

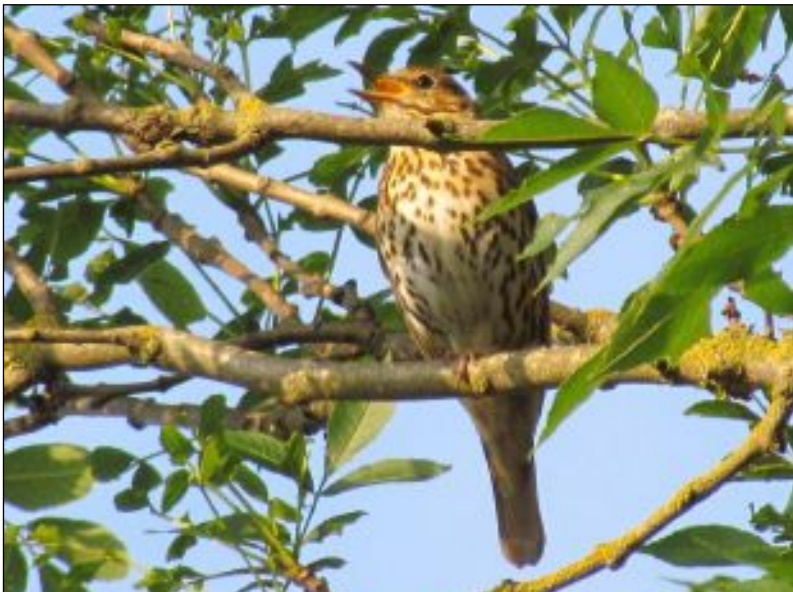
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Helen Harwood's Coronavirus Diary for May



Song Thrush in Tunwells Lane

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Great Shelford's Australia Connection

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**SUMMARY FROM THE UNADOPTED MINUTES OF THE
MEETING ON 18 MAY 2020**

This meeting was conducted via Zoom due to the Covid-19 meeting restrictions.

One member of the public was present at the virtual meeting.

ELECTION OF CHAIR AND DEPUTY CHAIR

Councillor Malcolm Watson was unanimously elected as Chair and Councillor Barbara Kettel was unanimously elected as Deputy Chair for the year 2020–2021.

REVIEW OF COMMITTEES

Parish Councils have been advised that due to the Covid-19 situation, Council positions should wherever possible remain unchanged for the coming year.

FINANCE

Twelve cheques to the value of £67,387.13 for the period up to 18 May, including a transfer to a GSPC savings account of £64,000, were approved and signed.

South Cambridgeshire District Council reported that payment for the second quarter of the Precept can now be made in May, instead of delayed to July as previously proposed, and that the last two quarters will be paid in September as usual.

The Annual Governance Statement and Annual Accounting Statements were reviewed and agreed to by the Parish Council.

Mr Hugh Holland was appointed as Internal Auditor for 2020–2021. It was also proposed that a second person should be approached to be brought up to date with the processes.

Banking facilities and Signatory Councillors were confirmed for 2020–2021.

REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES

District Councillors

Councillor Peter Fane was in attendance. The SCDC annual report was circulated.

County Councillors

None were in attendance.

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REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

Recreation Ground and Pavilion

After some discussion, it was agreed that the Clerk would confirm to the Tennis Club that play for all ages can commence, but that the Tennis Club should be reminded of their responsibilities to their players who are over 70.

Following complaints of problems with footballs in Peacocks properties, it was agreed to place notices requesting that the area near Peacocks should not be used for casual practice, and that further discussions would take place.

The Youth Team football goals will require replacement in 2020–2021.

Cemetery and Allotments

Invoices for 2018–2019 and 2019–2020 have now been issued by the Clerk to allotment holders with updated tenancy agreements. The current status of plots has been reviewed with a view to start the allocation of vacant plots from the beginning of June 2020.

REPORTS FROM COORDINATING OFFICERS

Playscape has requested the assistance and support of County Councillors Cuffley and Hickford to apply for the Communities Capital Fund. The Parish Council voted to support this application.

Community Association The replacement of the door to the Memorial Hall can progress now that full risk assessments have been carried out by the contractors.

The Feast has been postponed to 6–12 July 2021. However, a one-day event is being considered for the autumn. The Parish Council will consider the impact that loss of donations from the Feast may have on local groups and charities, and review what assistance can be provided from S137 funding.

Church Preparations are being made for the potential starting of services in July. There was excellent feedback on the VE75 service which was provided online.



PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS IN JULY

Planning Committee Meeting	1 July 5.15pm
Planning Committee Meeting	15 July 5.15pm
Parish Council Meeting	15 July 6.00pm

While Covid-19 restrictions continue, these meetings will be conducted online via Zoom and are open to the public via a separate ID as shown on the agenda (available on <https://greatshelfordparishcouncil.gov.uk/parish-council-agendas/>).

Meetings may be adjourned for a period of up to 10 minutes when members of the public will be able to ask questions of the Parish Council and put forward points of view in respect of the business on the agenda. Members of the public will be muted when the public session is completed but will still be able to observe the meeting.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS PARISH COUNCIL COMMENTS

20/01710/HFUL	Mr Bryan Zheng Zhang Aspen House Kings Mill Lane	First floor front and side extension over existing garage with new external cladding.
The GSPC objects to this application as it is considered to be overdevelopment, overpowering the street scene and impacting on the neighbouring bungalow.		
20/01860/HFUL	Susan Gathercole Cranmer Lodge Kings Mill Lane	Erection of detached single garage.
GSPC recommends refusal of this application. The positioning of the garage is a long way in front of the building line and adversely affects the street scene, dominating the area. There are a lot of hard landscape areas being introduced and we are concerned about drainage.		
20/01954/HFUL	Ms Jane Smith 2 Church Street	Ground floor rear extension with associated works.
No objections.		

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S/3809/19/FL	Porthaven Properties Ltd 2 Station Road	Demolition of existing buildings and the erection of a 63-bed care home with other associated works.
<p>GSPC supports this application in principle but would like at least one electric charging point in the car park, and additional cycle bays. The tree near the entrance should be moved to a more suitable place. During construction:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the entrance should be manned to allow free traffic movement there should be restrictions on the routes taken by heavy vehicles social working hours should be adhered to contractors' vehicles must either be accommodated on site or an alternative negotiated. There should be no parking on Station Road or Shelford Park Avenue. 		

20/01876/HFUL	Mr V Brahmabhatt 1 Red Hill Lane	Single storey rear extension
No objections.		

20/01736/CL2PD	Ms Grey 4 Walnut Drive	Removal of the existing conservatory and the erection of an orangery to the rear.
No objections.		

