

ALL SAINTS' SHEPRETH

CHURCH AND VILLAGE NEWSLETTER



JULY 2022

Editorial

First off, I hope you are all keeping well and held up with June's heatwave. Last month we were spoilt by an incredible jubilee weekend. A full report can be found from page 7.

This summer, Shepreth's 'Forget-Me-Not' Club returns to the village. For residents aged 55 and over who are interested, you will find all the details on page 34.

For any young budding writers between the ages of 7 and 11, you have until the end of August to submit a short story to the Atom Learning Short Story Award (page 13).

Tickets for the SWCC Charity Ball are currently live until the end of August or until tickets are sold out).

Wishing you all a great July and please get in touch if there is anything you would like to share!

Matthew Clarke, Editor

Welcome message from Reverend David Lee

I love the month of July – and that's not just because it includes my birthday! It always seems to me to be the month when we should have the best chance of long evenings and warm sunny weather, so that at the end of the day we can sit outside in the garden, with a little drink of something, and relax. I just hope that by writing that I haven't destroyed all chance that we have of those lovely evening happening!

But July is also a month of change for our younger people. The school year comes to a close which for some might mean leaving a pre-school or a school as they progress their education to the next stage, or enter the world of work. Or it may just be a transition from one year group to the next. But there is often a real sense of moving on.

But all that comes at a time when the world is in a real state of uncertainty. As I write this in the middle of June the war in the Ukraine shows no sign of abating, and there are other countries where conflict is going on but don't even make the news headlines. The situation in Afghanistan, especially for women and girls, seems to get worse. And at home, the cost of living crisis – driven at least partly by the cost of oil, is causing many people hardship, and use of foodbanks continues to increase.

But life is not all bad! We have just celebrated in a most British way, the Platinum Jubilee of our wonderful Queen. Watching that amazing pageant on television, there were times when I couldn't quite believe what I was seeing – we Brits have an amazing sense of humour, and, as we could visibly see, so do lot's of members of the Royal Family. We do continue to pray for the health of Her Majesty the Queen: it must have been hard for her to not be there is person for so much of the celebration.

And in our churches it is a time of change too. We celebrate all the major festivals of the church between December and June and we then enter a more steady period until we reach Advent Sunday again on 27th November. But between now and then we hope to have a time of normality; a time when, despite the pandemic still being with us and from time to time causing some people inconvenience, and other people periods of ill health, we can provide our service as normal. And believe you me, when I look back over the 2 years I have been curate in the Benefice, I very much look forward to being to do just that.

I pray that you are able to have a wonderful July and the rest of summer in preparation for whatever comes next.

Ever Blessing,

Rev. David Lee

July 2022

Worship in the Four Church Benefice

Following the easing of restrictions you no longer need to book a space for a church service and we will no longer be socially distancing. You will, however, be asked to wear a mask out of consideration for others. For information about singing in church and the receiving of communion please go to the Four Church website page: ww.thefourchurchbenefice.org/daily-worship/

Date	Time	Service	Church
3rd July	9.30 am	Holy Communion	St Laurence's, Foxton
	9.30 am	Holy Communion	St George's, Thriplow
	11 am	All Age Worship	All Saints', Shepreth
10th July	9.30 am	All Age Worship	St Laurence's, Foxton
	11 am	Holy Communion	St Mary's, Fowlmere
17th July	9.30 am	Holy Communion	St George's, Thriplow
	11 am	All Age Worship	St Mary's, Fowlmere
	11 am	Holy Communion	All Saints', Shepreth
24th July	9.30 am	Holy Communion	St Laurence's, Foxton
	11 am	Holy Communion	St Mary's, Fowlmere
31st July	11 am	Four Church Holy Communion	St Mary's, Fowlmere

Flower Rota

3rd July Mrs Wilson

17th July Mrs P Stigwood

Church Cleaners

3rd July Mrs E Gray & Mrs C Lee

17th July Mrs E Gray & Mrs C Lee

ENERGISE (The Four Church Benefice Youth Group)

Energise Sunday 3rd July. Venue to be announced by email.

