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Christmas Faith and Hope

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***Christmas Events
Development and Transport Plans
Obituaries: Alan Bullwinkle and Dorothy Creek***

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SUMMARY FROM THE DRAFT MINUTES OF THE MEETING ON 16 OCTOBER 2019

PUBLIC SESSION

Two members of the public expressed their preference to keep the public phone box at High Green in use and requested the Parish Council to support that view. Pete Bassett delivered his reasons and suitability for applying to be a Parish Councillor and was elected unanimously with immediate effect.

FINANCE

Fifteen cheques to the value of £21,900.75p were received and signed. A cheque for £1,706.20p to the District Council for the SSYI (Shelford and Stapleford Youth Initiative) Club Room rates was withheld for investigation by the Clerk, since SSYI is a registered charity and should not pay full rates.

UNBUDGETED EXPENDITURE

Approval was given to the increased cost for the sliding doors for the Pavilion. This would give the doors a wider opening and a lift and slide option, allowing the doors to be locked into any open position. The new cost was £9,181.

REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES

District Councillors

District Councillors Nick Sample and Peter Fane were in attendance. The October report was circulated. The main topics were the South Parishes Meeting on Welcome Extension plans, and the issuing of Community Chest Grants of up to £49,000, including £1,000 to SSYI.

County Councillors

County Councillors were not in attendance. No report was circulated.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

Highways

Lining changes are progressing slowly. The hedge by the Stapleford to Sawston cycleway remains a problem, with liaison between the District and County Councils being the reason.

Planning

Councillor Barbara Kettel reported on the Parish Forum Cluster Meeting. Most of the discussion had focused on the A1307 and ignored the A1301 north of the A505. Huawei had withdrawn their application for a development on the former

Spicers site on the Sawston bypass. A decision on Marshall's move to Duxford is expected in expected in spring 2020.

Recreation Ground and Pavilion

Replacement football goals were reviewed and the purchase of one new goal set was approved, with a second to be reviewed at a later stage. The Playscape master plan and the development of the car park extension were also reviewed.

Cemetery and Allotments

Outstanding annual invoices and available plots are to be reviewed. An infestation of rats on the Stonehill allotments has been treated by a contractor.

REPORTS FROM COORDINATING OFFICERS

Playscape Councillor Pete Bassett will assist with Playscape liaison.

Police The public reporting link for any observed crimes is <https://www.cambs.police.uk/report/REPORT>

Community Association Councillor Charlie Nightingale is progressing a quote for kitchen improvements. Users are being asked for feedback on the existing arrangements.

Feast The 2019 Feast review meeting was attended by the Chair and Clerk. The Feast Contribution to the Services Project was improved from £5,000 over two years to £15,000, with the likely contribution this year being £9,000–£11,000. The new services worked very well this year but are to be further improved. Around £31,000 is being distributed to local groups from the 2019 event. The Feast is scheduled for 6–12 July in 2020.

Scouts and Guides Scout and Guide HQ/SSYI doors: quotations have been obtained and will be refined once the GSPC Planning Committee advise on any constraints. The Scout and Guide HQ are concerned about the use of electricity by outside users (e.g. the recent Fun Run) and need a separate metered supply.

SSYI Club Room A new lease will be drafted by a solicitor and is likely to take three to four months. A water meter needs to be installed in the SSYI section

OTHER BUSINESS

Public phone box

The proposal to remove the BT phone box at High Green was discussed. The options of agree to closure, adopt or object to closure were considered. Two boxes in the village are already adopted and it was considered they are not suitably maintained. Adoption of a further box was therefore undesirable. As this is the only public call box in the village vicinity, the object to closure process was considered the most appropriate.

Parish Council log of antisocial behaviour

All ASB issues should be forwarded to Councillor Gregory Price for recording and progressing. ASB on and around the Recreation Ground is growing by the day with the Cricket Club bench being completely destroyed, Barclays private car park littered with rubbish, various locations of graffiti, a serious fire resulting in Fire Brigade attendance, assaults on a runner and a cyclist, a car in the Memorial Hall car park having a window broken and dog control continuing to be a hazard. Updating of the bylaws was considered to be essential for any action to be successful. The Clerk was asked to try and find a subcontractor who could lead the Parish Council through this complicated and lengthy process.

Shelford Rugby Club village fireworks display (2 November)

Councillor Paula Arnold reported that all proceeds from the event other than main bar takings would be donated to SSYI. SSYI were helping to advertise the event and would assist on the day. To date local sponsorship amounted to £250 but more was being discussed. The balance was underwritten by the Parish Council. Due to insurance and location, no bonfire would be included. Councillor Pete Bassett would assist Rugby Club with sponsorship support.

Parish Council topics from the Playscape master plan

The Clerk met Mead Construction for a quotation to extend the car park. The estimated cost is £40,000–£50,000 for nine to eleven parking spaces. Quotes for the demolition of the Skateboard Ramp and for fencing extending from the Tennis Club to the Scout Hut were also requested.

Safety inspection of the existing playground

The Pavilion and Recreation Ground Committee meeting had approved an Emergency Inspection at £444 within the next week. Future status of all Playground equipment will then be reviewed.

Christmas lights switch-on event (1 December)

A working group was established to liaise with the PTA and Playscape. Provisional illumination costs are to be agreed and a brass band has been booked.

Full copies of the minutes can be viewed on the Parish Council website greatshelfordparishcouncil.gov.uk/minutes and at the library.

JANUARY ISSUE OF THE *VILLAGE NEWS*

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PLANNING APPLICATIONS PARISH COUNCIL COMMENTS

S/3170/19/FL	Mr Oliver Mealey 125 Cambridge Road	Demolition of the existing dwelling house and garage and the erection of eight new residential dwellings and work to six TPO trees.
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In principle GSPC were minded to approve. We had two concerns. i) Cyclists are diverted off the road onto the verge at this point along the road, and our concern is for their safety during construction. ii) We are unsure what 'work to six TPOs' means and would request that the roots are protected and that the trees are protected during construction. We do not expect to see the trees netted but only fenced off from developers' vehicles.

