



Provisional Programme

Welcome to the Shefford Community Festival 2023 – once again the team here at festival HQ have put a program together from the efforts of our many organisers of activities and events, together with the support of our sponsors. We will, of course continue to update the program online with further events as details come in - I hope you enjoy lots of these events and perhaps may even be encouraged to organise one of your own next year.

Friday 22nd September:

10.00 – 12.00 noon Self Help Art Group at the STMA. Contact Carole Wilkinson, 01462 628853, Cwilk02@gmail.com

11.30 - 4.00pm Community Café. All welcome at St Michael's Church for tea/coffee and biscuits/cake.

3.00pm – 7.00pm Scarecrow Festival – all around Town. Get creative and make a scarecrow to display over the weekend of 22nd to 24th September. Register the address of where your scarecrow is located and then join in the fun trail around Shefford and surrounding areas to find all the others! To register or for more info E-mail Joanna Wright at sheffordscarecrows@gmail.com. Participate for free – contact Joanna Wright 07704170582.

5.00pm Opening Ceremony for the Community Festival. In the High Street with the Mayor and Shefford Prince + Princess. Ceremonial opening, cutting of ribbon, speeches etc. Opposite Eatfeast Street Food.

5.00pm EatFeast Street Food. Choose your cuisine and meet your friends – a community alfresco street dining experience, with street food vendors offering a variety of food, music and a bar.

Saturday 23rd September:

Shefford Saints Football at the STMA. Times vary. Shefford Saints Football Club sheffordsaintsfc@ymail.com.

9.00 Children's Dance Classes Pirouettes & Pullbacks at the STMA. Contact Danielle Ellis on 07866395739 pirouettesandpullbacks@outlook.com.

9.00 – 7.00pm Scarecrow Festival – all around Town. Get creative and make a scarecrow to display over the weekend of 22nd to 24th September. Register the address of where your scarecrow is located and then join in the fun trail around Shefford and surrounding areas to find all the others!

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10.00 -1.00pm Family Fun at Shefford Children's Centre, School Lane, Shefford. Free community event for the whole family, Find out about your local children's centre. Join in the fun with Inflatables, Crafts, Animal handling, baby area, refreshments and more. Contact Kirsty Maxwell on 0300 300 8112 or at shefford.childrencentre@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk.

10.00-1.00pm Shefford Baptist Church Coffee Morning, with information and talk by Nicola Burr from Plastic Free Shefford. Contact Erica Bowler on 07941 307228 minister@sheffordbaptist.org.uk.

10.00 - 4.00pm Community Café. All welcome at St Michael's Church for tea/coffee and biscuits/cake.

10.00 – 5.00pm Shefford Art Exhibition at the Community Hall. Free entrance. Tea, coffee and cakes available. Contact Kath Smith, 01462 812265 artsoc.org.uk.

Sunday 24th September:

Shefford Saints Football at the STMA. Times vary. Shefford Saints Football Club sheffordsaintsfc@ymail.com.

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10.00 – 12.00 noon Taekwondo at the Community Hall. Contact Jonathan Marshall 07596 542565.

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10.45 Shefford Baptist Church accessible Messy Harvest Festival with lunch. Contact Erica Bowler on 07941 307228 minister@sheffordbaptist.org.uk.

11.00 – 3.00pm Garage Sale Trail. Free trail sheets available from Country Properties. £5 to register your address as taking part and all registration fees will be donated to Shefford Christmas Lights, which is wholly managed by a fabulous group of volunteers. For info contact Lesley, 01462 615821 / lesley@riverdreamevents.co.uk.

6.30pm – 8.00pm Tai Chi Beginners Classes at the Community Hall. Contact Ian Deavin, 07860 218334, ian@sheffordtaichi.org.

6.30pm – 9.00pm Tai Chi Seniors Classes at the Community Hall. Contact Ian Deavin, 07860 218334, ian@sheffordtaichi.org.

Monday 25th September:

10.30 - 4.00pm Community Café. All welcome at St Michael's Church for tea/coffee and biscuits/cake.

6.30pm – 9.00pm Adults Kick Boxing at the Community Hall. Contact – Micky Marcantonio on 07885249745, miggy.0801@ntlworld.com.

7.00pm – 9.00pm Players at the STMA. Contact Karen Mitchell, 01462 816336 Karen.mitchell@talktalk.net.

7.15pm Shefford Runners at the STMA. Contact Info@sheffordrunners.co.uk.

Tuesday 26th September:

10.00 Well Being Walk from in front of Shefford Community Hall for 60-90 minutes. There is no charge, we include well behaved children but no dogs. Contact Jan Stephens 07740 778021 janstephens45@gmail.com.

10.00 – 12.00 noon Shefford Greenspace Conservation Group. September work party at Bellcote Meadow Millennium Green. Help to keep the area looking at its best. Just bring along a pair of gloves and meet in the car park at bottom of Purcell Way. Contact David Ager, Chair of the Shefford Greenspace Conservation Group. davidager47@gmail.com 01462 814392.

10.30 - 4.00pm Community Café. All welcome at St Michael's Church for tea/coffee and biscuits/cake.

