

*Around  
Little  
Shelford  
Winter 2024*

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Contributions for the spring 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 28<sup>th</sup> February 2025**. As space is limited, articles should be less than 340 words and adverts should fit within half an A5 page.

The photo on the cover this season was taken by Christa Jostock. Please send photos for the front cover of the next edition, ideally of a Little Shelford scene in spring, to [newsletter@allsaintslittleshelford.org](mailto:newsletter@allsaintslittleshelford.org)

Dear friends,

Season's greetings! I hope this winter edition finds you well.

Let me commend to you the Christmas programme at All Saints Little Shelford this year.

We kick off our Christmas programme with a *Wrapathon* on 7<sup>th</sup> December in the Little Shelford Memorial Hall. The *Wrapathon* is a great opportunity to start the festive period by wrapping your presents in the company of locals from the village alongside some mulled wine and mince pies... feel free to just come along for the wine and pies!

The next day, on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> Dec, we carry on the tradition of singing festive carols in our local pub (formerly *The Navigator*). Join us from 7pm to sing some carols in the pub. A massive thank you to Mark Gerhart for allowing us to use the pub before it reopens in 2025!

On Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> Dec, we have our *Carols by Candlelight* service. Come and join us at All Saints church to sing your favourite carols by candlelight and catch-up with friends from the village.

On Sunday 22<sup>th</sup> Dec, we have a *Nativity Trail* around the village for children from 2-4pm which will culminate in *Carols by the Campfire* at All Saints church. There'll be lots of treats and fun for both adults and children!

There are many more services throughout December at All Saints, please see the back cover for more information.

I hope one of the many events we're putting on this Christmas tickles your fancy. We'd love to offer you a warm and friendly welcome at All Saints.

Before I sign-off, let me take this opportunity to invite you to come along to one of our regular Sunday morning services (9.30am and 11am) at All Saints church this December to explore the Christmas story as foretold several centuries earlier in the Old Testament book of Isaiah.

Isaiah 40:11 speaks of God as a gentle shepherd who gathers the flock in his arms and carries them close to his heart. I hope you can join us to unpack what these wonderful words of comfort means for our world today this Christmas.

Season's greetings, Gideon Emmanuel, Curate at All Saints Church

# 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

Year 2 explored the changes brought about by the Great Fire of London. This included study of the materials used to construct medieval buildings and how they influenced the way the fire spread, as well as later changes as building methods developed. The most memorable part of this topic was undoubtedly the visit and demonstration from the fire service. Pupils got to experience the force of modern fire hoses.



A much quieter event came on Remembrance Day when Year 6 led our annual service, looking at the sacrifices made by others that we all benefit from today.

The passing of the seasons is reflected in school life. In October Year 3 led our Harvest Service at St Mary's, using paintings, poetry, music and prayers to help us stop and reflect – a time to be grateful for the food we have and think about those who are less fortunate. As usual we supported Jimmy's Cambridge through donations of food and money.

By the time you read this, autumn will have given way to Advent and the promise of Christmas to come. If you are seeing this soon after publication there may still be time to come to the Lights switch-on event on 1<sup>st</sup> December when the PTA will be supplying essentials such as hot dogs, as well (I hope) as some more traditional Christmas fare. The usual school events will follow, leading up to the carol service and the Shelford Christmas Day before everyone has a well-earned rest.

# GRANTA Medical Practices

## Granta Medical Practices Update, December 2024

Please find below details of when our surgeries will be open over the Christmas and New Year break.