S/3578/19/FL	Anthony and Tina Fraser Land to the rear of 45 Tunwells Lane	Erection of a 1.5 storey dwelling and independent access.
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Recommended refusal. The site is completely covered with trees at present. The proposed building is too close to the neighbouring building on Shelford Park Avenue which will be dwarfed by the new building. Access will be off Station Road opposite the present Shelford Oil site which is about to become a residential home, meaning that traffic flow during construction of the residential home will cause major logistical problems. With the increased traffic from the residential home, the level crossing, the traffic lights and the junction to Shelford Park Road, there is not scope for another exit onto Station Road. The proposed dwelling has no synergy with the surrounding properties and we believe it is out of character and also overdevelopment. Finally, the existing property and garden is in a Conservation Area.

S/4329/18/OL	Welcome Genome Campus, Hinxton	Outline planning permission with all matters reserved for a phased, mixed use development.
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As we understand this has been approved, we can only refer back to our previous concerns about the impact on our village of the traffic flows. We note that the application is subject to an Environmental Impact Assessment and trust that this will survey a wider area than the A505! Our concerns are around ecological, environmental, biodiversity issues in our region and about what happens north of the A505 along the A1301 as traffic tries to access Addenbrooke's, AstraZeneca, Papworth, the GCP busway development (to which we are opposed to the route) and other large developments which all funnel traffic onto the A1301.

PLANNING DECISIONS

Approved

S/1113/19/FL (revision 1) 61 Cambridge Road. Two storey front extension and two storey rear extension.

S/1603/19/FL The Gatehouse, 2 Buristead Road. Demolition of existing garage, single storey side extension, roof extension and window.

S/1678/19/FL 28 Cambridge Road. Two storey side extension and first floor rear extension.

S/1797/19/FL 184 Cambridge Road. Double storey front and rear extension and roof reconstruction.

S/1293/19/FL 18A High Street. Demolition of conservatory and replacement with single storey side extension and first floor extension above existing ground floor.

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CAMBRIDGE PAST, PRESENT & FUTURE

Work has started on creating a new 400^m² pond at Wandlebury Country Park. The water for the new pond will be collected from rainwater falling on nearby roofs and will run along pipes to fill the pond. The first stage of this project is scheduled to be completed by Christmas. Glenn Mulleady, Head of Estates at the charity, said:

‘The new pond will provide wildlife habitat, be an attractive landscape feature and an essential resource for our successful outdoor education programme. This project will create much needed new habitat for plants and animals to live and grow, helping to tackle the global biodiversity crisis. It will also provide even more interest for visiting families and schoolchildren who can learn all about ecosystems and see different species that will make their homes in and around the new pond.’

HEIDI ALLEN

Heidi Allen has written a final farewell to residents. Heidi is not seeking re-election and is not currently an MP, so cannot be represented as such. Therefore we hope that in the article below it is clear that she is the former MP and is writing as herself.

Nicola Gillam

I wanted to write and extend a fond farewell and a heartfelt thank you for four and a half wonderful years as your Member of Parliament.

I have been so proud of the vibrant, open, welcoming local communities who have shared a myriad of local successes and events with me and my husband Phil. We really do live in one of the best places in the world and it has been a privilege to create so many wonderful memories with you. I could never have dreamt that being sawn in half at the Cambourne Christmas Lights Switch-On or being put in the medieval stocks at Hinxtton could be so much fun! And who knew I could be so successful at village fetes – I literally cleaned up at the Eltisley tombola, opened with a rock band at Bar Hill, won the Tug of War with the ladies' team at Meldreth and arrived at Whaddon in a vintage Bentley. I can't claim quite so much success at Thriplow Daffodil Festival, where I managed to confuse the category of Best Puppy with Dog that Looks Most Like its Owner! You are a very forgiving bunch.

I've been privileged to see first hand the exceptional efforts of our public service workers as they go about their duties with dedication and brilliance. I've loved spending a night on duty with the bed team at Addenbrooke's, going out on shift with our exceptional police and fire ambulance crews, cutting open a car with the Duxford fire crew to test new equipment, and I was extremely proud to welcome the Prime Minister to the Genome Campus to showcase the groundbreaking work that takes place here.

I've laughed out loud at the contributions made by primary and secondary school pupils during my dozens of school visits and have been humbled and inspired by the pupils and teachers within our schools. South Cambs certainly knows how to party and I dusted off my landlady skills at the Shelford Feast pulling pints, but my team and I failed miserably at Caxton's Village Hall Quiz.

I have so many special memories and it's just not possible to document them all here. Truly, it has been the greatest privilege to serve the people and communities of South Cambridgeshire. Thank you to everyone who shared a kind word, a thoughtful comment or a grey-cell-stretching learning. It has been a huge honour. To all the brilliant people of South Cambs – thank you for a wonderful four and a half years and for allowing Phil and I to build our life here.

All our love, Heidi and Phil

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SHELFORD SCHOOL

As the school returned to routine after a half-term break, the days were noticeably darker and the weather distinctly colder but there's always plenty to lift the spirits going on at Great and Little Shelford Primary School!



Adventures

Early in November Y4 set out for the day to Verulamium as part of their topic about the Romans and on the same day we waved off Y5 on their residential visit to Burwell. Y6 followed suit a fortnight later with their residential at Grafham Water and we wait with baited breath to hear whether anyone falls in the lake again this year...!

STEM guests

As well as venturing out we also invite guests into the school and there is now a monthly opportunity for the children to hear from different adults who work in Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM). It's exciting to think that the next generation of engineers, medics, scientists, etc. are living and learning in our school community right now! We're grateful to the ambassadors who are giving their time to come and inspire the pupils.

