

Shefford Community Festival

12th - 21st
September 2025

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Community
Festival



Welcome to the Shefford Community Festival 2025 – 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.

Friday 12th September:

6.00am-1.00pm Town Centre Friday Market. Fruit & Veg, Flowers and plants, Fresh Fish, Mobile phone repair, Greek foods, Home goods and cleaning products.

Scarecrow Festival - all around Town. Please note that the start is now delayed until **Saturday 13th at 9am.**

5.00pm Opening Ceremony for the Community Festival. In the High Street.

7.00pm AGM at the Community Hall with refreshments. The meeting starts at 7.30pm. Do come along and voice your opinions with regards to how the hall is managed and what improvements can be made. Maybe volunteer to help the community?

Saturday 13th September:

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

9.00-1.00pm Shefford Community Market. Up to 33 stalls running between Morrisons and the High Street, offering a diverse mix of products including consumables, crafts and local community fundraisers/awareness stalls.

TBA – Teddy Tombola and Zip wire.

9.00am-7.00pm Scarecrow Festival - all around Town. Get creative and make a scarecrow to display over the weekend of 13th to 14th 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 email Joanna Wright at sheffordscarecrows@gmail.com. Participate for free - contact Joanna Wright on 07704 170582.

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

10.00am-3.00pm "Shefford in the Past" a rolling drop-in film show at the Community Hall. Presented by Trustees of the Community Hall. Entry free. Contact hallsecretary.sch@gmail.com.

10:00am-5.00pm Community Café, all welcome at St Michaels Church for tea/coffee and biscuits/cake.

10.30am – 5.00pm Flower Festival at the Methodist Church on the theme of "Remembering", raising money for Church funds. Contact shirley.course@talk21.com.

Sunday 14th September:

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10.00am-12:30pm Taekwando at the Community Hall. Further information contact Jonathan Marshall – Mobile: 07596 542565.

10.30-2.30pm Navigator's Way Walk. A free 8-mile walk around Shefford, Clifton and Stanford, led by Stag Walkers, a Ramblers group aimed mainly at people aged 20s-30s and a bit beyond. Book a place at www.meetup.com/stagwalkers. Starting from Town Meadow Car Park, 41 Old Station Way, Shefford, SG17 5ED at the corner of the car park by the pedestrian access to the High Street. Contact Stag Walkers (Al M). stagwalkers@gmail.com.

11.00am-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 information contact Lesley, 07799 542863 / lesley@riverdreamevents.co.uk.

12 noon – 5.00pm Flower Festival at the Methodist Church on the theme of “Remembering”, raising money for Church funds. Contact shirley.course@talk21.com.

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 15th September:

12.00-2.00pm Shared Space at the Baptist Church with space for activities and games, space for a chat, and space to read the paper or sit quietly. Refreshments are available. <https://www.sheffordbaptist.org.uk/sharedspace>.

2.15-5.30pm Campton Dance at Shefford Methodist Hall.

2.30-4.00pm Beginners Tai Chi at the Community Hall. Gentle exercises each week focusing on balance and mobility – with a tea and biscuit break! Contact Ian on mobile: 07860 218334. E-mail: ian@sheffordtaichi.org

6.30-7.30pm Karate at the Methodist Hall.

6.30pm-9.00pm Adult Thai Kick Boxing at the Community Hall. Contact – Micky Marcantonio on Mobile: 07885249745 or Email: miggy.0801@ntlworld.com.

7.00pm Players at the STMA. Contact Karen Mitchell on 01462 816336. karen.mitchell@talktalk.net.

7.00-9.00pm Karaoke at the Methodist Hall.

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

7.40-9.40pm Pilates at the Methodist Hall.

Tuesday 16th September:

9.30am-12.00 noon Parents and Toddlers at the Methodist Hall.

10.00am Ramble from in front of The Lemon Plaice Chip Shop in Shefford for 60-90 mins. There is no charge, and can include well behaved children, but no dogs. Contact Jan Stephens 07740 778021 janstephens45@gmail.com.

