

You are warmly invited to join us to celebrate
Christmas with All Saints Church, Little Shelford

Sunday 11th December, 6pm & 7.30pm
Carols in The Navigator

Wednesday 14th December, 6pm
meet at the village sign
Carols around the village

Sunday 18th December
9.30am – **All Age Carol Service**
11am – **Traditional Carol Service**
6pm - **Carols by Candlelight**

Christmas Eve
5pm – **Nativity Service**
11pm – **Late Night Communion Service**

Christmas Day
10am – **All Age Service**

New Year's Day
10am – **All Age Service**
followed by a bring and share brunch
in the Memorial Hall

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Around Little Shelford

WINTER 2023

- ◆ Christmas events
- ◆ Tea party dates
- ◆ School news
- ◆ ...and more

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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 Fri 3 March 2023. 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 shot by Brie Lury of the village pond at Bradmere adorns our front cover.

Entry to the spring photo contest is now open. Please email your entries.

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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	13 December	Black bin
Tuesday	20 December	Green & blue bins
Thursday	29 December	Black bin
Thursday	5 January	Blue bins
Wednesday	11 January	Black bin
Tuesday	17 January	Green & blue bins
Tuesday	24 January	Black bin

See also <https://www.scams.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.

Group name	Contact details
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from Rev Edward Keene
Curate of Little Shelford

All Saints
LITTLE SHELFORD

Dear friends,

"It's the most wonderful time of the year", crooned the American singer Andy Williams in 1963 (and as many cover artists have done since). The 'most wonderful time', that is, unless one particularly values warm dry sunny evenings and affordable energy bills!

Such familiar Christmas songs have been filling the radio airwaves since mid-November, helping us to gear up for "the big day".

At All Saints Parish Church our own preparation for Christmas has involved a number of approaches. For one thing, we have been lighting candles on the traditional wreath week by week, each candle representing one of the four Sundays in Advent. The final fifth candle will be lit at our Christmas Day services (see back cover for details).

Another approach has seen our sermon series follow a number of key characters from Bible history who blazed a trail ahead of Jesus' arrival at the first Christmas. This has included consideration of familiar figures like Adam, Abraham, and Moses, but also less familiar ones like Ruth.



Ruth was what we might think of today as an international migrant. She was a Moabite (roughly where the modern country of Jordan is) who left her homeland, her family, and all that she had known in order to accompany her Hebrew mother-in-law Naomi back to Israel. Naomi's hometown was a small place, probably of similar population size to Little Shelford today.

Fortunately for Ruth (and Naomi), on her arrival in the new neighbourhood she encountered a very kind and selfless man called Boaz who gave her protection and provision. Even in our own day, it is less common for women to propose to men (rather than vice versa), but it was almost unheard of in the ancient world. Yet, this is exactly what Ruth did to Boaz. She asked him to marry her...and he did!

The book of Ruth ends with the happy news that Ruth and Boaz had a baby together, a boy named Obed. Just a random happy 'boy meets girl'

story that somehow found its way into the Bible? Hardly. Obed was the grandfather of a certain David. That is, *King* David to you and me.

The town to which Naomi had led Ruth? Bethlehem. Yes, that same Bethlehem to which some other weary travellers would come some thousand years later, under the orders of a Roman Emperor. And the same Bethlehem in which would be born another little baby boy, descended of the house and line of David, born in the city of David, the son of Jesse, the son of Obed, the son of Ruth the Moabite.

The Christmas story is more than just a few well-worn carol service readings. As Jesus himself told his disciples "Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms."

With festive greetings,

Edward



In Memoriam: Maureen Simpson, much loved long time resident of the High Street, died 20/10/2022, buried in All Saints churchyard 04/11/22.

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

PROVISIONAL COPY DATES 2023 - 2024

Edition	Copy by	Publication	Some Upcoming Events
Spring 23	1 Mar	10 Mar	Easter
Summer 23	1 Jun	10 Jun	Great Shelford Feast
Autumn 23	1 Sep	10 Sep	Fun weekend, Remembrance
Winter 24	1 Dec	10 Dec	Christmas, Pantomime

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

pupils learnt about the Roman way of life, linked to our topic - The Romans, Who were they and how did they change Britain? This fascinating museum brings to life what the children have learnt in the classroom and helps stimulate discussions and questions about the topic.