Pupil leaders

It's not only adults who get to stand up and lead the learning in school. We all learn with and from each other so in line with the School Vision as a COMMUNITY of lifelong learners, groups of children are beginning to plan and lead some of our times of Collective Worship. It's really important that everyone knows they have a part to play in our community and that learning and leading happen at all levels in school.

Christmas

Advent is only just beginning but the preparations for the Carol Service and the Nativity Play have been going on for quite a while! It won't be long before we participate in the performances and services that bring so much joy to the season.

After the success of last year, we have once again collaborated with Great Shelford Parish Council to organise our PTA Christmas Fair alongside the Christmas Lights Switch-On this weekend (1 December). It might even be happening right NOW so drop your *Village News*, get your shoes on and come on down! We do hope to welcome you to what promises to be a wonderful community event.

Anna Caroe, Foundation Governor and Vice Chair

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Annual Toy Collection Our annual toy collection for the Salvation Army will be on Sunday, 1 December. If toys are wrapped please label by age group, boy/girl.

Village Christmas Carol Singing Come and join us at the Great Shelford Memorial Hall on **Thursday 19 December 7–8pm**. There will be refreshments afterwards with contributions to a local charity.

Vicarage ‘Open House’ There will be **Open House** at the Vicarage on Saturday 22 December, 12 noon–2pm and 6–9pm with seasonal refreshments. **Everyone** is welcome.

Advent Evening Services The evening services in Advent will all be special celebrations to explore the theme of waiting. We start on Advent Sunday 1 December with an **Advent Carol Service** at 6.30pm, with music, readings and prayers by candlelight – a service shared with St Andrew’s, Stapleford.

On Sunday 8 December at 6.30pm we will have a **Service of Hope** by candlelight. On Sunday 15 December at 4pm we have **The Mystery of the new Noisy Neighbour**, a special service for families and children. We will be telling the story of the birth of Jesus with carols, pictures and your participation. Everyone is welcome.

Also on Sunday 15 December the parish **Festival of Nine Lesson & Carols** is at 6.30pm, followed by mulled wine and mince pies in the parish church. On 22 December we have a **Reflective Evensong for Advent** at 6.30pm.

Services for Christmas

You will be very welcome at all our services over the Christmas season and please do encourage friends and visitors to come along.

Christmas Eve:

Crib Service 4pm – planned for children and the young at heart, a simple re-telling of the Christmas story with traditional carols.

‘Midnight’ Parish Communion 11pm – the first service of Christmas, with carols, sermon and Holy Communion.

Christmas Day:

Holy Communion (BCP 1662) 8am – a said service in traditional language with a short sermon.

Parish Communion 10am – our main service for Christmas morning with carols, sermon and Holy Communion.

There is no evening service.

Gift Day Appeal – Thank You!

A sincere thank you to the many people who offered their pledges during the Gift Day on Sunday 6 October. The **final total raised was just over £6,500**. This is a most generous boost to our finances.

St Mary's Sunday Club

Sunday Club meets on the first Sunday of every month during the 10am service, with a story and activities for children of all ages. Most other Sundays there is an activity for children during the service. Contact: gillian.pett29@gmail.com.

From the Registers

Funerals:	30 October	Gwen Jones
	4 November	Dorothy Creek

Regular Services

Daily:	9am	Morning Prayer
Wednesday:	9.30am	Holy Communion (BCP 1662)
Sunday:	8am	Holy Communion (BCP 1662)
	10am	Parish Communion, our main Sunday service
	6.30pm	Evensong (BCP 1662)

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There has been many a morning in the last few years when I have wondered whether waking up to the Today programme is the best way to start my day. And yet even before climate change, the 'B' word and now the imminent election dominated our news bulletins, they seldom brought tales of joy; for something to qualify as news, it seemed necessary for it to be depressing.

There are those who say they can never remember such turbulent times as these, but although it may seem that the world is full of bad news in our epoch, at the time of Jesus's birth over two thousand years ago, things were no better. His birth occurred during a truly dreadful time in the history of what was already a troubled and turbulent land.

Into this cruel occupation a young couple named Joseph and Mary must have heard of these developments with terror, fearing for the world in which their expected baby would grow up. And with good cause; their son did grow up to be brutally executed at the hands of cruel men.

And yet it is precisely this seemingly tragic event that gives us hope today.

'Do not be afraid' the angel said to Mary.

And again to the shepherds,

'Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people.'

After two thousand years of wrong obscuring the angels' voices it's tempting to let the reality of another conflict-torn century drown out their song of fearlessness and good news. But that is what we as Christians proclaim; good news that is for all, to bind up the broken-hearted and set the captives free.

Our village may not have many captives in one sense, but there are many who feel constrained by anxiety, money worries, failing health and family concerns. Those of us who believe that this good news is for sharing will indeed be out and about doing just that as Christmas draws near.

Pause awhile in the busyness and listen; you may not hear us singing like angels, but the message is the same, and it is for you.

Liz Jenkin, Elder, Great Shelford Free Church

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Sunday morning worship – advent services at 10.30am

Our advent series is 'Have you seen the angels?'

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CHRISTMAS SPECIAL EVENTS

Craft and Christingle service

Sunday 8 December 3.30–5pm

Enjoy trying a number of crafts, including making your own Christingle for the concluding service

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All-Age Nativity Service

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My father was born in London but went to prep school in Northern Ireland where his father was working for the government as an actuary. He returned to England to attend his public school, Bloxham, where he excelled at sports, amateur dramatics, became head boy and won a scholarship to Governor Dummer on the east coast of America.



This time in America had a lasting effect on him as he made many lifetime friends and continued to visit them all his life. It was also the reason that he was introduced to my mother, Margaret, as she also spent a few months on the west coast of America prior to WW2.

He won a place at Oxford to read history. He only spent a year there as war had broken out but managed to become engaged to Margaret before he was sent overseas.

