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Parish Council: Minutes, Plans and Criticisms



Spider's web, Hinton Way

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Obituary: Doreen Chalmers

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SUMMARY FROM THE DRAFT MINUTES OF THE MEETING ON 20 NOVEMBER 2019

PUBLIC SESSION

Eamon Courtney delivered his reasons and suitability for applying to be a Parish Councillor and was elected with immediate effect.

One member of the public:

- asked to view the Parish Council response to the Public Consultation for the Cambridge South East Transport project. Response: this will be put on the website.
- enquired about the extent of cooperation between Stapleford and Great Shelford Parish Councils. Response: Two Great Shelford Councillors are also Stapleford Councillors and liaison on suitable subjects takes place.
- offered his assistance in one-off tasks for the Neighbourhood Plan. Response: Cllr Barbara Kettel from the Neighbourhood Plan Committee thanked him and recorded his details.

An update on the Babraham Park and Ride Clean Energy Project was presented by Cherie Gregoire, Energy Investment Programme Project Manager, Cambridgeshire County Council (CCC). There were various questions from Councillors, particularly in respect of its planning process (a CCC project approved by CCC planning) and its Business Case justification. The presenter agreed to return to the Parish Council with the full Business Case review when it was completed and ready for approval.

APPROVAL OF CHAIR'S ACTION

Approval was given to increased cost for replacement football goals (principally required due to anti-social behaviour). The new cost was £1,880 plus £120 delivery and local assembly.

FINANCE

Twenty-four cheques to the value of £20,547.63p were received and signed.

UNBUDGETED EXPENDITURE

The existing underfloor heating in the Pavilion meeting room is unreliable and slow to take effect. Continuous running relieves the issues but is expensive.

As a back-up, and in order to lower running costs, it was agreed to purchase three wall-mounted electric convection heating units at a cost of £797.40p.

REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES

District Councillors

District Councillor Peter Fane was in attendance. The November report was circulated. The main topic was the outline planning consent for the expansion of the Genome Campus at Hinxton. Cllr Barrie Ashurst pointed out that the Sawston Cycleway improvements, whilst open and welcomed, were still incomplete.

County Councillors

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

It was noted that both County Councillors had suffered some ill health over the past year, but no reports or replacement had been offered by CCC to update the Parish Council on CCC matters. The Clerk was asked to contact Gillian Beasley, CEO of CCC, and request some representation at Parish Council level.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

Highways

The late and intensive leaf fall this year has resulted in roads, pavements and verges being thick in leaves. Additional ‘cut and collect’ work to clear up the leaves would cost around £1,500. The Parish Council agreed to approve the additional expense.

Local Highways Initiative 2020–2021: the scheme proposes traffic calming in the High Street and Church Street and will be part of the 2020–2021 budget proposals. Costings have been received. If accepted, the PC contribution would be £6,000 out of a total cost of £19,171.

Cllr Pete Bassett has offered to join the Highway Committee, replacing Stefan Harris-Wright.

Recreation Ground and Pavilion

Repairs to the floor of the ladies’ toilet floor have commenced.

Cemetery and Allotments

Outstanding annual invoices and available plots are to be reviewed. The cemetery hedge has been cut.

REPORTS FROM COORDINATING OFFICERS

Neighbourhood Plan Progress was very slow due to lack of support.

Police Councillors had visited the PCSO attending the Memorial Hall meeting but little progress was achieved due to lack of police resources.

Feast A contribution of £11,000 to the Services Project for 2019 was received from The Feast.

Greater Cambridge Partnership (GCP) Report The Clerk submitted the Parish Council response on the consultation as drafted by Cllr Barbara Kettel. GCP representative Andrew Munro postponed a presentation to be held at the November Parish Council meeting until 2020.

OTHER BUSINESS

S137 Grant Application from Relate

An application for £1,250 was reviewed and accepted. Relate assists many local residents.

Local General Election Hustings

As election date is 12 December, the restricted time scale may be an issue. Cllr. Peter Fane offered to try and identify a common date that can be accommodated in a suitable village location. Cllr Barbara Kettel offered to assist.

Private Road Street Lighting Charges

Michael Richards, Highways Service, Cambridgeshire County Council has been requested to advise on the process required for the Parish Council to reject payment of some lampposts.

The Clerk has contacted most private road areas but only Woodlands Road appears to have an official Residents' Association that could (if agreed) take on an unmetered energy supply agreement.

The Clerk was authorised to set up a 12-month unmetered supply agreement with the most appropriate supplier, but will also chase Michael Richards for a reply prior to confirming lampposts to be funded by the Parish Council.

