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Little Shelford Parish Council
Join us for a Hedgerow Deep Clean.
2pm – 3.30pm Sunday 6th March 2022

With all the hedgerow vegetation having died back this is a perfect time to deep clean our hedgerows and collect bottles, cans and other litter. Michael, our Village Man, does a great job of keeping the village tidy every week. But, this is our chance to help him out before the spring returns and the hedgerows bloom again.

Meet at the Little Shelford Memorial Hall at 2pm. Finish at the Village Hall at 3.30pm. Bring protective gloves and a bucket. High Visibility jackets and litter bags and pickers will be supplied.

Questions? Contact David Jones on 847213 or davidjhjones@btinternet.com



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Thank you to all those who have contributed to this newsletter. Copy for the spring edition should be emailed (or delivered by hand to the Church Office in the North Building of All Saints Churchyard) by Friday 8 April 2022. As space is limited, articles should be fewer than 340 words and adverts should fit within half an A5 page. NB this newsletter is also available online at www.allsaintslittleshelford.org

Thank you to all who sent in entries to the winter photo contest. A perspective on the parish church is featured on our front cover this season. **Entries to the spring 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	8 February	Black bin
Tuesday	15 February	Green & blue bins
Tuesday	22 February	Black bin
Tuesday	1 March	Blue bin
Tuesday	8 March	Black bin
Tuesday	15 March	Green & blue bins
Tuesday	22 March	Black bin

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

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.

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from Rev Edward Keene,
Curate of Little Shelford



Dear friends,

6 February is marked across the Commonwealth as Accession Day; a sad day for our sovereign as it is the anniversary of her father's death, but also a momentous one—especially in this, her Platinum Jubilee year. We look forward to great celebrations here in Shelford marking the Jubilee weekend, scheduled for later in the year. An advert from the parish council for volunteers to assist may be found on page 10.

70 years is a remarkable achievement. It is twice the length of time that yours truly has been in existence! Our Queen had been on the throne for almost two decades before mankind set foot on the moon. Even though the Cold War ended over thirty years ago, more of her reign occurred during it than after it. Only three other sovereign rulers in all of recorded history have enjoyed longer reigns—and within two years all of them will also be eclipsed, should Elizabeth Windsor persevere (which we certainly pray she will do).

How many people singing 'Long live our noble Queen' in 1952 would have imagined quite how that sung prayer would be answered. The previous Queen Regnant for whom that form of words had last been sung half a century earlier had enjoyed the blessing of 63 years on the throne. Her great-great granddaughter has been blessed even further.

Rather more ambitious than 'long life' was the Babylonian royal acclamation 'May the King live forever'. The congregations at All Saints church were reminded of this refrain at the end of last year, as we read through the book of Daniel (he of the Lion's Den fame) and found the prophet himself obliged to greet his ruler in this extravagant fashion. Whereas our anthem is a call for blessing, that ancient refrain was a bold claim on deity itself.

We may imagine that many of Daniel's associates in the court of ancient Babylon uttered the royal greeting through gritted teeth, privately dreaming of the day their overlord passed to his grave. Though most of us today can sing 'Long live the Queen' in good conscience, there are some with a genuinely negative experience of the monarchy. Elizabeth II may have ruled gently and quietly, but has not always done so perfectly. She is, like us, only human after all.

There is however one ruler for whom a prayer for everlasting reign is not out of place. 'Your throne O God is forever and ever' declares Psalm 45. This is a palatable concept, even for the more republican-minded amongst us, as the Psalm goes on to affirm 'The sceptre of your kingdom is a sceptre of uprightness.'

Little Shelford wholeheartedly congratulates Her Majesty on her long reign and will do so, no doubt, in style come the early Summer Bank Holiday. But whilst doing so, let us remember the one whom we address as we sing again the royal anthem and on whom length of days for each of us, whether king or commoner, ultimately depends.

With best wishes,
Edward

All Saints
LITTLE SHELFORD

Looking Back...

It is with great sadness that we report since the publication of the previous newsletter the death of Derek Bishop.

A note from Brenda Bishop:

"Derek and I have lived in Little Shelford since 1972. We soon discovered what a friendly village it is. Villagers care for each other but are not intrusive. No greater proof is needed than the wonderful support and affection that I have received since Derek's illness and death. I cannot thank you all individually so please accept this as my heartfelt gratitude and love to you all."

Please to 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

Book Review: *Lupus, you odd unnatural thing*

Shaista Tayabali's newly published book, *Lupus, you odd unnatural thing*, had a long gestation, but like elephants, it's worth the wait. It is a brave and candid account of Shaista's experience of living with Lupus (the 'odd unnatural thing' of the title) for most of her life. Lupus is a complex, debilitating disease, but one where the individual can look quite healthy to the casual observer or even (as Shaista discloses in a very amusing description) to the very professionals in whose care she finds herself.



