathedral.

There are numerous other responsibilities for the High Sheriff. They attend on any royal visits to the area. I have accompanied Caroline to Littlehey prison. She has also chosen to make the support of young people a special focus of her year in office, given that the pandemic has adversely affected their prospects. That commitment means she was a key part of the official opening of the refurbished premises of the Shelford and Stapleford Youth Initiative.

And before that she took the bold step of a sky-dive to raise money for her High Sheriff's fund (for the various youth charities – she is supporting). If you were wondering: 'Is it a bird? Is it a plane?' well, no: it could just have been the High Sheriff of Cambridge in free-fall!

With best wishes,
Simon Scott



Looking Back...

It is with great sadness that we report since the publication of the previous newsletter the death of Lynda Fraser whose funeral took place on 29 October in the parish church.

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

CALLING ALL PHOTOGRAPHERS

We continue to publish YOUR photos of Little Shelford on our front cover. Please send your top photos of village scenes, buildings, life, wildlife, etc to newsletter@allsaintslittleshelford.org

Village Equipment Store

As winter approaches, it was suggested it would be a good idea to create a small collection of essential medical and family equipment to be used by people in the village. Items proposed include, wheelchairs, buggies, travel cots, and high-chairs for the younger among us, and walking sticks, crutches, walking frames, commodes etc., for anyone who may have need of these items! The NHS is, of course, able to provide any of the latter, but sometimes the delay in their provision – even just for a few days – can preclude someone being discharged from hospital or being looked after at home.

The equipment will be kept clean and sterilised for general use. Maurice and Jessie have kindly agreed to host the store at New Barns on the High Street.

We already have a number of crutches, walking sticks and frames, but any suitable items would be most welcome. Please let Maurice or Charles know if you have anything suitable we might add. If it is something we can use, we will arrange to collect it.

And, of course, if you have need of any of this equipment, please let us know. We will be delighted to help deliver items from this Little Shelford amenity.

With many thanks and best wishes,

Maurice and Charles

*Maurice Palmer 01223 845387 / 07899 847342
Charles Kingdon 01223 842048 / 07415 249101*

Badminton @ Little Shelford Memorial Hall

For any local badminton players who fancy a game with others on a pay-and-play basis, badminton is on Thursdays at Little Shelford Memorial Hall from 7.30 pm each week.

It is a one court facility with high ceilings and a sprung wooden floor, custom built for badminton. £4/session with shuttles provided but please bring your own racquet.

For more details, contact James Newman on james@jamesnewman.org; 07717 394176 or just turn up!



Cara Coffee

- Do you have a spare morning or afternoon in your week and enjoy interacting with people?
- Do you fancy learning a new skill within a small hospitality venue?

If so, we are looking for new volunteers to join the committed team at Cara Coffee in Great Shelford.

If you'd like to find out more information about this opportunity, please email

julie.whitbread@romseymill.org

Julie Whitbread



Christmas & New Year in Little Shelford

The **Christmas Choir** is open to anyone (from the village or beyond) to join. The rehearsals will be held at All Saints Church and are scheduled:

- 5 December 3:30pm to 5pm
- 12 December 4pm to 5:30pm (just before Carols at the Nav)
- 19 December 4pm to 5:30pm, (before Carols by Candlelight service)

6pm AND 7:30pm Sunday 12 December—Carols @ the Navigator

Festive services @ All Saints Parish Church

6pm Sunday 19 December—Carols by Candlelight

Christmas Eve 5pm Friday 24 December—Nativity Service

11pm Friday 24 December—Midnight Communion

CHRISTMAS DAY 10am Saturday 25 December—Family Service

Boxing Day 11am Sunday 26 December—Family Service

Babes in the Wood – Little Shelford Pantomime 2022

Will Hansel and Gretel find their way home from Wandlebury Wonderland?

Will the Big Bad Wolf (aided and annoyed by Little Wolf) catch Red Riding Wood?

