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Copy for the winter edition should be emailed to the address above (or delivered by hand to the Church Office in the North Building of the Churchyard) by Friday 1st December 2023. As space is limited, articles should be less than 340 words and adverts should fit within half an A5 page.

The photo on our front cover this season was taken by Polly Stanton. *Please* send entries to the Winter photo contest to newsletter@allsaintslittleshelford.org

Dear friends,



I discovered recently that the top quotation listed by Google for former Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher was from an interview she did in 1987 for Woman's Own Magazine. What she said has gone down in popular understanding as 'there is no such thing as society; there are just individuals'.

That selective soundbite was certainly more nuanced in context when originally spoken than the way it is universally portrayed now. But most of us recoil from the rugged individualism which is really just a coverup for selfishness. And the virtue of involvement with others in society and community is widely applauded.

Which is why I appreciate this time of year in our village. We have Fun Runs and Fun Weekends and scarecrow beauty contests happening in our calendars in September, as a gentle reminder that we are not just a conglomeration of a few hundred individual dwellings – but a local community whose lives intersect with each other in lots of different ways.

It's one of the things I love about Little Shelford. Living here with Susu and raising a family here over nearly 20 years now, we certainly feel that we receive a huge amount from the different relationships in play in our village and in our church.

In part that is facilitated by the many different people who contribute to this newsletter. Thank you to all the different people who send things in so faithfully! I can report that our former Editor, Edward Keene has settled well, with Hannah, in Stevenage. And I am very happy to announce that Beth Emmanuel, married to our new curate, Gideon, has taken over that role.

I look forward to seeing you or meeting you for the first time at one of the many village or church events over the autumn...

With best wishes,

Simon Scott, Rector at All Saints Church.

What's on at All Saints

Details of services and other activities may be found on the All Saints website.

Go to www.allsaintslittleshelford.org or scan this code:

The usual pattern of Sunday services is:

9.30 am - A family service where adults and children join together for the first half hour before children leave for their own teaching groups: Crèche and All Saints Minis (0-4), All Saints Kids (Reception-Year 6), Pathfinders (11-14).

11.00 am - A quieter, more reflective service.

6.00 pm - Sunday @ 6 is a relaxed and informal service with contemporary songs.

TNG, the group for 14 to 18 year olds, meets after this service.

Regular Mid-week Activities

Home Groups meet for Bible study, prayer and fellowship on Monday and Wednesday evenings and Wednesday afternoon.

A **Church Prayer Meeting** replaces Home Groups once a month.

A **Women's Group** meets on Thursday mornings.

All Saints Tots meets on Wednesday mornings in the Village Hall.

Kaleidoscope, a group for older members of the church, meets once a month on a Tuesday morning.

During school holidays and at special times of the year (e.g. Christmas and Easter) the pattern of services and activities may change.

To find out more contact the **Church Office:** 01223 847815, office@allsaintslittleshelford.org



Jimmy's opened in 1995 as Cambridge's first all year round night shelter and now offers a much wider range of support.

We may have been experiencing a Mediterranean climate in recent days but colder weather is not far off.

Jimmy's says:

Winter is a particularly difficult time for those experiencing homelessness and with rough sleeping up by 26% across the UK, alongside the cost-of-living crisis, we anticipate an increased need of our services this year.

Historically the incredible donations we have received have had a huge impact on our ability to help more people. With your support we hope this will be the case again in 2023.

We would like to ask for donations which will be used across our network of support, from our Emergency accommodation at Jimmy's East Road through to residents we continue to support as they transition into their own home homes.

All Saints has supported Jimmy's for a number of years, not least with the collection of non-perishable goods at the Harvest Service which, this year, will take place at 11am on Sunday 17th September in the marguee on the Wale Recreation Ground.

Details of suitable items are listed on the back cover. If you don't read this in time to come along on the 17th donations of goods or cash can be made independently. Details can be found on the Jimmy's website: www.jimmyscambridge.org.uk

Shelford School News (September 23)

During term time Shelford School and Church Street are busy places. Some pupils arrive for Breakfast Club or extra-curricular activities (such as Choir or Triathlon) at 8am whilst the majority turn up from 8.45am ready for Registration by 8.55am.

The school bell, although still in situ, can no longer be rung. Parents



have to rely on more modern means to ensure that their children are not late for school.