The book takes the form of biography which, although heart-breaking at times, is also full of sharp observation and shines with Shaista's love of family and of many of the people she encounters. We can all learn much from the descriptions of the dehumanising treatments, the pain, the anger, and the impotence that can accompany chronic illness. These jostle with observations of the NHS and the way it works, with fascinating accounts of interactions with those she meets on her journey which abound with love and compassion, and which can also be very funny. If all this sounds a bit intimidating, the writing is magical, even musical—drawing on Shaista's love of poetry and the written word across the literary and artistic cultures of her Indian heritage and her very English education.

This book should be prescribed reading for every junior doctor or nurse; as a nurse for over 40 years researching another complex and misunderstood disease, ME, there was so much I could relate to and much to learn. More than that, it is delightfully crafted, and a captivating read. The skill with which she weaves the most banal moments into a tapestry, incisive and sharp, celebrating life, conveying pain, and inspiring a resulting ironic joy, is as artful as most anything I have read. I could not recommend it more highly.

What a privilege it is to have Shaista resident in Little Shelford!

Caroline Kingdon

Available for £9.99 from Amazon

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



The Shelford & Stapleford Youth Initiative

BIG BREAKFAST

Saturday 26th March 2022

8-11am Little Shelford Memorial Hall

Raising funds for SSSI, a Christian community based charity providing youth clubs and activities for all 11-18 year olds. A variety of breakfast food available from cereals to a traditional "English". Live music featuring David Adams, newspapers available. Relax and chat with friends. Meet the SSSI Youth Workers and Committee members. Learn about the work we do with young people across the villages. A great way to start the day!

PLEASE NOTE: As the Big Breakfast is a popular indoor event we will be taking all recommended steps to reduce the risk of Covid transmission that are recommended at the date of the Breakfast. This may include keeping windows and doors open for ventilation, availability of hand sanitizer and encouraging mask wearing when not sitting. We ask you **not to come along if you have any Covid symptoms**. In order to provide assurance for all, full vaccination and recent negative lateral flow or PCR test are advised for all guests. Thank you.

SSYI
Shelford & Stapleford
Youth Initiative
www.ssyi.club

More information: Polly Stanton, Secretary polly.stanton@ntlworld.com



Good Neighbours Tea Parties

A Christmas special tea party was held on Wednesday 8 December in Little Shelford Memorial Hall in the afternoon. Despite rising numbers of Covid cases it was well attended. All Saints loaned us their tree and the rector took charge of the lights. Volunteers provided delicious sausage rolls and mince pies while mulled wine or tea were served from the hatch. There were so many raffle prizes that almost everyone received at least one! David Adams played seasonal

piano music throughout the afternoon and, towards the end, song sheets were handed out and everyone joined in singing a few well known carols. All in all it was a very enjoyable festive occasion.

We decided to give the January tea party a miss. The next ones will be held in the Sports Pavilion from 2pm on 9 February and 8 March. All are welcome especially newcomers to the village.

Judy Boothroyd

Babes in the Wood – Little Shelford Panto 2022—a triumph!

*'Well done' to everyone involved, especially the talented cast and crew.
Full report coming in our Spring edition.*



Little Shelford Local History Society

the next meeting will be the

Annual General Meeting

on
Monday 25 April 2022
at 7.30pm in

Little Shelford Memorial Hall

The AGM will be followed
at 7.45pm by a talk

'Local history through East Anglian village signs'

by historian
Sarah Doig



Our Growing Youth Section

We started our Junior Section two seasons ago despite Covid-19 restrictions, but we are looking forward to growing Youth Cricket on the Wale in 2022. The Junior Section for Boys and Girls age 10 – 15 would welcome all local young people interested in cricket. The Junior Section is led by Ian Reid, well known as a successful Cambridge based Junior Coach, along with Jamie Harrison, LSCC Player and experienced youth coach. Junior nets will kick off when Covid-19 restrictions permit and fixtures are being arranged for the Summer. For a Junior Player registration form and more details contact Clara Cheng our Junior Section Administrator (claracheng@msn.com), Ian Reid, or Jamie Harrison (contact details above).

Our Old Boys Game to kick-off the Season: Saturday 30th April 2022 1pm on the Wale

Please join us for our Old Boys Game to kick off the season, Covid-19 restrictions permitting. This is always good fun, good Cricket and a great social event. We hope refreshments will be available during and after the game. All are welcome to watch.