**Please remember to order your repeat prescriptions in plenty of time** so that you do not run out of your medication over the holidays. The table below shows you when you will be able to collect your prescriptions, depending on the date you place your order.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Opening hours</b>	<b>Repeat prescription schedule</b>
<b>Fri 20.12.2024</b>	Open as usual	Place order today, pick up <b>27.12.2024</b>
<b>Sat 21.12.2024</b>	Pre-booked appointments only (Sawston/Royston)	Place order today, pick up <b>30.12.2024</b>
<b>Sun 22.12.2024</b>	Closed	Place order today, pick up <b>30.12.2024</b>
<b>Mon 23.12.2024</b>	Open as usual	Place order today, pick up <b>30.12.2024</b>
<b>Tues 24.12.2024</b> (Christmas Eve)	Open as usual	Place order today, pick up <b>31.12.2024</b>
<b>Wed 25.12.2024</b> (Christmas Day)	Closed	Place order today, pick up <b>02.01.2025</b>
<b>Thurs 26.12.2024</b> (Boxing Day)	Closed	Place order today, pick up <b>02.01.2025</b>
<b>Fri 27.12.2024</b>	Open as usual	Place order today, pick up <b>02.01.2025</b>
<b>Sat 28.12.2024</b>	Pre-booked appointments only (Sawston/Royston)	Place order today, pick up <b>03.01.2025</b>
<b>Sun 29.01.2024</b>	Closed	Place order today, pick up <b>03.01.2025</b>
<b>Mon 30.12.2024</b>	Open as usual	Place order today, pick up <b>03.01.2025</b>

<b>Tues 31.12.2024</b> (New Years' Eve)	Open as usual	Place order today, pick up <b>06.01.2025</b>
<b>Wed 01.01.2025</b> (New Years' Day)	Closed	Place order today, pick up <b>07.01.2025</b>
<b>Thurs 02.01.2025</b>	Open as usual	Place order today, pick up <b>07.01.2025</b>
<b>Fri 03.01.2025</b>	Open as usual	Place order today, pick up <b>08.01.2025</b>

**Don't forget, there are Prescription Collection Points at Sawston, Linton and Shelford.** Sign up today via [cpicb.grantadispensing@nhs.net](mailto:cpicb.grantadispensing@nhs.net) to pick up your medication at your convenience over the holidays, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week – including Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Years' Day.

**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 / ibuprofen), cough and sore throat remedies, a first aid kit, upset stomach treatment, rehydration treatment and heartburn / indigestion treatment. Having these essentials at home will not only save you time and help you feel better quicker, but will also help save the NHS much needed resources.

**Your local pharmacist can offer you advice and guidance on the best treatment for you.** They are available on every high street and in supermarkets, with many open in the evening and at weekends.

**Pharmacists can now also prescribe some medications under the "Pharmacy First" service.** Please go to <https://www.england.nhs.uk/primary-care/pharmacy/pharmacy-services/pharmacy-first/> for further information and eligibility criteria.

**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.

**For further information on available healthcare services,** please go to [www.nhs.uk](http://www.nhs.uk) or our website [www.grantamedicalpractices.co.uk](http://www.grantamedicalpractices.co.uk)

## **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-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). For more information, contact [drbikestapleford@gmail.com](mailto:drbikestapleford@gmail.com). You can also book a time slot at that address, though this is not essential.

I hope if you attended our transport evening, or the film Fugolburna, or the Repair Café, that you found it worthwhile. All our activities aim to support you in making environmentally-friendly choices and to be more aware of the importance of wildlife and nature to our wellbeing and that of the planet for our descendants.

Some of our members attended the SCDC Local Climate Action Conference at Cambourne, and met other organisations and individuals working to meet the challenges of the climate / nature emergencies. Some of our members also went on a march in London calling for Clean Water. The Cam Valley Forum arranged transport for local people, as over abstraction and pollution of our local rivers are so relevant in this area. The National Trust, RSPB, and Wildlife Trusts were all represented at the event.

Looking forward to 2025....

**AGM and social** on 7 January at 7.30pm at Cox's Close Community Room, Stapleford. Come along and meet us!

**Repair Café** at Shelford Memorial Hall on the afternoon of 22 February – put it in the diary if you have things to repair!

If you are interested in green matters and the environment at all levels (individual, local, national, international), send an email to [mail2G3S@gmail.com](mailto: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



## **The Shelfords WI**

At our November Meeting Eleanor Witter introduced our speaker Neil Callan who with his wife Clare shared with us their infectious joint love of gardening.

Some years ago, they began to develop threequarters of an acre of Fen soil from almost nothing, other than a few good trees, into an interesting, colourful and productive garden. Few of us had known that under the fen soil are layers of shells from when it was under the sea. That makes the peaty soil alkaline as opposed to upland peat that is acidic. Clare claims that they had no real plan but the garden now has areas that are stunning at different times of the year.