Parish Council Log of Antisocial Behaviour

All ASB issues are to be forwarded to Councillor Gregory Price for recording and progressing. Public Spaces Protection Order and Bylaws proposals are awaited.

Dog control continues to be a hazard to Recreation Ground users and councillors are to consider the banning of dog walking on the Recreation Ground.

Rugby Club Village Fireworks Display

Cllr Paula Arnold reported the event was a great success, with SSYI providing a useful role for the Rugby Club. Joint cooperation with activities and events will continue to grow.

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Plans for a laser light show next year are under consideration.

Playscape Master Plan

Additional parking for 9–11 cars is being considered for 2020–2021. Mead have quoted £37,340.40p for this. A tree protection scheme has to be submitted as a condition. It was agreed that Mead will clear and dispose of the skateboard ramp for £1,200.

A quote for fencing from the Tennis Club to the Scout Hut and details of pedestrian access to the Recreation Ground were requested from Playscape.

A working group of Councillors is to be established for liaison with the Community Association, Recreation/Highways Committees, and Playscape.

Safety Inspection of the Playground

Following the inspection of playground equipment by Komplan, it was agreed that repairs to the value of £8,763 should be progressed.

Christmas Lights Switch-on 1 December

Street lighting, booking of the Memorial Hall and the Brass Band, and sound for the Christmas Lights Switch-on event have been organised by the Clerk. Support was requested from Councillors for the event.

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

CONTACTING THE POLICE

In order to raise the profile of village issues, residents are reminded to report any observed crimes via the following link:

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PLANNING APPLICATIONS PARISH COUNCIL COMMENTS

S/3445/19/FL	Mr & Mrs J & H Christopher 29A Shelford Park Avenue	Conversion of garage to one- bedroom annexe.
No objections.		

S/3333/19/FL	Mr T Sills Hillstead Farm Hinton Way	Change of use of five former agricultural buildings, including associated minor external alterations, parking and upgrading of access.
No objections.		

S/3050/19/FL	Mr Tom Hill 11 Cambridge Road	Replacement stable block and perimeter fencing – amended plan.
The GSPC requests that the revised plan be resubmitted, showing clearly the repositioning of the fences, which do not appear in the version received. We need to be satisfied that the fencing on the side of the railway will also be set back from the perimeter. Also, as the work undertaken could be damaging to existing trees, we again recommend that the SCDC Tree Officer carries out a site survey as soon as possible.		

S/3056/19/FL	Dr Alison Gibb 6 Tunwells Lane	Erection of a single storey ECO home studio.
No objections.		

S/3305/19/FL	Ms Susan Gathercole Cranmer Lodge Kings Mill Lane	Two storey front and side extension with single storey rear extension.
No objections.		

S/3316/19/FL	Mr Thomas White 8 Elms Avenue	Refurbishment of existing bungalow, additional storey and increased footprint of rear extension.
No objections.		

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S/2834/19/FL	Arnolds Development Co Ltd & Encore C/O Carter Jonas Magog Court Hinton Way	Introduction of rear ground floor extension along with first floor mezzanine and associated works.
The GSPC once again objects to this application as it represents unwanted development on Green Belt, with no guarantee that, if granted, the applicant will not submit further applications for expansion of this site in the future, with detriment to the existing environment. Also, the SCDC Tree Officer will again be requested to carry out a site survey with the purpose of placing TPOs on the trees constituting the boundaries of the site.		

S/3809/19/FL	Porthaven Properties Limited 2 Station Road	Demolition of existing buildings and structures and the erection of a 63-bed care home (Use Class C2) with external amenity space, access, car parking, landscaping and other associated works.
While the GSPC does not object in principle to this application, there are issues that have not been fully addressed and must be clarified in full before being allowed to proceed. The clearing and sanitation of the site, prior to building works being started, has not been satisfactorily dealt with in the application, particularly with regard to which organisation will be responsible for it and to the likely timetable for its start and completion. The GSPC also requests that strict conditions regarding the working hours for the contractors should be applied. Regarding parking for the contractors during construction, the GSPC is willing to allow the use of the Recreation Ground car park during working hours.		

PLANNING DECISIONS BY SCDC

Approved 10 Ashen Green. Change of cladding to dormer at front of property, combined with insulation of the dormer.

Blues Property Ltd Garages, Macaulay Avenue. Demolition of existing garage blocks and erection of a terrace, pair of semi-detached and detached two bedroom dwellings.

