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Little  
Shelford  
Autumn 2024*

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Contributions 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 15<sup>th</sup> November 2024**. As space is limited, articles should be less than 340 words and adverts should fit within half an A5 page.

We are looking for a photo for the front cover of the next edition, ideally of a Little Shelford scene in winter. ***Please send entries for the winter edition to [newsletter@allsaintslittleshelford.org](mailto:newsletter@allsaintslittleshelford.org)***

Dear friends,

It is lovely to be back in Little Shelford after some time away from parish responsibilities. I have recently been allowed a 12 week period of sabbatical – a boon which comes around for clergy every ten years or so. The conclusion of my leave comes this week with a walking trip up to Scotland.

I try and go North annually for a few days with some friends, to climb Munros (the name for the 283 Scottish mountains over 3000 ft). It's a hobby which began for me 35 years ago in 1989 with an ascent of An Gearanach. For those not in the know, that mountain is in the famed Ring of Steall, near Ben Nevis. It is itself one of the lowliest Munros – and I hated nearly every minute of it! 'Why would anyone do this to themselves?', I wondered, as I forced my guide to get me off the ridge by descending a vertical peat bog to the glen below.

But I was well and truly bitten by the mountains (not just by the midges). And most years since then I have been back and added to my list. There is nothing magical about the figure of 3,000 feet that makes a mountain special, of course. But I fit the stereotype which likes lists and the codification of achievements and it helps me to knock off each peak I scale in an orderly fashion.

I have no ambition to climb all of them. In fact, when I was 50, I wondered about bowing out at that stage, if I could just get my fiftieth Munro around my fiftieth birthday. I managed. Here is a photo of my number 50 – a prize if anyone can identify it.



But about that time, at one of the early Little Shelford safari suppers, one of our diners made an alternative suggestion. How about setting myself the aim to keep up with my age by adding at least one Munro each year? I would be unlikely ever to complete the list (!) But that goal would be manageable for a few years yet – and I could even bank enough credit for the occasional year off by doing more than one Munro sometimes. It proved to be a great suggestion. Now in my 60<sup>th</sup> year, I have a healthy balance of 63.

I am basically very cautious and a fair weather walker. And whatever the weather this week (first snow of autumn up high, apparently), I'm reassured to know I do not have to nab another Munro until 2028. But I love the time out afforded by travelling long distances at walking speed. It is a wonderful way to slow down the pace of life.

As an afterthought on the theme of mountains I am reminded of some wonderful words from the prophet Isaiah:

***'Though the mountains be shaken and the hills be removed,  
yet my unfailing love for you will not be shaken nor my  
covenant of peace be removed,' says the LORD, who has  
compassion on you. (Isaiah 54:10)***

Never mind my 60 years – those mountains in Scotland have been around for millions of years. They are wonderfully hefty and solid and they aren't going anywhere any time soon. And that is the image God uses to describe his love for his people – however much their circumstances might at times seem to shift and shake. We can depend on him. That is surely something for me to hold on to for the next few decades and beyond!

With love from,

Simon

# What's on at All Saints

All Saints is a friendly, informal church family in the village of Little Shelford. We're always glad to have visitors, so whether you're investigating Christianity, looking for a church to settle into or just visiting the area, you are welcome to join us at a Sunday service.

Details of services and other activities may be found on the All Saints website. Go to [www.allsaintslittleshelford.org](http://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:

All Saints Minis (0-Year 1), All Saints Kids (Year 2-6), Pathfinders (age 11-14).

**11.00 am** - A quieter, more reflective service.

**6.00 pm** - Sunday @ 6 is a relaxed and informal service with contemporary songs. All Saints Youth, the group for 14 to 18 year olds, meets before this service.

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

## 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.

**All Saints Youth** meets for a mid-week Bible study on some Tuesday evenings.

To find out more contact the **Church Office:** 01223 847815, [office@allsaintslittleshelford.org](mailto:office@allsaintslittleshelford.org)

## Shelford School News September 2024

In 1849, French writer Jean-Baptiste Alphonse Karr wrote, "plus ça change, plus c'est la même chose" - "the more things change, the more they stay the same." A saying that might well have been written to describe the annual cycle of the academic year.

When the school said goodbye to 28 Year 6 pupils at the end of July it had already begun the process of welcoming 30 small 4 year-old children into the Reception class (and they always do seem **very** small). At the start of term in September there will be a new class of Year 6 pupils who will not only have grown physically over the summer but will have grown in stature as they take on new responsibilities.

The summer issue of the newsletter was published some time before the activities to mark the end of the school year took place. Here is a summary.

On July the 5th, despite a dull and drizzly morning, Sports Day took place in dry and, eventually, sunny weather. The afternoon began with Maypole dancing from Year 6 before all pupils engaged in a range of sporting activities, ably assisted by "Sports Leaders" from Sawston Village College.