He had shown interest in joining the colonial service. He joined the army and was sent to the Gold Coast in West Africa. During the sea voyage he saw his only action of the war when

his ship was sunk by a torpedo during a starry night off Freetown. Everyone managed to board the life rafts safely, apart from the Admiral who decided to go down with the ship.

My father spent his next 21 years working as a District Commissioner and helped with the transition to independence.

When he was 38 he decided it was time for a change and returned with his family to England.

He got a job as a work-study officer at the old Addenbrooke's Hospital, where he enjoyed following and recording the footfall of all the staff. As a child I remember at Christmas being taken down to the ancient kitchens where we enjoyed a scrumptious tea.

He progressed to Head of Planning in stage 2 of the new Addenbrooke's Hospital where he dedicated the rest of his working life.

He had great fun performing in numerous Gilbert and Sullivan productions based in Great Shelford.

His love of gardening led to a number of verges near his house being covered by a plethora of colourful flowers.

He was a great supporter of Great Shelford and Stapleford parish churches, where he sang in choirs for 30+ years. He was a keen historian and enjoyed research into family and local history. In 2014 he gave a presentation on what Stapleford was like in 1914 to celebrate the centenary of the Great War.

In the latter years of his life he got great pleasure from birds in his garden, especially Matilda a visiting peahen, but his greatest pleasure was time spent with his extended family of four generations and his close friends who visited him regularly.

My father was an amazing man; even after a serious stroke 15 months ago he never complained about being bed-bound and completely dependent on others for all his needs. These months were greatly enhanced by having Senna as his main carer. He was a father who was very easy to love, admire, be proud of and respect. His was a life well lived. He will leave an enormous hole in all our lives.

Catie Whiteley

DOROTHY ALICE VERENA CREEK **(née GLASSCOCK)**



Dorothy was born in Grantchester on 19 December 1922, the eldest of three daughters, to Frederick and Agnes Glasscock. During the 1930s the family moved to Great Shelford where her parents were in service – her father a gardener and mother a cook; they lived in a cottage adjacent to a large house on the outskirts of the village. Upon leaving school Dorothy worked at Sawston Paper Mill learning bookbinding, a job she enjoyed. The owner of the property, discovering that she was a ‘mill girl’, spoke to her parents; they were told either Dorothy found another job, or the family faced eviction. There was no choice; she left her job at the Mill to join Eaden Lilley’s and later worked for Cambridge Instrument Company. In 1941 Dorothy married Leonard Creek from Stonehill Road, Great Shelford, a lorry driver working at Welch’s Transport. Married life began in Hauxton. In 1942, Leonard was called up for National Service. Dorothy then moved to a small cottage in Littlebury.



Now with her young family of two sons and daughter, Dorothy moved to Clacton in 1945 to be near her parents. The following year Leonard was demobbed and, in the autumn of 1947 the family returned to Great Shelford where they were to live for many years in Granham's Close.

As the children grew up Dorothy went to work for Matthews the grocer's in the High Street. During this time Leonard taught her to drive. After failing her driving test at the first attempt she took driving lessons rather than be taught by Leonard as the examiner remarked she drove a car rather like a heavy goods vehicle. However, she passed on her second attempt.

Another son was born in 1956. A year or so later Dorothy returned to work, firstly for Ellis's the butcher's in Woollards Lane, later on, for Stan Barker in the High Street, and finally for Curtis's the butchers in Burleigh Street, Cambridge.

In the mid 1960s Dorothy and Leonard set up business of their own as Shelford Taxi Service. Dorothy took a keen interest in local affairs; she was a key member of the Shelford Traders, chair of the Parish Council and had a seat on the planning group at South Cambridgeshire District Council. Added to this she was much involved in the Shelford Twinning Association and was a keen participant. In 1991 the Comité de Jumelage (French Twinning Association) elected her as 'membre d'honneur'. Until recently she was chair of the Parochial Charities and President of Little Shelford Bowls Club.

Dorothy and Leonard finally gave up their business and moved to Barrington in August 2000. Sadly, Leonard died just ten months later, soon after celebrating their Diamond Wedding Anniversary.

Ian, Sue, Malcolm and Andrew say 'Thank you for all who sent messages of condolence and attended Mum's final farewell. There were so many of you there it was impossible to thank you individually. She will be sorely missed.'

The Creek Family

CORRECTION

SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

We apologise for incorrectly editing the article last month. Veronica Stower, not her son Adam, used to work in the library and the text should have read: 'Top author and illustrator Adam Stower, who specialises in children's books, drew all the Space Chase illustrations. Adam is the son of Veronica Stower who lives in Great Shelford, and Veronica used to work in the library!'

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Saturday 28 December	Closed
Sunday 29 December	Closed
Monday 30 December	OPEN 8am–6pm
Tuesday 31 December	OPEN 8am–6pm
Wednesday 1 January 2020	Closed
Thursday 2 January	OPEN 8am–6pm
Friday 3 January	OPEN 8am–6pm

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THE SHELFORDS WI



At our November meeting Ed Crichton from Lacey Scott and Knight in Bury St Edmunds gave a talk entitled ‘An Auctioneer’s Lot’. Ed’s father was an auctioneer before him and although he had not originally intended to follow in his

father’s footsteps, he was drawn into the business and became fascinated by it. It was easy to understand how this could happen as he kept us entertained for over an hour with a series of anecdotes about the business. We heard about specialist markets: there are the obvious markets such as fine art, porcelain, coins and jewellery but also markets for all types of products from toys to whisky, and even including taxidermy. We enjoyed hearing the stories of how unexpected items had turned out to be very valuable and it was interesting to learn about the changes brought about by online bidding.