And Finally...

Do remember you can find out more, view all our fixtures, 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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LSCC exciting plans for the 2022 Season: Come Join us!

Lots going on to prepare for the new 2022 season. Here are some key dates and opportunities for those who might want to play!

The AGM

LSCC will be holding its AGM on Sunday 6 February at 4pm at Noel Youngs Wine Bar (6 De Freville House, 56 High Green, Great Shelford). Club Captains, officers, players and a number of Vice-Presidents will be in attendance. But all those who want to show support for the club are welcome.

Indoor nets for the Winter Months

We have indoor nets for Seniors on Wednesday evenings and for Juniors on Saturday mornings. Male and Female players are welcome to the nets sessions.

If you would like to join us and want more details contact:

the Club Captain for the Seniors Session
Chris Schofield chris.schofield1980@hotmail.com

and for the Junior Session contact:
Ian Reid ian.reid620@ntlworld.com or
Jamie Harrison jjc.harrison@ntlworld.com

GRANTA Medical Practices

Granta Medical Practices Update February 2022

Covid Vaccine Update

On 13 December 2021 the government announced that the deadline for every adult to have been offered a covid booster was being brought forward from 31 January 2022 to 31 December 2021. Granta staff stepped forward to support the "Omicron Emergency Booster National Mission" to encourage everyone who is eligible to "get boosted now".

Between 15 December and 3 January an extra 7,000 Granta patients were vaccinated. Staff worked the 3 bank holidays, in addition to squeezing extra vaccine clinics into their normal working days, to ensure that as many patients as possible were vaccinated before the new deadline passed.

New Hospital Helpline for Patients

The Covid-19 pandemic has added to the strain on all NHS services. As a result of this, waiting list times for outpatient and specialist appointments and procedures have increased for everybody.

This can cause worry and uncertainty about when you will eventually receive an appointment, and unfortunately Granta has no direct access to the hospital appointment lists.

If you have been referred by your GP / are waiting for:

- An outpatient appointment
- An appointment for hospital tests (e.g. scans)
- A date for an operation or other treatment
- A follow-up from your hospital team

and you have a query about what is happening, there is now a new dedicated Freephone Patient Help Line - 0800 048 5800.

May we respectfully ask that you only call Granta if your condition has genuinely deteriorated, when you will be reviewed by one of the clinical team and appropriate action can be taken in regard to your hospital care. Thank you for your continued understanding, patience and support.

Sandra East
Head of Patient Services
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Green Groups in the Shelfords, Stapleford & Sawston (2G3S)

It's the new year again. How about some green resolutions this year?

1.Reduce energy use in the home and save money

Simple changes such as remembering to put a lid on saucepans, turning off electrical items (not just using standby) and turning down the thermostat to the WHO recommended 18°C are free and easy habits to make. For lots of great ideas for personalised home energy advice look up CCF.

2.Use active or public transport where you can

Replacing short car journeys with walking or cycling benefits our own health, saves fuel and money, and improves air quality. How about replacing one car journey a week, or 10% a year, with cycling, walking or taking public transport?

3.Reduce, reuse, recycle

In that order! Everything we buy has an energy and resource cost at each stage of its production, transportation and disposal. Do you really need it? If so, can you get it secondhand or borrow/share? Think when buying something about whether it can be used lots of times and repaired. Even recycling has an energy cost so should be seen as a last resort. Make your own compost, reduce food waste and support the circular economy.

4.Help wildlife where you live

Did you know that in the UK urban gardens total more hectares of land than all the nature reserves added together? If we all gardened for wildlife, just imagine what positive impact we would have, then add in all the land in verges, roundabouts etc. Native plants are best for native wildlife. Check out the RHS website for lists of pollinator-friendly plants for your garden/window box and other top tips, and The Wildlife Trusts for ideas on how to garden for wildlife.

5.Save water

Only 1% of the water on our planet is fresh, salt-free and available to us in streams and underground reserves. It is essential to life. We only drink around 5% of the water we use, the other 95% goes down the drain from showers, taps, laundries and toilets or into the garden. To get clean drinking water to our taps costs energy to extract it, pipe it, clean it and then pipe it and clean it again (hopefully!) before it heads back to the rivers. In Cambridgeshire the water is taken from the chalk aquifer, the ever-increasing demand for which is so high that not enough is left to flow down our rare and important chalk streams, causing them to dry up, which harms local biodiversity.