Prize Giving took place on July the 17th. Prizes were given to those pupils in each class who had made the most progress in Maths (the Ada Lovelace Award), English (the Philippa Pearce Award) or Science (the Paduano Science Award).

With the end of term rapidly approaching there came a flurry of activity which included music performances and the Year 6 production of "Sherlock and Cinderella" (and yes, there was a Fairy Godmother).

In the last week of term Year 6 enjoyed an afternoon visit to Cara Coffee where they were able to choose from a selection of drinks, ices, cookies and cupcakes.

Thanks are due to the cafe staff for their welcome and to the donor who provided the funds.

The term ended with the traditional Leavers' Service in St. Mary's Church where parents and other guests were delighted by the singing of the Year 6 choir and a humorous or touching memory from every pupil. The service was followed by a reception at school where each pupil was presented with a Bible and a Year Book.

## Important Information for Parents

\* **Applications** will open on September 11th for the admissions round for the 25/26 school year. For more information contact the school ([office@shelford.cambs.sch.uk](mailto: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:

[rainbow@shelford.cambs.sch.uk](mailto:rainbow@shelford.cambs.sch.uk) or 07965 216603 or go to@

<http://rainbowshelford.co.uk/>

\*\*\* **Wacky After-School and Holiday Club** 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



## Granta Medical Practices Update August 2024

### **New telephone system – call back option**

Some patients have reported the call back option not working for them. To use this service, when you are prompted, please press option 1, **but then you also need to listen to the next message and press option 1 again.** There is also an option to receive a call back to a different telephone number.

### **Long Term Conditions (LTC)**

If you have a long term health condition such as asthma, COPD or diabetes, we aim to review you and your medication in or around your birth month. When it is time, you will receive a letter or text message asking you to book an LTC appointment.

### **Accurx Patient Triage**

We have an online consultation service that patients can use for routine medical questions and queries. The link to this can be found on our website [www.grantamedicalpractices.co.uk](http://www.grantamedicalpractices.co.uk) Routine queries are usually responded to within 72 hours. The direct link is <https://florey accurx.com/p/D81043>

### **Flu Vaccinations 2024**

**This year NHS England have informed us that the routine annual adult Flu programme for adults aged 18 years old upwards will start on the 3rd October.** To ensure you have maximum protection for the flu season you should be vaccinated in October preferably, but certainly by the end of November. Flu numbers start to rise in November and peak in December & January.

However, there are 3 groups of people who should be vaccinated early and we encourage you to be vaccinated in one of our September clinics.

### **Those who are pregnant (especially if near due date), because:**

- Pregnant women are at higher risk from complications from flu
- To protect the baby during pregnancy (for example flu infection increases the risks of the baby being premature or stillborn)



- To protect the baby in the first few months of life (babies aged under 6 months are at high risk of complications from flu)

### **Children, because:**

- The protection from the flu vaccine lasts longer in children
- Children tend to be “super spreaders”
- Getting your child vaccinated not only protects your child but also their grandparents, vulnerable parents and will reduce the spread of flu to the wider population

### **People due to have treatment such as chemotherapy, because:**

If you are due to have treatment that will weaken your immune system, such as chemotherapy, the vaccine given before treatment starts will work better as your immune system is stronger.

### **Flu Clinic dates**

Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> September – Granta Sawston (see September eligibility above)

Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> September – Granta Royston Health Centre (see September eligibility above)

Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> October – Granta Sawston

Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> October – Granta Linton

Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> October – Granta Royston Health Centre

Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> October – Granta Barley

Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> October – Granta Shelford

Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> October – Granta Sawston

Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> October – Granta Linton

Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> October – Granta Royston Health Centre

Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> October – Granta Shelford

To book your flu vaccination please call 0300 234 5555 and choose the Granta site of your choice or wait to receive your SMS link via your mobile phone to book your appointment.

For further information about the flu vaccination go to [www.nhs.uk/vaccinations/flu-vaccine](http://www.nhs.uk/vaccinations/flu-vaccine)

Sandra East

Head of Patient Services

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## 2G3S Going Green in Shelfords, Stapleford, Sawston

**Dr Bike** continues to run its volunteer-run weekly Bike Repair Sessions at the Old Slaughterhouse in Stapleford, 3pm to 5.30pm every Tuesday. Children are welcome to come and learn how to look after their bikes and do simple maintenance and repairs, but please attend with them (for safeguarding reasons). If you are interested in joining our team of volunteers or have any questions on Dr Bike, get in touch using [drbikestapleford@gmail.com](mailto:drbikestapleford@gmail.com). You can also book a time slot at that address.

**South Cambs Organic Gardeners** – for information of upcoming meetings, please contact Helen Harwood, tel 840393, email [helen\\_harwood\\_uk@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:helen_harwood_uk@yahoo.co.uk).