20/01785/HFUL	Dr & Mrs R White 15 Mingle Lane	Front roof dormer to replace existing roof window.
No objections.		

20/10702/HFUL	Mr & Mrs D'Souza-Mathew 88 Hinton Way	Demolition of rear conservatory and the erection of a ground floor rear and two storey rear extension and associated internal alterations.
No objections.		

PLANNING DECISIONS BY SCDC

Approved

20/01930/PRI01A 26 Leeway Avenue. Single storey rear extension.

S/3050/19/FL 11 Cambridge Road. Proposed replacement stable block and perimeter fencing.

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PLANNING APPROVAL FOR ALMSHOUSES IN GREAT SHELFORD

The Parochial Charities have won planning approval to build 21 affordable homes in Great Shelford, adjacent to their existing estate of 32 similarly affordable units on More's Meadow. The Charity will own the homes in perpetuity and make them available on almshouse terms to Great Shelford people otherwise unable to afford living in the village.



View from the end of More's Meadow looking south-east

Speaking in favour of the application at the 10 June meeting of the South Cambs Planning Committee, Parish Councillor Barbara Kettel said, 'The parish council is very happy with the whole look of the scheme and we are very happy to support it.' The application was passed unanimously by the committee.

Sarah Rann, Chair of the Parochial Charities' Trustees, explained how the design was sensitive to the green belt location, 'Our Cambridge-based architects, Haysom Ward Miller, have designed the one-, two- and three-bedroom units as curved terraces with undulating green roofs. Arranged around a landscaped green, the three terraces are designed for sustainability and oriented to maximise natural daylight.'

Residents will benefit from low running costs. Air source heat pumps will reduce reliance on fossil fuels and mechanically ventilated heat recovery systems will capture waste heat whilst maintaining good ventilation.

Our planning approval includes the provision of new allotments, orchards and parkland, the planting of native trees and hedgerows, and enhanced public access to the surrounding green belt. Development is scheduled to start towards the end of this year and the homes will be available for occupation by early 2022.

Further details can be found on the Charity's website www.gspc.org.uk

Brian Connellan, Trustee

PAROCHIAL CHARITIES' TRUSTEE SOUGHT

The Parochial Charities are seeking expressions of interest from individuals wishing to support its work for the benefit of the residents of Great Shelford.

What is a Charity trustee?

Trustees are the 'guardians of our purpose' overseeing everything the charity does, from setting its strategy to being responsible for its work and finances. Some of our trustees provide professional expertise, but you don't need to be a specialist to be valuable. A fresh perspective, commitment to the village and common sense are some of the most valuable things a trustee can contribute.

The seven trustees usually meet once every two months for about two hours – and some trustees take a lead role in particular areas, but this is voluntary. Trustees have legal and regulatory responsibilities. For more information see: gov.uk/government/publications/the-essential-trustee-what-you-need-to-know-cc.

What does Great Shelford Parochial Charities do?

We provide grants and make donations in support of local organisations and good causes.

We also provide 32 rental homes in the village. Purpose-built to our design, this development of one-, two- and three-bedroomed properties was opened in 1996 by Betty Boothroyd, the then Speaker of the House of Commons.

We also own 10 acres of open land on the edge of the village. One-third of this is given over to allotments rented out to local people. The remainder comprises two fields, mostly of grassland with footpaths and benches for public use. We plan to develop further affordable housing on some of this, while retaining and improving ample green spaces for allotments, recreation and conservation.

How do I find out more – or express interest?

For further details – or to submit an expression of interest – please get in touch with the Clerk to the Trustees by email clerk@gspc.org.uk or by telephone 01223 842411. Alternatively contact us via the website www.gspc.org.uk where you will also find further information about our work. Expressions of interest should be received by 31 July 2020.

What will happen next?

The Trustees will review all expressions of interest – and you may be invited to meet us to discuss the role further. Note that we will check the Disclosure and Barring Service before appointing any trustee. We hope to appoint the new trustee this summer.

Brian Connellan, Trustee

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SIMPLICITY

Over the last few weeks of good weather our lunch routine has turned into a well-oiled machine of simplicity. Weather permitting, we have lunch in the garden; the tablecloth is set, a skirmish for plates and cutlery takes place, an argument over who gets what glass and 'the tub' (a huge Tupperware with everything we need each day) is placed on the table. The basics in 'the tub' are the same every day but we have variations from bagels to sausage rolls. Everyone dives in, it's rarely a picture of serenity, there are no Instagrammable photos, but our 'groundhog day' lunch comes and goes everyday – 'the tub' takes its place in the middle shelf of the fridge until the next lunch.

The simplicity of the ordinary meal has been a reminder that 'less is often more'. I've eaten in expensive restaurants, not loads of times, but enough to understand the cost and the high level of skill that goes into the food. However the excess of the exclusive has nothing on the ritual of the ordinary. There are no Michelin stars in sight in our house – just basic food and the sly attempt to add salad leaves to the kids' plates.

Our new family ritual, which has replaced the hectic packing of lunch boxes before school – has brought a new routine to our days. At 1pm all work is stopped and lunch begins.

There is beauty in the simplicity of the meal we share as a family, albeit a chaotic one. It is also a reminder that if we are not careful we get caught up in the upward choices, always wanting more and better. In doing so, we miss the downward reality in front of us. Excess and more often leads to dissatisfaction and isolation. Although I have to admit I try my best to make the most of the time with the family, I do often find myself longing for the peace and quiet of a lunch where there is no fighting over the last cheese string and one that doesn't end with someone spilling their drink.

Whatever your lunchtime routine looks like in these strange days I pray that we would all find comfort and joy in the simplicity of what is in front of us and be thankful for our daily bread. The ordinary is something that has to be appreciated lest we miss out and live to idolise what we do not have.

Rev Martin Cockerill, Great Shelford Free Church

Our Sunday morning services continue to be online – please join us every Sunday at 10.30am at www.facebook.com/ShelfordFreeChurch/

GREAT SHELFORD PARISH CHURCH

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We bade farewell to Nicola in early June and she was delighted with her gifts and the 'e-card' signed by many of the congregation. It was a rather low-key celebration of Nicola's time with us but the best we could achieve in the current circumstances. She and the family will be moving to Cottingham over the summer, as soon as the house there is ready.

We are now able to reopen St Mary's and welcome individual visitors for prayer and reflection. The usual access conditions apply with social distancing and the use of sanitising gel. Full information about access will be found in the porch and on our website. This is a really welcome development as I know that many of you would like to just spend a few moments within the church at times during the week.

As part of the reopening announcement, the government is also now allowing small-scale funerals, marriages and baptisms to be held in churches under fairly tight conditions. I know that this will be welcomed by bereaved families in particular.