150 Cambridge Road. Demolition of house and replacement with five flats.

21 High Street. Erection of a new single storey front extension and a new single storey rear extension.

Refused 3 Macaulay Avenue. Part single storey and part two storey rear and side extension.

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A WORD FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL CHAIR

I hope you all had a good Christmas and wish you all the best for 2020.

There are certainly a large number of potential developments that are happening near our village and I would urge you that when you have the opportunity to comment on these potential developments that you do so.

In the last few months alone we have had plans for a new transport system from a new Park and Ride site near Four Went Ways going to the new Cambridge South railway station and the Cambridge Biomedical Campus crossing Haverhill Road in Stapleford and Hinton Way and Granhams Road in our village; a proposal to put solar panels over the parking spaces on the Babraham Road Park and Ride site; a major development by the Wellcome Genome Campus on a new site near to their existing site bounded by the A11, the A505 and the A1301; a retirement village in Stapleford; a care home in Station Road and the Parochial Charities proposing to build some new affordable homes near to their existing development at More's Meadow. All of this is to ignore the potential relocation of Marshalls from Cambridge Airport to Duxford Airfield.

As you can see there is potentially a great amount going on around our village, all of which will have an impact on the infrastructure of the village.

In the last few years the level of services directly provided by the County Council and the District Council have been cut back and the Parish Council are now able to put bids in for projects. This is particularly the case with roads and traffic issues and the Highways Committee has been able to create the pedestrian crossing in Woollards Lane, speed reduction zones, yellow lining and secure some resurfacing work to the roads.

The Parish Council has also repositioned the utility services so that The Feast and other users of the Recreation Ground are able to use the services without having extreme lengths of cables and pipes and the attendant Health and Safety issues – although the project did overrun as we found asbestos in the ground!

In the last 12 months we have supported community events such as the 'Big Lunch', the fireworks at Shelford Rugby Club and the Christmas Lights Switch-on. We have also helped to fund the Library Summer Reading Challenge, the Shoppers' Bus, the Great Shelford Mobile Wardens Scheme and Relate. The Shelford and Stapleford Youth Initiative have had increased support from the Parish Council and have now permanently moved into the old Football Club Room upstairs in the Memorial Hall.

So what are our plans for 2020? Basically more of the same but we will be starting to implement the first stages of the Playscape Design Scheme. The Parish Council meets every third Wednesday of the month in the Pavilion on the Recreation Ground at 7.30pm. Please do come along and let us hear your views.

Malcolm Watson, Chair, Parish Council

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Focus on Families

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Service for Wholeness & Healing

We shall be holding a special service focusing on Wholeness & Healing on Sunday 19 January at 6.30pm. Everyone is welcome.

National Holocaust Memorial Day

27 January marks the anniversary of the liberation in 1945 of the death camp at Auschwitz, at the centre of that Holocaust, in which more than six million Jews, including one million children, together with gypsies, homosexuals, Jehovah's Witnesses, and others were murdered with efficiency and callous brutality.

We are all called to remember that Holocaust:

- for the sake of those who perished: that they may not be forgotten.
- for the sake of descendants who survived: that they may not be alone in their sorrow.
- for our own sakes: that we may not be blind to the evil of which human beings are capable.
- for the sake of future generations: for commitment to preventing such a destruction happening again, to the Jewish, or any other people.

We shall be remembering the Holocaust at the Parish Communion at St Mary's on Sunday 26 January. Do join us for this remembering before God.

Annual Toy Collection – Thank you

Sincere thanks for the splendid annual toy collection in aid of the Salvation Army which took place on 1 December.

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*. Helpers are welcome!

From the Registers

Baptism:	16 November	Gabriel Ford
Funeral:	13 December	Doreen Chalmers

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
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The old year behind us and the new in front. It's a month of resolutions and yet also considered to be cold and cosy.

We often live life in a rush so it can be good to take time to reflect and contemplate. Here are some suggestions for you:

- Take time. Put it in your diary if necessary. What's working? What is not? Did I grow in 2019 or did I just do more of the same thing?
- Ask, 'Am I living to my values?' We all have our own unique values but do I need to revise them? Are they stretching me enough?
- What am I grateful for? If that's people, have I told them? Or if it's 'things', how generous am I with what I have?
- Is there a theme for 2020? Maturing, growing, consolidating, learning, relationships ... to suggest a few examples.
- From a faith point of view, it can also be a good time to ask 'What do I actually believe?'