Neil and Clare are good photographers and treated us to projected images of their 'Garden through the Year' including close ups of many of the flowers starting with wintersweet and snowdrops in the early spring, through the usual and unusual flowers of later spring. Their real passion is for the family of May-flowering bearded irises shown in more superb shots. After naming over 70 plants in the photographs, the year ended with the garden blanketed in snow and trees covered in hoar frost. Winter, we were told, is actually a busy time for them with hedging producing mounds of woody stems and branches that can't be composted but that in the countryside can still be burnt on a controlled bonfire.

Throughout we were told what went well but also comfortingly for many of us what didn't thrive or survive, which plants do well in wet/dry soil and which need sun/shade or do well anywhere. Gardens are not static, they continuously evolve. Some of their most colourful irises were potted up for us to buy

After they had answered some excellent questions, Eleanor thanked our Speakers and then followed more lively conversation over coffee/tea and biscuits.

Our regular meetings continue with a Christmas Party and craft work on 7<sup>th</sup> December followed by Lestyn Edwards with 'My Tutu went AWOL!' on 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2025. To find out more you will be very welcome to join us at our usual venue, the Community Room behind St Mary's Church, Great Shelford, on the first Thursday of each month at 7.30pm.

Eleanor Witter President

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# Christmas Tree Festival

**An event for the whole community!**

**Saturday 14 December, 10am-4pm**

**Sunday 15 December, 11.30am-4pm**

**Activities for all, with music and  
refreshments throughout**

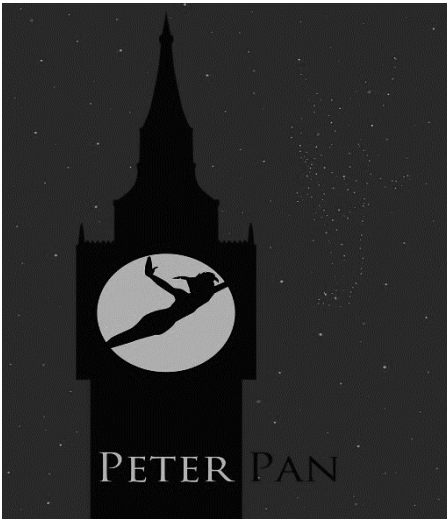
**Free entry with all donations in aid of  
the church's reimagining project**

**Church office: 01223 846096  
admin@trumpington.church**



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## 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 - Saturday 11 January 2025 at 7pm in Little Shelford Memorial Hall.

Tickets available (£5 children; £10 adults) from 1 December 2024 from any of the following:

Little Shelford – Rachel Ford – 07974 698495; Great Shelford – Holly Gregory - 07876 615753; Stapleford – Sarah Coppendale - 01223 842498; Sawston – Susan Hunter - 07796 295167 or e-mail [coppendales@btinternet.com](mailto:coppendales@btinternet.com)



### Save the date

Annual litter pick and meet your Parish Councillor

Sunday 9th February from 2.30pm

More details to follow

# 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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Badminton Club	James Newman 07717 394176 <a href="mailto:james@jamesnewman.org">james@jamesnewman.org</a> <a href="http://www.littleshelfordbadmintonclub.co.uk">www.littleshelfordbadmintonclub.co.uk</a>
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Shelford Community Orchard and Woodland Project (SCOWP)	Gill Davidson <i>davidson.wg@btinternet.com</i> Mike Darsley <i>mdgb59@gmail.com</i>

### 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	10 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Black bin
Tuesday	17 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Green & blue bins
Tuesday	24 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Black bin
Tuesday	31 <sup>st</sup> Dec`	Blue bin
Tuesday	7 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Black bin
Tuesday	14 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Green & blue bins
Tuesday	21 <sup>st</sup> Jan	Black bin
Tuesday	28 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Blue bin
Tuesday	4 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Black bin
Tuesday	11 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Green & blue bins
Tuesday	18 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Black bin
Tuesday	25 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Blue bin