1.15pm – 3.15pm Art Group at the Community Hall. Contact Kath Smith Tel: 01462 812265.

7.00pm Shefford Majorettes free taster evening at the STMA Memorial Hall. Suitable for 4-18 years of age. All abilities welcome and no experience required. Come have a go at twirling a baton, swirling a ribbon and shaking a pom-pom! Please confirm attendance via email, Facebook or Instagram. Contact shefford.majorettes@outlook.com or 07854098922.

Wednesday 27th September:

11.30 - 4.00pm Community Café. All welcome at St Michael's Church for tea/coffee and biscuits/cake.

4.30pm onward. Children's Yoga at the STMA. Age 4 – 7: 4:30 – 5:00pm; Age 8-11: 5.00 – 5:45pm; Age 12+ 6:00 – 6:45pm. Contact Clare Compton Ourtribeyogaclasses@gmail.com.

6.30pm – 9.30pm. Line Dancing at the Community Hall. Intermediates/Advanced. Contact Rosemarie on 01462 617052 or 07711370932 rosemariestevens@ntlworld.com.

7.30pm Shefford Churches Together meeting at The Brewery Tap. "Why Believe in Jesus? A friendly space to ask questions about faith and life. Light refreshments will be provided. Contact Erica Bowler minister@sheffordbaptist.org.uk 07941 307228.

7.30pm – 8.30pm Full Bottle Fitness at the STMA. Contact Tina Sales, 07952948682, tina@fullbottlefitness.co.uk.

Thursday 28th September:

10.00 Well Being Walk starts at the library for about 50 mins This is a walk in remembrance of June Wischhusen and will take in Millennium Green. There is no charge, we include well behaved children but no dogs. Contact Jan Stephens 07740 778021 janstephens45@gmail.com

10.00 – 11.00 Beginners Line Dancing at the Community Hall. Contact Rosemarie on Tel: 01462 617052 or Mobile: 07711370932. Email: rosemariestevens@ntlworld.com.

10.30 - 11.30 Jo Jingles at the STMA. Contact Karen Garner, 01462 456777, karenandjo@gmail.com.

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11.00 - 12.30pm Improvers/Intermediates Line Dancing at the Community Hall. Contact Rosemarie on Tel: 01462 617052 or Mobile: 07711370932. Email: rosemariestevens@ntlworld.com.



5.00pm – 6.00pm Shefford Baptist Church, "Sanctuary: Christian meditation and quiet prayer space". Contact Erica Bowler on 07941 307228 minister@sheffordbaptist.org.uk.

7.15pm Shefford Runners at the STMA. Contact Info@sheffordrunners.co.uk.

7.30pm Full Bottle Fitness at the STMA. Contact Tina Sales, 07952948682, tina@fullbottlefitness.co.uk.

8.00pm onward Crib League at the STMA. Contact the Bar.

Friday 29th September:

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11.30 - 4.00pm Community Café. All welcome at St Michael's Church for tea/coffee and biscuits/cake.

6.00pm – 9.00pm Craft Fair at the STMA. With 23+ stalls and the bar open from 7pm, it's the perfect way to start your weekend! Our talented crafters will be showcasing their beautiful products which will make ideal gifts, or why not treat yourself. Entry is £1, under 18's FREE. For information contact Lesley – 01462 615821 / lesley@riverdreamevents.co.uk.

Saturday 30th September:

Shefford Saints Football at the STMA. Times vary. Shefford Saints Football Club sheffordsaintsfc@ymail.com.

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Sunday 1st October:

Shefford Saints Football at the STMA. Times vary. Shefford Saints Football Club sheffordsaintsfc@ymail.com

10.00 - 12.00 noon Taekwondo at the Community Hall. Contact Jonathan Marshall, Mobile: 07596 542565.

3.00pm A Service of Thanksgiving at Harvest Time, St Michael and All Angels Church. Celebrating the Poetry of Robert Bloomfield, the Rural Poet, to commemorate the 200th anniversary of the death of Robert Bloomfield, who was a resident of Shefford from 1812 until his death in 1823.

6.30pm - 8.00pm Tai Chi beginners class at the Community Hall: Contact Ian Deavin 07860 218334 ian@sheffordtaichi.org.

6.30pm - 9.00pm Tai Chi seniors class at the Community Hall: Contact Ian Deavin 07860 218334 ian@sheffordtaichi.org.

7.00pm Psychic demonstration evening at Cainhoe Wood Golf Club. Psychic demonstration show, which gives members of the audience messages from spirit. £30 per ticket - includes a meal. Contact Kimberley Wyld Rainbow Events <http://www.Facebook.com/WyldRainbowEvents>. 07725743966.

NB - please note the Festival program is a listing of activities expected to take place during the Festival period. It contains many existing regular classes. To avoid disappointment, if you wish to attend and take part in such a class, we suggest you contact the organiser before you go to the class.

Disclaimer: We have made our best efforts in collating this program, details for which has come directly from event organisers and from public sources, however Shefford Community Festival cannot take responsibility for the correctness of this information. If in doubt please check with the activity organisers. E&OE.

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