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Obituary: Alan Lyne



Just some of the painted pebbles from the Covid Snake at Freestones Corner

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GREAT SHELFORD PARISH COUNCIL*greatshelfordparishcouncil.gov.uk***SUMMARY FROM THE UNADOPTED MINUTES OF THE
MEETING ON 17 JUNE 2020**

This meeting was conducted via Zoom due to Covid-19 meeting restrictions. Four members of the public were present at the virtual meeting, including three representatives of Shelford and Stapleford Youth Initiative (SSYI).

NEW COUNCILLORS

Mrs Lyn Disley, Miss Ifthinan (Ifthi) Shareef and Mrs Angela Niblett were co-opted to the role of Parish Councillor with immediate effect, leaving one Councillor vacancy still to be filled.

FINANCE

Thirteen cheques to the value of £10,432.24 for the period up to 17 June were approved and signed. A quotation for replacement football goals was approved.

REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES**District Councillors**

Councillor Peter Fane reported that the More's Meadow planning application by the Parochial Charities has been approved and commended by South Cambs.

County Councillors

None were in attendance.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES**Highways Committee**

Staff have been redeployed and most Highways projects put on hold by the County Council. White lines on cycle lanes in Cambridge Road have been renewed but the cleaning of drains in Station Road remains outstanding. Parking by builders in Church Street has continued to be a problem. Additional cycle parking in the village was suggested and this could be done directly by the Parish Council outside of a Local Highways Improvement Grant. Parking by the Mini Garage on High Green is still a problem and SCDC enforcement is being pursued.

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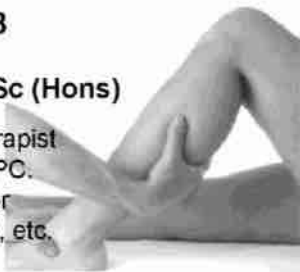
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Pavilion and Recreation Committee

The Pavilion is closed and refunds are due to both football clubs, and the yoga and art hires. The Youth Cricket Club has requested the use of the Recreation Ground for parents to play at nets with their children. This was denied due to lack of control of use of open space. Youth Cricket is looking to restart training and at some stage needs a Parish Council review.

The Tennis Club is fully open for restricted play. Councillor Greg Price reported that the Covid-19 conditions of play, as agreed with the Tennis Club, were not being fully observed by players. Councillor Ifthi Shareef was requested by the Chair to have an initial discussion with the Tennis Club on future compliance.

There has been no request from the Bowls Club to open for practice or play.

The football goals adjacent to Peacocks have had a notice placed on them stating that they are not to be used for practice. Goal nets and goals have been vandalised.

The Cricket Club may play four matches in August, subject to government restrictions. It was noted that the cricket netting will be required.

Cemetery and Allotments Committee

The gate at Stonehill allotments has been repaired with a concrete post. All invoices have now been sent out and payments received. Allocation of available plots started on 11 June.

REPORTS FROM CO-ORDINATING OFFICERS

Playscape An application has been made to Cambridgeshire County Council for a grant.

Police The police have been contacted regarding the increased level of antisocial behaviour on the Recreation Ground but it seems impossible to get beyond the sergeant to obtain any response. It is suggested that the local MP is notified and assistance requested.

Community Association Replacement doors on the Scout Hut are progressing at the Parish Council's cost. The Trustees are in favour of reopening the Memorial Hall and attending an ACRE (Action with Communities in Rural England) meeting on the reopening of local community venues.

Greater Cambridge Partnership (GCP) Report The Cambridge to Cambourne consultation has been withdrawn. Local publicity regarding busway plans will be intensified with village residents encouraged to respond directly to GCP.

Land Acquisition The owners of Grange Field have been advised that a tree has fallen into the Recreation Ground, and there has been an attempt to discuss ownership of the tree belt.

Schools The School is open for Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 with maximum take-up and a waiting list.

Church The church is open for private prayer from 9.30am to 5pm Monday to Friday.

Health Centre, Dentist and Pharmacy Access to the Health Centre via the footpath from the car park in Woollard's Lane remains closed. angli-EAR Hearing and Tinnitus Solutions Ltd is moving from Mill Court to the old Barclays building.

Parish Council Log of Antisocial Behaviour Multiple cases of antisocial behaviour have been reported by a village resident.

Markets in the Memorial Hall Government and NALC (National Association of Local Councils) requirements include a risk assessment with management controls in place and confirmation from the Community Association insurer. The weekly Country Market, private hire and any parking issues must be considered.

Changes to S137 Grant Requirements During Covid-19 The informal use of the S137 fund can be extended to assist the local community where Covid-19 has had an impact based on individual circumstances. The current S137 Budget is £25,200.20.

S137 Grant Application From SSYI The Treasurer of SSYI explained that the grant application of £15,000 would fund £10,000 of normal/existing activities and the further £5,000 was to fund Copse Mark 2 in conjunction with the Playscape Group. SSYI had also received a small grant from SCDC. A grant of £15,000 was approved by unanimous vote.

S137 Grant Application From the Mobile Warden Scheme Accounts show a shortfall of £10,000 for the year. A grant of £3,500 was requested and approved by unanimous vote.

Financial Support for Village Groups The Clerk provided a list of all groups supported by the Feast in 2019 that may struggle with no Feast grants for further discussion at the next Parish Council meeting.

Consideration of Sites for Nomination as Assets of Community Value A working group was set up and proposals will be discussed at the next meeting.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS IN AUGUST

Planning Committee Meeting	5 August	5.15 pm
Planning Committee Meeting	19 August	5.15 pm
Parish Council Meeting (Finance and General Purposes)	19 August	6.30 pm

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

20/02668/FUL	angli-EAR Hearing and Tinnitus Solutions Ltd 15 Woollards Lane	Change of use from a financial and professional service to a non-residential institution.
We support this proposal.		

20/02017/FUL	De Freville Limited De Freville House High Green	Convert the existing retail unit 7 into one smaller retail unit and four one-bedroom flats.
We support this proposal.		