By 9am pre-school children are arriving for the morning session at Rainbow Pre-school* which occupies a separate building on the school site.

The formal school day is over by 3.30pm but activities continue with a range of after-school clubs, not least of which is the Wacky After-School Club**. Wacky provides after-school care from 3.30 to 6pm. As I write this (during the month of August) Church

Street is somewhat quieter. But much needed maintenance and "deep cleaning" are taking place in school and The Wacky Holiday Club is in full swing.

Thirty of our pupils have left us to go on to secondary school with the traditional Leavers' Service taking place in St Mary's Church on the last day of term. Year 6 shared memories of their 7 years at Shelford School, demonstrated their singing ability and received a Bible as a memento.

Thirty new children will be spending the summer with a mixture of emotions as they wait to join the Reception class in September. And, almost as soon as the new school year has begun, applications will open on September 11th for the admissions round for the 24/25 school year. For more information contact the school (office@shelford.cambs.sch.uk) or go to: https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/children-and-families/schools-learning/apply-for-a-school-place.

*For details of **Rainbow Pre-school** contact: admin@rainbowshelford.co.uk or 07965 216603

**Wacky is part of the Cambridge Kids Club (CKC) network. See: https://www.cambridgekidsclub.com/after-school-clubs/great-and-little-shelford-primary-school/.

Polly Stanton, Foundation Governor

September Library News

Congratulations to all the children who completed this year's Summer Reading Challenge! We hope you enjoyed reading and coming along to events. If you haven't finished yet, don't worry there's still time before the awards ceremony at the Great Shelford library on 25th September at 4.30pm.

Remember to keep visiting the library during the school term too. We have lots of brilliant books to support your topics and projects, plus your library card gives you free access to Encyclopaedia Britannica Online.

Heading into autumn our regular activities resume, including: **Story and Rhyme Time -** Tuesday 5th September and Tuesday 19th September at 10.30 am

For children aged 0-4 years. Come and enjoy stories and Rhymes led by our wonderful volunteers. This is a free drop-in event. Parents/carers please stay with your children.

<u>Lego Club</u> – Monday 18^{th} September 4.30pm-5.30pm Come along and have some fun making LEGO models. All materials provided. Suggested donation £1.00. Parents and carers please stay with your children.

Engage Talk: Visiting Antarctica -Wednesday 27th September 2.00pm-3.30pm. "A Dream Fulfilled", a talk by Rosie Feull. A donation of £2 is appreciated. Please stay for a drink after the talk. Please pre-book in the library or via Cambourne.referral@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

Stop by to find out what's new, browse the shelves for some seasonal reads or use our free Wifi. You are always welcome at the library!

Great Shelford Library opening hours:

Monday 3-7pm Friday 10am-1pm and 2-6pm Tuesday 10am-1pm and 2-5pm Saturday 10am-1pm Wednesday 10am-1pm Sunday Closed

Thursday Closed

Contact details:

Telephone: 0345 045 5225 Email: <u>Cambourne.referral@cambridgeshire.gov.uk</u>

Web: www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk





2G3S Going Green in Shelfords, Stapleford, Sawston

Here are some forthcoming dates for your diary, hope to see you at some of them.

Nature walk on Saturday 16 September at 2pm, at Wandlebury, with naturalist John O'Boyle. Meet at the top of the car park. The walk is at your own risk, and do wear suitable clothes and footwear.

Cycle ride is on Monday 18 September. Start at 10am at Stapleford Pavilion. Booking essential, at greener@sawston.org.

Talk/conversation evening — at the time of writing this will be in Sawston at the Free Church, at 7.30pm on Monday 25 September. Two officers from SCDC will talk about small cheap ways we can all save energy, but in particular **tenants**, who cannot install solar panels, insulation, and so on. Check our website or posters then come along and get ready for cooler weather!

Save the dates - we are planning a film showing on Sunday 15 October in Whittlesford; and an energy event in the City Centre on Sunday 22 October, at which Younity, part of Octopus Energy, will talk about community energy generation, and there will be speakers and advice about reducing your home's energy usage.

Conversation/discussion evenings will also be held in November, January and February on a variety of topics, but all helping to address the cost of living as well as the climate crisis. More info on all these to come.