**Repair Café** - the next one is on Saturday 21 September from 2pm to 5pm at Great Shelford Free Church. Don't bin it, repair it! To book in a repair please see the Cambridge Carbon Footprint website. We can accept drop-ins, but you may have to wait a while – you can always indulge in tea and cake!

Repairs are free though donations are welcome. We can repair electrical items, but not items with screens or e-bikes.

**'Wilding' film** – some of you may have seen this at the Arts Cinema in Cambridge or at Saffron Screen. It is based on the book of that title by Isabella Tree, and has the most beautiful photography of animals, birds and landscapes. She and her husband were farming land in Sussex which was marginal, and it was only vast amounts of fertilisers and pesticides,





and the subsidies that kept them going. After being inspired by rewilding projects in the Netherlands, they decided to stop farming and create conditions to allow their land to go back to nature. They have tried to make conditions as near to ancient times as possible, with Exmoor ponies, old cattle breeds, Tamworth pigs, and deer. You may have seen the Konik ponies at Wicken Fen, they are a wild breed too. The herds are managed but roam free. These large herbivores create conditions that increase insect

life, butterflies, and birds, and rare species have found their way to their land, such as turtle doves nesting. The couple have “re-wiggled” the river, which has reduced the risk of flooding downstream, even introducing beavers, and over the years have built a successful eco-business there, with visitors, tours, workshops, and so on. For marginal land which cannot be farmed economically or sustainably, this is a wonderful success story for nature.

If you are interested in green matters and the environment at all levels (individual, local, national, international), send an email to **mail2G3S@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 [2g3s.staplefordvillage.org.uk/](http://2g3s.staplefordvillage.org.uk/).

Helen Hale

## What's on in Great Shelford Library in September

Congratulations to all the children who completed this year's Summer Reading Challenge! We hope you enjoyed reading and coming along to events. The awards ceremony is at Great Shelford library on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September at 4.30pm. Please come along if you can. We will keep the certificates and medals safe for children who cannot attend the ceremony.

With children heading back to school this month, don't forget that the library is a great place to find books to help with projects. In addition to books, with a library card you can access Britannica Online, on our computers or from home. This amazing online encyclopaedia has information on a vast range of topics, suitable for different age groups and available in different languages. Check our website [Libraries | Cambridgeshire County Council](#) our ask in the library for details.

Heading into autumn our regular activities resume, including:

### **For Children**

**Story and Rhyme Time and Duplo** – Every Tuesday morning 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.

**Lego Club** – Monday 4pm-5.30pm Fortnightly. No need to book

**Games Club** – Monday 4pm-5pm Fortnightly. No need to book

### **For Adults**

**Craft & Chat** – Every Friday morning 10.30am -12pm. No need to book.

**Tea & Games** – Every Friday afternoon 2.00– 3.30pm. No need to book.

**Engage Talk:** The Spinning House – Caroline Briggs. How Cambridge University locked up its women in private prisons. Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2.00pm-3.30pm.

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](mailto:Cambourne.referral@cambridgeshire.gov.uk)

### **Contact details:**

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# ALL SAINTS TOTS

TOYS, CRAFTS, BIBLE  
STORIES, BOOKS,  
SONGS AND MUCH  
MORE!

FOR BABIES,  
TODDLERS AND THEIR  
CARERS

WEDNESDAY MORNINGS (TERM TIME)

9.30-11.30AM, LITTLE SHELFORD MEMORIAL HALL

## **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 5 September 2024 and run through to 19 December 2024 (15 weeks) pre-Christmas Then Thursday 16 January (after Little Shelford Pantomime) to 24 April 2025, a further 15 weeks.

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 session 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](mailto:james@jamesnewman.org)).

# 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](mailto:newsletter@allsaintslittleshelford.org).

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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.

#### Waste and Recycling Bins Reminder

Tuesday	17 <sup>th</sup> Sep	Black bin
Tuesday	24 <sup>th</sup> Sep	Green & blue bins
Tuesday	1 <sup>st</sup> Oct	Black bin
Tuesday	8 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Green & blue bins
Tuesday	15 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Black bin
Tuesday	22 <sup>nd</sup> Oct	Green & blue bins
Tuesday	29 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Black bin
Tuesday	5 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Green & blue bins
Tuesday	12 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Black bin
Tuesday	19 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Green & blue bins
Tuesday	26 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Black bin
Tuesday	3 <sup>rd</sup> Dec	Green & blue bins

## Little Shelford Cricket Club 2024 End of League Season Report

So, another season is over and we have had another reasonably successful season. Our 1<sup>st</sup> XI were promoted to the Senior Leagues last season and I am pleased to report that we held our own at this level and finished comfortably mid-table. While our 2<sup>nd</sup> XI, who found themselves unexpectedly promoted, have also held their own after a faltering start and also finished solidly mid-table.