20/02049/HFUL	Mrs Pauline Smith 11 Woollards Lane	Replace existing conservatory with a single storey rear extension.
We support this proposal.		

PLANNING DECISIONS BY SCDC

Approved

20/01785/HFUL 15 Mingle Lane. Front roof dormer.

20/01604/HFUL 38 High Green. Single storey rear extension.

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SHELFORDS COVID-19 SUPPORT GROUP

It's been several months since 'coronavirus' became a part of our everyday vocabulary. In the May *Village News* I introduced the Shelfords Covid-19 Support Group, but I wanted to take this opportunity to give a bit more background to the group and also bring you up to speed with the latest developments.

The support group is made up of 78 volunteers who are all giving selflessly of their time and effort. They deserve a huge round of applause. In particular, special thanks go to the six region coordinators who each oversee a group of volunteers. Outside of the group, we have felt the encouragement and support from the Parish Council, District Council, churches and our local MP. Even the Bunch got involved and kindly donated some of the Feast's new contactless card readers for our volunteers to use!

All of this suggests there was a master plan from the start, but this was not the case at all. Since the single Facebook post that lit the blue touchpaper, it has been a roller coaster ride and I'm thankful for Mary Regnier-Wilson's administrative skill in keeping it on the straight and narrow (and keeping me sane). From helping to ensure every street was adopted by a volunteer to organising the copious amounts of information from SCDC, she is a true data master.

But it's not just about the admin, though it is important. It's about helping people in need. We have heard so many wonderful stories of connection, help and gratitude all around the village. My personal highlight was organising a same-day delivery of food to someone who literally had nothing to eat, and then setting the wheels in motion for more regular charity-based support.

Whilst the Covid-19 Support Group remains very active, we are seeing a natural slowdown in requests for help. At the peak we were actively supporting around 200 people, but as people are now able to get out more and pre-existing support networks are coming back online, we are happy to catch our breath, though some areas do remain busy. Our next challenge is to harness this positive community spirit beyond Covid-19 and I would love to work together with the different groups in our village to explore this further. This support group is not about any individuals: it's about our community meeting the urgent needs of our community. Surely that's something worth hanging onto?

Chris Smith

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The Greater Cambridge Partnership (GCP) has voted to progress development of a busway connecting the Biomedical Campus to the Babraham Research

Campus. We have featured this in the *Village News* before but now it is a step nearer – and it really is near, as this photograph of Hinton Way shows.



Alternative routes such as widening the existing A1307 and the route of the old Haverhill/Sudbury railway line have been discarded in favour of a route that cuts across Haverhill Road,

Stapleford and Hinton Way, Great Shelford, scything through the green belt and causing an obstruction on both roads leading east out of the villages.

While much publicity has been directed towards the Cambourne to Cambridge busway 'our' south east bus route seems to have sneaked in without much discussion in the village. Yet both Parish Councils have objected fundamentally to the proposed route and the Smarter Cambridge Transport group have questioned why it doesn't follow the A1307 to the existing Park & Ride. They also say the proposed route overspecifies the width needed and underestimates the environmental benefits of the old railway route.

With a new station at Addenbrooke's, why not add a light railway which is the preferred option of several local groups and Parish Councils? Why cut across fields which are the last green stretch between Shelford and Cambridge? It is almost certain that the route across Hinton Way will lead to a new building line as well as to delays as frequent buses block your progress.

For more information look at Smarter Cambridge Transport:

www.smartertransport.uk and www.cambridgegcp.org/south-east-cambridge-busway

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Our first public Sunday morning services have appeared to go very well. Thank you for your feedback; we have slightly 'tweaked' our practices as a result. Please continue to let us know how things are working.

It is for you to decide if you wish to attend public worship again and we shall still make recordings of services available on the website for those who choose not to come at present.

This will be in sound only because of the technical issues about video recording or live streaming at public events.

I do hope that you manage to get a break during August. We all need to recharge our batteries and recent weeks have taken a heavy toll on many people's reserves.

Every blessing for the coming weeks,

A few things you need to know ahead of attending our Sunday services:

- If you, or any member of your household or bubble, are showing any symptom of Covid-19, **do not come to church**.
- If you are at heightened risk from infection by Covid-19 you are advised not to come to church.
- **Use hand sanitiser on entry and exit, and at need.**
- Keep 2m distance between yourself and anyone not of your own household or bubble; when 2m is not possible, additional protection (e.g. facemasks) should be used.
- Register your name and contact phone number with a sidesperson at every service.
- The sidesperson will be on hand to direct you to your seat, to invite you to come up to receive communion, and to ensure that 2m social distance is maintained on leaving the church. Worshippers should remain in their seats until otherwise directed by the sidesperson.
- You are asked to catch coughs and sneezes in the crook of your arm, and to leave the church if the coughing or sneezing fit persists. Used tissues should be taken home for safe disposal, to minimise the risk to those cleaning the church.
- The service books provided at each place should not be shared, and should be left on the seat at the end of the service.
- The weekly pew sheet provided at each place, once touched, should be taken home at the end of the service.

- Singing is not permitted at the moment.
- The Peace should be exchanged by gesture only, maintaining 2m distance.
- Communicants should come up to the communion screen via the central aisle, and return to their seats via the side aisles. Those not taking communion are asked to sit in the south aisle pews, so as not to disrupt the through-flow of communicants returning to their seats.
- Regretfully, there will be no Sunday Club or children's activities in church or in the Community Room until further notice.
- Details of how to make your (much appreciated!) donations by contactless means are published in the pew sheet.
- The Community Room will remain closed until further notice; however, the toilets may be used at request during church services. Hand sanitiser must be used on entry, and hands thoroughly washed after using the toilets.
- If you become ill after attending church, please let the vicar or churchwardens know immediately, as well as informing NHS Test and Trace.