Our next meeting on 5 December will be our Christmas party and will include a Christmas craft activity. New members and visitors are always welcome. We normally meet on the first Thursday of every month (except August) in the Community Room behind St Mary’s Church in Great Shelford. **Please note that the January meeting has been moved to Thursday 9 January 2020.**

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Cambridge Stroke Support group meet weekly in the David Rayner Centre at Scotsdales. The group provides a lifeline for stroke survivors and their carers. It provides a safe environment where everyone understands exactly how others are feeling. It provides emotional, physical and social support and rehabilitation. Contrary to what you might think, it's a lively, fun, active place to be with a huge variety of activities on offer.

The wonderful thing about this group is that it is run by a team of Stroke Association registered volunteers. They have a variety of roles to suit the amount of time they are able to give to the group and to suit their personalities and skills. Some volunteers are stroke survivors themselves and volunteering allows them to build on their recovery.

The group are looking to expand their volunteer team, in particular volunteers to help organise group outings and to help organise and plan the programme of weekly activities – these roles would suit a volunteer or two who are unable to commit to attending the group regularly. They are also looking for volunteers to help generally at the group sessions.

If you have a few hours a week to spare and are looking for a volunteering opportunity, we would love to hear from you. You do not need to have prior knowledge or experience of stroke as you will learn along the way, and all Stroke Association volunteers undergo training. Being organised, having a sense of fun and being IT literate are all an advantage for these roles, but it is not essential if you wish to be general group volunteer.

If these opportunities have got you thinking, please do get in touch with the Stroke Association: kerry.foot@stroke.org.uk or 01284 848610. We'd love to hear from you and to chat about the roles and the application process.

We may also be able to arrange a visit to the group for prospective volunteers if you wish to meet the group prior to applying.

DIARY DECEMBER

1	Village Lights Switch-On	3.30–7pm	Memorial Hall
3	2G3S Climate Change Conversation (p38)	8pm	Three Horseshoes, Stapleford
5	Carpet Bowls (p47)	7pm	Memorial Hall
6,7,8	Christmas Tree Festival	see page 31	Stapleford Church
10	Garden Club – History of Easton Lodge (p35)	7.30pm	Shelford School
10	Granta Flower Club Christmas demonstration	7.30pm	Memorial Hall
12	General Election	7am–10pm	Memorial Hall
13	WI Christmas Concert (p21)	7.30pm	Memorial Hall
19	Christmas Carols (p29)	7–8pm	Memorial Hall
21	Farmers Market	9–12am	Memorial Hall
21	Stapleford Choral Society Christmas Concert (p31)	7.30pm	The Granary, Stapleford

The Country Market is in the Memorial Hall each Wednesday, 8.30–11.30am.

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The Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority has launched a public survey on bus services as part of an ongoing radical reform of its bus network.

The public will have the opportunity to feedback on the current bus network, what they think is working and what could be improved, through a series of focus groups and a survey that can be completed online or by phone.

Respondents will be asked to comment on current levels of satisfaction with bus services and their support for a range of suggested improvements, including more frequent services, an expansion of the bus network and new routes. Other ideas for improving services include greater use of technology such as driverless shuttles and more use of alternative fuels such as electric buses.

The survey is at <https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/FutureBus/> and closes on 15 December. The survey can also be completed over the phone by contacting ITP on 07377 001512 (9am–5pm Monday to Friday). The Authority are looking for responses from people who use the bus and those that do not.

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READER'S LETTER

There appears to be some confusion amongst some residents as to who is responsible for routes, timetables, etc. of bus services through the village, or to whom complaints should be made, so I will clarify the situation.

Stagecoach City 7 bus service runs through Great Shelford and Stapleford on the A1301 (London Road and Tunwells Lane). Stagecoach set the route and timetable, there is no subsidy from the local authority. Enquiries and complaints should be made to:

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Currently the most likely route would follow the south-west boundary of the planned retirement village in Stapleford (see page 36), although neither plan has yet received planning approval.

While converting agricultural land to parkland has advantages for recreation and for wildlife, there is concern that the route will create a future building line for more housing.

Local resident Lisa Freeman has been vocal in her opposition.

‘This proposed route will burden Great Shelford and Stapleford with 16 buses per hour, that is 1 bus every 4 minutes across the fields with stops and traffic lights across Hinton Way and Haverhill Road. Great Shelford already has roughly 22 minutes of every hour stopped by the railway line closure. The number of cars stopping and starting and the pollution caused from this for a route from Babraham Institute to Addenbrooke’s will obviously be considerable. Can this £155 million pound scheme justify the congestion and land destruction it will cause for the passengers it will hold?’

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On Thursday 9, Friday 10 and Saturday 11 January 2020 their team of volunteers will be collecting trees from our area and in exchange they welcome a donation to the hospice. The trees are then taken to the waste management park near Waterbeach for composting.

If you would like your tree to be collected, or if you can spare a few hours to volunteer, visit arhc.org.uk/treerecycling or call the Hospice fundraising team for further information on 01223 675888.

After costs, 90% of the monies raised will go to the Hospice and the remaining 10% will be donated to other local charities.

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This route will require more detailed technical drawings from Erect, which they will start work on in the new year, and then we'll be able to go out to tender for the main contractor.

Merry Christmas from the Playscape team!

Eleanor McCrone info@shelfordplayscape.org



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GARDEN CLUB

MAKING A SPLASH

Art historian and gardener Michael Brown spoke about historical water features.

The Romans created practical and decorative courtyard water gardens. They appropriated the central pool of ancient Egyptian gardens and added fountains and cascades supplied by rainwater from the sloping villa roofs. The carved decorations on a Roman stone fountain in the Louvre in Paris were based on classical designs. A water temple known as a nymphaeum, housing a statue and fountain with a pool, was constructed for religious purposes. The Romans had the technology to transport water overground by aqueducts and underground using lead or pitch-covered terracotta pipes, which had the capacity to feed fountains with multiple jets.

Heron of Alexandria created an automata fountain, which relied on water pressure, cogs and weights to propel the movement of metal figures and animals and produce musical birdsong.