It is likely that we shall be able to hold regular services again in the church this month. There will be a number of logistical problems to overcome, but we will keep you informed on the website.

The school is open again for a limited number of year groups and all seems to be well in the early stages of the return. Mr Grey and his colleagues have worked so hard to ensure things go smoothly – well done to the team!

Every blessing for the coming weeks,

Praying Together as a Community

At a time when we are all missing meeting to worship together perhaps there are things that we can do to help us feel that we are still a worshipping community, and that we are all thinking of one another. Here are three simple things that we could all do to pray together for each other and our community.

1 At noon each day we could say the Lord's Prayer. You might like to go to the front door and stand in the doorway because we are praying not just for ourselves but for the whole community.

2 If you have a candle, light it at 7pm on Sunday evenings and put it in your front window. Pray for all those who are ill, all those who are alone, and all those who are caring for others. This looks beautiful and is a sign to other people that we are keeping the light of hope for them.

3 In the evenings before bed we could pray for each other, perhaps by saying the wonderful collect for aid against all perils from the Book of Common Prayer:

Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord, and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night, for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

Services on Video

Simon is continuing to celebrate Holy Communion and other services for the whole community. We produce videos of the Parish Communion and Evensong each Sunday. The videos and recordings will be on our website. In addition you can see them on our YouTube channel

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or on our Facebook page www.facebook.com/Stmarysgreatshelford/.

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www.cambridgecity.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-food/

St Mary's Sunday Club

The Sunday Club will not meet until further notice. We will be offering a regular Mary Mouse letter and activities on the website. For details contact Gillian Pett: gillian.pett29@gmail.com

Regular services are available on our website – please see above for details of how to access them.

Funerals: 3 June Doris Johnson

For further information about Great Shelford Parish Church

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Regrettably Cambridge Flower Club has had to cancel its 2020 programme due to the Covid-19 pandemic and our very uncertain times. We look forward to welcoming anyone interested and those who have supported us in the past to come along to the demonstrations which we have arranged for 2021, when we



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Patient access to any Granta site continues to be by invitation only, following a prior telephone assessment and only when the clinician assesses that the balance of risk and need justifies a face-to-face interaction.

We are working hard behind the scenes to see how we can start to safely reintroduce various services and we will keep you updated via our website and social media.

The number of patients contacting us is steady – we receive between 800 and 1,000 phone calls per day plus approximately 100 emails per day. We introduced video consultations back in March and this service has been very well received.

We continue to process fast-track cancer pathway referrals into hospitals, and anything that is flagged as urgent will be processed as such. We encourage patients to continue to liaise with us as normal. In addition we are still running essential services such as baby immunisations from our Shelford site.

New Chief Executive Officer



We are very pleased to announce the appointment of Tim Harrison as our new Chief Executive Officer.

Having previously worked in the John Lewis Partnership for over 23 years, Tim is committed to taking Granta forward, shaping the ‘new normal’ of primary care, and embracing the concept of a Primary Care Network.

Tim’s vision is clear, ‘Granta Medical Practices are trailblazers in primary care services and I have been really impressed with their mix of professionalism and patient-centred care. Their response to the recent coronavirus pandemic has been exceptional and their commitment to the safety of their patients, their staff and their community is of paramount importance.’

GP Managing Partner, Dr James Morrow, said, ‘We are very pleased to welcome Tim to our team. More than ever, primary care faces challenging times, and with Tim’s expertise I know we will continue to adapt and develop, whilst taking full responsibility for working with our patients to promote health when they are well and to deliver the care needed when they fall ill.’

Sandra East, Granta Communications

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THE SHELFORDS WI

The WI held its second Zoom meeting on Thursday 4 June. This time we held two games of Bingo, which were good fun, and our secretary had organised some lovely prizes. We also held a Guess Who? baby photo competition and two members completed a 'crochet-along' – both following the same pattern and keeping in touch during the project. Plant pot painting has kept another member busy.



Some of the photographs from the Guess Who? competition

We have decided not to hold the planned summer outdoor party in July and for the foreseeable future we will meet by Zoom. We are planning to invite some speakers.



In normal circumstances we meet on the first Thursday of the month (except August) at 7.30pm in the Community Room behind St Mary's church in Great Shelford. New members and visitors are always welcome.

Mary Talbott

SHELFORD SCHOOL

Life continues to look quite different for the children of Shelford School, although our school values continue to ring true throughout the community, whether children are continuing their learning at home or at school. We have begun to welcome some children back into the classroom, and whilst this may look different, the children and staff have adapted remarkably to their new ways of working.

A number of children also continue to attend as 'Key Worker' children, and home learners continue to receive weekly activities, submitting pieces regularly to their class teachers for feedback. The Governors would like to take this opportunity to say a big thank you to Mr Grey and his team for navigating the school through this time of such great change.

Our home-from-home class have been enjoying the lovely willow structure that has been put in place over the past few weeks; something that I am sure all the children will be excited to see soon. A competition is being held to decide on its name, so watch this space for further information!



Gertrude and Hazel

Our Reception class chicks have grown up, and many have now flown the nest, but we have all enjoyed hugely watching them thrive. In fact some have not flown far at all, just to Mr Grey's back garden! The chicks were named by the Reception class and are called Hazel, Gertrude, Matilda, Silky, Cheepy and Annabel.

Many of our children enjoyed taking part in the VE Day celebrations; flags were seen adorning people's windows, and there was even a little singalong in

the afternoon. You can see a collage at <https://tinyurl.com/y86hokot>.

Finally, I would like to share with you a collage from some of our virtual Ascension Day picnics. A day that we usually cherish spending together as a school community was instead enjoyed throughout the villages at home with our families. Go to <https://tinyurl.com/y9jeqe4a>.

Frances Dye, Parent Governor

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Photos by Gwen Casazza and Holly Barr of their children enjoying the Rec

What a joy it has been to see the Rec used so extensively during this time of lockdown. Kids have learnt to ride their bikes, mini outdoor gyms have popped up in the copse and even deckchairs were spied in the meadow! Genius.

Yes, there's been the occasional negative behaviour, but on the whole people have shared the Rec beautifully with solo walks, socially-distanced groups and picnics galore. It has got noticeably busier as guidelines have evolved, but it looks like people are obeying the keep out signs of the playground.

Instead, the shelter, willow dome and basketball hoop have never been so well used! Indeed, you often have to queue to shoot some hoops, with one family coming down every evening to do just that. For those with flats along Woollards Lane the Rec is effectively their garden with somewhere safe to sit, and it is also a place for recuperation: one girl with a broken leg was routinely wheeled down to the river each day.

I think it's fair to say that we've all come to a deeper understanding of how important time spent outside is for our health and well-being.