Services by Audio and Live Streaming

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Cambridge City Foodbank

Thank you to everyone who has continued to support the Foodbank in the last few months. Now that our church has reopened, we will again be making a monthly collection on the first Sunday of each month, the next collection being on **Sunday 2 August**. All donations are appreciated and a list of the foods most urgently needed can be found at the back of church or on the Foodbank website. You can also donate money directly to the Foodbank. www.cambridgecity.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-food

St Mary's Sunday Club will not meet until the autumn. We will be offering regular Mary Mouse letters and activities on the website. For details contact Gillian Pett: gillian.pett29@gmail.com

Wednesday 9.30am Holy Communion services are still suspended.

From the Registers

Funeral: 21 July Alan Lyne

Regular Services

Sunday:	8am	Holy Communion (BCP 1662)
	10am	Parish Communion, our main Sunday service
	6.30pm	Evening Prayer (live-streamed via Zoom)

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COUNTRY MARKET



Wednesday 15 July was quite a day – we were able to reopen the Country Market. It was a big step for us to take but you, our customers, made us feel wanted.

It was (and will remain) a different looking market: all a bit bare, with social distancing measures in place, a one-way system, less socialising time amongst friends and producers behind face masks. However, the plant section added a much needed splash of colour with pot plants, freshly cut garden flowers, fruit and vegetables. It was a real pleasure to see everyone again and also to welcome some new faces.

Over the next few weeks we will be selling baked items, preserves, plants and garden produce but will try to gradually work in some crafts. In the meantime, visit our shop on the Country Market Facebook page to look at the crafts available for ordering. Even if you are able to come along in person, advance ordering of all our produce helps us and will be packed ready for you to collect. You can still look around and add to your order when you arrive. Also, we are able to make local deliveries if you are unable to come in person.

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Sandra East, sandra.east@nhs.net

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SHELFORD SCHOOL

A SUMMER TERM LIKE NO OTHER

Life in a primary school is always full of challenges, with the summer term usually particularly busy, but the last few months have thrown up challenges the likes of which we have never before experienced.

In addition to our 'Home From Home' class, early in June we welcomed back our two Reception bubbles, closely followed by Y1 and Y6. The staff continued to work really hard to not only meet the government and local authority's expectations, but also provide home learning materials for everyone. As term draws to its conclusion, video meetings have been shared to review progress and meet next year's teachers. The traditional summer events have not been forgotten, just re-imagined. So, think a socially-distanced French Breakfast, a PTA campout in the school families' own back gardens and Sports Day involving buckets and rolled up socks. Where there's a will, etc.

With the cancellation of the Summer Fair and Shelford Feast, the hoped-for funds to stock our beautifully refurbished library seemed in short supply, but the PTA, ever inventive, came up with Plan B. This is working well, but still could do with some more help, which is where we hope our village community can step in. It works like this:

The PTA has an Amazon Wishlist full of book ideas suggested by the teachers:

www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/2WSDF7L9G47UW?ref_=wl_share

or a shortened version which might be easier:

<https://tinyurl.com/y26rh4tr>

It's a low effort, great way to support the school. If you buy from the list the book will be sent straight to the school, but there is no obligation to buy from Amazon. If you'd rather buy a book from the list elsewhere and have it delivered to the school it would be equally welcome. All books are very gratefully received! Why not:

- Buy a book just because you feel like it or because there's one on the list you know is great.
- Send the link to family and friends as an alternative to presents for your children (if you're bursting at the seams at home!).
- Buy a book as a thank you for the effort the school and staff are currently making in difficult circumstances.
- Say thank you for what Shelford School meant to your family.

As if all this activity weren't enough, there has been a requirement to evaluate and review the curriculum this year. At Shelford, this has been woven around six different threads:

- Identity
- Our Story So Far
- Our Environment: Local and Global
- Community – Empathy
- Growth and Changes
- Curiosity

As always, it is our intention that the relational element is at the heart of our learning, and never more so than at the current time. Although there will no doubt be catching up to do for some children in Maths and Literacy, the children's mental health and wellbeing will be top of our agenda in September. We are confident that as this curriculum is implemented, we will be doing so much more than imparting knowledge.

We were delighted recently to receive the news that we have achieved our Primary Science Quality Mark. This is a year-long process that has been led by Mrs Clarke with support from the whole school community. The assessors were hugely complimentary about our submission, stating it was a joy to read. We were thrilled with this glowing report and would like to thank the Wellcome Trust for their commitment in supporting the school to achieve this.



'There is a commitment to developing all children's science capital. I have to say that this is a real strength at Shelford. I have been impressed on many occasions reading about the effort that has gone into ensuring the whole school community understands how relevant science is to our everyday lives. I love the 'Science Spot' in the newsletter and how that has increased science discussion in the wider community and how many of your pupils and staff now view themselves as scientists too! Your commitment to increasing science capital has not only raised curiosity and excitement around science but the feedback you have received from pupils, teachers and parents has been hugely positive. You should be immensely proud of you have achieved here! Well done!'

Finally, we have two members of staff who will be retiring at the end of this academic year: Mrs Remm and Mrs Millard. We will all be very sorry to see them go and we are grateful to them both for their significant contribution to Shelford. We will, of course, also be saying goodbye to our Year 6 children, and are so very glad that this year group in particular has been able to return to school. Our Leavers' event may well be different this year, but our heartfelt wishes are as warm as ever as we pray God's blessing on them throughout the years ahead.

Liz Jenkin, Local Authority Governor

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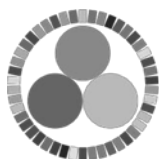
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Together Again

I love walking, so being able to exercise daily in the fresh air was one of the cornerstones of my wellbeing these past months. Although I enjoy my own company, I love staying connected too, spending time with my family and friends, and I so missed their company. It was such a joy to be able to actually have a real conversation after so long, sharing stories of how life was for us.

Walking and talking is something God models for us throughout the Bible, and it is not just for good times. Arranging to meet with a friend to go walking, she joked that she may not recognise me. In dark times, I wonder whether we can be like that friend, when it comes to recognising Jesus. In good times, in bad times, do we recognise the One who walks with us and listens to our stories? In our commonplace everyday lives are we so downcast or so busy that we drown out the whisper of His voice?