During medieval times constructed fishponds could be ornamental as well as practical. St Winefride's Well at Holywell has a chapel with interlinked bathing pools fed by a spring, which were reputed to have healing properties. The stone decorative water fountain at Le Thoronet Abbey in Provence has multiple protruding pipes, which enabled monks to communally wash their hands before meals and prayers.

An Elizabethan garden, reconstructed from old paintings at Kenilworth Castle in Warwickshire, has an impressive marble fountain with a hexagonal base with two Atlas statues supporting a globe. The mysterious unfinished house and garden at Lyveden in Northamptonshire begun in 1595 by Sir Thomas Tresham has been developed by using moats, terraces and spiral mounts, which create a tranquil setting.

The formal gardens at Versailles near Paris were built on an impressive scale, having 607 water jets, originally powered by a machine, which had to lift and carry water from the nearest river six miles away. During the 18th century, landscaping of the grounds of some of the grandest houses usually incorporated a lake or pool. Palladian stone bridges such as the one at Audley End House were constructed as features to be viewed from a distance. Some owners installed ornamental novelties, which showered unsuspecting passing visitors with water, such as the copper Willow Tree Fountain at Chatsworth in Derbyshire. The cascading water feature at Chatsworth was built as a stone staircase set into a hillside, and constructed on different levels to create a variety of sounds and ripple effects. Tufa rocks were used to construct the impressive

cascade at Blenheim Palace in Oxfordshire, which was designed to resemble a natural landscape feature.

Grottos lined with stones, shells, fossils and minerals were popular in Italian Renaissance gardens and were often lit with candles, which created a sparkling effect. The grotto at Stourhead has a white nymph statue with river water pouring over her mossy bed into a pool below.

Rills are narrow water channels, which were often used as formal architectural design features by Edwin Lutyens, as at Hestercombe Gardens in Somerset. Planting is usually kept to a minimum to accentuate the straight-line effect.

Helen Chubb

SHELFORD GARDEN CLUB

A HISTORY OF EASTON LODGE

A TALK BY

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LITTLE SHELFORD PANTOMIME

Where can you find pirates (but not from the Caribbean), fish fingers (but not made by Captain Birdseye), a shark called Barracuda Obama, the dodgy Krayfish twins, Ronnie and Reggie, and even a guest appearance by SpongeBob SquarePants between his other celebrity engagements?

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Little Shelford (Meg) – 845481 or Stapleford (Sarah) – 842498

RETIREMENT COMMUNITY PLAN

Following a planned care home on Station Road, Great Shelford (see the July *Village News* 2019) a plan has been announced to build a retirement village in Stapleford, accompanied by a country park. The park, which would replace open fields currently in agricultural use and return them to chalk downland, is proposed to run from Haverhill Road, Stapleford to Hinton Way Great Shelford.



Details are published at <http://www.axislp.com/stapleford-down/>

- Access from Haverhill Road
- Main building could include care suites and facilities, administration, dining areas, hairdresser's, swimming pool, sauna and wellness facilities, activity spaces and shuttle-bus service stop
- Mix of 1 bedroom and 2 bedroom homes (apartments) for sale, rent or shared-ownership
- Pedestrian and cycle access to Stapleford village (5 minute walk) and Shelford village centre (15 minute walk / 5 minute cycle)
- Access to proposed CAM stop and multi-user path
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Now, with just three markets in December, we are gearing up for well-stocked stalls – baking, preserves, seasonal treats and free-range eggs, plants and seasonal greenery and many different crafts. Everything you find will be homemade or homegrown or handcrafted and you could find some interesting Christmas gifts. Remember, we can now accept payment by card.

By ordering Christmas fare and eggs in advance you help us to help you. Please order at the market or phone 843946. Christmas table arrangements made with seasonal plant materials will be available on 18 December.

To all our customers and friends we send best wishes for the Christmas season and our grateful thanks for supporting us through all weathers throughout the year. We shall look forward to seeing you when we reopen on **8 January 2020**.

Dorothy Doel

The Country Market is in the Memorial Hall, Woollards Lane every Wednesday (8.30–11.30 am) except 25 December and 1 January 2020.

2G3S CONVERSATION EVENINGS

CLIMATE CHANGE: FOSSIL FUEL DIVESTMENT AND WHY IT MATTERS

Tuesday 3 December 8 pm in The Three Horseshoes, Stapleford



By the end of the last Parliament, over 300 cross-party MPs were calling on their pension fund to divest from fossil fuels. Is this enough? How many other organisations are following suit?

Dr James Smith, Public Health Consultant, University of Cambridge, will lead our discussion on the importance of divestment and whether we are moving quickly enough to have

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FOOTBALL CLUB



Despite having several players missing throughout the month due to injuries and suspensions the first team finally displayed some of their usual consistency. A comfortable 3–0 win at home against last season's runners-up Linton Granta saw them progress in the Cambridgeshire Challenge Cup and three wins saw them climb into fifth spot in the Premier League table.

Newly promoted Over Sports had started the season well and a hard fought 2–1 home win in a physical encounter was well earned. St Neots Town Reserves escaped relegation last season due to teams dropping out but found themselves bottom of the table again when visiting Woollards Lane. We didn't match the twelve goals we put by them in the corresponding match last year, but a 7–0 win certainly helped our goal difference. In the only away fixture of the month at Hemingfords United a 4–1 win replicated the earlier home game against them, although it could have been a lot more if all our chances had been put away. The only blemish of the month was a 3–1 home defeat to old rivals West Wrattling in the second round of the Premier League Knockout Cup. A good first half performance saw us go in 1–0 up, but in the second period Wrattling were by far the best team and ran out comfortable winners.