# WE NEED YOUR HELP!



Registered Charity Number: 1201381

Funding for SSYI is a continuous challenge and currently costs over £130,000 per year to run. We get some funding from the Parish Councils and Local Churches and put a lot of effort into obtaining Grant funds. One of our most reliable sources is private regular giving. **We have 20 supporters who give regularly** with contributions varying from as little as £10 per month to over £100 per month. But there are over 15,000 adult residents in the Villages we serve so it's a tiny proportion who support us through regular giving. **We believe it's time that changed.**

Do please consider becoming a regular donor. To do so contact the Treasurer: John Greaves, 15 Cabbage Moor, Great Shelford, Cambridge CB22 5NB ([jragreaves@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:jragreaves@yahoo.co.uk))

**What is SSYI? We are a community-based charity formed by local Christians serving the villages of Great and Little Shelford, Stapleford, Sawston and Duxford.**

**What do we do? We provide youth activities and clubs open to all local 11–18-year-olds. We particularly focus on those who are marginalised, isolated, at-risk or not accessing other youth provision.**

The outcomes we aim for by building positive relationships with young people, running youth clubs, schools work and other activities is to enable them to overcome challenges, learn, succeed and make a positive contribution to their communities. We have a dedicated Youth Centre above the Memorial Hall in Great Shelford in Great Shelford where we run 6 youth clubs a week, as well as 3 sessions in Sawston, and a weekly club in the Community Centre in Duxford. Employing 4 Youth workers and working with six volunteers, we reach over 150 young people per week.

An update on our regular activities follows but for more information about our work visit our web site:

**[www.ssyi.club](http://www.ssyi.club)**

## SSYI Winter 2024 Update

SSYI has been busy over the last few months. Alongside the ten regular weekly sessions with young people from the area at our main Youth Centre in Woollards Lane, Great Shelford and sessions at Mill Lane Sawston and the Duxford Community Centre we have also...

- Staged summer and Autumn Half term trips to the Aquapark, beaches, Harwich, and Bury St Edmunds
- Encouraged more young people stepping up to become "young leaders"
- Held sessions with the Ukrainian young people currently staying in the area
- Started new targeted groups for those particularly vulnerable e.g. facing drugs, or issues with violence
- Continued involvement of young people in the design of new community facilities (Skate park etc)
- Participated in community events in Harston, Duxford, and Great Shelford Feast, and much more.

### Big Breakfast 2024

Thank you to everyone who came along to the Big Breakfast on the 28<sup>th</sup> September in the Little Shelford Memorial Hall. It was great to welcome over 100 local residents over the course of the morning to enjoy a hearty breakfast and to meet our Youth Workers and Young Leaders and hear about what SSYI is up to and the impact it has on their lives. Thank you too for the £2,000 it raised for our work.



### Help us by signing up for the Coop local Fund

SSYI has been included as one of the three local charities that will benefit from the Co-Op local fund in 2024-2025, via people shopping as Coop "Members". It's easy to sign up if you aren't already - [Register your Coop card - Coop membership - Coop \(coop.co.uk\)](#). Then you can **pick SSYI** as the charity you would like to support when you shop at Shelford or Melbourn Coop Then the Coop will distribute out of their

overall pot in line with the balance of selections made across the three local causes

## **Can you help by becoming an occasional volunteer?**

We are looking for more volunteers, especially for the regular weekly sessions. **If you can come along, even occasionally** amongst the young people or to help behind the counter serving snacks that would really help, and enable us to maintain and grow the number of sessions and reach more of those who value our provision. **Please let Zac Britton, our Lead Youth Worker know [zac.britton@ssyi.club](mailto:zac.britton@ssyi.club)**

*(Note: All volunteers are subject to DBS checks).*

## **Melody & Wine Concert**

Thank you to all readers who attended October's 'Melody & Wine' concert. Over 80 guests enjoyed musical performances of superb calibre at Little Shelford Memorial Hall. The event raised £1060 for The Global Natural Health Care Trust. This little charity does a huge job supporting people in the UK afflicted with long-term Lyme disease. For these patients, the herbal medicine supplied by GNHCT offers powerful and effective healing treatment. The Trust offers help to those on low incomes just the same as it does to patients who are able to pay. The charity has no fancy offices or paid staff, so every penny raised makes a difference. Thank you. Alison Denton

## **Little Shelford Wildlife Group**

The hedging around the Bowling Green has been cut. It needed cutting back hard to enable more growth from the base.