Will Robin Hood ever make it with Maid Marion?

Will Good triumph over Evil? (as it always does in Little Shelford Pantomime...)



You'll find these answers and a lot more besides if you come to see it on: **Wednesday 12 or Thursday 13 January** at 7 pm, **Friday 14 or Saturday 15 January** at 7.30 pm in Little Shelford Memorial Hall.

Tickets available (£5 children; £8 adults) from 1 December 2021 from: Penny Eames – 07949 123023 or Brie Lury – 07799 332807 Any queries, e-mail coppendale@btinternet.com

Sarah Coppendale

Upcoming dates for Good Neighbours Tea Parties

13 October, from 2 to 4pm in the Cricket Pavilion

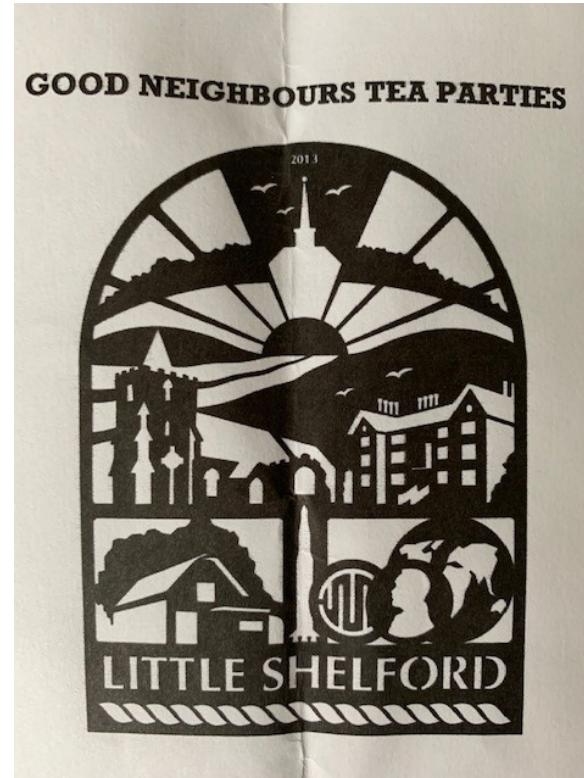
10 November, from 2 to 4 pm in the Cricket Pavilion

8 December - TBA

We look forward to seeing you.

Please be in touch with Susu Scott if you would like a lift.

07866 449189



Village Working Party—Bradmere Lane Sat 27 Nov

Dear Little Shelford friends all,

As many of you know, Bradmere Lane is a popular walk for many, but it is once again in need of some attention. To clear it, we are pulling together a village working party, which we would like to encourage you to join. If you have a few hours to spare **please come to Bradmere Pond at 10 am on Saturday 27th November, armed with suitable gardening equipment** (secateurs, saws, gloves, pruners etc.). All are very welcome (men, women, children and dogs) - last time we did this we had a lot of fun.

If you plan to come, please give me a call or drop me an email so that we can coordinate the effort. But, if on the day, you'd like to come anyway, please do. Looking forward to seeing you there.

Charles Kingdon

look forward to the Juniors growing in strength next season. Boys and Girls are welcome to join our Junior Section and winter nets have already started on a Saturday morning.

Winter Nets Practice for Junior and Senior Players

Finally, new and existing players are welcome to our Nets sessions planned for the winter months. Senior Nets practice starts on the first Wednesday in November at 8pm at the Ley's School while Junior Nets take place at Hills Road on a Saturday morning.

For more information about our club and winter nets contact David JH Jones - Chairman, LSCC (01223 847213 or davidjhjones@btinternet.com)

PS. Don't forget all LSCC news, results, fixtures and player statistics for Junior and Senior teams can be found at <https://littleshelford.play-cricket.com/home>. You can also get regular updates by following us on Twitter @LShelsCricket.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "David".