Hanging Out In The Fog

Negotiating the exit from lockdown felt far more complicated than going in. Making decisions as a trustee of several charities brought with it a weight of responsibility that had been missing to a certain extent. I craved answers, resolution and certainty where none was forthcoming. Many years ago I was at a conference, where the words of Guy Claxton, one of the speakers, really resonated with me: *'The ability to hang out in the fog, to tolerate confusion, to dare to wait in a state of incomprehension while the glimmering of an idea takes time to form is another aspect of resilience, thus of learning power.'*

Being able to sit with uncomfortable feelings and treat them with inquisitiveness and curiosity is as vital in 'real life' as it is in the classroom. Jesus calls us to be His disciples, and the word 'disciple' means a learner. And so as I sat there 'in the fog', accompanied by bewilderment and confusion, I tried to see them not as alien feelings to be dispatched as quickly as possible, but as opportunities to learn more about what it is to truly follow Jesus. I hope my thinking leads to learning and developing perseverance and resilience – albeit uncomfortably slowly at times!

The Long and Winding Road

Maybe nostalgia isn't quite the right word, but I did wonder whether I was not alone in thinking back to those early days of lockdown with something approaching wistful reminiscence. Do you remember how we all washed our hands for twenty seconds every time (some of us singing Happy Birthday twice as we did so)? When the village Facebook page was awash with requests for, and offers of, flour and yeast etc. as baking fever took off at the same time as supermarket delivery slots became rarer than hens' teeth? How we placed our stones with words of hope around the village and hung our rainbows and teddies in the windows? How the birds sang and the blossom bloomed and we all had time to notice it?

We were warned that we were in for a marathon rather than a sprint, but somehow didn't really believe it. And as I approached the end of week 12, albeit thankfully with considerably more permitted activities than previously, I found myself feeling ... weary. I was still singing in my online choirs and keeping up my exercise regime and volunteering activities, but it must be said my enthusiasm was waning. There are only so many conversations about how elderly relatives are coping that can be had. We were done with Clapping for Carers – our NHS workers no longer wanted to be applauded as heroes by the same people who then flouted the social distancing rules. It all felt a bit like the end of season sales. But – this wasn't the end; we had to keep going, carry on doing small acts with compassion, continue looking out for others, endure and persist when we couldn't see the end of the road, only the next twist or turn. Where, then, to renew our energy and enthusiasm? Exercise can be boring, repetitive and uncomfortable, but it's the only way to strength. Keeping my eye on Jesus day by day as I go about repetitive, common and trivial-seeming tasks is how my energy and enthusiasm will be renewed. If my calling is to do the ordinary things, I can choose to do them in His name and strength.

Just Because You Can Doesn't Mean You Should

I experienced something that hadn't happened to me for what seemed like a long time – a potential diary clash. After weeks of answering Zoom requests with a wry, 'I'm free anytime – it's not as if I've got anything else on, is it?' I found myself juggling arrangements to fit things in. This had, of course, come about because of the increased freedom to go out and about, even collecting a welcome takeaway coffee here and there or meeting in someone's garden. And instead of feeling glad, I actually experienced a slight physical tension, heralding anxiety as I tried to please everybody.

Do I want to go back to the way things were before? This is a question which I'm sure many people are mulling over. Pope Francis recently reminded us that in every crisis lies an opportunity, depending on how we look at it – the word

‘crisis’ comes from the Greek for ‘to separate, to sift’ which means to pass judgement, to keep only what is worthwhile: *‘Today I believe we have to slow down our rate of production and consumption and to learn to understand and contemplate the natural world. We need to reconnect with our real surroundings ... But let us not lose our memory once all this is past, let us not file it away and go back to where we were. This is the time to take the decisive step, to move from using and misusing nature to contemplating it. We have lost the contemplative dimension; we have to get it back.’* What if the week wasn’t filled up with meetings, emails and activities and we spent more time being instead of doing? I was particularly struck by Pope Francis’s phrase, ‘lose our memory’; already I sense that this precious opportunity to become more contemplative will be one of the things we let slip through our fingers if we do not intentionally hold it. Many of us (not me!) have spent some time in lockdown clearing out cupboards, wardrobes, sheds, etc. and getting rid of things we once loved but no longer serve a purpose. Which bits of our ‘BC’ lives and church should we keep, and what should go, metaphorically speaking, to the charity shop or even the tip?

Liz Jenkin, Elder, Great Shelford Free Church

SHELFORD SCHOOL PTA FUNDRAISING APPEAL

Thanks to you all for your support this year. As we haven’t been able to fundraise in the normal way we are having one final push.

The school is in urgent need of new laptops. The laptops they have are so old they are no longer supported by Microsoft and aren’t really fit for purpose. The PTA is, therefore, looking to raise enough money (£3,000) to allow the school to buy a complete set of 30 laptops, enough for a whole class to use.

No effort, no costume-making, no baking, you don’t even need to choose a book. But if you can, please donate to our laptop fundraiser via the Just Giving page. And please share the link with anyone who might be interested in donating – Shelford PTA is a registered charity:



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lives because of poverty, conflicts, lack of essentials and schooling.

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It is a great time to start collecting items along with your regular shopping. Or why not get kitting or sewing items such as pencil cases or purses and small bags. Home-made stuffed toys such as teddy bears, dolls and animals are acceptable this year providing they have stuffing from craft shops.

Please note that due to customs regulations no liquids, lotions, toothpaste or sweets and other edible items can be included in the boxes.

Collection week is 9 to 17 November, more details closer to the time. Thank you to all who take part. If you have any queries, please telephone me on 01223 893232.

For more information visit the website www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/occ

Jane Furlow

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DIARY AUGUST

PLEASE NOTE

The Memorial Hall is now open again for the Country Market every Wednesday 9.30 –11.30am (see page 13), but for all other regular and one-off events, please contact the individual organisers listed inside the back cover of this magazine.