Starting in January GSFC is holding an Alpha course which is a great opportunity to ask this question and challenge your current view with others who are also asking. Sometimes, it is only by setting out intentionally and naming what we want out of the year – and indeed life as a whole – that will we find focus.

David Baslington, Elder

FEBRUARY ISSUE OF THE *VILLAGE NEWS*

The deadline for copy for the next issue of the *Great Shelford Village News* is Friday 17 January and it should be available in the shops on Friday 31 January. Subscribed copies will be delivered shortly thereafter.

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READER'S LETTER

PARISH COUNCIL LACK OF CONSULTATION

I am becoming increasingly concerned that GSPC is acting without proper consultation with residents. I am aware of rumours circulating on a number of issues, for example:

1. Apparently there are to be speed bumps at two locations in the village at a cost of over £20,000. I assume that the decision to proceed with this was taken at the Highways meeting on 26/11. There is no mention of it in the agenda for that meeting and there are no minutes on the GSPC website. Speed bumps have been discussed at least twice in historic public meetings and the public reaction was universally hostile. In addition, the proposed locations in Church Street and Woollards Lane are plain silly.
2. David Martin's most recent e-letter suggests that dogs could be banned from the Rec. Again, I assume this was decided at the GSPC meeting on 20/11. Again, no mention in the agenda, though I see it minuted as item 16. Again, no public consultation and, you can guess, this would be an area where there would be very strong public feelings.
3. The December GSVN reports that the skateboard ramp is to be demolished and the car park extended (presumably onto the Rec) at a cost believed to be more than £50k. Again, I assume this was decided at the GSPC meeting on 20/11. Again, no mention in the agenda, again minuted as item 19, again, no public consultation. These two are major issues. The extension of car parking would be onto Green Belt land and may well be in breach of the Trust when the land was transferred to GSPC by the Macaulay family in 1921. Loss of the skateboard ramp is to be regretted and, in my view is only taking place because GSPC is too lazy to implement previously agreed security measures (CCTV) to protect it.

The F&GP meeting held on 4 December was designed to make budget recommendations to the full GSPC meeting on 15 January to help them set the precept for 2020–2021. The agenda for that meeting contained no detail whatever on the budget proposals, making it impossible for residents to comment on those proposals until the 15 January meeting.

Finally, most of you will be aware that a planning application has been submitted for the building of 21 affordable dwellings on Green Belt land, as an extension to More's Meadow. This raises important issues on provision of affordable housing and protection of the Green Belt. GSPC must conduct a formal consultation exercise on the proposal, preferably through a full village meeting, prior to making a decision on the planning application. So far, it has failed to do so.

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Too many Councillors appear to be idle in relying on their own opinions and not making the effort to seek the views of residents.

I have lodged a formal complaint with Malcolm Watson, Chair of GSPC, but have had nothing more than a holding response.

Mike Nettleton

Reply from Great Shelford Parish Council: Email correspondence from Mr Mike Nettleton was discussed by the Parish Council at their meeting on Wednesday 4 December under Agenda Item 18 'External Correspondence'. The Parish Clerk and Chair were asked to respond on behalf of the Council and a response was sent to Mr Nettleton on Sunday 8 December.

FRIENDS OF GREAT SHELFORD LIBRARY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



The Friends of Great Shelford Library AGM will take place on **Tuesday 28 January 2020 at 7.30pm** in the library. A member of Cambridgeshire Library Service will be present to give an update on Cambridgeshire libraries.

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The baguette is widely known of course, but even in France the standard varies and competitions are held in countless villages to find the best baker. Interestingly the genuine baguette contains only flour, salt and water, with no yeast. Vineyards as we all know are found widely throughout France and the French are justly proud of their winemaking traditions. The quality of the wine depends on many elements – the soil, the mineral content, the aspect, harvesting at the right moment, and the winemakers themselves. As for cheese, as in England, hundreds of different cheeses are produced, big and small, hard and soft, on large and small scale.

After the meal we enjoyed a substantial and varied ploughman's supper, washed down of course with wine or fruit juice, followed by a raffle with wine and chocolate prizes to round off the evening.

All are welcome at our events so keep an eye out for notices about the next ones. The next thing is our jumble sale on 11 January, and in early February we will be holding a pancake and French film evening.

The next visit to Verneuil is 23–26 May 2020 so do please get in touch at twinningsec@gmail.com if you would like a fun weekend in France with our French friends.