Repair Cafe – if you missed our last one at the Rugby Club in Great Shelford (*see photos*), the next one is on Saturday 18 November in Sawston. At the last one, our great team of repairers dealt with well over 50 items, repairing over 70% of them and helping the owners of the items understand what they were doing, in case future repairs were needed. Many of the remaining items were repairable if parts were obtained. We used the extra space at the Club for a SWISH clothes swap, which again was very successful, taking in donations of 57lbs of good-quality clothes and only being left with 19lbs to take to the Arthur Rank Hub in Sawston. There is a lovely friendly, social atmosphere at these events, helped by copious amounts of cake! Repairs and clothes were not charged for, though donations were gratefully received, as we have to pay for the premises, the hire of tool kits from Mackays, and support for Cambridge Carbon Footprint who coordinate and promote all the repair cafes in the region.









Other green matters

The BBC has shown two interesting programmes recently, one on electric cars, and the other on air source heat pumps. In each one, the technology is explained, and all the various factors that are relevant are considered. In the case of the heat pump programme, they look at alternatives for heating homes (such as hydrogen), electricity generation, whether the national grid can cope, with interviews and case studies. See BBC iplayer.

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 quarterly newsletter or to get more information about our meetings. We are a friendly group and welcome anyone who wants to come along to one of our events or to find out more about how we can live more sustainably. Also see our Facebook page and our website (type 2G3S into Google and you will find us).

Helen Hale

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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Shelford Community Orchard and Woodland Project (SCOWP)	Gill Davidson davidson.wg@btinternet.com Mike Darsley mdgb59@gmail.com	

Little Shelford Defibrillator

The Little Shelford defibrillator can be found attached to the wall of the rear kitchen extension at the **Navigator Public House, 63 High Street** When you open the defibrillator the machine will talk to you and guide you through how to use it.

Waste and Recycling Bins Reminder			
Tuesday	12th Sep 19th Sep 26th Sep 3rd Oct 10th Oct 17th Oct 24th Oct 31st Oct 7th Dec 14th Dec 21st Dec	Green & blue bins Black bin Green & blue bins	

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Little Shelford Badminton Club ready for the new season!



Little Shelford Badminton Club 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.

This season will start on Thursday 7 September 2023 with 15 weeks before Christmas and another 15 weeks taking us to 18 April 2024.

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 £100 annual subscription that works out at only £3.33 per night! (Students half price at £50.)

In the past we have run coaching sessions for the juniors and entered teams in the Cambridge league. Not just yet but coming again soon – we hope!

For more information, contact James Newman on 07717 394176 (james@jamesnewman.org).

Volunteers Needed for Cara Coffee

Cara Coffee in Great Shelford is a coffee shop with a Christian ethos run by Romsey Mill. It is open Tuesday to Friday 9-4 and Saturday 10-1.30. We are looking for friendly, welcoming people to join our volunteer team. If you have a spare morning or afternoon each week, would like to learn new barista/till skills and enjoy interacting with people, please email:



Julie.whitbread@romseymill.org who'd love to hear from you. Thank you.

Shelford and Stapleford Youth Initiative

SSYI (the charity for the 11 to 18 yr olds of our villages, supported by All Saints and the Lt Shelford community) has recently acquired some exciting new assets to grow the activities we can provide... a minibus and trailer to enable us to "go mobile", taking young people on trips and excursions they would otherwise be unable to participate in.

We have also purchased a "football cage" providing a new pop-up

activity at local recreation grounds and village events.

The picture shows the football cage in use for the first time, at Duxford earlier this month. It will also be at the brunch, details below.





Brunch in the SCOUT HUT, visit the SSYI Youth Centre

and meet the Youth Work Team. All at the Memorial

Hall Great Shelford Rec, Woollards Lane

Raising funds for SSYI, a Christian community-based charity providing youth clubs and activities for all 11–18year-olds in the Shelford's, Stapleford and other local villages. A variety of breakfast food available. Relax and chat with friends, see the Youth Centre and meet the SSYI Team. A great way to start the day! For more information: Polly Stanton, Secretary, polly.stanton@outlook.com or 01223722509

Around Little Shelford

Little Shelford Cricket Club 2023 Season Report

We are almost at the end of the season as I write and our teams are having a great season so far and we are reaping the rewards of the effort in recent years to build our teams across the Senior and Junior categories. It is well proven that a strong Junior Section is key to success in Village Cricket, providing experience at all levels and providing a clear route for Juniors to play in the Senior Teams



Senior Teams Performance

The 1st XI finished top of the CCA Junior League 1 South and so we will be promoted to CCA Senior League Division 3 next season. Fantastic and consistent performances in bowling and batting is the key to 1st team success along with great Captaincy from Matthew Beale, who certainly leads from the front with his bowling. This also means we will be playing in the County Final Playoff between the North and South Division winners on the 9th September. By the time you read this we hope to have triumphed!