In the spring and summer, we hope to do some Bat watching and identification. Pond dipping and at Bradmere and a garden bird watch on the Wale.



We are looking for more volunteers to help, maintain and improve the biodiversity of the Wale and Bradmere. Also, we will have a Wildlife table at our Little Shelford weekend in September.



## SCOWP Update

Shelford Community Orchard and Woodland Project (SCOWP) has had another very successful year and we're sure that, if you managed to see the wildflowers in the new meadow area earlier this year, you were blown away by the beauty! All the tree plantings are doing well and Blennies Patch as a whole is being well used by the Little Shelford community.



The SCOWP committee meet regularly to plan and maintain Blennies and are as enthusiastic as ever but we would like to encourage more people to volunteer and get involved, please contact Mike Darsley via [mdgb59@gmail.com](mailto:mdgb59@gmail.com) if you are interested or if you would like to know more. Looking to 2025 we would like to plant six more fruit trees to extend the orchard, if you would like to help in this way and donate money for these trees please contact the Parish Council for more details.



## **Little Shelford Cricket Club 2024 Update**

The season is long since over but we are looking forward to the 2025 season and have already started to prepare. The cricket square on the Wale has been treated and Winter nets organised. As a reminder Our 1<sup>st</sup> XI finished comfortably mid-table in the Senior League III which they were newly promoted to. While our 2<sup>nd</sup> XI, who found themselves unexpectedly promoted, also held their own after a faltering start and also finished solidly mid-table. While our Junior teams performed well in their leagues including one cup final for the U14 XI. We hope to achieve the same level next season and with a fair wind might even finish in better positions.

### **Festival of Cricket on – Success in the Centenary Cup**

The Festival of Cricket was held on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September and was a great success with Little Shelford XI beating a Great Shelford XI and so winning the Centenary Cup. Old rivalries were revived but the game was played in a great spirit on a very pleasant afternoon. Our triumphant team, captained by Matt Beale, can be seen in the photo below.



While in the morning another successful inter-club Junior match was held playing for the David Altham Memorial Trophy as well as a Softball Match for the U10's. Ian Reid our Senior Coach for the Junior Section gave out player awards and Jane Largesse presented the David Altham Memorial Trophy (See photo to the right).

The **Junior Award winners** for the 2024 season were:

U15 Batting award: Neel Kumar

U15 Bowling award: Aaron Bose

U15 Fielding award: Krishna Nagadev

U13 Batting: Cillian Harrison

U13 Fielding: Etienne Lamb

U13B Batting award: Atharv Kurade

U13 B bowling Advik Seth

U13B Fielding: Eshaan Kumar

Girls batting award: Pragati Sharma

Girls bowling: Santushti Mathupati

Girls Fielding: Saanvi Mathupati.

There was a great family atmosphere at lunchtime and Junior and Senior players and their families joined in the "bring and share" lunch. LSCC is a great multi-cultural club and the food on offer reflected that! Everything from vegetable samosas to cheese and tomato quiche to a traditional BBQ. The Pop-Up pub in the Pavilion during the afternoon was also a great success and the bar profits went to the Cricket Club.

## **Annual Dinner and Awards Evening**

We held our annual dinner and awards evening on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> October in Little Shelford Memorial Hall. Over 50 LSCC players, Vice Presidents and friends of the club gathered for a very enjoyable evening 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.

The **Senior Award winners** for the 2024 Season were:

1<sup>st</sup> XI Batting: Seb Harrison

1<sup>st</sup> XI Bowling: Sharjeel Shaikh

2<sup>nd</sup> XI Batting: Ian Smith

2<sup>nd</sup> XI Bowling: Alex Harrison

*(Photo below with 2<sup>nd</sup> XI Captain Rupert Beale)*

1<sup>st</sup> XI Captains Award: Gemunu Kulasekara

2<sup>nd</sup> XI Captains Award: Juned Mubassir

1<sup>st</sup> XI Sprit of the Club: Guy Nicholson

2<sup>nd</sup> XI Spirit of the Club: Milan Pankhania

1<sup>st</sup> XI Best newcomer: Dylan Bose

2<sup>nd</sup> XI Best newcomer: Niketh Kesarla

1<sup>st</sup> XI Best new Junior: Aaron Bose

2<sup>nd</sup> XI Best new Junior: Sanketh Kesarla

## Winter Nets

Our winter nets get into full swing in the New Year and play an important part in making sure our players are fit and ready for the New