Another unbeaten month saw the reserve team continue their excellent form and three successive league wins, all away from home, saw them sitting in fourth place in the table with games in hand on the top three. A comfortable 4–2 win at bottom of the table Linton Granta A was followed by close-fought wins against Great Paxton (2–1) and previously unbeaten Littleton Athletic (1–0). The final match of the month was also away from home and an excellent 3–1 win saw us progress to the second round of the Creak Charity Shield at the expense of Burwell Swifts.

There will be home matches on most Saturday afternoons so why not come along and support your local football club? Kick offs are 2pm and refreshments for mums, dads, little ones and older ones are on sale in the Pavilion before and during first team games.

Terry Rider, Chairman

BANKING U-TURN

Following our report (*Village News*, November 2019) that Barclays Bank was intending to withdraw access to cash withdrawals at Post Offices, the company has changed its mind and will permit cash withdrawals after all. Perhaps big business does listen to the ordinary people (and the *Village News*) after all?

TELEPHONE BOX



It's Christmas Eve and Jack phones his grandparents.

Jack: Happy Christmas, Grandma and Grandad.

Grandma & Grandad: Merry Christmas, Jack.

Jack: At school we have learnt about the Nativity story.

Grandma & Grandad: Can you tell us the story?

Jack: First the Angel Gabriel visited Mary and said, 'You will have a baby called Jesus.' Then Joseph and Mary went on a donkey to Bethlehem.

Grandma & Grandad: It sounds like they had to go on a very long journey.

Jack: Yes, and when they got to Bethlehem there was nowhere for them to stay.

Grandma & Grandad: What did they do?

Jack: They had to go into an old stable with the animals. That is where Jesus was born.

Grandma & Grandad: That's an unusual place for a baby to be born.

Jack: Then the Angel visited the shepherds and said, 'Jesus has been born in a stable in Bethlehem.'

Grandma & Grandad: The shepherds must have rushed to the stable to visit baby Jesus.

Jack: Yes, because he is such a special baby.

Grandma & Grandad: Thank you for telling us the story. Bye bye Jack.

Jack: Bye bye Grandma and Grandad.

Written by the Year 1 children who have been learning about the Nativity story which can be found in Luke Chapters 1 and 2.

Phone box mannequin and decoration by Reception and Year 1 classes.

THANK YOU!

A BIG thank you to all the kind people who helped our daughter, Selina, when she fell and hurt her face at Shelford Station at 8am on the morning of 2 October. She was deeply touched by the kindness of strangers, especially the man who put her glasses lens in her pocket and the people who tried to find the bit that broke off her tooth. Fortunately she had no broken bones and is making a full recovery. *Dawn, Tris and Selina*

OLD NEWS**Extracts from The Great Shelford Chronicle 1774–1868**

*Compiled and re-published by Anne George, Glynis Trundle, Margaret Ward
and Alan Bullwinkle, 1993*

18 December 1802

DEATH On Wednesday morning died, Mr Henry Headly, an opulent farmer, of Great Shelford in this county.

16 December 1831

EXTENSIVE FIRE Yesterday morning, between six and seven o'clock, a fire was discovered in the farmyard of Mr Headly. The farm being near the river there was an abundant supply of water, and the inhabitants of the village, as well as those who arrived from adjacent places, exerted themselves with great alacrity in assisting to extinguish the flames. The damage sustained amounts to £3000.

30 December 1831

FIRE AT GREAT SHELFORD. EIGHT HUNDRED POUNDS REWARD AND PARDON Whereas it hath been humbly represented unto the King that it is strongly suspected the premises [at Headly's farm] were wilfully and maliciously set on fire by some ill-disposed person or persons unknown. His Majesty, for the better apprehending and bringing to justice the offender ... is hereby pleased to promise His most gracious PARDON and a reward of FOUR HUNDRED POUNDS to anyone ... giving such information as shall lead to the apprehension and conviction of the said offender And as further encouragement an additional REWARD of FOUR HUNDRED POUNDS is hereby offered.

6 December 1839

PIG STEALING ON THE INCREASE In addition to those stolen last week from Mr. Richard Maris, we have this week to state that late on Tuesday night last or Wednesday morning the back of the premises of Mr. Stacey were forcibly entered and out of a half a dozen store pigs, the three best were carried away. On one of the labourers going to work on Wednesday morning, he found the cows were let out and the three pigs stolen. The assistance of some neighbours was obtained, and footmarks could be traced for some distance further, and which they still followed, and, it appears, too hotly for the pursued, for suddenly the identical three pigs were discovered loose, as if first released by some person. The supposition is, that had not the pursuit been so prompt, they would have been carted off to Royston market and sold.

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SHELFORD TWINNING ASSOCIATION WINE TASTING EVENT

On 18 October the Association held another very successful wine tasting event which was attended by nearly 60 people. These occasions are always quite informal with no competitive element, and allow plenty of time for chatting with friends as well as the fun of trying some wines. The evening started with a glass of sparkling wine from Vouvray to set the scene, before the tasting began. We had six wines: three whites followed by three reds – the whites were all Sauvignons from the Loire Valley, South Africa and New Zealand, and the reds were all Malbecs, again from three different countries: south-west France, Chile and Argentina, and it was most interesting to taste the difference. Jillian Hardwick, previously a wine buyer, led the evening and briefly described each wine, where it is produced and the kind of terrain where the grapes are grown. We were encouraged to enjoy the wine with all our senses – to look at the colour and the ‘legs’, feel the temperature of the wine in the glass, smell the ‘nose’, then taste ... although just tasting is fine!

To accompany the wines a variety of nibbles was offered – slices of apple, oat biscuit, salami, small toasts with pâté, pieces of cheese, a dried apricot or two – and it is surprising how different the wine will taste after a bite of different foods.

Following the official tasting, a meal of casseroled pork and vegetables with baguette was served, followed by delicious homemade desserts kindly provided by members of the committee accompanied by a glass, or two, of one of the wines sampled.

We plan to hold another wine tasting event in the summer of 2020, this time tasting a selection of rosés. All are welcome!