The 2nd XI Senior Team have had a more difficult season but this has been partly as a result of a reorganisation of the leagues at their level at the end of last season which saw them put into a stronger league than the players felt they were ready for. However, the team spirit has remained strong and under the leadership of Alistair Pringle and Rupert Beale progress has been made. This meant they avoided relegation and finished 7th in the CCA Junior League 3 South. The Captain and Vice-Captain are confident the team's improved performance will continue into next season.

Junior Teams Performance

Our Junior Teams are having another great season under the guidance of Ian Reid and Jamie Harrison. Our U13 XI picked up our first club honours of the season when they beat City of Cambridge Cricket Club in the County T20 Vitality Cup final at Sawston on 25th June. They kept CoC CC to 111 runs and scored 112 to win in 16 overs.

Our home ground: The Wale Recreation Ground

The Wale Recreation ground and the new Pavilion and our artificial strip continue to be great assets for LSCC and have played no small part in our success over the last few years. So, we thank the Pavilion Committee and the Parish Council for their continued strong support to their Village Cricket Club. The artificial strip installed two years ago with the financial support of the Little Shelford Sport & Recreation Trust has proved its value many times over in permitting regular nets practice even after inclement weather.

Annual Dinner and Awards Evening

The annual dinner and awards evening 2023 will be held on 30th September in the Little Shelford Memorial Hall at 7pm. All supporters, friends and VP's are welcome to attend. Contact our Chairman (details below) if you would like to know more.

Vice-President Supporters and Sponsors

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

With the steps forward we have taken in 2023 we feel we are very well set for a very successful 2024 season, with the Youth Section growing and a continued commitment to field two Senior CCA Sides as well as building the Junior Section for girls and boys. Your continued support would be welcome to help us achieve these ambitions.

Do remember you can view all our matches, results and player statistics, including friendlies and Junior Section games on our ECB Play-Cricket web site: https://littleshelford.play-cricket.com/ and you can also follow us on Twitter @LShelsCricket.

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History Snippet: Little Shelford's very own Brewery

I have tried to establish the history of our very own Brewery. We know the Village had a Brewery at some point as we commonly refer to the "Brewers House" on the Corner of Newton Road and Hauxton Road and we refer to the "Brewers Cottages", the row of 19th Century Terraced Brick Cottages along Hauxton Road from the junction of Newton Road. But when did the Brewery open and what happened to it? The history of its rise and demise can be found in various sources including the British Newspaper Archive.

British History On-Line – Little Shelford Entry

https://www.british-history.ac.uk/vch/cambs/vol8/pp220-227
"Arthur Austin (d. 1908), whose family had been long established in the area as windmill builders, farmed at Little Shelford from the 1890s. He was also a lime and coprolite merchant, and before 1875 he built a brewery on the Hauxton road. He may also have run a foundry for a time in the parish. (fn. 120) The brewery was disused in 1916 and had been demolished by 1966".

This is a good start and if we look at the Little Shelford census records, we can see Arthur Austin living at Cherry Cottage in Newton Road in 1871 (Age 41) and working as a Lime Merchant. He must have been reasonably prosperous at the time as well as there were 5 children and a servant living in the Cottage. But when is there a first mention of the West End Brewery? Well, the earliest reference I can find is in 1873 when Arthur Austin, by now a Brewer, accused an employee of theft (see the first article below). By the time of the Census of 1881 Arthur Austin (Age 51) and his family have taken up residence at the "West End Brewery" in Little Shelford, presumably what we know now as the Brewers House. The census notes that Arthur Austin is a Farmer (farming 158 Acres and employing 6 men and a boy) as well as a being a Brewer. So, it looks like Arthur Austin built the brewery between 1871 and 1873.