Christmas - The school community is now looking towards the Christmas period and the return of the events that were traditionally held annually prior to Covid. Many Shelford families have yet to experience these as their children started school during covid restrictions. It's wonderful to be able to organise these events once again and helps build our school community, part of the school's vision. December will see the return of the Carols by Candlelight service, led by pupils in Years 3-6. The Reception class and Key Stage 1 classes are starting to prepare for the Nativity play, always a highlight in the school calendar. On the last day of term, 21st December, Shelford Christmas Day will be held. This fun day includes a Christmas Service in the school followed by Christmas dinner for all the pupils. I'm sure the pupils will be getting their Christmas jumpers ready!

Liz Carrothers
Foundation Governor



Little Shelford Badminton Club



Little Shelford's long-standing Badminton Club is still going strong and meets every Thursday night at 19:30 at Little Shelford Memorial Hall for very sociable games of doubles. We have a good group and are always keen to see new faces.

New members can come free for the first night to make sure it is for you. Thereafter pay £5/session for up to 6 weeks when we are

keen you join us properly and pay the subscription that works out at only £3 per night. For more information, contact James Newman on 07717 394176 (james@jamesnewman.org).

Richard Patterson

Great and Little Shelford Primary School

Kindness Week - Staff have been busy planning and preparing for another exciting, engaging and action-packed half term. Mid November saw the return of the school's annual 'Kindness Week'. The start of the week was marked by 'Odd Socks Day', which celebrates differences and uniqueness. The pupils arrived at school wearing odd socks of various colourful designs. Throughout the week the pupils explored messages that underpin both the Kindness Week and themes of Anti-Bullying Week 2022 'Reach Out! The pupils from Reception to Year 4 enjoyed special performances relating to these themes, whilst anti-bullying workshops were held for Year 5 and Year 6 children.

Friendship Bench Project - In memory of former headteacher Ken Starling, this project has been carefully planned by the pupils through the School Council. Due to kind and generous donations to the Shelford School Support Fund (Website link; <https://tinyurl.com/cvbst97n>), which has supported this project, the bench has been skillfully made by a local carpenter, and then decorated with beautiful artwork as designed by the pupils. The school recently welcomed back artist Miss Hutchings to help with the project. Miss Hutchings has previously helped design and paint the hall doors, which tell our school's vision (as included above). This November, Miss Hutchings has been helping the pupils transfer the children's design ideas onto the friendship bench.



Photo - Pupils painting the new Friendship Bench

Remembrance Day - The school recently marked Remembrance Day. The Year 6 class led the annual service in school. Poems, prayers and songs were all chosen that reflect the remembrance theme. Additionally, the pupils were busy creating poppies to adorn various windows around school as a poignant reminder of this important day.

School trips - An exciting part of the curriculum that is always welcomed by the pupils are the various school trips organised by the teaching staff. This half term it was Year 1 and Year 4's turn. Year 1 thoroughly enjoyed their trip to Pizza Express. This trip linked to their topic on exploring the local community. Within their Design and Technology module the pupils have been focusing on hygiene and where food comes from. Year 4 all had the a great day out at the Verulamium Museum in St. Albans. The

Sunday Services at All Saints Parish Church

At the heart of what we do at All Saints are our Sunday services. We welcome people from all church backgrounds or none. Please do come and visit. The pattern of services is as follows:

9:30am family & children's service

Fun and Bible stories for children aged 0-11 and their parents/carers. This short (usually half hour) service is followed by age-appropriate groups in the Memorial Hall, North Building, and church. Our weekly group for 11-14s, Pathfinders, meanwhile meets in the Rectory throughout the period 9:30am 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 range of ages, lasting for around an hour from 6pm. During Winter our sermons will consider Psalm 104 and then 'people Jesus met'.

TNG, our youth group for 14-18 year olds, meets after the evening service during term.