David JH Jones - Chairman, LSCC

David JH Jones, Chairman,
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season, have been relegated this year and ended CCA Junior League 3 South in 7th position, out of 8 teams. It's been a transition season for the 2nd XI under the new captaincy of Alistair Pringle. However, the 2nd XI closed well with a famous victory against the winners of their league, Sawston and Babraham, when Alistair took six wickets for 25 runs (see the 2nd XI team picture taken at Sawston after the famous victory). Senior nets will start in November on Wednesday evenings at the Ley's school and new players are welcome to join the nets sessions.



Junior Teams

Our Junior teams have had a very successful season and we have a strong squad of players in each age group, u11's, u13's and u15's. A number of the u15 team have also made strong contributions to our Senior teams during the season. The new artificial strip and additional net facilities have helped to attract new players and we

GRANTA Medical Practices

Granta Medical Practices Update November 2021

Coronavirus (COVID-19) booster vaccine

The coronavirus boosters are being given by NHS vaccination centres in our area, and you will be contacted directly when it is your turn to book. The booster vaccine dose helps improve the protection you have from your first two doses of the vaccine and also helps gives you longer-term protection against getting seriously ill from COVID-19.

Who can get a COVID-19 booster vaccine?

Booster vaccine doses are available to those most at risk from COVID-19 who have had a second dose of vaccine at least 6 months ago. This includes:

- People aged 50 and over
- People who live and work in care homes
- Frontline health and social care workers
- People aged 16 and over with a health condition that puts them at high risk of getting seriously ill from COVID-19
- Carers aged 16 and over
- People aged 16 and over who live with someone who is more likely to get infections (such as someone who has HIV, has had a transplant or is having certain treatments for cancer, lupus or rheumatoid arthritis)

If you are pregnant and in one of the eligible groups listed above you can also get a booster dose.

If you are a frontline health or social care worker you can book a booster dose appointment online – you do not need to wait to be contacted by the NHS.

For further information on coronavirus booster vaccinations please ring NHS 119 or go to www.nhs.uk

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Green Groups in the Shelfords, Stapleford & Sawston (2G3S)

At the end of August we held a nature walk along Jenny's path from Great Shelford. John O'Boyle writes:

"At the start of the walk we heard the joyful sound of bells ringing for a wedding at nearby St. Mary's church. A well-informed local historian was a member of our party and told us that the path was named in honour of Jenny Morris who campaigned for many years to obtain a right of way for this path to Hauxton and led to its Permissive footpath status. She also pointed out the archaeological site near the end of the walk where Saxon grain storage pits had been excavated. There were several impressive large oak and ash trees seen during our excursion and enormous walnut trees with immature nuts covered in green cases. Also we saw hedgerow plants such as wild hops, both male and female plants. The latter were garlanded with aromatic bunches of flowers known as cones. Early autumn fruits were developing such as sloes. A day-flying moth stimulated discussion on the difference between moths and butterflies, the conclusion being there is no clear distinction. Several species of slug were active in the grass verges and we discussed the 'baddies' which attack garden plants and also the 'goodies', which are carnivorous and consume the 'baddies', in addition to snails. The damp weather was not as bad as forecast and an enjoyable time was had by all."

Some of you attended Pippa Heylings' talk on Tackling Climate Change and Biodiversity at a Local Level. She was an excellent speaker. As Chair of SCDC's Planning Committee and of their Climate and Environment Advisory Committee she is a powerful voice locally. As Deputy Chair of the National Policy Board on Environment, Housing and Transport for Local Government and as a member of the Cross-Party Climate Change Task Force of Local Government she has been meeting with Government ministers, especially in the run-up to the COP26 climate conference in Glasgow in November, which the UK is leading. After eloquently explaining why the recent IPCC report (all conclusions of which are agreed by scientists and by all 197 countries of the COP) reports that we have to reduce our carbon emissions PDQ to prevent occurrence of some of the irreversible tipping points that will lock us into large temperature rises, she pointed out the public health effects of a rise in temperatures. Pippa then went on to talk about what SCDC is doing to reduce carbon and boost biodiversity. Much of their work has been in gathering evidence and data to inform decision-making on housing, transport, etc.