In 1892 the Brewery was let to Oliver St. John, and it was this action which resulted in the West End Brewery's sad demise, although by then it was known as the Phoenix Brewery. Oliver St. John came from a wealthy family in Dulwich, South London. In 1861 (Age 3) he was living in Dulwich with his father, Frederick St John, and many siblings and

servants. Frederick St. John, who was the Surveyor General of Customs, was related to George Richard St John, 3rd Viscount Bolingbroke and 4th Viscount St John.

But, as the story unfolds in the pages of our local papers we see that Oliver St John did not have a particularly good business acumen and this led to the Brewery's sad demise! The story of Oliver St John's involvement with local brewing starts in Whittlesford in 1887 and ends with bankruptcy in Little Shelford in 1894.

Cambridge Chronicle and Journal - Friday 16 February 1894 - Phoenix Brewery Bankruptcy

CAMBRIDGE BANKRUPTCY COURT. Oliver St. John, of the Phoenix Brewery, Little Shelford, brewer, trading as Saunders and Co and residing at Great Shelford. In answer to the Official Receiver (Mr. J. Ellison) debtor said he commenced business about six years ago at Whittlesford, in succession to Messrs. Saunders and Co., from whom he purchased the business for £4,600. Of that sum the debtor borrowed £3.500 from his brother, the Rev. E. St John. The trade at Whittlesford did not realise his expectations, and during the five years he remained there lost every penny of his capital.

In March 1892, he rented the **Phoenix Brewery at Little Shelford**, and his brother lent him a further sum of £500. From that time to this had had other advances from his brother, making a total of about £8,000. The whole of the money had gone. He was pressed by his brother for security in December 1892, and debtor gave him bill of sale upon the brewery plant and other things.

No money was paid under the bill of sale and the result was his brother had put the bill of sale in force. An execution was put in at the same time, and that compelled Oliver St John to file his petition in bankruptcy. He had known for some considerable time past that his financial position had been very much crippled. The money advanced by his brother was not intended as a gift to him. His deficiency of £9,000 and was as the result of unsuccessful trading.

Do you know more about our Phoenix Brewery? Any comments or additional information or even photos of the Brewery? Please feel free to contact me on davidjhjones@btinternet.com

Parish Council News

A tree fell in the river from the Wale and was removed. When the work was being carried out it was noted that there is a problem with invasive crayfish burrowing into the bank and we are working to rectify this problem.

Several areas of hemlock were removed from the Wale Recreation Ground during July.

We continue to be involved with the local representatives group for East West Rail.

Our South Cambs District Councillor Peter Fane is supporting the council in trying to get the lead planning officer for our patch to take a walk around the village or to attend a parish council meeting so that the situation with planning in the village can be discussed and our concerns raised.

We still have a vacancy on the council so if you have some time and would like to champion our community and the interests and needs of Little Shelford residents please get in touch with our clerk, Beckie Whitehouse, on littleshelfordparishclerk@gmail.com or 07480 242390.



Christmas contributions

The next edition of the village newsletter will be distributed in December, so we're looking for all things Christmas.

It could be a festive recipe, craft idea or recommendation for a family tradition.

Please send your contributions to newsletter@allsaintslittleshelford.org by 1st December.











Drinks

Long Life Milk Squash/Soft Drinks Coffee/Coffee Mate Drinking Chocolate

Tinned Goods

Tinned Fish eg Tuna Tinned Meat eg Corned beef Baked beans Tinned tomatoes Tinned Veg Meals in a tin

Condiments/ingredients

Salt & Pepper
Herbs
Stock Cubes
Ketchup, mayo etc
Cooking/Pasta sauces
Cooking Oil
Sugar

Other

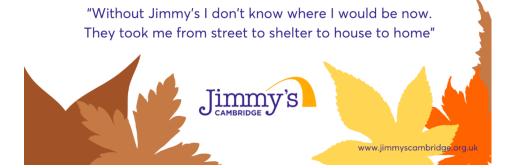
Pot noodles
Vegan food
Gluten free food
Jam/peanut butter
Chocolate spread/marmite
Biscuits/Chocolate Bars
Cereal

Non-Food Items

cloths, sprays, wipes

Toiletries (not feminine hygiene products)
Cleaning products ie laundry detergent,

Toilet Roll



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