Those who will be 9 years old in the next academic year are welcome to join the meeting for Yrs 5,6 and 7 from 4.30-5.30 pm.

Those at present in Yrs 7 are welcome to join the older group for yrs 8 and above from 5.00-6.00 pm.

THERE WILL BE NO MEETING IN AUGUST.

Our meeting in September will be Sunday 11th September.

Coffee Morning

Stephen and Pat Homent will be
Holding the next coffee morning at
22 Fowlmere Road, Foxton on
Thursday 14th July at 10.30 am.

All proceeds for church funds.

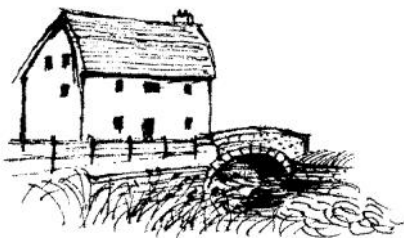
All welcome!



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Friends of the River Shep



For many years Friends of the River Shep (ForShep) have looked after the river, which has all the beauty of a clear, chalk stream. It is home to wild brown trout, kingfishers, water voles and the occasional visiting otter.

We are always keen to welcome new members; especially those who wish to get involved with river restoration and maintenance. If you wish to join, please contact the secretary at forsherp@hotmail.co.uk.

Visit us at <https://forsherp.wixsite.com/forsherp>

Hello everyone. The Friends of the River Shep hope that those of you who can have been able to get out in the lovely June sunshine to enjoy strolls along our beautiful river, as well as enjoying the fantastic Shepreth Platinum Jubilee celebrations.

There has been lots of activity and sightings along the river in the past month. One stroll around Fowlmere was rewarded by lots of different creatures: brown trout (of course), cuckoos calling (male and female), reed warblers, southern marsh orchids, yellow flag irises, water crowfoot turning the river white with its flowers, a water vole and bats flying with swifts as dusk came. Do try to get out and see it all if you are able.



The Shep at Fowlmere

You can always find photos of the river by joining the “Friends of the River Shep” Facebook group.

Best wishes to everyone from ForShep and, as always, a plea to conserve water to help keep our lovely river flowing. Thank-you.

Steven Swain

Platinum Jubilee Celebration

June saw the long-anticipated arrival of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, celebrated in the village and throughout the country with fayres and street parties. Shepreth opened the bank holiday weekend with a celebration on the recreation ground to an outstanding turnout.

The morning was kicked off, as it were, with a football tournament with our very own Shepreth Spitfires, following which players were presented with commemorative trophies. Later on, the recreation ground was home to welly wanging and other games for



villagers to enjoy. Brewboard offered drinks while Hitwrap and BB Pizza provided food throughout the day.

Moving into the marquee, Joy Kenzie presided over the best-dressed competition for the children of the village, all having been encouraged to dress up as kings and queens for the occasion. The Shepreth WI prepared cakes and coffee alongside Margaret Collins's photo exhibition, documenting the history of the village and its evolution throughout the years.

The evening's entertainment was provided by Rennie Hand and All Glammed Up, geared up in big wigs, treating us to a night of rock classics the whole village, young and old, got dancing to.



In the run up to 10, the music reached an interlude as the village stopped to sing ‘God Save the Queen’ before heading over to the lighting of the beacon. The honour of lighting was presented to Joy Kenzie, accompanied by her grandson. After the beacon was lit, the festivities continued for another hour before drawing to a close.

With the whole Saturday to recover, members of the parish reconvened to the Recreation Ground for Songs of Praise with Rev. Angela Melaniphy Sunday morning.