Weekly Midweek Events

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

Women's Morning Group meets on Thursdays from 9:45am for Bible study and prayer. There is usually a crèche. Phone Christine Ayling (840405) to hear more.

All Saints Tots for babies, toddlers, and parents/carers. Wednesday AM 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 information contact Joan Church (842243).

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

Please see the church website allsaintslittleshelford.org for the latest information.

*Verse of the month for December: 'Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and on earth peace to those on whom his favour rests.' - Luke 2:14*

Church Street 'Meet the Street'

We held a 'Meet the Street' in the village hall recently. Twenty six adults plus four children and a baby came for a glass of wine and nibbles. It was good to meet some new members who have moved in since covid. A good time was enjoyed by all.

Diana Haines



If you are a Little Shelford resident who is struggling financially
Call John Huntingdon's Charity on 492492

Little Shelford Parish Council have linked up with John Huntingdon's Charity (JHC) based in Sawston to enable residents of the village to access [information, advice, guidance and financial assistance](#) in these difficult times.

The charity has a small team of experienced Support Workers who can help with [benefits, housing, debt and grants](#).

The charity also run a [food bank](#).

If you are struggling, please give JHC a call on 01223 492492 or e mail them at office@johnhuntingdon.org.uk to arrange an appointment.

You can also contact JHC through Facebook, by just liking John Huntingdon's Charity.

The JHC office is manned Monday to Friday for the following hours:

Monday 9-2pm

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 9-4 pm

Friday 9-1 pm

please leave a message on the answering machine if no-one answers, and they will get back to you as soon as they can.

Little Shelford Pantomime 2023: *Jackie and the Beanstalk*

When Cow Pat is sold by Idle Jackie for a handful of beans and Gladys, the goose that lays the golden eggs is stolen by Grem-lins, what will become of Dame Dolly and her friends?

Will there really be a happy ending (as there always is at Little Shelford Pantomime)?

You'll find these answers and a lot more besides if you come and see it in Little Shelford Memorial Hall on:

- Wednesday 11 Jan 7pm
- Thursday 12 Jan 7 pm
- Friday 13 Jan 7:30pm
- Saturday 14 Jan 7.30 pm



Be prepared for talking animals, villains to boo and hiss at, scenery to marvel at, heroic deeds and some songs you know and love.

Tickets available (£5 children; £8 adults) from 1 December 2022:

- Susie Manning – 07793 115654 (Little Shelford);
- Holly Barr – 07825 395605 (Great Shelford);
- Maggie Pratt - 01223 873314 (Hauxton);
- Susan Hunter - 07796 295167 (Sawston) or
- Sarah Coppendale – 01223 842498 (Stapleford)

Any queries, e-mail coppendales@btinternet.com

Sarah Coppendale

Here are some photos of the evening showing Chris Schofield our Club Captain handing out awards to (Left to Right) Seb Harrison, Matthew Beale and Steve Hewer.



You can find all the statistics for our award winners and all our other players both Seniors and Juniors at <https://littleshelford.play-cricket.com/home>

Winter NETS Practice for Junior and Senior Players have started – All welcome

Finally, new and existing players, both male and female, are welcome to our NETS sessions planned for December through to April 2023. Senior Nets (16+) are Tuesdays, 8-9pm at Hills Road Sports Centre.

Contact Club Captain Chris Schofield if you are interested in attending (chrisschofield@littleshelfordcc.com). Junior Nets (11 – 15) are on Saturdays 9-11 am and Sundays 8-10 am, also at Hills Road Sports Centre. If Parents would like their youngsters to attend please contact Junior Team Coaches Jamie Harrison (jjc.harrison@ntlworld.com) or Ian Reid (ian.reid620@ntlworld.com).

For more information about LSCC contact David JH Jones – Chairman, LSCC (01223 847213).

David JH Jones – Chairman, LSCC
 David JH Jones, Chairman,
 Little Shelford Cricket Club
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GRANTA Medical Practices

Granta Medical Practices Update, December 2022

Please find below details of surgery opening over Christmas and New Year. Make sure that you order your repeat prescriptions in plenty of time so that **you do not run out of your medication**. The table below shows you when you will be able to collect your prescriptions, depending on the date you place your order.