10.00am-12 noon Bellcote Meadow Millennium Green. Come along and join the Shefford Greenspace Conservation Group's September work party to help keep the area looking at it's best. Just bring along a pair of gloves. Contact David Ager - Chair of the Shefford Greenspace Conservation group. davidager47@gmail.com. 01462 814392.

10:30am-2.00pm Community Café, all welcome at St Michaels Church for tea/coffee and biscuits/cake.

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

5.30-6.30pm Tumbling session at Shefford Lower School. A free trial for athletes of all ages and abilities who are welcome to see what Black Ice Academy Cheer is all about - see also Saturday. Contact Shefford Gym. Email: info@blackicecheer.co.uk. Website: www.blackicecheer.co.uk
Instagram: blackice_cheer_shefford Facebook: Black Ice Cheer Shefford.

6.30-7.30pm Clinical Pilates at the Methodist Hall.

6.30-8.15pm Shefford Majorettes - Free taster session at the STMA. "Any girls aged 4-18 interested in joining can come along and see what we do." To register an interest in the taster evening please email Shefford.majorettes@outlook.com.

7.30-9.30pm Shefford Women's Institute (WI) at the Community Hall. Please join us for our special WI meeting. FREE ENTRY with a talk on Bess of Hardwick plus table-top displays and sales. For more information on this and regular meetings contact: shefford@bedfordshirewis.org.uk.

8.00pm Darts League at the STMA. Contact Rob Slater on 07545189233.

Wednesday 17th September:

9.00am-11.00am Need Project at the Methodist Church. Free food from the best-before route. Always bread and cakes, often flowers, fruit, veg and tins. Cat and dog food. Bring a bag. Tea and a chat, biscuits etc. All welcome.

9.00am-2.00pm Warm space at the Methodist Church Hall. Soup and a roll.

11.00-12 noon Pilates at the Methodist Hall.

Children's Yoga at the STMA. Ages 4-7: 4:30-5:00pm. Ages 8-11: 5:00-5:45pm. Ages 12+: 6:00-6:45pm. Contact Clare Compton, Ourtribeyogaclasses@gmail.com.

5.00-9.30pm Line Dancing Improvers at the Community Hall followed by Intermediates. For further information contact Rosemarie on Mobile: 07711370932. rosemariestevens@ntlworld.com.

7.15-9.15pm Shefford Community Choir at the Methodist Church Hall. Shefford Community Choir welcomes everyone for a fun filled, friendly evening to sing your heart out, even if you think you can't sing. Cost £4. For further information contact sheffordcommunitychoir01@gmail.com. Facebook: Shefford Community Choir.

Thursday 18th September:

9.30-11.00am Line Dancing at the Community Hall. Beginners, followed by **11.00-12.30pm** Improvers and Intermediates. For further information contact Rosemarie on Mobile: 07711370932. rosemariestevens@ntlworld.com.

10:00am Well Being walk from Shefford Library for 45-55 minutes. There is no charge and can include well behaved children, but no dogs. Contact Jan Stephens 07740 778021 janstephens45@gmail.com.

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

4.00-5.00pm Mini Hatters at the Methodist Hall.

5.00-6.00pm Sanctuary Prayer/Meditation Space at the Baptist Church. A Quiet space for Christian meditation and prayer. Contact Erica on 07941 307228 or at minister@sheffordbaptist.org.uk.

6-7.15pm Brownies and 7.30-9.00pm Guides at the Methodist Hall.

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

7.30-9.30pm Wing Chun at the Methodist Hall.

8.00pm Crib League at the STMA. Contact the bar.

8.00-9.30pm Shefford and District Amateur Radio Club (SADAR) at the Community Hall. For more information, go to www.sadars.co.uk or stop by on and introduce yourself. Or Amateur Radio at www.rsgb.org.uk/.