Special thanks to:

- Stonebond for their generous cash donation
- Steve Day for all the straw bales
- Graham Davis for designing the posters
- Tony Green for printing the posters
- Music by Rennie Hand & All Glammed Up
- Margaret Collins and her family for the priceless photo display
- Brewboard mobile bar, BB Pizza, and Hitwrap
- Shepreth Spitfires for such a successful football tournament
- WI for their coffees, teas, and cakes
- Emily Pugh for the welly wanging
- The children who dressed up
- Joy Kenzie for judging the children's dress up & for lighting up the beacon
- The Parish Council
- Nick Mann for monitoring safety and working of equipment
- The Event Committee (Wanja Mungai, Amanda Davis, Caroline Pepper, Sue Smith, Gail Davis, Billie Francis, and Lucy Smith)
- All those who volunteered their time to help the committee



WOMEN'S INSTITUTE



Shepreth WI provided a colourful and tasty array of cakes at the Shepreth Jubilee celebration. Thank you to all our wonderful ladies (and husbands) who baked and helped in the preparation beforehand and on the day and especially to everyone in the village and friends who came along and gave their support. Our Shepreth WI scrapbooks going back to the 1960's were displayed along with Mrs Collins's extensive village historical collection, exhibited with the help of her son Mark and daughter-in-law Sam.

Our June meeting was spent taking a steady walk around Shepreth lakes and returning to the village hall for a chat and refreshments. We look forward to our July meeting when we welcome Rama Ram who will be talking to us about Indian culture and providing a cookery demonstration on Indian street food.

If you are considering joining WI please do come along and join us in July – you will be made very welcome. Our next meeting is at 7.30 pm on Tuesday 12th July at the village hall.

Caroline Pepper

Secretary (07747505905)

Jill Parker

(01763 262545)

SHEPRETH SCHOOL TRUST (Charity No. 1062515)

Following the closure and subsequent sale of the Shepreth Primary School a charity called The Shepreth School Trust was set up in 1997 and endowed with a proportion of the sale proceeds by Cambridge County Council. These proceeds are invested in trust for the Charity and managed by the five Trustees.

The charity applies the income from the trust in the form of modest grants for the advancement of the education of the children of Shepreth and the schools they attend. Applications may also be considered from groups providing recreation facilities and other leisure or occupations that are in the interests of social welfare and protection of the environment within Shepreth for the residents.

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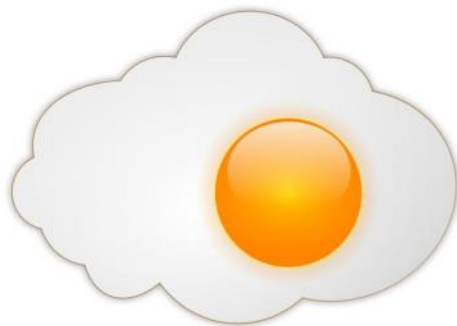
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- The child's/student's name and address.
- The purpose and amount of the grant.

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Wow, what a great month the Spitfires have had, the tournament season is well under way and tomorrow, at the time of writing of course, we will be having our big end of season presentation with bouncy castles, cake stalls and BBQs.

However, by far the most exciting thing that has happened so far this summer was the Queen's Jubilee Tournament on Shepreth Rec. All the children from u7s to u10s had an amazing time. The boys and girls got to play 5 matches each in a round robin across two pitches and the football was fantastic!! The Spitfires welcomed two new players, one, a girl, who was our youngest player on the day and she did superbly. Also, we welcomed 4 first time referees to the tournament from our age groups and they all did amazingly well. Special thanks to Patrick who referees for us regularly, and the Jubilee Tournament was no exception, and to Lilly who has been helping to coach the under 9s as a volunteer coach for the past 3 months. We shared sweets and drinks together half way through the event and at the end all of the children won a very beautiful Queens 70th Jubilee trophy.