Our Junior teams meanwhile were again thriving and the U13 XI won their way to the County final again only to be narrowly defeated in the final match. Great credit again goes to Ian Reid and Jamie Harrison, our Junior Section coaches, who continue to bring through good new players. I am pleased that some of the U15 players again featured in the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Senior teams over the course of the season. Bringing on Juniors and introducing them to the Senior team matches is a great thing to see and essential for maintaining the club.

I am also pleased to report that our softball cricket was again successful with both many girls and boys enjoying the softball tuition under Neil Orpwood's watchful eye. It has been great to see softball players from previous years progress to the under 11 and under 13 teams as each year goes by. All our statistics and league positions can be found at: <https://littleshelford.play-cricket.com/> but in summary here is the final match statistics for our teams:

Team	PLAYED	WON	% WON	LOST	% LOST
LSCC - 1st XI	16	10	62.5	6	37.5
LSCC - 2nd XI	14	3	21.43	11	78.57
LSCC - Under 15	10	6	60	4	40
LSCC - Under 13	16	13	81.25	2	12.5
LSCC - Under 13 B	7	3	42.86	3	42.86

As I write we are now preparing for the highlights of the end of the Season, the Festival of Cricket and the Club Annual Dinner and Awards evening.

### Festival of Cricket Saturday 14 September 2024

The Festival of Cricket will feature a match between Little Shelford 1st XI v Great Shelford 1st XI playing for the Centenary Cup starting at 1.30pm. Old rivalries revived. Plus, there will be an inter-club Junior



Challenge Match for the David Altham Memorial Trophy starting at 9am alongside a Softball Junior match.

To help create a real family atmosphere we would like to repeat last year's success with a "bring and share" lunch for the Juniors and their families. So, please come along to join us and bring food for yourselves and to share with others. Spare food for sharing can be placed in the Pavilion from 9.00am. LSCC is a great multi-cultural our club and our food will no doubt reflect that, everything from vegetable samosas to cheese and tomato quiche to sausage rolls. While the Senior Match is in progress, we will also have a BBQ available and also a Pop-Up pub in the Pavilion. So, bring items to cook and share on the BBQ and money to spend at the bar. All bar profits will go to the Cricket Club. We will also be providing tea, coffee and non-alcoholic refreshments all day.

### **Annual Dinner and Awards Evening Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2024**

Finally, we will be holding our Annual Dinner and awards evening on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> October starting at 7.00pm in Little Shelford Memorial Hall. Supporters of LSCC as well as players and VP's and friends of the club are all welcome. The dinner is £30 per head including a 3 course Indian Meal from our Junior Section sponsor [www.navadhanya.co.uk](http://www.navadhanya.co.uk), one of the best Indian restaurants in the area. There will be vegetarian curry options and for those who don't like curry an alternative of fish & chips from Winners will be available. More details and a booking form for the dinner from our Chairman

### **Electronic Scoreboard**

Finally, if you have been on the Wale during cricket matches over the last couple of weeks you will have observed that we now have a very splendid mobile electronic scoreboard. I am pleased to say that one of our former players and current Vice-Presidents decided to make the generous offer of the scoreboard. We are most appreciate as are the players who no longer need to strain their eyes looking for the score on our rather old wooden scoreboard (rumoured to be 30+ years old) even when fielding the furthest distance from the Pavilion!



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## **Safari Supper Review**

On 18th of May 2024 almost 100 little Shelford residents came together to reinstate the Safari supper after its pandemic hiatus. People from all parts of the village, old and young, those new to the village and those who had been here for many years took part. We all met together for drinks on a cool but thankfully dry evening. Everyone contributed in some way to the evening, providing food, drinks and help to make it go smoothly. The evening was kickstarted with drinks and delicious canapés provided by some of those who attended. Participants found out on the night where they would be going for main courses and desserts and at 8 o'clock set off for the first course. Those had kindly offered to host found out who they were hosting when they opened their front door. At 9.15 it was time to move on for desserts at a different location with a different group of 8 people. At the end of the evening everyone met again to swap stories with old friends or continue conversations with new ones. It was great to see new faces and have an opportunity to catch up with old friends.

A big thank you to all who took part and made it go so smoothly, hosting, helping, and getting involved. We are planning to repeat the event in 2026 so if you missed it this time and want to make sure you hear about the plans, please let the organisers know at [littleshelfordsafarisupper@gmail.com](mailto:littleshelfordsafarisupper@gmail.com).

## **Robin Fox retires**

On 16 July 2024, Robin Fox retired from his role of Chairman of Little Shelford Memorial Hall Management Committee. He had held this role since 2018 and before that, the role of Treasurer for very many years. Bill Davidson has succeeded Robin as the new Chairman.