Date	Opening hours	Repeat prescription schedule
Fri 23.12.2022	Open as usual	Place order today, pick up Fri 30.12.2022
Sat 24.12.2022 (Christmas Eve)	Open for pre-booked appointments only	Place order today, pick up Tues 03.01.2023
Sun 25.12.2022 (Christmas Day)	Closed	Place order today, pick up Tues 03.01.2023
Mon 26.12.2022 (Boxing Day)	Closed	Place order today, pick up Tues 03.01.2023
Tues 27.12.2022 (Bank Holiday)	Closed	Place order today, pick up Tues 03.01.2023
Wed 28.12.2022	Open as usual	Place order today, pick up Tues 03.01.2023
Thurs 29.12.2022	Open as usual	Place order today, pick up Wed 04.01.2023
Fri 30.12.2022	Open as usual	Place order today, pick up Thurs 05.01.2023
Sat 31.12.2022 (New Years' Eve)	Open for pre-booked appointments only	Place order today, pick up Fri 06.01.2023
Sun 01.01.2023 (New Years' Day)	Closed	Place order today, pick up Fri 06.01.2023
Mon 02.01.2023 (Bank Holiday)	Closed	Place order today, pick up Fri 06.01.2023
Tues 03.01.2023	Open as usual	Place order today, pick up Fri 06.01.2023

Don't forget, we now have the **Prescription Collection Points at Sawston, Linton and Shelford**. Sign up today to pick up your medication at your convenience. **Be prepared for common health problems** by keeping a well-stocked medicine cabinet at home. You can treat many minor illnesses such as colds and coughs, sore throats, and upset stomachs by having a supply of health care essentials such as pain relief (paracetamol), cough and sore throat remedies, a first aid kit, upset stomach treatment, rehydration treatment and heartburn / indigestion treatment. Your **local pharmacist** can also offer you advice and guidance on the best treatment for you. Pharmacists are available on every high street and in supermarkets with many open evenings and weekends. **Whilst we are closed**, if you need urgent medical assistance please use the NHS 111 service. If you have an emergency that poses an immediate threat to life, please ring 999.

Sandra East
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www.grantamedicalpractices.co.uk

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



At our planning meeting in November we began to plan for 2023. We hope to continue the repair cafes, nature walks and conversation evenings, and to try and work with other local organisations.

Dr Bike comes to Stapleford

A small group of volunteers is using the Old Slaughterhouse, next to the Three Horseshoes pub in Church Street, as a community bike repair shed. We will do, for free, 'Dr Bike' type safety checks, together with adjustments and minor repairs for a donation. This is an initiative by members of 2G3S, with support from local Cycling UK members and the local Repair Café organisation. Stapleford Parish Council have kindly allowed the use of their Grade 2 listed building for this purpose. In the first instance sessions will run every Thursday between 3pm and 6pm until 15 December. Drag that bike out of your shed or garage, bring it to us, and hopefully we can show you how we make it easier and safer to ride. Please do bring your bike along, and at the least we can pump up your tyres, adjust your brakes, and do a little lubrication, making your bike easier and more pleasant to ride (we don't have the skills to deal with hydraulic brake or electric bike issues). To contact us, email drbikestapleford@gmail.com or fill in the form at <https://tinyurl.com/2yx7kyzw> or just come and pay us a visit when we are open. With a little more volunteer help, even just once each month, we hope to extend our service in the New Year.

Re-imagining Our Future... Together, Sunday 15 January, 3pm to 6pm

We have been liaising with Haslingfield and Harlton Eco Group and Eco Whittlesford to organise a family-friendly event aimed at bringing together people from neighbouring villages. The purpose of the event is to bring our communities together to help inspire each other, learn from what we are all doing and explore opportunities for synergy. At Whittlesford Memorial Hall, free tickets via Eventbrite on our Facebook page soon.