Our adult volunteers, parents, grandparents and children all thanked Sean and myself so many times for such a lovely day, including the celebrations after, and we would like to pass on that thanks to Wanja, Caroline, Bilie, Amanda, Gail and Sue for getting the celebration off of the ground and all of the Village Hall and Parish Council Committee members too... THANK YOU X X

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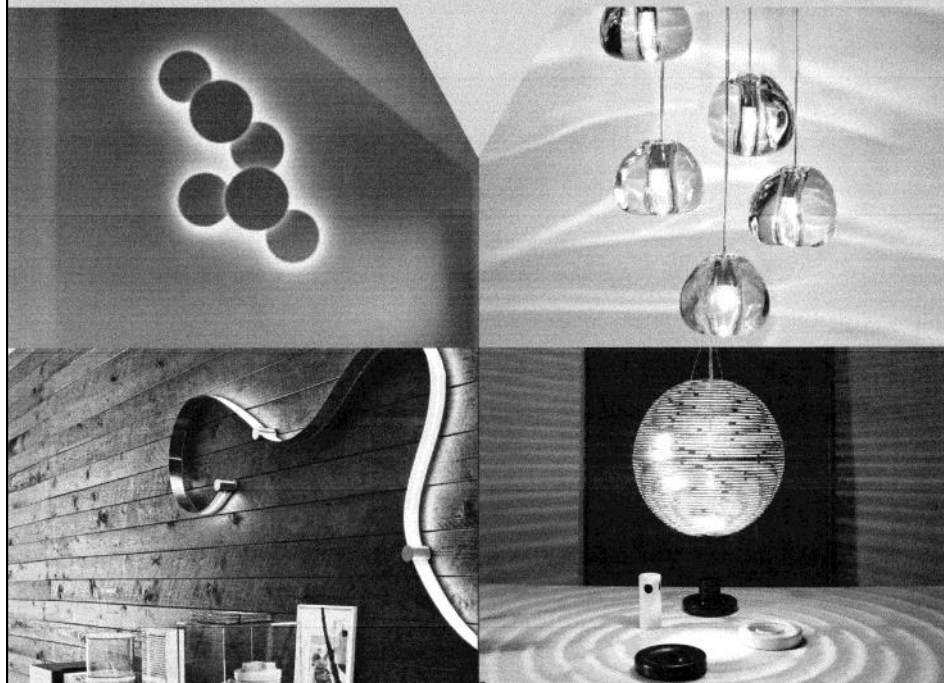
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Believe it or not, by the time that you read this our outdoor bowls season will be at least halfway through. The days will already have started to shorten, robbing us of the light needed to finish our evening matches. August will see us start at 6.15 p.m. but by then end of the month we will be finishing in the dark!

We have now had two Open Days and have been able welcome a number of 'locals' new to the game of bowls as well as some more experienced bowlers. Some have joined us as members and others have come and enjoyed our roll-ups on a Tuesday morning and Saturday afternoon. If you would like to try our sport, you will be very welcome.

Our Quiz Night and Supper at the end of May was very well attended and a good time was had by one and all. The winning team scored an impressive 58 points out of the 60 available, well done to them.

The annual match against Melbourn (The Peter Harrup Cup) is played for charity with all of the proceeds from the afternoon being donated to a charity of the home teams' choice. The match was played at Meldreth on 29th May and we chose Parkinsons UK to receive a donation of £300

Our internal club competitions have also just started and will culminate in a finals weekend between 19th and 21st August at which spectators are always welcome. We hope to see some of you then.

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Jim Hatch

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News from Happy Bunnies

We cannot believe that this is the final term at Happy Bunnies for many of our children as they will be starting primary school in September, and we will miss them all so much. Fortunately, we have been able to start our weekly visits to Barrington School again, and this is so helpful for all the children, irrespective of which primary school they will attend, as they take part in many of the activities that they will encounter at 'big school' such as playing in a large playground and having a school dinner. We are very grateful to Barrington School for making us all so welcome and letting us use their facilities.

Towards the end of this term the children will be providing some entertainment for their parents, so we are now busy practising for this. The children will be singing, dancing, reciting poems, and demonstrating some activities that they do with the parachute and also in their French lesson.