Penny Pearl

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10	6.30pm	<i>Dumbo</i>
12	7pm	<i>White Christmas</i>
Telephone: 01223 712825 Web: www.sawstoncinema.org.uk		

CAMBRIDGEPPF		
13,14	7.30pm	<i>A Christmas Carol by Charles Dickens at the Leper Chapel</i> Adapted and performed by Martin Prest
15	6.30–8pm	<i>Christmas Carol Singing at the Leper Chapel</i>
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SCOTSDALES		
1	12.30–2.30pm	<i>Perse School Band</i>
7	tbc	<i>Royston Town Band</i>
8	12–2pm	<i>CDS (Cambridge and Surrounding District) Brass Band</i>
21	11.30am	<i>Lakenheath Silver Band</i>
22	tbc	<i>Soham Comrades Brass Band</i>
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CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY		
1–31	Tues–Sat 10am–5pm	<i>Rembrandt and the Nude</i> Fitzwilliam Museum
	Sun 12 noon–5pm	<i>Seeing Sound: Music, Imagery and Inspiration</i> Fitzwilliam Museum
1–31	Daily 10am–6pm	<i>Creative Connections: Portraits of Women Scientists and Artists</i> Murray Edwards College
https://www.admin.cam.ac.uk/whatson		

Don't miss Little Shelford Pantomime **The Little Mermaid**
8–11 January – more details on page 35

CARPET BOWLS

Carpet bowls dates for December and January:

5 December home game. 9, 16, 23, 30 January club nights.

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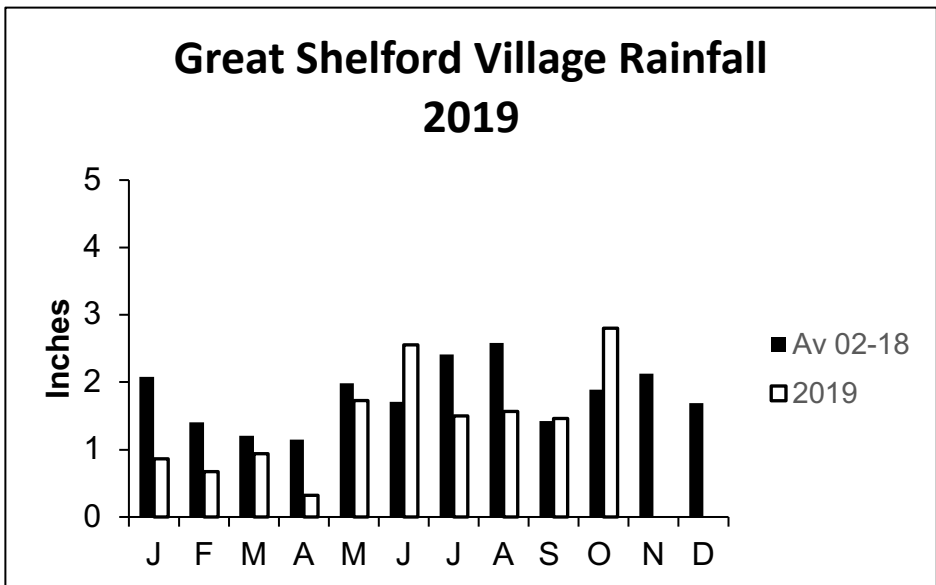
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Badminton (Little Shelford)	Rosie Cranmer	513572
Bowling Club	Alan Edwards	666965
Brownies, Guides, Rainbows	Lisa MacGregor	843021
Bunch – Feast	Duncan Grey	842191
Carpet Bowls	Philip Seekings	843416
Citizens Advice Bureau	Cambridge	0344 848 7979
Community Association	(for booking Memorial Hall) Sheila Tilbury-Davis	844384
Country Market	Dorothy Doel	843946
Cricket Club	Brian Higgins	07557 502840
Football Club	Terry Rider	01354 680661
Free Church	Iris Considine	842181
Friends of Shelford Library	Daphne Sulston	842248
Garden Club	Helen Chubb	845032
Granta Medical Practices, Shelford	Reception and appointments	0300 234 5555
Great Shelford Friendship Club	Cheryll Mynot	845435
Mobile Warden Scheme	Jackie Noble (Warden)	Home 700920 Mobile 07503 324890
	Jenny David (Chair)	01223 845367
Parish Church Bell-ringers	Ann Seaman	504682
Parish Church Community Room	Mary Lester	842411
Parish Church Friends	Simon White	843324
Parish Church Sunday Club	Joanne Staines	07790 415732
Parish Churchwarden	Stella Nettleton	07763 887953
Parochial Charities	Mary Lester (Clerk to the Trustees)	842411
Police	Non-emergency number	101
Rainbow Pre-School	Alison Tomlin	07985 216603
Royal British Legion	Mark Chennells	891817
Rugby Club	Louis Mann	843357
Sawston Sports Centre	The Village College	712555
Scouts and Cubs	Jillian Hardwick	840066
Shelford & Stapleford Men's Assoc.	Chris Everitt	846984
Shelford & Stapleford Strikers	Derek White	561753
Shelford Primary School	Chris Grey (Headteacher)	843107
Shelford Support Group (transport to hospital, etc.)	John Dibnah	842054 Marjorie Smith 564922
	Rosie Cranmer	513572 Gillian Northmore 504542
	Carol Bard	668157
Sunnyside Preschool Stapleford	Jane Doyle	707817
Stapleford Choral Society	Adam Pounds	07842 308042
Tennis Club	Victoria Roles	07747 748891
The Arts Society South Cambs	Sheila Tilbury-Davis	844384
Twinning Association	Penny Pearl	842483
U3A (Sawston Branch)	Mr D Cupit	871527
WI	Vanda Butler (Secretary)	561053
Youth Initiative	Zac Britton	07599 024210
Websites: greatshelfordparishcouncil.gov.uk and greatshelford.info		

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