There was also a national Big Green Week from 18-26 September – perhaps you will have seen or taken part in our fruit and veg swap or a litter pick?

If you are interested in green matters and the environment at all levels (individual, local, national, international), send an email to greengroupssss@gmail.com to sign up for our newsletter, or to get a Zoom link to join in our meetings. Also see our Facebook page.

Helen Hale

Little Shelford Cricket Club

End of Season Report & Winter Nets

Festival of Cricket

Our festival of cricket on **Saturday 11th September**, with a Junior Section inter-club 20:20 match and a Senior match for the 1st Team against the LSCC Old Boy's was a great success. The Old Boys were defeated by the Club team but the match was played in a great spirit. A highlight was the presentation of the new David Altham Memorial Trophy to the captain of the winning Junior Team, Alex Harrison.

The presentation was made by Jane Lagesse and Jimmy Altham, David's brother and sister. David was a long standing Vice President and past captain of the Club.



Our Senior Teams' Performance

The season was a very mixed bag for both our 1st and 2nd XI. The 1st XI finished in 7th position in the CCA Junior League 1 South and were safe from relegation. The 2nd XI, who were promoted last



No update from the Wildlife Group this season but they have kindly sent this recent photo of our beautiful river walk for which they have done so much over the years.

SSYI OFFICIAL OPENING OF NEW YOUTH CENTRE

The Shelford and Stapleford Youth Initiative committee is very excited to be opening the new Youth Centre above the Memorial Hall in Woollards Lane. It was a dream 25 years ago when SSYI was founded that we would have a permanent Youth Centre for our three villages and that dream and hope is now a reality. We expect the centre to be used at least 5 days a week which will enhance our ability to serve the young people of our Villages and beyond.

The Youth Centre was opened by Caroline Bewes DL, High Sheriff of Cambridgeshire and a Little Shelford resident accompanied by the Deputy Lieutenant for the County, Professor Roderick Watkins.



Parish, District and County Councils which helped provide some of the funding were also represented as well as private supporters and Church representatives.



Marlon, one of the SSYI members who is taking on a "Young Leader" role at SSYI, presented a bouquet to Caroline thanking her for cutting the ribbon and opening the new Centre.

Visit our web site for a video showing the interior of the Youth Centre and its facilities and for more information on how you can help SSYI as a volunteer or supporter contact Zac Britton our lead youth worker on zac.britton@ssyi.club

David J H Jones,
Chair of Trustees SSYI
www.ssyi.club

Blast from the Past

With the successful conclusion of another cricket season...

The rules for club members in 1880

- That a general meeting of the Club be held on 2nd Monday in every month
- That such meetings be held at 8 o'clock in the evening and any member being 10 minutes late shall be fined 2d.
- Any member neglecting to pay his monthly subscription for two months in succession will be fined 6d in addition to arrears in subscriptions.
- Any member leaving the Club for any period exceeding one year shall on re-entering the Club, enter as a new member.
- Any member on leaving the Club, shall cease wearing the Club colours.
- No non-members shall be allowed to take part in the Games.
- Any member using obscene language shall on information at meetings be fined 1d.
- Members neglecting to obey the Chairman when called to order during the business of a meeting shall be fined 1d.
- Every member resident in the parish must appear on the ground every Monday evening, or send sufficient excuse for his non-appearance, under penalty of 2d.

lage. It felt almost normal, all apart from the absence of the Covid unfriendly bouncy castles and assault course, which we felt we could not have this year for the obvious reason.