In July our Bluebells (those starting school in September this year) will be visiting our lovely village café, The Teacake. This is a special treat for them and they are very excited. Following this outing we will set up a café for them to play in, and I know that this will be very popular.

The Bluebells also have a sports morning to look forward to on the last day of the term, and all the children will join in an end of term party.

If you are hoping for a place at Happy Bunnies in September for your child, please contact me now as plans for the autumn term are now already underway. Thank you.

Sue Kelly

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Monthly Speaker Meetings in July and the AGM in August

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The new location for this is the Eternit Sports and Social Club situated on the Whaddon Road, Meldreth SG8 5RL.

There is ample parking available and comfortable facilities with access for everyone. Tea, coffee and biscuits will be served on arrival and a warm welcome awaits you from our meeters and greeters. We are mindful of those who are cautious of venturing out on these occasions and ask everyone to be careful with social distancing and those wearing facemasks. Members and prospective members are all welcome so please come and see what we have to offer at 2.30 pm on Wednesday 20th July.

The AGM for Melbourn and District u3a is on Wednesday 17th August at Eternit Sports and Social Club and we are looking forward to greeting members and prospective new members. Come along from 2.00 pm to see which of our 30 activity groups (sporting, leisure and study) you would like to support. If you wish to know more about this then please contact our Secretary David Allars - email. secretary@melbu3a.org Tel. 01223 871480. The u3a is a charity that helps provide leisure, educational and health activities for all those who are no longer in full time employment.
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This is completely free. There is no need to book in advance, and you do not have to be a current member of the Music Workshop to come along - so just arrive and have a go!

Of course, if you decide to join us for the next Workshop year (beginning in September) you will be most welcome. Our current membership rate is only £20 per year, with a weekly attendance fee of just £2 for adults and £1 for children. If you need an instrument, items can often be borrowed from our hire stock for the year at low cost (currently £25 per year), meaning that it is possible to gain tuition and experience of playing, for a very modest outlay indeed.

Workshop takes place at Duxford School on Saturday mornings during term-time and is very much about enjoying music-making in a supportive and fun environment. All ages, abilities and experience levels are welcome, and we offer both ensembles and tuition to cater for a wide range of musical interests and tastes.

Instruments included in the Taster Morning are: *Violin, Viola, Cello, Flute, Oboe, Bassoon, Clarinet, Saxophone, Trumpet, Cornet, Trombone, Guitar and Ukulele.*

When? Saturday morning 2nd July, 2022 from 11.00-12.15 pm

Where? Duxford Primary School, St John's Street, Duxford CB22 4RA.

For further info, see www.duxfordsaturdayworkshop.org.uk or email: director@duxfordsaturdayworkshop.org.uk

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Anthony Browne July Update



One of the great pleasures of being a Member of Parliament is seeing the power of communities and meeting the inspiring people who drive them. They are often the unsung heroes of our villages. They rarely receive reward but without them our villages would be all the poorer.

Over the Jubilee weekend last month I had the great pleasure of travelling around the constituency and witnessing the many great community events to celebrate Her Majesty's reign. I was not able to attend the events in Shepreth but I have no doubt that those able to attend thoroughly enjoyed the occasion.

The power of community is an intangible but invaluable asset that defines my constituency. It is what attracts many people to our area and means so many never leave. It is essential when we consider changes to our area that they enhance rather than detract from what makes South Cambridgeshire so special.

That is why I wrote to the Rail Minister, Wendy Morton, on the 26th May regarding six EWR contracts that have been added to the DfT's listing of future commercial contracts. I asked her to confirm that contracts would not be awarded until the project is shown to be economically and environmentally fit for purpose. I was pleased to receive a reply confirming that these will be subject to a detailed approvals process contingent on the analysis of the business case for the project.