Other news

Don't forget that Cambridge Carbon Footprint are lending out thermal imaging cameras, so (after a little online training) you can see where you are losing heat out of your home, and take steps to correct it. It may be just a small matter of draught strips or a draught-excluder (remember "sausage dogs"? - I still use one at the door between our kitchen and the conservatory). Book a training session on their website. Some 2G3S members are shortly to do the training so they can see what's happening in their own homes, and may be able to help other people in the future.

Even though the summer has gone and we now have rain, the water level in our chalk aquifer is still low, and it will take a whole wet winter to top it up to where it should be. So it's still important to save water in and around your home.

Helen Hale

Little Shelford Cricket Club

AGM, Winter Nets and news form the Annual Dinner 2022

AGM – Sunday 5 February 2023, 3pm, The Wale Sports Pavilion

Our AGM to reflect on the 2022 season and appoint the LSCC committee and team Captain's and Officers for the 2023 season will be at 3pm on Sunday 5 February at the Pavilion on the Wale Recreation Ground. We welcome all those interested in supporting cricket in the Village. Refreshments will be provided! We have a strong Junior and Senior section with over 130 registered players across both sections. The help and support we get from the Village makes a big difference to our teams.

If you would like to attend let our Chairman know and he can make sure you receive a reminder and agenda closer to the date.

davidjhjones@btinternet.com

Our Team's 2022 Performance and our Annual Awards Dinner

The season has been a very good one for both our 1st and 2nd XI. The 1st XI finished in 3rd in the CCA Junior League 1 South while the 2nd XI finished third as well in CCA Junior League 4 South. There have also been some very memorable performances by the players. Seb Harrison was our highest scoring player, scoring 1,154 runs in 25 matches for the Senior and U15 side this season, including no less than 3 centuries and 7 50's. Mark Harrod was also a century scorer, with 2 50's to his name. While on the bowling side Matt Beale was our top performer taking 25 wickets during the season and Alistair Pringle and Alex Harrison were close behind with 23 and 22 wickets respectively.

We celebrated the season at our Annual Dinner and Awards evening on Saturday 10th September and presented player awards. The award winners were:

1st XI Batting Award: Seb Harrison

1st XI Team Bowling Award: Matthew Beale

2nd XI Batting: Naveed Butt

2nd XI Bowling: Alistair Pringle

Best newcomer: Paul Ellum

Spirit of LSCC for Sportsmanship and Camaraderie: Steve Hewer and Fahim Kawsar



LITTLE SHELFORD
CRICKET CLUB



Cambridge Joint Playschemes

Registered Charity 1045987

We urgently need Playworkers For our Saturday Activity Clubs and Holiday Playschemes

We are a small South Cambridgeshire based charity that supports children / young people with moderate to severe learning disabilities aged 8-19 years. We provide community based activities on Saturdays and holiday playschemes at Easter, the Summer and some half terms.

Playworkers should be patient, kind and willing to get involved with the young people. This can include ensuring the children eat their lunch, engage with their activities and peers and above all remain safe. Competitive rates of pay and training are available. Would suit Learning Support Assistants, teachers or those who have a passion for working with young people. [Note all playworkers will be subject to DBS checks].

For further information
Email: camjointplay@btconnect.com
or check out our website:

[Cambridge Joint Playschemes - Staff & Recruitment \(camjointplay.org.uk\)](http://Cambridge Joint Playschemes - Staff & Recruitment (camjointplay.org.uk))



Good Neighbours: Monthly Tea Parties



The next tea party will be Wednesday 14 December 2-4pm in the Little Shelford Sports Pavilion on the Wale Park.

Dates for the following months are 11 January, 8 February, 8 March.

Judy Boothroyd

Little Shelford Community Food Box

A new 'community food box' has been placed in the entrance to All Saints Church for local residents to contribute to or take from. Donations of in date dried and tinned goods and other essentials are welcomed (no fresh food please). The box is for use by anyone who is in need of support at this time or not able to get to the shops that week for any reason - please just pop in and help yourself. Any food not used by the local community will be distributed for use by local food banks or hubs to support our neighbouring communities at this difficult time.