During this time we've made a grant application and are preparing others, we've updated the website and we've also planned the Shelford Virtual Fun Run for 15 July–15 September 2020.



Registration should be open by the time you read this so check to see how you can take part at www.shelfordfunrun.co.uk to support getting a most amazing playscape for the village.

Eleanor McCrone, www.shelfordplayscape.org

COUNTRY MARKET



As I write this, every day must be a day nearer to the reopening of the Memorial Hall.

With this in mind, market members are now planning ahead for getting 'back to business' in the Hall on Wednesday mornings. But, it will not be quite 'business as usual'.

Initially, we will be open for just two hours, from 9.30 to 11.30 am. We will be observing social distancing and making other changes which will minimise risks, and we will not be serving refreshments. When the time comes, please remember the new opening time and when you approach the Memorial Hall, be on the lookout for new direction signs!

Whilst waiting for the market to become 'live' or if you have difficulty in getting out, how about ordering with free delivery! Preserves and honey, baked goods, soft fruit and vegetables (as available) and named plants, just email me at dorothy@woodlandsroad.plus.com or phone 01223 843946. On receipt of your order, we will arrange a delivery time. And when the market reopens we would like to continue this ordering service, so give it a try!

During lockdown, the number of home bakers has increased. Why not keep up your baking and become a Country Market cook? You may now be a keen gardener and if you find yourself with surpluses, we can always find a space for your produce in our garden section. You may have spent time on craft making. Again, more variety is always welcome on our craft stalls. Just get in touch to find out more about becoming a member.

Follow us on Facebook for updates. www.facebook.com/gtshelfordmarket

Keep safe and we look forward to seeing you soon.

Dorothy Doel

DIARY JULY

PLEASE NOTE

The Memorial Hall and St Mary's Community Room are closed as a result of the coronavirus pandemic. All events due to be held in these venues, and many others around the village have been cancelled. For further information about regular clubs and societies please contact the individual organisers listed inside the back cover of this magazine.



BIN COLLECTIONS

Black bins	Tuesday 14 and 28 July
Blue bins	Tuesday 7 and 21 July
Green bins	Tuesday 7 and possibly 21 July

South Cambs are hoping to collect the green bins every two weeks, but this does depend on capacity and staffing. They advise to put the bin out for collection, along with the blue bin, as usual. For latest information check the website: www.scambs.gov.uk/bins/.



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LIBRARY

The library is currently closed, but see opposite page for an update.



LIBRARY UPDATE

We're delighted to announce a revised Library@Home service for residents who are shielding or isolating. This will involve monthly deliveries to the customer's door of specially chosen books/audiobooks, which will be picked up when the next selection is delivered.

Please note that this service is limited – it's reserved for Cambridgeshire residents who rely heavily on books or audiobooks AND who are shielding or isolating due to age or health conditions under current Covid-19 government guidelines. To ask about the service please contact us either by email: volunteers@cambridgeshire.gov.uk or telephone 07742 022 926.

Plans are also moving ahead for a careful, phased and limited reopening of some Cambridgeshire libraries, probably over the course of late July and August. This won't include open access or browsing as in normal times but is expected to include a click-and-collect book service, time-limited access to our IT facilities and reinstatement of the phone line. The plan will obviously depend on government guidance at the relevant time. For full and up-to-date details about this please visit:
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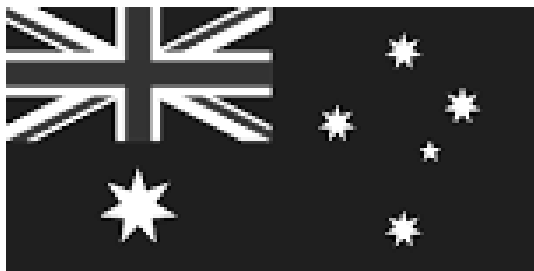
AUGUST ISSUE OF THE VILLAGE NEWS

The deadline for copy for the next issue of the *Great Shelford Village News* is Friday 17 July and it should be available on Friday 31 July with subscribed copies delivered shortly thereafter.

We would like to thank the Shelfords Covid-19 Support Group volunteers for their help this month with distribution.

Free online versions of the *Village News* will now appear one month after publication at www.shelford.org/news

AUSTRALIAN CONNECTIONS



Australia is a lot nearer these days. It took James Cook almost two years to get there (1768–1770), though he went a long way round. The First Fleet took eight months in 1787–1788 to reach Botany Bay to found the penal colony of New South Wales, whereas Qantas now

offer a one- day nonstop flight from London to Perth. For the early travellers there was a fair chance they would never return, while today a fortnight's holiday is perfectly feasible.

But what about Shelford connections? The Shelford Chronicle of 13 January 1849 records, 'A man called Pratt, who formerly resided at Gt Shelford, went to Australia some years ago and left two children ...'

Within a year or two of this entry, the 1850s saw a great gold rush to Australia and the Shelford Chronicle shows that Mr Pratt was the first of many to head south. The population of Melbourne quadrupled from 1851 to 1854 as people from all over the world were infected with gold fever and headed for the gold fields of Ballarat and Bendigo. Shelford was no exception.

18 September 1852. **EMIGRATION** – A family consisting of 7 persons, viz. father, mother and 5 children, bade adieu to their native place, Gt. Shelford, on the 15th instant – going on the first train to London, on their way to Australia. Others, we hear, are shortly to follow.

11 November 1854. **MORE EMIGRATION** – Shelford and Stapleford are about to be deprived of some more of their able bodied labourers, who it is stated will leave these parishes on the 14th inst. For Australia. Mr. Hayes Powter, the returned and lucky emigrant, we hear is again about to return to the golden regions as he states his exchequer is nearly run out ...

13 January 1855. **LEFT HIS COUNTRY FOR HIS COUNTRY'S GOOD** – A few days since, Hayes Powter, who has frequently been charged before the magistrates for poaching, left the quiet village of Great Shelford to return a second time to the gold regions. He came home about eight months back from Australia, where he had been fortunate and brought with him upwards of £100. ... During his stay here he has received many admonitions from the worthy resident magistrate and on Saturday last a warrant was issued against him for a

breach of his good behaviour, which he has now evaded. The whole of the inhabitants of the village express a wish that he may not return again, but if he does, it is hoped that his future course of conduct will be greatly improved.

3 February 1855. EMIGRATION – On Thursday morning the 1st instant another family, consisting of 13 individuals, father and mother and nine children, together with the husbands of the two eldest daughters, who are married, left their native place and country for that of Australia. The man (Henry Poulter) is uncle to the oft mentioned Hays Poulter, whose return to Australia was noticed in this paper a few weeks since. Such a continued run of emigration would seem to thin the population, but not the slightest likelihood of a short supply in the labour market is at present apprehended.