Helen Hale

Vacancy: Clerk to the Governors at Great and Little Shelford CE(A) Primary School

"We live and work in harmony with love for one another so we can achieve our potential within a community of lifelong learners"



Great and Little Shelford CE(A) Primary School is looking to appoint a Clerk to the Governors, to provide efficient and effective administrative support in their vital strategic role. The successful candidate will be highly organised, provides attention to detail, is reliable and has excellent communication skills. The clerk prepares meeting papers, takes minutes and carries out a range of administrative tasks for the Board so flexibility in working hours is necessary. As the operation of the Board is paperless, computer literacy is essential and familiarity with Google Drive would be helpful.

Clerking of 9 evening meetings per year is expected, three per term. These may be virtual or in-person, and attendance at all meetings will be required. Training is available, along with mentoring and support from the Chair, Deputy Chair and outgoing Clerk. An honoraria of £1000 per annum is offered, paid in three termly installments.

For further information or to express interest in the post, please contact the chair of governors, Anna Caroe by email chair@shelfordschool.org.uk.

The deadline for applications is 13th February 2022. The timescale for starting is flexible but a period of handover by July 2022 is essential.

www.shelfordschool.org.uk

LITTLE SHELFORD WILDLIFE GROUP

In December two willow trees were pollarded at Bradmere Pond. We also cut back some nettles and had a tidy up clearing the view to the pond from the path.

The hedging around the bowling green on the Wale, is being cut on Friday 21st of January so we will clear and burn up the cuttings. The nettles were cut back from the path by the notice board so hopefully it can be mown there when the rest of the rec is cut.

Hopefully we will have the swans and goosanders back nesting in the spring, and also the nest boxes being used.

Enjoy our lovely environment!

**2G3S (Green Groups in the Shelfords, Stapleford and Sawston)
are pleased to announce a**



To be held on Saturday 12 February 2022 from 2 -4.30 pm at Great Shelford Free Church, Ashen Green, Great Shelford, Cambridge CB22 5EY.

It's a free event (donations very welcome) where we match amazing repairers with people who need stuff fixing. Bring along the following to be repaired and to pick up repair skills: jewellery / jewellery cleaning, sewing repairs (clean items only please), small household appliances and electrical items, sewing machines, computers, bicycles, and general bits'n'bobs.

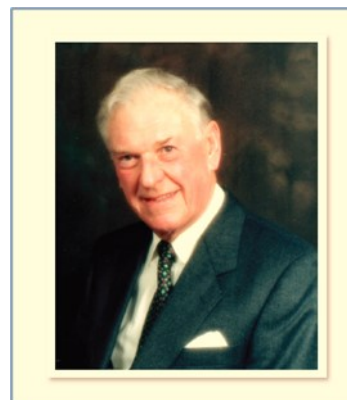
You can turn up with your broken item on the day, but we're usually very busy so it's best to book it in by following the links at <http://circularcambridge.org> from 1 - 9 February inclusive. The repairers are brilliant and can fix most things but there are no guarantees. Tea and cake available of course!

This time we shall have an additional feature: a recycling bin for small electrical non-screen items that are beyond repair.

For more information go to our website:
<http://2g3s.staplefordvillage.org.uk>

Kenneth William Starling

1927 - 2021



Kenneth (Ken) Starling (Mr Starling to many) was head of Shelford School from 1975 to 1988. He died on the 8th of December 2021. Below are extracts from the address given at his funeral service with additional material from Marjorie Westbrook's book, *The Making of a Village School* (pp 103-11).

Born in Cambridge in 1927, an only child, Ken was of the "war-time" generation whose Army service was in the Royal Signals rising to sergeant. After the war and its aftermath he went into education, training in Abingdon and from there to Arbury Road Junior School as his first post. There he met and eventually married his wife Margaret with whom he had 2 children. Ken also taught at Morley Memorial School before becoming head of Shelford School in 1975.

Former pupils may recall Ken's passion for aeroplanes, his clarinet playing in the school orchestra, the woodworking lessons he gave (boys only), his leading of the "School Walk" along the Roman Road not to mention his encouragement to "keep on walking" during the Year 6 the Pennine Trip. Following his retirement Ken and Margaret moved to Bury St Edmunds where he maintained those same interests - even obtaining a pilot's licence.

As educational expectations changed during Ken's tenure many of the school's facilities we now take for granted were acquired, not least the large playing field.

But maybe his lasting legacy will be the hundreds, if not thousands, of young lives he influenced and helped as a teacher.

Polly Stanton



**Call for Volunteers
to join
a Parish Council Sub-committee
to organise
Jubilee Events**

In 2022, Her Majesty The Queen will become the first British Monarch to celebrate a Platinum Jubilee after 70 years of service. The Parish Council is looking to set up a subcommittee to help organise events to celebrate over the extended Bank Holiday weekend of 2nd to 5th June.