Penny Pearl

ENGAGE AT GREAT SHELFORD LIBRARY



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DIARY JANUARY

9	WI meeting with Waterlilies (p4038)	7.30pm	St Mary's Community Room
11	Twinning Association Jumble Sale (p375)	2pm	Memorial Hall
14	Garden Club – People and Plants: Molecules, Medicines and Mischief (p40)	7.30pm	Shelford School
14	Stapleford History Society: The Life of Lord Fairhaven at Anglesey Abbey (p397)	7.45pm	Stapleford Pavilion
20	2G3S Natural Disasters Conversation (p29)	8pm	Three Horseshoes Stapleford
22	Engage Talk: Cambridgeshire Self Sufficiency Group (p21)	2–3.30pm	Shelford Library
25	Farmers' Market	9am–12 noon	Memorial Hall
26	Holocaust Parish Communion (p12)	10am	St Mary's Church
27	Falls Prevention Talk (p25)	11am	Shelford Library
28	Friends of Shelford Library AGM (p20)	7.30pm	Shelford Library

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CAMBRIDGE SOUTH EAST TRANSPORT PROJECT PARISH COUNCIL RESPONSE TO PUBLIC CONSULTATION

The Parish Council fully supports the proposal to make transport into Cambridge a much less stressful occupation, especially along the key routes. In our area this means the A1301 and a very minor last bit of the A1307. At present the A1301 is gridlocked until around 9am, the A1307 is only accessible because it is stationary from Granhams Road into town, and the level crossings make most journeys longer than necessary.

With due respect, the proposed route across the last section to the new Cambridge South Station to link to Cambridge makes no sense for us as it bypasses us. The route has obviously no benefit to Great Shelford or Stapleford residents, as the only way to access the buses is to cycle to the two proposed stops. Anyone who can cycle at present will continue to use the existing cycle paths to get to their destination. They will not go the longer route to access a bus they have to pay for to do a journey that is perfect now. Therefore the proposed passengers are not cyclists! This being the case, who are the passengers for these final two stops?

We recognise the need to make access for villages further out of Cambridge, but fail to see why the route has to environmentally destroy the protected areas north of Stapleford and Great Shelford. The environmental cost is far in excess of the benefits. Routing the busway across the only three routes we have into Cambridge means that:

- During the build time (probably over a year) we would be cut off from Cambridge, Addenbrooke's, the Biomedical campuses, etc. as the three roads are crossed. Each of the three roads will have a crossing on them, controlled by lights we assume, which adds to the congestion, especially as two of the roads already have level crossings in Great Shelford.
- Stops are to be built with disabled parking at Stapleford, which impact the protected views and the environment.
- The route itself cuts the Green Belt, making an unsightly blot on the environment and causing enormous negative impact to the wild life and fauna of the area.

An alternative which would have slightly less impact would be to route in a cutting from Sawston to the new Cambridge South Station. This will obviously have a financial impact to the scheme and will still not solve the problem of benefit to the two villages of Great Shelford and Stapleford.

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Our conclusion is that the proposal you are pushing through is the one that you find the simplest and cheapest to construct with no consideration to the residents of the area you are destroying. At no time have you consulted directly on this last part of the scheme. All attention has been on the travel hubs, park and rides, the A1307 and the route from Sawston out of town.

We feel that this proposal is wrong and would ask that you take a more realistic and holistic view in your reassessment of your plans.

GSPC

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Linda Whitebread, 2G3S, greengroupssss@gmail.com

READER'S LETTER

POTHOLES

For some time now there have been numerous potholes appearing along Woollards Land near the Memorial Hall. These have been patched up time and time again instead of doing a proper repair, i.e. resurfacing the whole area.

I have reported this issue several times on the Cambridgeshire CC pothole reporting website. This is the answer from Highways to my most recent report.

'At this time, having undertaken a site visit, we do not feel that any action is necessary, however we will continue to monitor this location as part of routine inspections and works will be carried out if required in the future.'

This is totally unacceptable as anyone riding a bicycle or motorcycle will know, it's an accident waiting to happen especially with winter approaching and icy conditions. Where is all the extra money that is supposed to be available for pothole repair?

..... John Wakefield

Reply from Great Shelford Parish Council: The Parish Council is aware of many pothole issues around the village including Woollards Lane. The responsible body for potholes is Cambridgeshire County Council Highways.

Potholes are best reported via the County Council website:

<https://highwaysreporting.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/>

The Parish Council is in regular contact with Cambridgeshire County Council Highways via our local Highways Officer discussing a number of issues around the village including Woollards Lane and the latest comment from him is:

'I have had various potholes filled and will look to get it resurfaced in 20/21.'