16 February 1856. REMITTANCE FROM ABROAD – ... James Britten, a married man, who emigrated from Shelford about three years since to Australia, has sent to his wife's friends at Stapleford £10 and the same amount to his relatives at Shelford. We hear also of many other acts of generosity having been displayed by emigrants to their friends at Shelford and Stapleford.

There is another Shelford connection. Although it is not officially recorded that the small town of Shelford in the state of Victoria was named after one of the Shelfords in England, it seems highly likely. Consider these four facts:

- there are five mentions in the Shelford Chronicle to emigration from Shelford to Australia between 1852 and 1856
- the overwhelming reason to emigrate was to take part in the Australian gold rush of the 1850s, for which the main port was Melbourne, on the way to the gold towns of Ballarat and Bendigo
- Shelford, Victoria was named so in 1854
- Shelford, Victoria, is just 32 miles from Ballarat, the heart of the gold fields and 66 miles from Melbourne.

And the emigration did not stop there! In the 1950s Australia, finding itself short of workers for its developing economy, encouraged people from the UK to immigrate with an offer of an assisted passage for £10 and accommodation and employment on arrival. They became known as the 'Ten Pound Poms' and the following article has been sent by Peter Norman of Wedderburn, Victoria, who has recently written to GSVN.

TEN POUND POMS



Peter's late father, George, in 1986



George's Document of Identity

On the 8th July 1953 a letter from the Commonwealth of Australia addressed to Mr and Mrs A G Norman of Little Shelford arrived to tell them that their application to become 'Ten Pound Poms' had been approved. They were sponsored by George's brother at Kaniva, Victoria.

On April 8th 1954 they boarded the boat train that would take them to Tilbury Docks where they were to board RMS Strathaird for the four-week trip to Australia. A 'Document of Identity' had been issued to my father that contained details of my mother and us six children. This was instead of passports.

A receipt for luggage shows that they travelled with 15 pieces of luggage at a total cost of eight pounds two shillings and six pence. They travelled from London to Gibraltar, Port Said, the Suez Canal, Aden, Colombo, Fremantle, Adelaide, and arrived in Melbourne on May 8th 1954, where we were met by my uncle and aunty.



Back: son-in-law Norm McLeod, granddaughters Libby and Katlyn Norman, son Peter Norman. Front: daughter Janine Burgess, wife Ruth, Peter Norman, daughter Lynley McLeod and daughter-in-law Vanessa Norman. Australia Day, 27 January 2020 when Peter was presented with a certificate for 'Citizen of the Year 2020'. Son Timothy and his wife and daughter Danielle and Gaby could not be there.

It was undoubtedly a culture shock to my mum and dad. They left a modest two-storey council house with total central heating to a typical three-bedroom board house. No heating and no air conditioning, not even a fan. My dad had been a telecom tech, so to begin work as a farmhand was very hard on the hands even though he wore cloths to handle the hay!

My first day at school I well remember. I was a 'pommy kid' with a strong posh Cambridgeshire accent. Having been brought up on the round ball game (soccer), I was given an Aussie rules football. 'Do you play rugger here?' I asked. I could not then kick the 'b' thing and still can't.

Because mum and dad came as Ten Pounds Poms, if they returned 'home' within two years they had to pay the government the full cost of their fares to Aussie. They very desperately wanted to go home, however because of this requirement they had to stay. I'm pleased to say at the end of two years they had settled and that's why I am still here.

I think they were very brave or very foolish, brave I would say. They are both now deceased and buried in Horsham, Victoria.

Their decision at the time has led to six children, many grandchildren and great-grandchildren enjoying the life that we now lead here.

Peter Norman, Wedderburn, Australia

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HELEN HARWOOD'S CORONAVIRUS DIARY

MAY 2020

It's the beginning of May and the 7th week of lockdown. It's become a routine now, feels like it's been going on forever. And except for hearing the news, coronavirus seems very distant. Living in such a confined space, you feel curiously remote from it all.

Meanwhile spring is rolling on. It's a particularly lovely one this year. Days of bright sunshine. Because we are so much less busy, we hear and see more. Blackbird chicks, baby robins, the return of the swallows and martins. I heard the tawny owl which lives somewhere in the High Street. And I heard a cuckoo!

5 May. The numbers are definitely slowing. 282 deaths yesterday. The lockdown is slowly being relaxed across Europe. The first tentative plans here – getting back to work.

How will it be when we come out of all this? Will we be a bit agoraphobic, crowd-averse? How will it feel to go out again – into public spaces, to public toilets? Holding long conversations again? The fear of catching coronavirus will still be there. The lucky ones are those who've had it and not too badly. For the rest of us, the fear of infection gets bigger and bigger in your mind, and constrains our future and our going out. Precautions are still needed. In my head I think, 'You're healthy and you have to trust to your immune system.' But I know if I caught it, I would be in a state of terrible fear, in case it went bad. I was almost surprised to learn from people who've had it, that everyone else felt like that. We always think we're the only ones.

The pleasure of stopping to chat in the street (from a safe distance) is enormous. We all take pleasure in every encounter.

There's no point in wearing smart clothes. All I do is garden, or housework (reluctantly as ever!) and go for walks. So the nice clothes all sit in the ironing basket, and I wear an endless round of trousers, jumpers, fleeces.

The car stares grumpily. It's obviously feeling neglected.

Our postman, Richard, treads his daily round. That, at least, hasn't varied over lockdown. There's milk on the doorstep, left at some ungodly hour. Over the course of the day, the delivery vans come and go: DHL, DPD, Royal Mail, UPS. They are keeping us going with all those things you can't buy at the moment, whether it is fixings for the water butt, books, birthday presents. The supermarket delivery vans are busy too: Sainsbury's, Waitrose, and Tesco. But if you can, it's nicer to go to the Co-op and Bakers, leave the delivery slots for those who really need them.

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Tuesday 6 May, 7.50am. I'm standing in the High Street. There was a frost last night, and the grass and garden flowers all sparkle with a heavy dew. The sun is pouring down, giving a morning brightness with long shadows. The High Street is absolutely silent – no people, no traffic, just me. Up in the highest heights, three swifts swoop and dive, newly arrived from Africa. They go into a chase and rush into the canyon between two terraces of houses, screaming as they go. The sound of summer. All is very definitely not right with the world. Yet just for 30 seconds it feels so. That's the best we can hope for just now. That evening, a takeaway from the Square. In the absence of a night out, it feels like a big treat – barbecue ribs and chips.