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This half term has marked the long overdue return of parents to our Friday celebration assemblies. As we have grown as a school since the last time we were able to have parents join us, we have split assemblies into KS1 and KS2 sessions. For our KS2 parents, it was the first time in over two years that many had been inside the school building. While for KS1 parents, it was the first time many of them had been into the school hall. It was lovely to be able to share children's work with parents and celebrate the children's achievements together.

Another regular feature of the school year that has made a welcome return is interschool sports competitions, and this month Mr Herd and I took a team of ten KS2 children to compete in the Small Schools Athletics competition. The event was held at the University of Cambridge Athletics Ground and the children had a great afternoon competing in four different athletics events: jumping, throwing, sprinting, and running 400m.

If you have driven past the school at the start of the school day recently you may have seen me out with our Junior Travel Ambassadors monitoring the speed of passing vehicles using speed guns on loan from the county road safety officer. We measured the speed of cars passing in front of the school and were pleased that most vehicles passing were sticking to the speed limit.

After nearly a seven week wait, I am finally able to share the report of our Ofsted inspection back in April! As we had been previously judged good in our last inspection, this was a short one day visit to judge whether we remain a good school, and as such the report we are sent is frustratingly short and brief (especially after waiting such a long time for it!) I am delighted to tell you that the inspectors judged us to still be a good school and their report is now on our school website.

The verbal feedback they gave to staff and governors on the inspection day was more detailed than their written report and they were extremely complimentary about our lovely children. They spoke to lots of children in every class and in the playground; without fail the children were happy to talk to the inspectors and share their opinions on what it is like to be a child in this school. The children's opinions and experiences played a large part in the inspectors' judgment.

On the day, the inspectors made special comment on the particularly high number of parents who completed their parent view questionnaire for us, with overwhelmingly positive and really lovely comments and all the staff would like to thank our parents for supporting us in this way.

In the report, special mention was made of how well our governors know our school and that is due to the large amount of time they give up to visit the school during the working day and come to meetings in the evenings. Talking to fellow heads, I really appreciate how fortunate we are to have governors who are so committed and supportive and I would like to say a heartfelt thank you to each of them.

I would also like to say thank you to all my amazing staff – with an Ofsted inspection you get one day to show off your school and it can be a challenging and daunting experience. Everyone gets anxious because they want to show the school at its best. However, it also brings out the best camaraderie and team work; and the team of people I work with here are second to none. I have no doubt that this is a good school, I am proud to be the headteacher here and cannot imagine working anywhere else. I am extremely grateful that Ofsted were able to see our school's strengths and agree!

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Best Wishes,

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Shepreth Village Hall is very well supported by different groups using this wonderful facility, but we desperately need new members on the committee to invigorate the team and help fundraise and maintain the hall. The energy bills are expected to rise significantly this year. Without more support the village hall is at risk of closing.

We look forward to hearing from anyone who can give up a small amount of time to help us. To find out more please contact our secretary, Eleanor, at eleanorcassidy@btinternet.com

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Dates for your diaries - July 2022

- 2nd July Barrington School Fete (Barrington School Field)
Duxford Saturday Workshop (11 am, Duxford Primary School)
- 3rd July All Age Worship (11 am)
ENERGISE (4:30-5:30 pm (Yrs 5-7); 5-6 pm (Yrs 8+), venue TBC)
- 5th July BLACK bin
- 9th July Foxton Men's Breakfast (8.30 am, Foxton Village Hall)
- 12th July BLUE and GREEN bins
WI Meeting (7.30 pm, Shepreth Village Hall)
- 14th July Coffee Morning (10.30 am)
- 17th July Holy Communion (11 am)
- 19th July BLACK bin
- 20th July U3A Meeting (2.30 pm, Zoom and Eternit Sports and Social Club,
Meldreth)
- 26th July BLUE and GREEN bins
- 27th July Mobile Library - pre order books at [www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/
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Blenheim Close 2.15-3 pm
- 29th July Tiger Day (Shepreth Wildlife Park)
- 31st July Four Church Holy Communion (11 am, St Mary's, Fowlmere)
- 2nd August BLACK bin

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