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	Blue bins Tuesday 4 and 18 August
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	POST BOXES Coppice Avenue, Mill Court (Hinton Way), Library, Old Vicarage Church Street, High Green bus stop, Stonehill Road. The latest collection from the Post Office is currently 5pm Monday to Friday, 11.55am Saturday.
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	LIBRARY The library will be opening from 4 August 2020 for limited services. You will be able to return books and collect books that have been pre-booked online or by telephone. See page 47 for details. Regular opening hours will be: Tuesdays 10am–2pm Fridays 2–6pm

LOST KEYS

A set of keys were lost on the Rec on 4 July 2020. If anyone has found them, please get in touch with the *Village News* team (see page 48 for details) and we will arrange to reunite them with their owner.

Editor

ALAN LYNE

Alan Lyne, who sadly died on 28 June, aged 71, came to Cambridge as a young microbiologist working for the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food's free advisory service which evolved into ADAS, an independent agricultural and environmental consultancy. Alan was a Senior Consultant Microbiologist, particularly informed on the food safety aspects of cheese.

Dorothy Doel got to know Alan in 1983 whilst working in the old government buildings in Brooklands Avenue: 'I remember him as a friendly young man who enjoyed a chat and was always interested in people.' His colleagues remember him as 'A fascinating and clever man, and generous with his time', 'Always willing to offer advice and insight on food safety projects, sharing his microbiology knowledge' and 'Dedicated. Wonderful to work with.'



Both Alan and his wife, Carole, played a full part in village life. Alan was very supportive of Carole with her teaching at the local primary school and the day-nursery at Hauxton, and later played important roles in the Friends of Great Shelford Library Committee. The Grey family have happy memories of Scottish holidays to Eigg and Orkney with the Lynes, including sons Matt and Thom. Very unfortunately Matt will be unable to travel from Japan to attend his father's funeral as a result of Covid rules.

Ian Macpherson recalls: 'Alan was a wonderful and extremely helpful neighbour to us for 24 years. It was he who introduced me to The Bunch, who organise The Shelford Feast every year, and later showed me the ropes for The Feast Treasurer's role, having held that post himself. Alan was an excellent sounding board for any problems or issues I encountered, and was blessed with a very dry sense of humour.' Alan worked as a volunteer at The Feast and was then invited to become a member of the Bunch in 1997, where he was the 'go to' man for food safety, making our Feast the safest eating spot around. As well as being Treasurer of The Feast, he was also a Trustee and spent many hours dealing with the bureaucracy of moving us to charity status. Alan also took responsibility for The Feast church concert every year – invariably with the finest selection of cheese to go with the wine.

He was knowledgeable, thoughtful, a good companion and a wholly reliable friend. He will be sadly missed.

Duncan Grey

PLAYSCAPE ANSWERS YOUR QUESTIONS



With the reopening of our village playground, community members may be wondering about Playscape's progress to build a new playground. We've received some very good questions from the community, so we thought we'd answer them here!

Q: You've been working on this for over five years; why is it taking so long?

A: Three reasons: ambition, money, and bureaucracy!

This project morphed into a much more strategic project than the one we originally signed up for (which is no bad thing!). So the consultation and design phase took longer than a simple exhibition by a play equipment company to tick the 'public consultation' box. Eight months of focus groups, an online questionnaire and several exhibitions sought to create a design that was genuinely fit for purpose and inspiring. In the long run we believe this is well worth the investment of time.

Then, there was money: the design is ambitious so we've always known we needed to raise a lot, and that does take time. The community has been fantastic supporting the It's A Knock Out, Abseil, and Fun Runs, plus some very generous donations. We've raised over £90,000 to date, which is an amazing achievement. We could have built sooner if we'd been successful with the Lottery's Reaching Communities Fund, who praised our inclusive approach and design, but decided they were moving away from funding full capital projects. We do however have a list of other funding bodies and grants that we are going to apply to, but many require us to have gone out to tender, which brings us to bureaucracy ...

The real time lag has come in the last 18 months: trying to establish the procurement route (i.e. how we get it built) took longer than we'd hoped, partly as this was new to the team and partly because of the challenges of navigating procedural issues in order to get official approval for the chosen course.

Covid-19 also hasn't helped matters: some things are always better progressed in person and there has been a delay in instructing the civil engineer – a crucial step as we need to establish if and how we can build over the main sewer that goes directly under the playground. Once this has been established, Erect Architecture will be able to finalise the technical drawings, we can go out to tender and then apply for grants.

We have nevertheless been working behind the scenes on a large grant application during this time. We view this one as a bonus grant as we'd not identified it to fund the Playscape and although it is oversubscribed we fit the criteria well so we'll have to wait and see.

Q: What is your current money-raising target? Is it achievable? If money is one of the problems preventing progress are there alternative, more practical or less ambitious, plans? Do you have a timescale for completion?

We've made clear in our Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) on the website that we estimate the cost to build the Playscape at about £250k and believe we will be able to afford this with the money we've raised to date and grants we've identified. We've hesitated to launch a fundraising target until we've received tenders and there's no point reducing the scope of the scheme until we've exhausted all funding avenues.

Indeed, we would argue that the plans we have are highly practical in the sense that they address many different needs in one design. In terms of timescale, we hope to have the tenders back in three months but that will mean we'll probably just miss the next grant round in September, so we'll apply in December.

Q: Has lockdown affected your plans to decorate the shelter and trim the willow dome?

A: Yes! Like many of us, our committee members have had to make major changes to accommodate lockdown and some things simply had to give. However, you will be pleased to hear that we are handing over the design, colour and some funds to the PC to make progress on the Shelter! I am also going to be down at the Rec in the summer working with the SSYI on some copse maintenance work so I'm hoping to give the willow dome a haircut then. Like the rest of us, it might look untidy, but it's fine underneath it all!