There's a sense of things relaxing. Nearby, neighbours are moving. The Sawston hardware shop has reopened. Thank goodness! How can we manage without a hardware shop? Scotsdales have started doing phone orders. It feels like time. We can't keep on like this. Life is just too dislocated. There's a push towards restarting normal life.

I'm fed up, especially today, VE Day. It doesn't feel like a bank holiday. I'd like to go out, walk somewhere different, have a cup of coffee. I'd like to go out and socialise. Today the emails and phone calls don't feel enough. And then I remember that coronavirus is still out there, and there were 626 deaths yesterday. We're not doing well. The death toll has reached 31,241 and the disease is rampaging through care homes.

What I've done with my time. I made a spoon, I made a spatula, I've half-heartedly worked at knitting a jumper, finished a patchwork quilt. I've watched a lot of foreign films – French, Italian, Indian. Made several cakes. And hours and hours of gardening. I ought to be fit!

The week of 11 May. The rules are being relaxed somewhat, even though the daily number of deaths is still high – in the 300s. If you can't work at home, you should go back to work. Employers must adapt their premises and work practices to make it safe. You can meet one person outdoors, in a park. You can exercise as much as you want (no time limit) and you can travel any distance to do so. Many people express reservations. Is it too soon? There are increasing discussions about sending some children back to school. The unions are much opposed, because they feel it's not safe.

At the weekend, the hot weather returns. Will people hit the beaches? To an extent, yes. And they are all surprised by how many other people do the same!!

The week of 18 May. The economy is now becoming an issue. There are warnings of recession (of course – it was always going to happen). Japan has entered recession. America has a stupendous number of cases, demonstrating once again its insane commitment to freedom at all costs. Here it begins to feel optimistic – 170 deaths reported yesterday. 3,142 new cases. Officially there've

been roughly a quarter of a million cases, 34,636 deaths. Maybe it's on the wane, maybe we'll get our summer holiday. It's a similar story in Italy, France, Spain, Germany and Belgium. There, shops and restaurants are opening up again.

My garden is doing well. My entire vegetable garden is now planted up. Other worries surface, aside from coronavirus. After a cold spring, no rain. Everyone you meet says we could do with some rain. We really could.

19 May. Daily world CO₂ emissions had fallen by 17% by early April 2020. Half of this was due to the fall in the number of cars on the roads. That means 17 million tonnes of CO₂ less every day. At their peak, emissions in individual countries decreased by 26% on average. But there is concern that they will rise to new levels afterwards, especially as the government is advising people to avoid public transport.

A day in lockdown. I get up early, make a cup of tea and look at the weather forecast (a drop of rain would be nice ...), peruse the *Radio Times*, check my email. I go for a garden walk-round, my morning tour of inspection. It's the best time of day; there's a gentle dew on the ground, the light is glowing. The swifts race round screaming.. Early it may be, but the wild bees are hard at work. Chores to do, plants to water, conversations with Will, lunch, a bit of gardening. Maybe a phone conversation. Another cup of tea, a conversation over the fence with my neighbour. What shall we have for tea? The day rolls over, indeed almost every day rolls over much the same. They don't differ much. It's a routine now, and not unpleasant.

We've walked endlessly on Rectory Farm. We take a sandwich and an apple – even the humblest cheese sandwich tastes better when eaten on a walk. There's



Bullocks at Rectory Farm

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always something to see. Buzzards flying along the tops of the trees. Sometimes a red kite. There are mayflies on the river, right next to the motorway. And a grey wagtail. There are endless insects, but try identifying them – now there's a route to madness! We've noticed that it's warmer at the Hauxton end of the track, a veritable suntrap. Everyone else walks on Rectory Farm too. And everyone, I've noticed, stops to stare at the bullocks in the Hauxton-end field. The bullocks line up and stare back. They've never had such an active social life. Do they wonder why the humans are suddenly out in such force?

With the restriction on travelling relaxed, people are flocking to the beaches, to the Peak District, to the Lakes. Cars parked everywhere. There are no toilets. The locals are deeply resentful; don't bring coronavirus here! On Southend beach the pictures show people densely packed – not much social distancing there. 'Great!' says my husband. 'Pack on a beach, with no social distance, with all the other risk-takers, because if they're taking risks on the beach, you can bet they'll be doing it everywhere else too.'

One care worker tweets:

At 8am I finished my nightshift. Took off my PPE, showered, washed my uniform, and went to bed.

While I was asleep Southend beach was packed with people, unable to social distance due to numbers. Under government guidelines they all have the 'right' to go there.

Why do I bother?

We're all getting on each other's nerves. Barbecues, noisy children, bonfires, building works. This is a crowded country, with a population of some 60 million. We may be 'social distancing' but we're pretty densely packed, and you notice it more when you're confined to a small orbit.

After a really cold week with night-time frosts, it suddenly turns blisteringly hot. It's exhausting. All I do is water plants. Heath fires have broken out in Dorset, started by people with campfires or barbecues. As Brazil tries to cope with coronavirus, the ones who are doing the deforestation rush in. The BBC reports that deforestation has jumped 55% in the first four months of 2020, compared with the same period last year, as people have taken advantage of the crisis to carry out illegal clearances. We're still the same destructive humans. Nothing will change. The ones who care are always drowned out by the ones who only care about short-term selfish ends.

24 May. It's another joyless bank holiday weekend. It's 7.30am in Shelford on Sunday morning. The street is deserted. At the Square, the watering system is

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watering. There may not be any drinkers to see them, but the flowers are still going. The flowerbeds on the High Street look nice – glossy rosemary, striped Rosa Mundi flowers, and the tree peony (now gone over). A blackbird hops on the grass. The Co-op pantehnicon is unloading, the staff are busy filling the cabinets. Is it really a bank holiday weekend? These days every weekend is the same. Indeed every day is much the same, and you struggle to remember what day it is.

The lockdown can be measured in blossom. First it was the white pear blossom. Then the pink and white of apple blossom. Next the freckled flowers of the may. And now it's the glorious scent of elderflowers. And all this accompanied by the buzz of bees. Damselflies have appeared on the river, deep, sapphire blue, with black spots on their diaphanous wings.