For more information, please contact office@allsaintslittleshelford.org

Jenny Bright

Cambridge Cake Creators



We are friendly enthusiastic cake decorators who have been meeting monthly for several years, learning from guest demonstrators, sharing ideas and techniques from each other on how to improve our cake decorating.

CCC meets on the 3rd Thursday of every month at Stapleford Pavilion 7.15pm - 9.30pm at £10 per session. This includes Tea/Coffee & Cake! All levels including beginner's welcome. For more information, including programme details, please check local notice boards or contact: Vanda 561053 or email: vanda.butler@googlemail.com or, bsgcams@hotmail.com

Vanda Butler

SCOWP Shelford Community Orchard and Woodland Project

The Community Orchard is expanding to double in size.

Since September some of the paddock to the left of the existing orchard, as approached from Garden Fields, has been turned over to the Community Orchard and will be developed over the coming years.



It was mown mechanically, being far too large an area and the grass too overgrown for scything. Seven new standard trees will be planted at the ditch end of this area in December and new walking paths will be established and maintained.

This new land will approximately double our meadow area and gives us an exciting opportunity to explore the planting of more exotic species to reflect how the climate is changing. One idea being considered is to plant trees such as olives which are naturally adapted to hot and dry conditions; if anyone has such trees which may have overgrown the pots they were growing in please let us know and we would be happy to plant them out. Who knows, in 20 years time, it may be possible to harvest olives as well as apples, pears, gages and quinces.



2022 has been a good year for the Community Orchard and Woodland Project. Despite the very hot and dry weather over the summer, our dedicated team of watering volunteers kept all the trees and most of the smaller hedge and scrub whips alive. The small-leafed lime, planted as part of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebration at the entrance looks to be in good condition and hopefully will burst into life in the Spring.

The existing meadow was cut in sections by scythe and the cut hay allowed to lie in piles to suppress the grass underneath; these piles will be cleared and sown with some wild flower seed in the hope of increasing the diversity of plant life. The yellow rattle planted last year went well and should have seeded more widely to expand again naturally next year. A new bench has been very generously donated by Mr and Mrs Fox and has been installed on the eastern side of the orchard, just past the entrance.

Mike Darsley

New Village Librarian

Hello, my name is Mel, and I would like to introduce myself as the new librarian at Great Shelford. It has been lovely meeting customers of the library and I am looking forward to meeting more of you during the coming months. Thank you for the warm welcome I have received. We are hoping to run some exciting new groups and events this year. Please let me know if there are any activities you would like to see taking place. We are starting a new Reading Group and a Lego Club from January.

STORY AND RHYME TIME- Great Shelford Library's Story and Rhyme Time for ages 0-4years will be running from January on the first and third Tuesday each month. Sessions will run 10.30am-11am and there is no need to pre-book (term time only). We would love to hear from anyone interested in running a Rhyme and Story session. If you could commit to one Tuesday a month and enjoy telling children rhymes and stories, we would love to hear from you. Please call into the library for more details.

ENGAGE TALK- Our Engage Talks will continue to take place once a month, on the fourth Wednesday of the month. January's talk will take place on Wednesday 25th January from 2-2.30pm. An informative talk about Cambridge's Business and IP Centre which is based in Central Cambridge Library. The BIP is aimed at supporting new or growing businesses in Cambridge and Peterborough. Please pre-book in the library or via Cambourne.referral@cambridgeshire.gov.uk. Donations appreciated.

LEGO CLUB -Starting on Monday 17th January from 4.30-5.30pm. A fun hour for children to create with Lego. Parents will need to stay with their children and remain their responsibility. This is a free club, donations of £2 appreciated.

READING GROUP- We are planning a new Reading Group starting in January. Meeting once a month on Wednesday morning between 10.30 and 11am. A lovely opportunity to read and share different views on a chosen book. The first meeting will be on Wednesday 12th January. Please come into the library to get more details and register interest.

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Sunday	Closed	
Monday		3pm-7pm
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Wednesday	10am-1pm	
Thursday	Closed	
Friday	10am-1pm and	2-6pm
Saturday	10am-1pm	



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