Robin is pictured here in the Memorial Hall with a rose (Bring me sunshine) and a photinia (Red Robin) given to him from the Committee to thank him for his service.



## Celebrating 100 years of Walrus Cruises

Former local GP, Dr Robin Church, and his older brother, John, had a starring role cutting the Centenary cake to celebrate 100 years since the Christian holiday sailing camps known as "The Walrus Cruises" were set up by their father, Dr Joe Church, who was previously a resident of 18 Church Street, Little Shelford and is now buried in the churchyard at All Saints.

They celebrated with a large crowd of past and present sailors and had a chance to sail in a Half-Decker boat from Martham Boatyard near Hickling Broad, Norfolk. Listening to the logs and shanties stirred many memories as the present camps still share the same recitations and songs every evening after a challenging day's sailing. The fascinating exhibition including photos from the start of the camps in 1924 was of great interest. They took part in a lively outdoor Thanksgiving Service and met many friends from the past. It was encouraging to see how the Walrus cruises are as popular as ever.

Who would have predicted that their father's vision as a young doctor would have been carried forward and thrived for all these years? Next year's camps are already booked well in advance.

For those who are interested in finding out more, the Charity has a website [www.walruscruise.org](http://www.walruscruise.org)



## **The Shelfords WI**

It was unusual not to be sitting in rows listening to a speaker in September. Instead, The Shelfords WI members were seated around tables answering some excellent quizzes set by Sue Tombs that generated a lovely level of friendly debate as we either knew or guessed answers.

Our regular meetings will continue on 3<sup>rd</sup> October with a talk about Jimmy's Night Shelter and on 7<sup>th</sup> November when Neil Callan will introduce us to his 'Garden through the Year'.

Visitors and new members will be very welcome to join us at our usual venue, the Community Room behind St Mary's Church on the first Thursday of each month at 7.30pm.

### **Mayor's £1 Fares for Under 25s**

The Combined Authority has launched the Tiger bus pass, offering bus fares for just £1 for those under 25.

The new Tiger bus pass is free of charge and designed to make public transport more affordable for young people, helping them travel to school, college, training, work, shopping, and social activities. This initiative is part of a broader effort by the Combined Authority to revamp public transport in the region.

For more info and to apply, go to: <https://cambridgeshirepeterborough-ca.gov.uk/onepoundbusfare/>

### **Volunteers Needed for Cara Coffee**

Cara Coffee in Great Shelford is looking for volunteers to join its friendly team. Roles include making coffees using the barista machine, preparing light meals and snacks, serving customers at the till and clearing/washing up. If you can offer a morning or afternoon a week, fancy learning new skills and enjoy meeting new people, please email [julie.whitbread@romseymill.org](mailto:julie.whitbread@romseymill.org) for more information.





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**PART-TIME ASSISTANT COFFEE SHOP MANAGER  
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Part-time, 8-12 hours per week over 1-2 days  
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Join a fabulous team welcoming and serving our local community with coffee,  
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You will be responsible for running the coffee shop  
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Tasks include opening up, preparing food and drinks, providing  
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You will share responsibility with the Cara Coffee Shop manager for  
growing the Cara Coffee customer community, supporting the partnership with  
Great Shelford Free Church and developing opportunities with local people and groups.

**Salary: starting from £12.05 per hour**

*We are welcoming applications straightaway and will interview on a rolling basis*  
Please visit our website to download an application form: <http://www.romseymill.org/work-for-us/>

**To apply for this role, please send a completed application form with covering letter to:**  
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**For a chat about the role, please contact Diane Hicks or Neil Perry on:**  
[admin@romseymill.org](mailto:admin@romseymill.org) or 01223 213162

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## SSYI Autumn 2024 Update

### Summer Fun and Adventure: A Recap of Our Youth Activities

As the summer holidays come to an end, we wanted to take a moment to share the exciting activities and adventures we had with the young people in our villages.



We kicked off the summer with a trip to the beach for fish and chips and team building, followed by a trip to The Gauntlet where the young people had a blast riding dirt bikes and tackling the challenging courses. We then had a relaxed evening in Great Shelford with a cozy film night, where we watched the animated favourite *Inside Out*.

We also had a couple of cooking sessions over the summer where we learnt basic cooking and food hygiene skills and enjoyed some delicious home-made food. For those of us who were feeling active we enjoyed a couple of football sessions in our new football cage, enjoyed working with MASH multi sports on a Monday evening in Duxford and thoroughly enjoyed the obstacle course at the Aqua Park in Wyboston.