Season. Seniors Nets will start on Monday 6th January and run every Monday until 14th April and will be at Fenner's in Cambridge while Junior Nets will be 10 to 11am on Saturdays at Hills Road and Sunday 10 to 11 am at Cambridge Regional College. If you would like to come along and join Senior Nets then please contact Chris Schofield (Club Captain) for more information on [chrisschofield@littleshelfordcc.com](mailto:chrisschofield@littleshelfordcc.com) if you would like to come along to Junior Nets then please contact Jamie Harrison [jjc.harrison@ntlworld.com](mailto:jjc.harrison@ntlworld.com) one of our Junior Coaches.

## LSCC Annual General Meeting

The LSCC AGM will be on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> February at the Pavilion on the Wale Recreation Ground. All players, supporters, sponsors, committee members and Vice-Presidents are welcome. Our Vice-Presidents are keen supporters of LSCC and want to see the club continue to thrive. We would welcome more VP's to join us and if you are interested in becoming a VP please contact me.

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](https://twitter.com/LShelsCricket).

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## **Former Little Shelford resident who helped put man on the moon is recognised with a blue plaque**

**Francis Thomas (Tom) Bacon OBE, FRS** (1904-1992), a Cambridge engineer, has been recognised with a blue plaque for developing the first practical working hydrogen-oxygen fuel cell. His fuel cells provided the secondary power for the Apollo Missions producing the electricity for the communications, air conditioning and lighting as well as drinking water for the astronauts. The Apollo 11 mission landed the first man on the moon in 1969.

Prof Clemens Kaminski, Head of the Department of Chemical Engineering and Biotechnology (CEB) at the University of Cambridge, said: "Francis Bacon's life work on fuel cells represents the spirit of innovation and sustainability that drives our department today. His invention not only helped put man on the moon, but also laid the foundation for the hydrogen fuel technology we continue to develop in our pursuit of a more sustainable future."

The fuel cell was developed at Marshall of Cambridge, where the blue plaque for Tom Bacon was unveiled. Christopher Walkinshaw, Marshall's Group Director of External Relations and Communications, said, "Tom Bacon was an exceptional engineer whose vision helped humanity reach the moon. We are delighted that he is being honoured with a blue plaque, and are very proud of Marshall's role in the development and successful demonstration of his revolutionary fuel cell technology."

On a visit to the United States, Tom met President Nixon who said: "Without you Tom, we wouldn't have gotten to the moon".

After the success of the Apollo 11 mission, Tom Bacon and his wife Barbara were invited to 10 Downing Street to meet the three Apollo 11 astronauts, Neil Armstrong, Buzz Aldrin and Michael Collins.

Tom Bacon's son, Edward, said: "My father was determined, close to being single-minded, in his dogged perseverance to advance the case for fuel cells. He was quiet, even-tempered and disarmingly modest, tending to underplay his considerable achievements and deflect any praise onto other people. Although he was proud and relieved that the fuel cells had performed so well in the Apollo Missions, he really wanted to see fuel cells in more down-to-earth applications like distributed power generation, energy supply in remote locations, emergency power and transport.



The Cambridge & District Blue Plaque Scheme is run by **Cambridge Past, Present & Future** ([www.cambridgeppf.org](http://www.cambridgeppf.org)) and the plaque, their 41st, will be installed at 82 High Street, Little Shelford where Tom once lived.

Tom's grave in All Saints churchyard also bears testimony to his achievement.

*With thanks to Cambridge Past Present and Future for providing the information.*



*Polly Stanton*

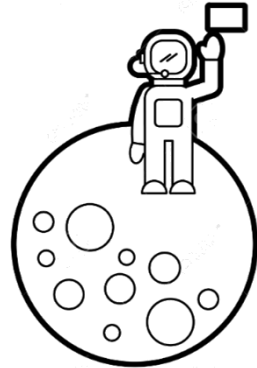
## A Soft Landing on the Moon

Hey diddle diddle,  
The cat and the fiddle,  
The cow jumped over the moon.  
A giant leap for bovine kind,  
The reason why we cannot find.