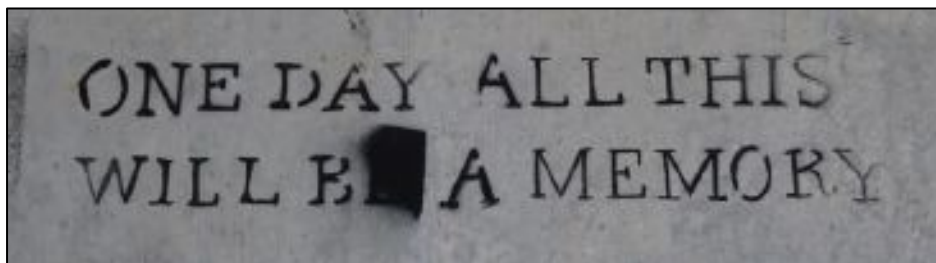
A scandal erupts. In part it's that thing that the press love – catching out someone in power. But this time it's serious. The prime minister's chief adviser, Dominic Cummings, decided to isolate himself and his family by driving up to County Durham. Everyone else is under the impression that this is against the rules. But he explains that there were special circumstances, and is confident we'll understand. We don't. He gives a statement, and his position may be summarised as – I don't care what you think; I did the right thing. There is a profound sense of disgust abroad. There have been several cases already of public figures caught out in one way or another, and the message they give is always, don't do what I do, do what I say. It's not a good position. The others resigned. Cummings refuses to do so.

26 May, the 10th week of lockdown. The number of deaths is falling. People are getting over-confident. There's more traffic in Cambridge. People are being less careful in social distancing when out and about.

More relaxation of the rules is to come. Next week we'll be allowed to meet six people in our gardens or outdoors. Schools are to reopen for some cohorts on 1 June. This is causing a lot of contention and uncertainty – will they, won't they?

Meanwhile, the Dominic Cummings scandal won't go away. Many people are very angry, but it seems the prime minister and his team are determined just to tough it out. It discredits the government. Public disillusionment with politicians is already at a record high, and this adds more fuel to an already vigorous fire. Will it stop people following the rules, that's the big question?

People are definitely beginning to forget about coronavirus, take more risks. As the hot weather continues, more and more people are packing onto beaches. The whole country is on holiday, and wants something to do.



Graffiti under the motorway bridge

Photo: Helen Harwood

And me, I'm feeling more and more low. I'm fed up with this, realising how slowly it's moving. No holidays likely. No gatherings. I miss seeing people, miss my sewing group, my carpentry, the things I do. How I'd love just to go for a cup of coffee.

It's the end of May. It's been a dry, dry spring. No rain in May, temperatures of 23–25°C, 696 hours of sunshine, 17% of normal rainfall. Sounds great, doesn't it? But for me, it's too damn hot. On the news, pictures of half-empty reservoirs. The garden I've spent so many hours working on is suffering badly. Endless watering, but still things look sick or even dying. It's soul-destroying on top of everything else. Climate change hasn't gone away. Weather experts are confounded by the change from wet winter to hot rainless spring. I just want it to rain. I want my garden to grow, not shrivel in the heat.

Helen Harwood

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As Chairman of Sawston and Pampisford Royal British Legion I have been invited to contribute to the *Great Shelford Village News*. Back in 2018, Great Shelford Branch amalgamated with us as a sub-branch to preserve its identity and allow your Standard to be used on special occasions. I hope to use this link to keep you all informed about what is happening at both national and local level with the Royal British Legion.

Covid-19 Pandemic

As you are all aware the pandemic has had a massive effect on our everyday lives. Given the complexity of coming out of lockdown, the Legion is taking every aspect in a controlled manner and as such there is no immediate news when branches can meet again. The annual Festival of Remembrance at the Royal Albert Hall is in the early stages of Membership Ticketing with full plans expected to be communicated in early autumn.

At a local level, many events have been cancelled, including VE Day, and Anzac Day which is held in Cambridge. The lockdown restrictions apply also to Standard Bearers, a key part of any Act of Remembrance. As such they are not able to take part in any ceremonial duties, which at present includes Armed Forces Day and VJ Day. We remain hopeful that, with some restrictions starting to be eased, there will be some more positive news to report next month.

If you need to contact us locally our Branch Secretary, Kevin Swann, will be happy to speak and help wherever possible. Telephone 07496 517859 or email kevin.swann1@ntlworld.com.

I look forward to giving you more positive news next month. Until then keep well and stay safe. With all good wishes,

Mark Chennells
Branch Chairman, Sawston and Pampisford RBL



2G3S

Last month I reported that around 20 people viewed the film *The Story of Plastic* before a Zoom discussion on 18 May. The following is a summary of the film:

Plastic has many wonderful qualities – cheap to manufacture; versatile; attractive to use; durable; important for medical and technical uses. However its durability also represents its huge disadvantage. It is said that all the plastic ever produced still exists today. Microfibres are found in our drinking water and are in our body cells. The major use of single-use plastic is in packaging. Recycling figures given in the film suggest that 91% of plastic has never been recycled.

Of plastic packaging today, 32% ends up as litter, 40% goes to landfill, 14% is incinerated, and 14% recycled. Only 2% is effectively recycled into something equivalent, such as a bottle made into another bottle. Most is downcycled into fleece jackets, garden benches, and so on. Developing countries, which used to pack and transport food and other products in sustainable ways, are moving to plastic packaging, often single-use sachets, under the influence of aggressive marketing by the West. These countries often don't have efficient waste services.

As public awareness of plastic pollution has increased because of media coverage of plastic in oceans, the Alliance to End Plastic Waste was founded by companies that make, use, sell, process, collect and recycle plastics. It pledged \$1.5 billion to a clean-up programme. Meanwhile \$204 billion was spent on 334 new petrochemical facilities across the world.

What can be done?

- Ongoing research into bioplastics (ie plant-based) have sustainability challenges, including effective biodegradability.
- Reduce and reuse.
- Ban single-use plastics: eg in EU, China, Rwanda, Morocco.
- Fight to end fossil fuel subsidies, which lower the price of the raw material for packaging.
- Require plastic packaging manufacturers to use a minimum amount of recycled plastic and to use easily recycled plastics.
- Companies must be made to absorb the costs of recycling and disposal – the whole-life process.
- Multinational companies are locked into their need for growth and into massive supply chains forcing them to rely on plastic packaging. Try to move to small-scale firms, more local, alternative delivery systems, which also help build communities.

What you can do?

- Look at the Stapleford Ecochurch website to find where to recycle crisp packets, toothbrushes, etc locally. Visit the St Andrews Church website: www.standrewstapleford.org/Groups/337509/Useful_Local_Links.aspx
- Read the book *How to Give Up Plastic* by Will McCallum.
- Support Break Free From Plastic www.breakfreefromplastic.org/about/
- If you are interested in seeing the film for yourself, it is possible to do this by signing up to a viewing: www.storyofplastic.org/community-screenings.
- In South Cambridgeshire a lot more of our plastic waste is recycled. To maximise the amount of waste in your bin that can be recycled, wash the plastic if it's dirty, and take off the plastic film top from a food tray and put in the bin separately. Look at the South Cambs website and there are some short videos about recycling – good for kids to see.

If this is all too depressing, see below for our guided walk. For more information on 2G3S and green activities locally, see our website www.2g3s.staplefordvillage.org.uk and Facebook page.