Q: What happened to the wild flowers you planted last year?

A: They're still there, at least some of them are! There are some impressive clumps of tansy coming up at the moment and some oxeye daisy and musk mallow colonies too. Wild flower meadows always take some time to establish, but I am meeting with a rep from On The Verge Cambridge to get some yellow-rattle seed (which is helpful as it's parasitic to grass) and some general advice on how we can increase the wildflower density in the meadows.

Q: Can I volunteer?

A: OK, I sneaked that question in, but if you're still reading then please email me if you're inspired by this project as there's always something we need help with!

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The Royal British Legion has County Appointed Membership Support Officers (MSO) nationwide and I am happy to report that our MSO for Cambridgeshire (Dan Francis) is now back in post having been furloughed for the past three months. Dan sent through what was his first weekly update on 10 July.

In it he briefed us on some important changes. The Annual Conference for the RBL was due to have been held in May but will now take place in a digital format on Saturday 19 September. With online registration this will be the first time ever that members can attend the Annual Conference remotely. To register, visit the main RBL website by 7 August. This is open to all if you would like to understand more about the workings of the Legion.

Legion branches can now organise outdoor gatherings of no more than 30 people to coincide with a two-minute silence at 11am on 15 August to mark VJ Day, which will bring immense relief to those wishing to put on an Act of Remembrance. This significant date back in 1945 marked the end of World War 2 on a global scale, following which many soldiers returned home to less celebration than at the end of conflicts in Europe three months earlier. As numbers are limited, please contact the Branch Secretary for more information.

We are hopeful that it will be possible to hold a Remembrance Sunday Service on 8 November this year, but the Poppy Appeal 2020 will be affected with no door-to-door collections and possibly no static stands. This will have a huge impact on the work of the Legion, as other charities are already finding.

We have no set plans for a Branch Meeting but before lockdown we held a regular Breakfast Club once a month at the Footprints Café in the Free Church in Sawston. Significant measures have been taken to meet social distancing requirements to such an extent that we will be holding our next Breakfast Club on Saturday 22 August. This relaxed and informal event is a great way of catching up with like-minded people. Again, please contact our Branch Secretary if you wish to attend.

Branch Secretary and Vice Chairman respectively Kevin and Christine Swann can be contacted on 07496 517859.

Keep well and stay safe until we catch up next month.

Mark Chennells, Branch Chairman, Sawston and Pampisford RBL

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HELEN HARWOOD'S CORONAVIRUS DIARY

JUNE 2020

It's June, we've had two months of lockdown, and things have moved on. We're free to meet others outdoors – and fortunately it's summer! The weather is still hot and dry – very dry – which is a trial for us gardeners.

4 June. Another day on which it does not rain. Shelford School has reopened for Years 1 and 6. A single child, wearing her red Shelford sweatshirt, trails along to school after her mother, a pale reminder of the usual school run along Great Shelford High Street. I stop to chat to a village friend – we are SO fed up with lockdown, we want to go out and do stuff – concerts, classes, groups of friends ...

We are slowly winding down the lockdown, amid much argument for and against. Should we quarantine arrivals from abroad? Would three feet be an adequate social distance now instead of six? It would make life so much easier ... But the numbers aren't falling – they've plateaued. In Iran they're seeing a second wave of infection. Is this a warning, or just their bad luck? There are no answers. But realistically it's probably the right time for us to start opening things up. We can't remain in hiatus for ever, and we're all so tired of this. The question is, can we do it sensibly, or will we go mad and make it all happen again?

It rained last night – a tiny shower, but things look wet and the air smells fresh, and I lay in bed and could HEAR my potato crop slurping up the water. Small pleasures.

I was able to meet up with a good friend, a friend I hadn't seen since February, and we went for a walk on Rectory Farm. I saw it through her unfamiliar eyes, and we had a good time. And how we talked. And talked. I had a sore throat for the rest of the week!

We had some more rain and a trip to my favourite woodland. It took us right out of Cambridgeshire, and the novelty and pleasure of seeing the outside world again was enormous. It almost felt surprising to feel it was all still there, and not so very much changed. I savoured every single moment of that day, and all the wonderful things I saw. All these things combined to restore my sense of wellbeing. I feel good again.

Monday 8 June. 55 deaths were recorded on Sunday. The figures go down, but oh so slowly. And they're always lower at weekends. The pandemic is easing in Europe, but worsening in the Americas and South Asia.

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As one thing gets better, so something else erupts. In a truly shocking and shameful incident, a black American, George Floyd, dies after being arrested by police in Minnesota. The incident sparks demonstrations across the world, demanding justice for George Floyd. For many members of ethnic minorities it strikes a chord of injustice. Perhaps too there's a lot of pent-up frustration after lockdown. It reminds us we have other issues to address besides coronavirus.

At the daily briefing we are told the UK is winning the battle against the virus. The Health Secretary grandiosely declares that coronavirus is 'in retreat across the land'. The number of deaths has fallen to its lowest level in six weeks: 55 more people have died. It's the lowest level since before lockdown. Nothing to get smug about though: the UK death toll is now 40,597.

10 June. It rained all day. I finally got the rain I've been longing for. The garden looks happy again and so does the gardener.

13 June. 'Support bubbles' are introduced, providing relief at last for the isolated elderly: if you're a single person you can go and stay with someone, with no social distancing. Or someone can stay with you. I meet an elderly friend. She is so happy because her daughter is coming to stay.

It turns hot again.

All spring the blackbirds have been with us, taking the bird food, raising their chicks. They use our garden as a crèche, so we've been knee-deep in young blackbirds which explode constantly from under my feet as I walk down the garden. I wish I'd counted how many broods there've been – they seem endless. Those blackbirds are tireless (or maybe it's more than one pair of blackbirds?). But suddenly they've all disappeared. Odd, I think. But the answer lies in the High Street where there's an enormous wild cherry. Blackbirds throng the branches and fly away with a cherry in their beaks. They look vaguely piratical. There are cherry stones everywhere. It's a useful thing, that tree. Our strawberries, raspberries and redcurrants are all safe, because there are so many cherries that the blackbirds have no need to look elsewhere.