Now later on, in '69,  
Aboard a spaceship oh so fine,  
Michael, Neil and Buzz set off.  
All three men hoped to repeat,  
Our gallant cow's amazing feat.

They did not fly o'er the top,  
But landed on it with a plop.  
Brave Neil was first to leave the craft.  
"One small step for man," he said,  
Inside the helmet on his head.



As Neil continued on his way,  
The immortal line he then did say,  
"One giant leap for mankind," he cried.  
"A giant leap." Now why was that?  
There was, you see, a large cow pat!

Polly Stanton  
August 2019

## History Snippet: Celebrating New Year in Little Shelford 1912

Ever wondered what Christmas and New Year were like in Little Shelford over 100 years ago? Obviously, the Village was much more of a rural community then and by today's standards living conditions were hard. But it was interesting to find a small reference in the British Newspaper Archive of a meeting of Villagers in one local pub and to learn more about how they came together to support each other and celebrate New Year's Eve 1912. Clearly a strong sense of community existed in 1912 as well as an enthusiasm for singing, an enthusiasm and sense of community that has lasted into the 21<sup>st</sup> Century as evidenced by the many sing-a-long evenings held in the Navigator Pub over the last few years!

From the Cambridge Independent Press Friday 3 January 1913

*"The annual dinner of the share-out club was held at the Prince Regent on Tuesday evening, when a very enjoyable time was spent. After the good things provided by Host and Hostess Lewin had been disposed of, the Honorary Secretary submitted the Balance Sheet, which showed that after deducting sick benefits, a substantial sum was left to be shared out among the members, numbering 63. Songs were sung during the evening by Messrs. Rodgers, Skipper, Pettitt, Goodwin, Darley, Lewin and others. The evening was brought to a close by the signing of "Auld Land Syne" and "God Save the King"*

Then and now: The Prince Regent Pub at the junction of Church Street, Hauxton Road and High Street. Top right in the early 20<sup>th</sup> Century close to the time that the "Share Out Club" New Year celebration took place and on the right in 2015 after returning to residential use after the Sycamore House Restaurant closed.





This meeting of the "Share-out club" took place on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> December 1912 so a combination of committee meeting and New Year's Eve celebration. Share-out clubs were very common in rural England in the second half of the 19<sup>th</sup> Century and the first half of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century. They were unregistered clubs, locally organised and their primary purpose was to provide sickness and death benefits for their members.

So, in this case 63 Villagers of Little Shelford (remember the male population of the village at this time was only about 200) had decided to create this mutual society to give each other protection against sickness and death at a time when there was no health service. They would contribute weekly; the landlord of the local pub often held the money as "banker". When someone was sick or there was a death amongst members the "Share-out club" would pay a benefit. At the end of each year any funds left would be equally shared amongst the contributing members. 1912 must have been a relatively healthy year as "a substantial sum was left to share out".

Charles and Fanny Lewin were landlord and landlady at the Prince Regent for many years and lived in the pub that until recently we knew as Sycamore House Restaurant along with their gardener son Edward Lewin. They most likely acted as the bankers for the "Share-out club" as well as hosting the New Year's Eve party. The members mentioned as singing songs included well-known village families including Rodgers and Goodwin from the High Street and Pettitt from Back Lane. It's good to read that they had such a great time and were able to celebrate the New Year and the large pay out with song!

Just a few years later, of course, many of these families sent their sons to war, Edward Lewin, Rupert Rodgers, Llewellyn Rodgers, John Goodwin and Ernest Darley all went to fight. Sadly, John Goodwin and Ernest Darley never returned.