This comment indicates a resurfacing in the next financial year and the PC will continue to engage with the County officials to get the work completed.

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DOREEN CHALMERS



Doreen Margaret Chalmers, who had lived in Great Shelford since 1962, passed away peacefully at her home at 84 High Street on 23 November. Born Doreen Boorman in 1927, she grew up in Surrey as part of a close-knit Methodist community. In her early teens she developed a lasting passion for music. She had a beautiful soprano voice until very late in life and sang in a number of groups including the Church Choir, Cambridge Philharmonic Choir and Stapleford Singers.

After school, Doreen moved to London to train as a nurse at the Middlesex Hospital. Nursing was a profound vocation for Doreen and she deployed her extraordinary empathy and caring skills throughout her life. Two particularly significant things happened whilst she was at the Middlesex: she met her future husband, Theo Chalmers, a senior registrar; and she was confirmed into the Church of England.

The couple spent time in America, Cardiff, and Surrey, moving to Shelford in 1962 with four small children when Theo became a Consultant Physician at Addenbrooke's. It was a defining move for Doreen. Cambridge, and Great Shelford in particular, were a huge relief after conservative Surrey. Their last daughter was born in 1964. She didn't again enter professional life, but was tireless in the work she did both inside and outside the home, all of which derived from her sense of the importance of practical Christianity.

Highlights included: a weekly Over-60s lunch in the Memorial Hall; an informal bus service in the family camper van; and Lent lunches in her home for which she made delicious soups. She gave personal care to many elderly and vulnerable people, including her own widowed mother who moved to Shelford in 1967 and became a much-loved part of village life herself. She was a devoted servant of St Mary's Church which she loved.

When her beloved husband died in 1984, Doreen coped with characteristic selflessness. An engaged citizen, Doreen brought energy and determination to the political, social, ecclesiastical and religious matters she thought important. She was horrified at the state of national and international affairs, but tempered this with faith, hope and the ability to take a long view. The centre of her large family, she was delighted by her seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren and they adored her.

We will all miss her but will feel uplifted whenever we think of her.

The Chalmers Family

DOREEN CHALMERS

After a prolonged illness, Doreen died peacefully at home on 23 November. Her generosity and compassion for anyone in need were the special hallmarks of this Christian lady. She was a challenging example for us all. She was blessed with a sharp intellect but it was her strong Christian faith that shaped the way she lived. Until recently she sang in St Mary's choir and was also an active member of other groups within the church and wider community. Her quick wit and forceful views would soon impact on any group she was with. Doreen's long years of service as sacristan gave us another quite different insight into her nature. Never off-duty and passionate about detail, this role made huge demands on her time: always there, tirelessly working for St Mary's and anxious to provide the best possible care for the church she loved. But even more important to her were the people she knew to be in need of help. Whenever possible she would visit them, talk with them and care for them herself. Others were supported through her charitable giving. Her concern for those overseas was evident from her work as parish organiser for Christian Aid, work that inspired a response from us all. When somebody somewhere was in need, Doreen knew she must help. We give thanks for her fine example of Christian living, her devotion to St Mary's and that unmistakable footprint she leaves behind.

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SHELFORD SCHOOL

The Christmas tree has shed its needles, the nativity scene has been packed away, and the gift-wrapping has been recycled, so it's time for a new term! The final school days of 2019 were certainly busy, and, on the theme of recycling, our pupils formed a new Eco Committee to promote ecological issues in school – from plastic reduction to recycling and energy saving – and will be picking out their three priorities. We await their decisions!

As a Church school, Christmas has a special meaning for many of our community, and staff, pupils and governors all had a chance to showcase the best of our school as part of our SIAMS (Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools) inspection, where our caring ethos, distinctively Anglican identity and living vision were to the fore. Huge thanks to all those involved! We will continue to expand upon our central vision – to live and work in harmony, with love for one another, so we can achieve our potential within a community of life-long learners – and will be starting work on a mural to encapsulate this vision with a visiting artist this month. Watch this space for the finished piece.

Elsewhere, we opened the festive season in style with the PTA/Parish Council Christmas Lights switch-on, with a tempting Christmas market, fun crafts, exciting games and rides, and some lovely performances, raising funds for the school as we celebrated with the local community. As part of our Advent observance, we held an Advent Service at school, which opened our RE Day where our pupils focussed on studying the Bible and identifying examples of kindness, harmony, and learning. With term drawing to a close, both Early Years and Key Stage 1 pupils brought the Christmas message newly to life with their nativity play (a special mention to Year 1's ribbon-carrying skills from an entirely unbiased author), whilst Key Stage 2 pupils enjoyed a moving and atmospheric Carols by Candlelight at St Mary's Church. Carols were very much in the air with our choir performing outside school, including at Little Shelford Village Hall, at All Saints Little Shelford, and the Cancer Care Trust. Congratulations to all our pupils on their achievements in the past term.