During the summer we took the opportunity to explore faith. A small group of young people went to explore the historic Cathedral and Gardens of Bury St Edmunds, and learn about its history. One particular highlight of the summer was our successful trip to Harwich for our Deeper residential, run in partnership with Romsey Mill. It was a time of reflection, personal growth, and connection. The young people participated in a variety of activities including Crazy Golf, beach activities, Random acts of Kindness and water sports.



In addition to these special outings, we continued to run our regular youth sessions, one to one support and stands at village events throughout the summer. We are mindful that none of this would be possible without the dedication of our volunteers and the generosity of our donors.

To continue offering these valuable experiences for our young people, we need your help. We are currently seeking more volunteers to assist with our youth sessions, trips, and one-on-one support. Whether you can offer a few hours a week or just help out during special events, your contribution will make a significant difference. Your support ensures that we can continue to provide meaningful experiences for the young people in our community.



Thank you to everyone who participated and helped make this summer so special. We can't wait to see what the next season brings!

## **The BIG BREAKFAST is back!**

**Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> September 8.30am to 11.30am**

**Little Shelford Memorial Hall, Church Street**

The Big Breakfast is back in Little Shelford! Relax and chat with friends. Meet the SSSI Team and hear about their work while enjoying a hearty breakfast, good company and good music. There will be live piano music played by David Adams.

A variety of breakfast food will be available from cereals, toasts and waffles to traditional and locally sourced "Full English".

We will be raising funds for SSSI, a community-based charity formed by local Christians over 25 years ago. Serving the South Cambridgeshire villages of Great and Little Shelford, Stapleford, Sawston, Harston and Duxford. Providing youth activities and clubs open to all local 11–18-year-olds. We are based in the Youth Centre at Great Shelford Memorial Hall but work with over 250 teenagers each week across the villages. A minimum donation of £10 for your breakfast would be appreciated. Contactless and cash payments accepted!

## Good Neighbours: Village Tea Parties

Make new friends? Chat to neighbours? Recently retired? These friendly tea parties, held on the second Wednesday of each month, welcome newcomers to Little Shelford as well as regular attendees.

Do come along and enjoy home-made cakes and sandwiches, tea and coffee. £1.50 per person. In the winter months (November to February) we will be in the Memorial Hall (Church Street) and in the summer back in the Pavilion (on the Wale recreation ground).

*Future dates 2024-25*

In the Pavilion: 11 September, 9 October

In the Memorial Hall: 13 November, 11 December, 15 January (to avoid Pantomime week), 12 February, 12 March

If you would like a lift, please contact Judy Boothroyd (843313) or Christine Ruffles (844243).

## Cambridge Cake Creators

After our August break, Cambridge Cake Creators will be meeting again on **Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> September**, when our very own Jules will be demonstrating how to apply a stencil to a cake. The meeting starts at 7.30pm in Stapleford Pavilion, Cost: £10pp which includes tea/cake.

For more information contact Vanda on (01223) 561053 or email: [vanda.butler@googlemail.com](mailto:vanda.butler@googlemail.com)





# Shelford Twinning Association Quiz Night

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2024

Great Shelford Free Church Hall,  
Ashen Green, Great Shelford,  
CB22 5EY

7:30pm - 10.00pm



TEAMS: maximum of 6 people in a team  
Individuals/couples also welcome and will be allocated to a team on the night

This is a general knowledge quiz, open to everyone.

COST: £15 per head including supper:  
fish/chicken/sausage & chips or vegetarian option  
*\*\*\*\* for catering purposes, please indicate choice of food when reserving places \*\*\*\**

***Please book by Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October***

DRINKS: fruit juice/wine available - donations towards the cost of drinks welcome  
*(please don't bring your own drinks as this would break our agreement with Shelford Free Church)*

A RAFFLE will be held on the night

To reserve places, either...

- Email (preferred): [richard.patterson@mottmac.com](mailto:richard.patterson@mottmac.com) giving team name, names and food choices.
- By text/telephone: Richard Patterson: 07903 359 699 giving team name, names and food choices.

## Little Shelford Memorial Hall Film Evening

Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2024

There will be a Memorial Hall film evening with a showing of ***Wicked Little Letters*** on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> November. Doors open at 7.00 pm for a 7.30 pm start with a break for supper of pizza and salad.

***Wicked Little Letters*** is a 2023 British black comedy mystery film which stars Olivia Colman, Jessie Buckley and Timothy Spall. Based on a true scandal, it follows an investigation into the anonymous author of numerous crudely insulting letters sent to the residents of the seaside town of Littlehampton.

Tickets (£15.00 per person) will be available from Sarah Coppendale: (842498) [coppendales@btinternet.com](mailto:coppendales@btinternet.com) and Diana Haines (841415) [dianahaines42@icloud.com](mailto:dianahaines42@icloud.com)

Please book by Wednesday 20 November so that sufficient food can be ordered.