Suggestions so far include a street party on Thursday 2, an opening event for the new SCOWP Community Orchard on Blennies patch and a special service of Thanksgiving at All Saints Church.

The Parish Council are seeking volunteers to make up this subcommittee.

If you are interested please contact
Penny Tanner, Parish Clerk

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David Jones, Parish Councillor

(DavidHJones@btinternet.com 01223 847213) or

Jo Boyle, Secretary Little Shelford Entertainments Committee

(joboyle780@gmail.com 01223 843984).

Your help and support should be much appreciated.

- The regular medical clinics in remote areas use the latest mobile equipment and include surgical operations, dental, ophthalmic and other tests, and community health guidance

You can find out more about HoverAid and its work via their website <https://uk.hoveraid.org/>, or by contacting John at j.greaves@hoveraid.co.uk.

Read Hoveraid's latest newsletter at issuu.com/hoveraid/docs/ha_newsletter_2021_summer_issuu



John Greaves and Polly Stanton



Q: What is the connection between Shelford, Madagascar, and hovercraft ?



On the 18th January the Kaleidoscope group at All Saints faced the question, "What do you know about Madagascar?" Most people responded, "Lemurs", one person said, "Vanilla" but the rest kept very quiet.

However, by the end of the meeting and a fascinating and challenging talk by John Greaves, Shelford resident and Chief Executive of the international charity HoverAid, we had learnt quite a lot about the country, its people and their needs and the work of

the charity in that country. Because so much of Madagascar cannot be reached by car, boat or aeroplane HoverAid uses hovercraft (hence the name) to conduct its relief work - reaching the unreachable.

We also learnt that...

- Madagascar is larger than California; its population of 29m is doubling every 15 years. It is one of the poorest countries in the world, as well as being stunningly beautiful. 90% of all its wildlife species are unique to the island
- 50% of the people suffer from malnutrition and the median age is 19
- 80% of the rainforests have been destroyed, mainly to enable subsistence farming
- HoverAid carries out emergency aid following frequent floods and cyclones, as well as supporting rebuilding of communities and provision of water wells and sanitation



Meet the Little Shelford Parish Council

Sunday 6th March 2022

5pm to 7pm

Memorial Hall, Church Street

The Parish Council works hard on behalf of the residents of Little Shelford. We wanted you to have chance to meet the Parish Council members and learn about our responsibilities and funding. We are also hoping to have representatives of the Village Societies and Clubs available so you can learn about all the activities that keep the Village community vibrant. A particularly good opportunity if you are new to the Village to meet other Villagers and get to know us.

Wine, Soft drinks and nibbles provided

Questions?

Contact the Parish Clerk: Penny Tanna

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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. Our group for 11-14s, Pathfinders, meanwhile meets in the Rectory 9:30 to 10:45am.

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 6pm gathering with a wide range of ages attending and which lasts for around an hour from 6pm. We have started the new year by looking at the 'I am' sayings of Jesus in John's gospel.

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



Weekly Midweek Events

Homegroups meet on Monday or Wednesday evenings or Wednesday afternoon. If you would like to know more about homegroups or join one please speak to the Rector, Simon Scott (841998).

Women's Morning Group meets on Thursdays during term time from 9:45am 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 Events

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

At the time of writing the new term has started amidst all the wider news about record rates of Covid infection. The school has CO2 monitors, but as yet no air purifiers. Things could very easily change by the time this is printed, but at present all the regular school activities are continuing, in the modified ways that have been developing throughout the pandemic. Staff have shown their adaptability throughout, and I am sure that will continue to be to the fore when we eventually emerge from the constraints. We can be thankful that things look massively better than this time last year when the school had to close to nearly all pupils.



Events at the end of the autumn term were centred around the nativity and carols by candlelight, with wonderful reflections by staff and pupils through reading, music and performance. And the excitement of Christmas was not forgotten, with the school "Christmas Day" on the last day of term. A collection around these events raised a tremendous

total of £507 which was sent to Save the Children. Then at the start of the spring term we marked the end of the Christmas season with collective worship for Epiphany – via Zoom, of course.

We have now said farewell to the Reverend Simon Talbott, but are hoping that he will in due course find some way to include a visit to us in association with his new role supporting the Bishop in Ely. He served the governors and the school with great energy and commitment for over eight years, and the governors were delighted to present Simon with tokens of our appreciation, including a framed art map of the Shelfords and Stapleford. We look forward to learning in due course who will take on the mantle at St Mary's; we are very grateful for the support that we receive from all three churches in the Shelfords.

Peter Ede, School Governor