Helen Hale

2G3S STAPLEFORD PARISH PIT GUIDED WALK 27 JUNE 2020

Come for a guided walk around Stapleford Parish Pit on Saturday 27 June at 2pm and find out about the wildlife there. Physical distancing rules will be followed of course.

Try to come by foot or bike, but if you need to drive, and if the Magog Trust car park on Haverhill

Road is open by then, you can leave your car there and walk back down the road towards Stapleford (note there is a parking charge for non-members of the Magog Trust). After 200 yards there is a signpost to the Pit just after the Gog Magog Cottages private road. Walk up the path and meet at the gate at the top.



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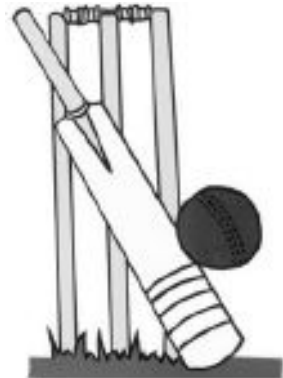
We've been operating a booking system since reopening. This was managed manually by Victoria Roles for several weeks, for which she deserves a medal as the courts were almost fully booked most of that time. We now have an online booking system set up. Club members can find details of how to access this system in the members' area of the website.

The weather has been the cherry on top! At times it has felt like we were playing in southern Spain and it has been wonderful for Mother Nature to welcome us back to outdoor activity in this way.

Angharad Harris

CRICKET CLUB

At last we have some news about the possibility of cricket this summer. The CCA have proposed a mini-league consisting of just five regionally based clubs within the various divisions, and for five games to take place in August and the first week of September. That presents the promise of some cricket for adults and, despite the fact that the CYCA League will almost certainly be abandoned this summer, we do intend to hold friendly matches and training sessions for our huge youth section as soon as government guidelines allow. So fingers crossed ...



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www.gov.uk/guidance/working-safely-during-coronavirus-covid-19/homes

For Householders

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Working procedures may be published on their website or they may email you a copy. Or, just pick up the phone and get your questions answered. The main things you want to see are:

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- Observing minimum distancing guidelines. It's usually easy to be in a different room while the work is carried out.
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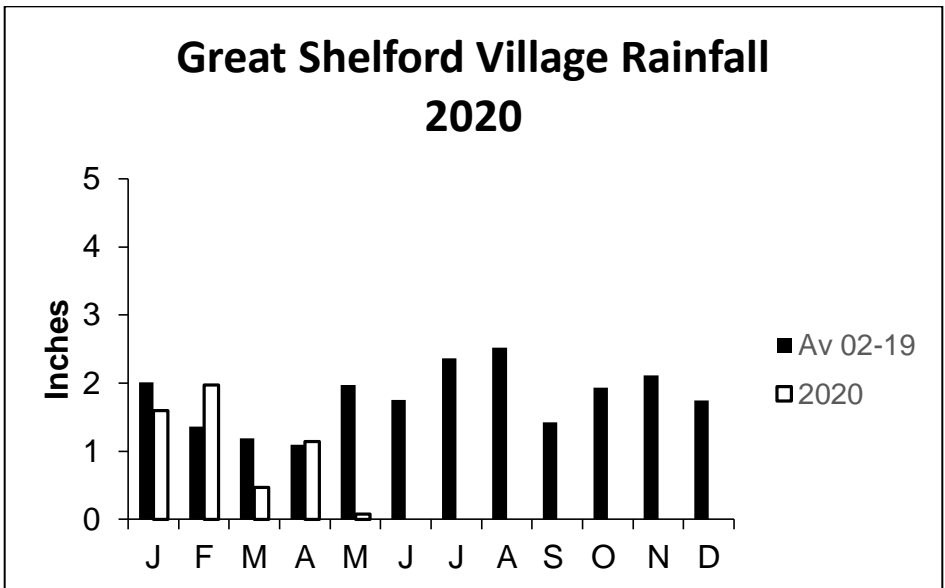
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The 2020 SAWSTON COMMUNITY FUN RUN CHALLENGE EVENT

Are you community minded?

Has the Fun Run ever helped you or your family's activities?

Have you ever taken part or enjoyed the Fun Run?

Are you able to run for 4.6 miles?

Can you attract your own supporters and raise £100?

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If 'yes' then the Fun Run
and the community **NEEDS YOU** and
another **85** people like you
on **Sunday 4th October 2020**



In spite of the extraordinary situation we are all facing, we are eager to demonstrate our resolve to help those organisations and charities that were due to benefit from this year's event. We also want to ensure that the spirit of this annual community event is maintained in its 35th year and so add to the amazing £468,000 that the event has donated to the local community over the years.

So we plan to hold a very special event on **SUNDAY 4th October**; the **SAWSTON COMMUNITY FUN RUN CHALLENGE EVENT**. It will comply with all the guidelines of social distancing etc and will entail us having just one hundred runners going off at ten second intervals.

Who do we need?

The primary purpose is for every entrant to raise £100 as that will ensure a minimum of £10,000 is available for the beneficiaries. So it is important you are willing to rise to the challenge and are confident of attracting personal support; it will be a unique opportunity to demonstrate your support for the community and the 2020 beneficiaries. We will recognise the support of the hundred entrants by giving them all a commemorative medal but of course the real pleasure will be in 'just doing it' for the community!

We already have FIFTEEN entrants **we are looking for another 85!** The choice of either the normal 7.4K (4.6 miles) route or the short route of 3.8k (2.4 miles) is available but of course more cash is likely to be forthcoming from residents if you choose the traditional route.

It is hoped that representatives from the 2020 beneficiaries will be some of the first to come forward and that they will be supported by those who have benefitted from some of the £468,000 raised over the years.

How to apply

There will be **no registration fee** but the application form will be available for downloading from the Sawston Fun Run website - www.sawstonfunrun.co.uk. There will NOT be an online entry facility, as we are seeking just one hundred entrants and entries will not be possible on the day. The application form can be filled in on a computer or laptop and must be sent to us by email by the 31st July. Alternatively you can send it by post to Fun Run registrations, Madeline House, High Street, Rotherham, Cambridge, CB22 3AG. Once registered, you will be sent an entry pack that will include instructions for the event, a sponsorship form, training tips and a vast number. Further information from sawstonfunrun@gmail.com Tel: 07789502903

Please act now

We have received tremendous support from the sponsors and Sawston Village College who have pledged their support at this difficult time, so we are hoping that we can hold this special event but only if we can attract one hundred entrants. We hope that you or someone you might know will rise to this challenge and demonstrate just how community-minded we all are.

Thank you, the Rotary Club of Cambridge Sawston

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