Do you know more about the Little Shelford Share-out Club? Any comments or additional information? Please feel free to contact me on [davidjhjones@btinternet.com](mailto:davidjhjones@btinternet.com)

## Winter Fuel Payment, the cost of living and rural communities

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*Cambridgeshire  
and Peterborough  
recognises that  
our rural  
communities are  
facing a*



The countryside charity  
Cambridgeshire  
and Peterborough

*disproportionate impact from the wider economic crisis. We have expanded the Cost of Living support page on our website to include additional resources which may be of interest to those affected by the loss of the Winter Fuel Payment.*

Almost a fifth of England's population live in rural or coastal communities. Although countryside residents report higher feeling of wellbeing than their urban equivalents, in many ways they are disadvantaged. Rural authorities receive less per head than urban authorities, but residents pay more per head in council tax, despite it costing more to deliver the same services in rural areas. In general, rural populations are older, in poorer health, and receive a lower level of support from health and social care services. There are fewer dentists and GPs within reasonable travel distance, worse public transport, lower levels of broadband and network access, and more energy-inefficient detached, pre-1919 and off-the-gas-grid homes.

In July, the Government announced that future Winter Fuel Payments would only be made to those in England and Wales on low incomes who receive pension credit or other means-tested benefits [the Scottish government is doing the same]. This means that more than 10 million pensioners will no longer receive the payment designed to help with the cost of adequate heating.

At the same time, effective from 1 October, the energy price cap for a typical household that uses gas and electricity and pays by Direct Debit will go up from £1,568 to £1,717 per year. This increase of around 10% will add about £12 a month to an average bill. The only good news, for some, is that the cost of domestic heating oil has fallen from around 81p per litre in October 2023 to around 60p per litre on 1 October 2024 (Source: <https://www.boilerjuice.com/heating-oil-prices/>), but prices are notoriously volatile.

What has not been taken into consideration at all is that not only do rural consumers have to afford the high cost of oil, bottled gas, coal or smokeless fuel, but that they have to pay in a single advance payment. The pension increases coming into effect in April 2025 will be delivered in small payments in arrears, so they will not help in the slightest this winter.

In 2022 a new Cost of Living support page on our website (<https://www.cprecams.org.uk/cost-of-living-support.html>) signposted resources to help with the cost of living, including: help and advice from local authorities in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough; financial and energy-saving advice and support; food; and local warm spaces/hubs. We have updated this content for those affected by the loss of the Winter Fuel Payment:

- AGEUK (<https://www.ageuk.org.uk/information-advice/money-legal/benefits-entitlements/winter-fuel-payment/>) for advice on how to check your eligibility for Winter Fuel Payment and other benefits, and how to apply, plus staying well and warm in winter
- The Warm Home Discount (<https://www.ageuk.org.uk/information-advice/money-legal/benefits-entitlements/warm-home-discount/>), a one-off payment of £150 to help with the cost of energy during the winter (but dependent on eligibility)
- WHICH (<https://www.which.co.uk/news/article/winter-fuel-payments-scrapped-unless-youre-on-benefits-atFf15o4PfNA>).

CPRE has joined the 'Warm This Winter' coalition calling for urgent action from the government, otherwise millions - particularly in rural areas - will be unable to pay their bills and heat their homes. To add your voice, go to <https://www.warmthiswinter.org.uk/>.

For more information about CPRE Cambridgeshire and Peterborough go to [www.cprecams.org.uk](http://www.cprecams.org.uk).



# All Saints

LITTLE SHELFORD

We would love to see you at any of our  
All Saints Christmas events...

## Wrapathon

Saturday 7th December 3.30–5.30pm

- Present wrapping
- Mulled wine & mince pies.
- In Little Shelford Memorial Hall.

**Carols in the pub** (formerly The Navigator)

Sunday 8th December 7pm

- Carols
- Mulled wine and mince pies.

## Carols by Candlelight

Sunday 15th December 6pm

- Favourite carols with our choir.

## Children's Nativity Trail & Campfire Carols

Sunday 22nd December

- Nativity Trail around the village, 2–4 pm.
- Carols and treats around the campfire from 4pm at All Saints.

## Christmas Eve Crib Service

Tuesday 24th December 4pm

- Children are welcome to come dressed as a Nativity character.

## Late-Night Communion Service

Tuesday 24th December 11pm

- A short traditional service.

## Christmas Day

Wednesday 25th December 10am

- Christmas service for all ages.

# Happy Christmas!