On to this year, and 2020 starts with something new: a coding club for our year 5 and 6 pupils is getting started, to help pupils learn the basics of programming. Perhaps the next Tim Berners-Lee will be a Shelford pupil? We are continuing to work towards a new suite of computers for the school, and hope to make progress on fundraising this term, so perhaps a future article will be able to show you a brand new computer room!

Finally, from all the pupils, staff and governors at Shelford School – Happy New Year!

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When the January *Village News* reaches you Christmas will be in the past. However, without any 'Black Wednesday' special offers, there was a real buzz in the December markets. Our members had worked hard to maintain an attractive market with plenty of choice and well-filled stalls. We needed the Christmas break but we will be 'ready to go' again when we reopen on Wednesday 8 January. We look forward to seeing you in the Country Market in 2020 – it's a good place for a browse, chat and a coffee on a Wednesday morning.

Follow us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/gtshelfordmarket>

Dorothy Doel

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

Shelford Twinning Association

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OLD NEWS

Extracts from the Great Shelford Chronicle 1774–1868

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19 January 1827

TURKIES STOLEN – William Dean, aged 20, was indicted for stealing eight turkies, the property of Mr John Moore. The facts were fully proved by numerous witnesses, and the court sentenced the prisoner to be transported for seven years.

27 January 1832

JOSEPH ELLERM – was again examined yesterday morning on the charge of arson and further remanded for examination on Saturday next. Another labourer named John Ostler, was also remanded for further examination on the same charge.

2 January 1841

SCHOOL DINNER – On Wednesday the 31st December, the Rev. Henry Finch, with his usual liberality gave a dinner to his Sunday School of Great and Little Shelford consisting of one hundred and seventy children, and to nearly a hundred of their parents.

28 January 1843

ALFRED KELFORD AND JAMES ROBINSON – were fined 40s and 11s 6d expenses each, or two months' imprisonment, for having unlawfully trespassed on the lands occupied by Mr H. Hurrell and Mr Collier, in search of game, on the 7th January. The conviction took place on the evidence of Richard Branch.

STAPLEFORD HISTORY SOCIETY

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A Talk by Helen Ackroyd

A talk about the life of Lord Fairhaven who left Anglesey Abbey to the National Trust on his death in 1968.

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TENNIS CLUB

Christmas comes to Great Shelford Tennis Club. On the very last, very chilly evening of November, 90 members of the tennis club and their guests descended on The Red Lion in Whittlesford for the Christmas Quiz and Awards Night.

Twelve teams assembled and, once suitably hydrated, the quiz began. Head Coach Hamid Hejazi was highly entertaining as the host for the evening and the competition kicked off with a round of Local Knowledge.

Later, the coaching team gave out awards for the most improved players of the year. This year the men's award went to Sunday evening stalwart Simon Lancaster, while the women's award went to the wonderful Jenny Fleck. Congratulations to you both.

At the end of the night, scratch team 'It's a Ten' scooped first prize scoring a very creditable 115 out of 150. Team members were Dawn and Mark Sanders, Kat and Gavin Deudney, Cliff and Michele Mackay and Peter and Hilary Bungay. The wooden spoon went, in the figurative sense only due to the lack of an actual spoon, to Le Chat Noir. Thank you to everyone who came along on the evening and supported the event.

The tennis club has been running tennis coaching sessions during the week for people with physical and learning disabilities. The raffle held at the event aimed to raise funds to help the club continue to support the coaches in providing these sessions. We are hugely grateful to all the members who bought tickets, and the raffle raised £350 for this excellent cause.

Thank you also to everyone who reads these monthly updates from the tennis club, we hope to have more news for you in 2020. If anyone is interested in joining the club please contact Colin at membership@gstc.org.uk.

Angharad Harris

THE SHELFORDS WI



Our December meeting certainly got us in the mood for Christmas. We began with making attractive Christmas decorations. This was followed by a music quiz, seasonal refreshments and finally a performance by our handbell group.

Normally we meet on the first Thursday of the month but in January this has been transferred to the following week, so we will be meeting on **Thursday 9 January**. At this meeting Waterlilies will be teaching us to 'Feel beautiful'.