Friday 19th September:

6.00am – 1.00pm Town Centre Friday Market. Fruit & Veg, Flowers and plants, Fresh Fish, Mobile phone repair, Greek foods, Home goods and cleaning products.

9.30-10.30am Pilates at the Methodist Hall.

10.00am-10.45am, also 11.15am-12 noon Discover mindfulness with free taster sessions at BEST House, (next to Samuel Whitbread Academy entrance). Try guided practices with our Mindfulness Coach, learn about the benefits to wellbeing, resilience and performance and the impact across our local schools. To book your session please contact Will George 01462 811519 wgeorge@bestacademies.org.uk.

10.00am Self Help Art group at the STMA. Contact Carole Wilkinson – 01462 628853. Cwilk02@gmail.com.

11.10am-3.00pm Community Café, all welcome at St Michaels Church for tea/coffee and biscuits/cake.

4.00-7.00pm Mad Hatters at the Methodist Hall.

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9.00-10am Tiny Tails at the Methodist Hall.

9.30-11.30am Rainbows at the Methodist Hall.

10.00-4.00 Shefford Art Exhibition at the Community Hall. Shefford Art Society is 50 years old this year. Visitors are welcome with free entrance. Tea, coffee and cakes available. Contact Kath Smith, 07989 469 785 or 01462 812265 or email kath.s@ntlworld.com.

10.30-3.30pm Annual Bowls Final and Open Day at the Bowls Club. Members of Shefford Bowls Club have been battling it out through many rounds to reach the finals of our Club Competitions. Over 4 sessions, we will see the finals of Men's, Ladies and Mixed competitions taking place. Come along to watch and support. Free tea and coffee available.

11.30-1.30pm - Talking Elephants free monthly bereavement support group at the Methodist Church Meeting Room. Open to anyone who has suffered loss, who would appreciate a friendly face, some support, and a chance to engage with people going through something similar. A Neville Funerals community outreach project. Contact Shefford@nevillefuneralservice.com.

2.00-4.00pm Wonderful World Weekend at Shefford Baptist Church. Nurture yourself with nature - an exploration of nature/the environment, with Plastic Free Shefford and Shefford Churches Together. Indoor and outdoor activities for all ages, an exhibition of 6ft tall photographs of nature close up, and refreshments. Special guest - Rev. Dr. Dave Gregory, a Baptist minister with a background in scientific research at the Met Office - he is an experienced science-faith communicator and Messy Church leader, working with families, schools and churches.
Contact Eric Bowler. minister@sheffordbaptist.org.uk.

2.00-4.00pm at Shefford Lower School. Free trial for athletes of all ages and abilities who are welcome to see what Black Ice Academy Cheer is all about. This session offers an opportunity to have a go at our training session that will include stunting, tumbling and dance. Contact Black Ice Academy Shefford Gym. Email: info@blackicecheer.co.uk. Website: <https://www.blackicecheer.co.uk>. Instagram: blackice_cheer_shefford. Facebook: Black Ice Cheer Shefford.

7.30pm at the STMA – Sloop Groggy Dogs Sea Shanty Group. Raising money for Home Farm Trust in aid of a defib unit. Contact Shirley Course 07790138677 or email shirley.course@talk21.com. Tickets on sale from mid July online only. £11 and £6.50. See here for details <https://www.eventbookings.com/b/event/sloop-groggy-dogs-fundraiser>.

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10.45am Messy Harvest Service at the Baptist Church with special guest Rev. Dr. Dave Gregory. Contact Eric Bowler. minister@sheffordbaptist.org.uk.

12.30pm Community Lunch at the Baptist Church, following the Messy Harvest service with Rev. Dr. Dave Gregory

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Saturday 27th September (delayed event)

4.00-9.00pm Eat Feast Street Food with bar and music in the High Street Shefford. Contact Eat Feast on Facebook.

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**Contact Ian Deavin on 07860 218334
ian@sheffordcommunityfestival.co.uk**



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