Saturday afternoon was only marred by one scandal and that was in the final tug o'war. As you will all know, Little Shelford has always won the 'Little Shelford vs the Rest of the World' battle of the century (said without exaggeration every year). However, with the road closed to Great Shelford, a substitute rope was found. (No way through to collect the usual rope. This reminds me of the Times Headline a hundred years ago, 'Fog in Channel, Continent cut off'. The continent was Great Shelford, and the Channel the shallow ford). However, the substitute rope was found wanting. In fact, it was found to have snapped under the extraordinary pulling power of those two battling sides. I had to declare the competition a dead heat (even if the Little Shelford side did retain more of the rope, I am not sure this important piece of information had made it into the royal and ancient rulebook). A couple of plasters were placed on the scorched knees of brave warriors (mostly under 10 years old – amazing what a plaster does for bravery at that age), and we got up and dusted ourselves down. Nonetheless, the village is still undefeated and we can hold our heads up high. Which some did well into Saturday night, as the beer festival continued on to live music and foggy heads, with the burbling sound of burgers and hotdogs being munched fading into the background of the band. David Jones looked a happy and satisfied Master Burgermaker.



There were of course no foggy heads, nor fog indeed, present for the litter pick up and general clearance before the Sunday Service, which always attracts a great turnout. But, let's be honest, there were not many people with the stomach and heart for clearing up the Rec that morning. Following on from the well attended Service, a goodly group of the hardy and curious paraded round the village and church to share tales of historical interest, covering such diverse topics as the background to Camping Close, through the history of football, to famous and Nobel prize winning residents of our village. As well as 900 years of history in our church!

Thank you to our sponsors especially **REDMAYNE ARNOLD & HARRIS** and **THE NAVIGATOR**, the organising committee, an anonymous donor, prize donors for the silent auction, and the many people who helped out with the most precious of all commodities, time and enthusiasm, to make the weekend a real community event.

Until next time!



*Jo Boyle
Little Shelford Entertainments Committee*

Little Shelford Fun Weekend—Report

Well, what a fun weekend! See what happens when it gets postponed for a year!

The Little Shelford fun weekend came and went in a blaze of late summer sunshine. With it came the crowds too, and it was so nice to see so many people make it out for the weekend. Having felt somewhat like a village in hibernation for the last year and a half, there was a great showing of people throughout the weekend, whether it be the Friday night disco and dance, the Saturday fete, the real ale and craft beer festival, the Sunday service, history walk or the picnic. Well done for making it out and making it feel like things were 'normal' again. If only for a while...

Friday night's format was more informal than usual – a disco, no fancy dress, and food vans instead of the formal, sit down affair. With about 200 attendees, this seemed to be the best turnout for several years. No doubt helped by the warm weather, the knockdown ticket price, a fallow year under lockdown, and the more mix and mingle approach. But whatever it was, it seemed that people enjoyed themselves, and this is likely to be the format for next time. As ever, Simon Mac kinder and his colleagues put on a great performance for Friday evening in terms of lights, sounds and video, and helped make it a special occasion. People were strewn in and out of the large marquee and Steak & Honour, and the Wandering Yak both seemed busy serving up to a happy crowd of party goers. Mark and Barry were also busy with a large selection of ales and craft beers throughout Friday evening and into Saturday. David Munro kept supplies of wine available for intravenous purposes until well into the night. But then midnight came and we all turned into pumpkins; such a pity the Saturday village fete did not have a prize category for that one. I can think of a few people who would have contended for that prize.



As it was the fete did roll around and we had a robust set of entries for many of the categories on Saturday. The scarecrows in particular made a good impression, perched as they were against the playground wall, looking like they were waiting for the revolution to come. The beavers eventually won a tightly judged competition (I think) but there were many great entries seen around the streets for a couple of weeks beforehand. Other scarecrows never made it to the Rec, but lingered around the village either to remain there or leave for earth orbit.