New members and visitors are always welcome. We meet at 7.30pm in the Community Room behind St Mary's Church in Great Shelford.

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FOOTBALL CLUB

Due to the early Christmas deadline there are not many games to report on but they all provided maximum points for our sides.

The first team have been steadily finding their form and climbing the table, and two contrasting 4–3 wins saw them sitting in third place. Old rivals Fulbourn Institute were sitting rock bottom when we visited them, and we could have been excused for expecting an easy ride. In an extraordinary game we could have been three up after ten minutes and three down after twenty minutes before going in at the break with what looked a comfortable 4–1 lead and hopefully more to come. Two early mistakes and a sending off however, left us hanging on at the final whistle. Contrastingly, Foxton are having a very good season and are sitting in second place in the table, so the excellent hard-fought home encounter that ensued was no surprise. We went into the break one down, but an excellent second-half performance saw us move into a 4–1 lead before two late Foxton goals made the score line more respectable.

The reserve team should have had three games but a walkover against Haverhill Rovers A who couldn't raise a team and a postponed fixture against Foxton Reserves due to a frozen pitch, just left a home game against newly-promoted Suffolk Punch. The score was level at 1–1 for a lot of the game but four late goals saw the team maintain their unbeaten run and remain in the mix at the top of the table.

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

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SAWSTON CINEMA		
16	7pm	<i>Yesterday</i> : written by Richard Curtis, featuring Lily James
23	7pm	<i>Green Book</i> : heart-warming true story set in 1960s America
30	7pm	<i>Tolkien</i> : the formative years of the author of <i>The Lord of the Rings</i>
Telephone: 01223 712825 Web: www.sawstoncinema.org.uk		

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1	11am–1pm	<i>New Year's Day Walk at Coton Countryside Reserve</i>
15	10am–12 noon	<i>Winter Tree Walk at Wandlebury</i>
Telephone: 01223 243830 Web: www.cambridgeppf.org		

CAMBRIDGE ARTS THEATRE	
1–11	<i>Cinderella</i>
13–18	<i>My Cousin Rachel</i> : featuring Helen George
22–25	<i>The Sound of Music</i> : Cambridge Operatic Society
29–1 Feb	Shakespeare's <i>Othello</i> : Marlowe Society
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https://www.spri.cam.ac.uk/museum/	

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19	11am	<i>Daniela Rossi Coffee Concert</i>
24	7.30pm	<i>Winterreise – James Gilchrist and Anna Tilbrook</i>
25	7.30pm	<i>Burns Night Concert with Eabhal</i>
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FITZWILLIAM MUSEUM

Tues–Sat 10am–5pm	<i>Feast & Fast: The Art of Food in Europe, 1500–1800</i>
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Will Bull

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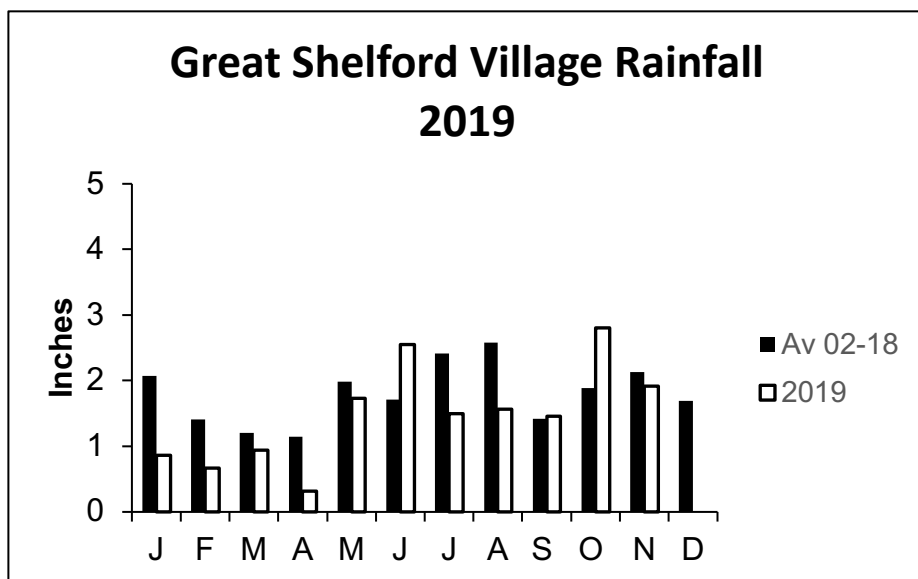
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