There are more demonstrations this weekend. Isaac Newton said that every action has an equal and opposite reaction: the far right has now turned out. Elsewhere, two men in scout uniform are guarding Baden-Powell's statue in Poole: a website has named him as a racist whose statue should be removed.

After so much argument about the dangers of schools reopening, the opposing view now emerges. In an open letter to the Education Secretary, leading child psychologists declare that the delay in getting children and adolescents back to schools is a 'national disaster', depriving children of social contact and play,

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thus damaging their mental health. I can't help feeling sometimes that modern life is exhausting. Everyone is so hyperbolic. We've had the end of civilisation as we know it so often that nobody cares any more. We're just trying to survive the pandemic. There will be consequences. But life is not under our control. We just thought it was.

Monday 15 June. The shops are reopening, provided they can operate with appropriate safeguards. I feel slightly confused, trying to remember what we CAN'T do – we can't go in each other's houses, or go on holiday, or go to towns for tourism. We can meet friends and family – outdoors, go shopping (but you have to be patient – lots of queueing, though that will die down after a while), go for walks, go to the garden centre. The limits to what we do lie in our own perception of risk and we still feel reluctant to risk too much.

In the garden, the badger blunders in one night, knocks everything over, wanders off again. Roses, wonderful roses. Clearing bits of garden that are overrun, I find roses I'd forgotten I had. All over my garden are patches of comfrey. I call it 'the plant that keeps on giving'. It has fed the spring cohort of solitary bees. They, and it, have done their work and it's now the time of the colonial bumble bees. Fat and furry, they buzz loudly as they do the round of the flowers. It's time to cut back the comfrey, to provide a second flush.

Saturday 20 June. It feels as if nothing much is happening. We're just all getting on with life as best we can. People are happier. We're all meeting up with those we've missed. Very emotional reunions with grandchildren and children. But there's big news – an effective treatment drug called dexamethasone. It's a low-dose steroid treatment which seems to reduce the risk of death for those who have to be admitted to hospital.

I went out in the garden at 10pm last night and there were three bats flying around. We also have a wren nesting in the ivy outside the kitchen window. If it flies out when I'm washing up, it hops onto the slate roof and glowers at me. I think it likes to tell me that humans are not welcome. It spends a lot of time pecking around my plant pots, and it likes a little bath in the plant tray which has about half an inch of water in it. So really, you have to say, humans are quite a good thing. To my delight the pigeons, which have haunted my garden all spring, have moved on. The cherry tree on the High Street still has tons of fruit on it, and they are spending all day feeding there. But Will is very careful not to park under it, otherwise the car gets covered in sticky cherry stones and smelly pigeon poo.

Wimpole is open again – hallelujah! Day out – hot – butterflies and dragonflies, long grass, rich with flowers. It's glorious. But it's no longer a simple day out. You have to book in advance, and the competition for tickets is enormous.

23 June. We are promised a significant relaxation of the lockdown from 4 July (Independence Day!). Pubs, cafés, museums, hotels and holiday cottages will all reopen. Social distancing will be reduced to 1m where 2m isn't practicable. BUT coronavirus hasn't gone away. The death figures follow a pattern (which relates to reporting delays): low at the weekend, high on Monday. So on Saturday 20 June there were 43 deaths, on Sunday 15, on Monday 280. The graph has flattened but it seems as if it's only falling very, very slowly and that in itself requires an explanation. The health officials are constantly urging caution. They know it's not over yet. Unfortunately they're swimming against the tide. There are huge numbers of people who want to erupt into one long party – family gatherings, pub nights, parties, summer holidays, hen parties, the whole mad round. In Germany, the least affected country in Western Europe, one outbreak in a meat-processing plant brings more than 1,500 cases and a



Helen and husband Will after lockdown

local lockdown is hastily introduced. It's in an area where the authorities had pushed strongly for relaxation. There's a lesson there.

But while many are poised to erupt into party mode, many of us older heads, everyone I know in fact, regards it all with much more caution. They do not envisage significant change. Provided they can see their families and go out a bit, the rest can wait.

Saturday 27 June. We've seen a lot of madness this week. It's been very hot, reaching 30 degrees and people have piled onto the beaches, most notably at Bournemouth which was so overwhelmed that the police declared a major incident. Thousands of people crammed onto the beaches and any possibility of social distancing went out of the window. Tempers frayed, people behaved badly, fights broke out, and people camped overnight. The roads were gridlocked. And they left 33 tonnes of rubbish on the beach. One resident commented that there was 'a complete breakdown of normal decent behaviour and law and order', and it's hard to disagree. As a society it seems we struggle badly with the notion of impulse control. Whatever it is, we've just got to have it. And it feels like the grown-ups have given up and gone on holiday too: the government has stopped the daily briefings, because there wasn't anything to say. The MP for Bournemouth disagreed.

The crisis here in Britain isn't over, even if the shops and bars and restaurants are reopening. Even if the government is going to facilitate summer holidays abroad. Even if we're trying to get the economy back on track under 'a new normal'.

Yesterday there were 184 deaths. It's true, hospitals have got much better at handling the disease so fewer of those admitted are dying now. Those treating them have a much better understanding of the disease. At first they thought they were just treating a lung infection. Blood clots and the overreaction of the immune system kicked in and killed many. But still there are a small but steady number of new infections every day. That needs accounting for, and perhaps the answer lies on Bournemouth beach. Poor Chris Whitty, he keeps saying it again and again. It's not over yet. But how many people are listening?

Meanwhile there's other news too, and it's not good. Temperatures in the Arctic Circle have hit record levels. The Arctic is warming faster than anywhere else on earth.

Here in Shelford the heat has returned.