## Peter Pan – Little Shelford Pantomime 2025



A pantomime with a difference. Lost boys who really do get lost. Featuring Gary and Colin as Mrs Hooks one and two. A pair of Shakespearean crocodiles and three twins (THREE twins?). A team of construction workers who come to the rescue so the show can go on, and on, and on ....

This is Little Shelford Pantomime 2025. An exciting mix of traditional and something else altogether. Stuffed with familiar characters and some you will never have

heard of (or would rather not hear of again). You just cannot afford to miss it:

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> - Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2025 at 7pm in Little Shelford Memorial Hall.

**Tickets available (£5 children; £10 adults) from 1<sup>st</sup> December 2024.**

**For more information e-mail: [coppendales@btinternet.com](mailto:coppendales@btinternet.com) or telephone 01223 842498.**

## History Snippet: Is Pippa Heylings Little Shelford's First Liberal MP?

There was a great deal of excitement in Little Shelford when Liberal Democrat, Pippa Heylings, was elected to be our MP, replacing Anthony Brown, the Conservative MP, at the General Election in June. But is Pippa the first ever Liberal MP to represent Little Shelford? Well, it would appear not, she is the first for some time but recent research revealed that our village has been a hot bed of Liberal political activity before.

The source is the **Cambridge Independent Press of 1889** where I alighted across a heading "Liberal Meeting at Little Shelford". It gives an interesting insight into politics in the late 19<sup>th</sup> Century, a time when not every man and certainly no women were able to vote! The article reveals that a very large political meeting took place in the grounds of Shelford Hall. The meeting consisted of long speeches, calls for Irish Home Rule (one of the hottest political topics of the time), a large crowd of 1,000 people and a cricket match. What political meeting in Little Shelford could be without a cricket match!

These are the key characters involved from Little Shelford along with some celebrity visitors. There are also mention of some key features of Little Shelford still well known today.

**Mr Hugh Edward Hoare**, then resident at Shelford Hall (the Wale Family were renting the Hall by then) and Liberal Candidate for the Western Division of Cambridgeshire and later MP for the area.

Hugh Edward Hoare was the sixth son of Henry Hoare, banker, of Iden Park, Staplehurst, Kent and his wife was Mary Lady Marsham, daughter of the 2nd Earl of Romney. He was educated at Eton College and Balliol College, Oxford, was a partner in the brewery company of Hoare and Company, Lower East Smithfield, and was on the boards of the New England Breweries and the United States Brewery Company.



At the 1892 general election he was elected as Liberal member of parliament for the Western or Chesterton Division of Cambridgeshire, which included the Village of Little Shelford. He heralded Pippa's success by taking the seat from the Conservatives. But he failed to hold the seat at the subsequent election in 1895 or regain it in 1900. He then retired from politics and devoted himself to his brewing interests and became a director of the National Provident Institution. He died suddenly at his residence, Bix Hall, Henley on Thames, Oxfordshire in July 1929, aged 75.

**Mr J C Flynn MP**, an Irish nationalist politician who served for 25 years as a member of the Irish Parliamentary Party in the House of Commons of what was then the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland. Flynn was elected at the 1885 general election as the Member of Parliament (MP) for North Cork and was re-elected unopposed at the next 5 general elections. He held his seat until he stood down from the Commons at the January 1910 general election. He was arrested under the Crimes Act in February 1888 for conspiracy, the year before he spoke to the big meeting in Little Shelford.

**The Rev Thomas Joseph Laurence**, who presided over the meeting at Shelford Hall. The Rev Laurence was born in 1849 in Chesterton and was educated at the Perse Grammar School. In 1873 he was elected Vice-President of the Union Society and later a fellow of Downing College Cambridge. In 1883 he was appointed Deputy Professor of International Law and appointed Warden of Cavendish College. He went on to become the leading International Lawyer of his time as well as Canon of Salisbury Cathedral

### **The Meeting and Cricket Match**

The meeting was held at Shelford Hall, on the Whittlesford Road, the site of the meeting, since destroyed by Fire in 1922 (see Little Shelford Village History Web site) while the Little Shelford Cricket Pitch, still used by Little Shelford Cricket Club today, in the grounds of Shelford Hall is now the Wale Recreation Ground.

Here are some details from the article which replicated the political speeches at great length. But of more interest to current village residents would be the setting and style of the day.

In beautiful weather a very successful Liberal demonstration took place Tuesday in the grounds of Shelford Hall, at which place Mr. Hugh E.

Hoare, the Liberal candidate for the Western Division of Cambridgeshire, is now residing.

A cricket match was played during the day between teams representing the North and South of West Cambridgeshire. The former being captained by Mr. P. H. Young, of Cambridge, and the latter by Mr Hoare. After an enjoyable and most exciting game, the Southerners were victorious by five runs. Some capital cricket was shown by both sides, the most notable being the batting of H Carpenter, of the Essex County Eleven, for the winners, and the vigorous batting of George Watts, the Surrey Colt, for the losers. The captains of the respective teams also showed good form.