Not that there was much space on the Rec by early afternoon. It seemed that most of the village and surrounding parts had made it down in the warm and sunny weather to see the (new) artificial cricket strip and fete opened by our local MP, Anthony Browne, and see the mini animal farm including micropig (I missed it...it must have been small). Many thanks to **REDMAYNE ARNOLD & HARRIS** in particular for sponsoring that slot. There was a full set of stalls and events reflecting a truly wide variety of interests, clubs and activities that happens in the vil-

- Any member appearing in a match without the Club colours be fined 6d.

Taken from 'Little Shelford Cricket Club, A Brief History 1877-2002'.

Ray Saich 2021



This is the belt buckle found by a metal detector on the triangular field at the top of High Street (with the oak trees). An early member of LSCC must have lost it. Dated 1850-1890.

David Jones

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 or none and both committed Christians and those undecided or investigating the Christian faith. We'd love you to come and join us. The current pattern of services is as follows:

9:30am family & childrens' service followed by groups

ASKids is live in the church building every Sunday! Fun and Bible stories for children aged 0-11 and their parents. This short (usually half hour) service is followed by age-appropriate groups in the Memorial Hall, North Building, and church.

11am morning service

Our second morning service has both an in-person congregation and an online one who watch the livestream together on Zoom. Please email if you would like to join the Zoom on Sundays (office@allsaintslittleshelford.org).

Sunday @ 6

An informal gathering with a wide range of ages attending and which lasts for around an hour from 6pm. This term we are continuing our series looking at the Letter to the Colossians.

TNG, our older youth group for 14-18 year olds, meets after the evening service, at around 7pm in the North Building.



Weekly Midweek Meetings

Home Groups meet on Monday or Wednesday evenings or Wednesday afternoon. 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 Wednesday mornings from 9:30 in the village hall. Please email tots@allsaintslittleshelford.org for details.

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).

Shelford School

Welcome to the latest report from Shelford School!

Shortly after term started we were delighted to receive confirmation of our International School Award for 2021-2024. We are very thankful to Mrs Unwin for leading this reaccreditation, and for her great creativity in ensuring opportunities for international collaboration during the pandemic year. These included using online tools such as Padlet to share, communicate and celebrate information around the world, plus greater use of video technology and traditional letter writing. These efforts were especially appreciated by the accreditation panel and formed the basis of a glowing review. Even better, the children are continuing to enjoy these wonderful international partnerships, both old and newly flourishing!

There have been some exciting activities for the children this term starting with the year 6 residential at Grafham water. It was particularly exciting for this class as their first residential, having skipped the traditional year 5 Burwell visit last year. The children overcame many challenges, from taming bedsheets to conquering high ropes, showing great communication and teamwork all the while. Well done year 6!



Year 3 have had a particularly busy month celebrating Medieval Day as part of their Castles topic. Here they learnt to weave, make nosegays and authentic medieval soap, all whilst in traditional dress (yes, even the parent helpers too!).



Shortly after this excitement Year 3 then began preparations for the Harvest celebrations in St Mary's church, which they led with great enthusiasm and creativity. Thank you to Mrs Ashton, Mrs Scott and the year 3 team for coordinating such a lovely service. Our community food donations this year have gone to Cambridge Food Bank and thank you again to all in the community who supported this collection.

Thank you also to everyone in the school and village communities who have contributed to the recent online appeal to buy additional resources and equipment for the school. This has well exceeded the £4000 target, raising an incredible and £5070! This is so very helpful for the school in providing extra opportunities to inspire and support the children – thank you all. We look forward to sharing with you the impact of this support over the next year.

We also look forward to the arrival of our new PTA team, as the reins are handed over to a new team. We are very grateful to Hannah Mohamad for her dedicated leadership in fundraising as Chair over the last two years, brilliantly supported by Rachel Bousfield (Secretary) and Ilse Patterson (Treasurer). We look forward to bringing you news of the new team next quarter and New Year's greetings from the school!

Maria Lazarus, Parent Governor