[The article printed the whole scorecard but, for the record, the North team scored 147 runs and the South 152, Mr Carpenter scored 38 runs and Mr Watts 64 runs while Mr Young scored 37 and Mr Hoare 10]

Mr. Hoare entertained the cricketers and a few friends to a capital luncheon, at the close of which Mr. J. M. Logan proposed "The Health of Mr. Hoare," which was honoured with enthusiasm. Mr. Hoare suitably responded.

In the evening a public meeting was held in a large marque erected in the grounds adjoining Shelford Hall, at which over 1,000 persons were present. The Rev. T J Lawrence presided over the meeting; other noted attendees included Rev G Jones of Histon, Rev W Higgins of Melbourn, Rev J Canple of Melborn. [Many other worthy locals were listed by name, from all over Cambridgeshire, while the clergy of Little and Great Shelford are notably absent!). Among the ladies present were Lady Chesterfield, Mrs Hoare, Miss Briscoe, Mrs Lawrence, Miss Young, and deputation of Cambridge ladies [Who, of course, had no vote at the time!].

Do you know more about Political Meetings in Little Shelford? Any comments or additional information? Please feel free to contact me on [davidjhjones@btinternet.com](mailto:davidjhjones@btinternet.com)

## Cambridge Carbon Footprint

**Cambridge, UK – 21/09 - 20/10/24 –**

Open Eco Homes 2024, now in its 15th year, is set to showcase the future of sustainable living with a focus on all-electric homes. This autumn, attendees will have the opportunity to participate in free expert-led talks and tours of eco-homes across Cambridgeshire, including Histon, Willingham, Stapleford and Great Paxton and more locations, featuring cutting-edge technologies such as heat pumps, solar PV, batteries, EV charging, and more.



Open Eco Homes event offers a unique opportunity for individuals to gain insights into making their homes more environmentally friendly, while also considering the economic costs and advantages of such improvements, with early-adopter hosts eager to show you around their eco homes and share the fascinating stories behind them, including their triumphs and setbacks.

“Our hosts this year started their home improvement journeys for a variety of reasons, from improving accessibility, investing to lower bills, wanting greater resilience to future energy shocks, and just wanting to create a greener, healthier home for their family. The majority have reached the same conclusion: it is possible to create your dream home whilst cutting bills and carbon. I’ve been blown away by their enthusiasm to share their stories and what they have learned to help others feel more confident in taking the step towards a more energy efficient and environmentally friendly home,” says Fran Sutton, Open Eco Homes spokesperson.

This year’s programme will feature a diverse array of technologies aimed at improving home energy efficiency and sustainability in-situ in host’s homes. For example, there are several homes with air source heat pumps, which are used for heating and cooling homes more efficiently than traditional systems. Solar photovoltaic (PV) panels and battery storage systems are also common, allowing homeowners to generate and store their own electricity. Other features in this year’s homes include mechanical heat ventilation and recovery systems, advanced insulation, natural materials, draught-proofing, high-performance windows and doors, and rainwater harvesting.

“One of the best things about Open Eco Homes is the diversity of homes and technologies on display. We have hosts offering tours of both new builds and retrofitted homes, demonstrating a range of approaches to achieving lower carbon emissions and energy costs”, says Fran.

With 9 trailblazing homes opening their doors, there is an opportunity for everyone to find out something that interests them. The event will also feature a series of talks, including:

- **Low-cost Home Energy Improvements**
- **Heat Pump Myths** by Bean Beanland, founder of the Heat Pump Federation
- **How to Use a Heat Pump** - A panel of experts and users
- **Climate Friendly Gardening** with expert speakers
- **Retrofitting Older Homes** - A panel of experts

Expert speakers from across the UK will offer fresh insights on topics for anyone interested in sustainable living, whether merely eco-curious or considering a full home retrofit in one of Cambridgeshire’s ancient villages and towns.

Eco-home tours and talks are available both in-person and online. All events are **FREE**, but advance booking is required. Come along and be inspired to start your journey to a greener home.

### **Feedback from Previous Participants:**

When asked what they liked about the eco-home tour they attended one participant wrote “I liked the detailed information about what materials had been used, and some of the compromises that had to be made.” Another participant noted that they felt more confident about approaching their own project after “being reassured by other people having the same thoughts and challenges but surviving and benefiting from it all.”

For more information and to book your place, visit the [Open Eco Homes website](https://cambridgecarbonfootprint.org/what-you-can-do/open-eco-homes-events/): <https://cambridgecarbonfootprint.org/what-you-can-do/open-eco-homes-events/>

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