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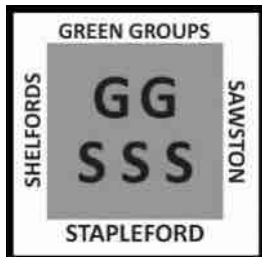
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We recently had a very interesting guided walk around the Stapleford Parish Pit to find out more about the fauna and flora. Amongst other things, we saw milkwort and ragwort covered in cinnabar moth caterpillars. Watch out for more Guided Walks next summer.

Some of the group also attended the virtual lobby of MPs on 30 June, called *The Time is Now*. This was organised by the Climate Coalition, which includes groups as diverse as CAFOD, RSPB, Christian Aid, the WI, Unicef, the National Trust, Oxfam, and the Woodland Trust.

Several members attended a Zoom meeting with our MP, Anthony Browne, to push points concerning the environment, plastic waste and, particularly at this time, how to recover from Covid-19 in a resilient way to withstand climate change and build a more equal, socially just world by 'building back better'. He answered many questions from the 40-plus constituents, and we will wait and see if he walks the walk! More information is available on the Climate Coalition's website www.theclimatecoalition.org. Greenpeace have also worked on recommendations for a green recovery from Covid-19, details of which are available on their website www.greenpeace.org.uk/news/covid-19-climate-and-what-comes-next.

One of our members attended the Cambridge Climate and Sustainability Forum on 13 June (via Zoom), at which several speakers gave talks on a number of subjects, including what individuals can do to reduce their carbon footprint; ocean health and plastic waste; sustainability in engineering design; and climate legislation. The talks are available via their website www.cambridgehub.org/activities/cambridge-climate-and-sustainability-forum.

2G3S has also responded to the CAM busway consultation and the experimental/temporary traffic orders in and around the city, and have also signed an open letter to the government to review the use of biofuels for electricity generation as they are often unsustainable, e.g. cutting down temperate hardwood forest in the US to make wood pellets for UK power stations.

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TENNIS CLUB



As reported in the previous issue of the *Village News*, the tennis club has been open to members since the middle of May.

The club is continuing to operate under controlled circumstances, in line with LTA and government guidelines. Guidelines across the board are changing constantly and sport is no exception – the most recent update (at the time of writing) to the LTA guidelines was published on 14 July. These brought great news for our younger

members, as coaching sessions can now accommodate up to 15 children. The coaching team at the tennis club are working very hard to offer modified versions of their usual summer camps in the school holidays. More information is available at www.overandin.com/tennis/school-holiday-tennis-camps/great-shelford-holiday-camps/

Each change in guidelines requires the committee to consider whether our risk assessments and procedures need to be updated or if any of the conditions in place can be relaxed. We are working hard behind the scenes to keep up with the changes as much as we can.

Angharad Harris

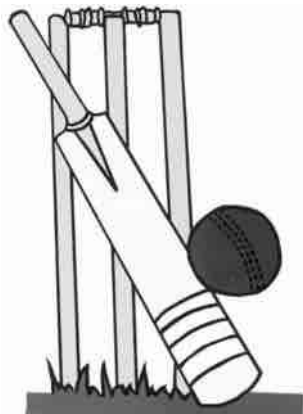
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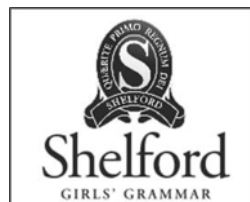
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ANOTHER AUSTRALIAN CONNECTION

Duncan Grey's article, 'Australian Connections', brought to mind an episode that occurred in the spring of 1998. The headteacher at Great and Little Shelford School received a letter by fax from Shelford Anglican Girls' School in Caulfield near Melbourne, Victoria, Australia. (It is now known as Shelford Girls' Grammar School but still has the same crest and motto which translates as 'Seek ye first the kingdom of God'.)



The letter explained that the school, which was celebrating its 100th anniversary, was founded by a Miss Emily Dixon who was believed to have lived in the Shelfords before travelling to Australia.

A series of events had been planned to celebrate the centenary and this included a performance/study tour for a group of students to various UK locations, the last of which was Edinburgh.

Visitors from large countries seem not to appreciate that even though the distances between locations in the UK seem small the journey time is not necessarily so. They were to leave Edinburgh on the morning of their final day, visit our village school at lunch time, before going on to catch the flight home. Tight but doable. And the coach driver assured them he knew the way to Shelford.



There are numerous 'doppelganger' place names in the UK (and around the world). There is a Cambridge in Gloucestershire (and Massachusetts), a St Ives in Cornwall and either side of Nottingham you will find Stapleford to the west and Shelford to the East.

Following a frantic phone call from Nottinghamshire

at 11.30 am and what must have been some very fast driving they finally arrived just as afternoon lessons were starting. The party did eat the lunch we provided but there was little time for anything else.

We had been unable to discover anything about Miss Emily Dixon in 1998 – family history research was far more difficult then and, despite the wealth of resources available now, we can still find no trace of her. A Mrs Mary Anne

Dixon lived at Florence House (now 45 Tunwells Lane) from about 1891 to 1908 but appears to have had no children.

So who was Emily Dixon? Mary Dixon's niece or sister-in-law?

Or perhaps she actually did come from Nottinghamshire...

Do contact me via the editor if you have any insight into the identity of Miss Emily Dixon.

Polly Stanton

Postscript

The 'Australian Connections' article in the July *Village News* refers to the small town of Shelford in Victoria, some 100km west of Melbourne and 60km south of Ballarat. Did adventurous Shelfordians, on their way to dig for gold, give it the name as a reminder of home? Was Miss Emily Dixon a one-time prospector before undergoing a dramatic career change and retreating to Melbourne and civilisation? Or, as Shelford in Victoria is surrounded by branches of a river system, does its name come from the fact that the place is, as are many other Shelfords, the site of 'the ford at the shallow place'? PS

THE SHELFORDS WI

The WI held its third Zoom meeting on Thursday 2 July, with our speaker, freelance hairdresser Becks Simpson. It worked really well and Becks gave us a great deal of advice on how to manage hair while waiting for an appointment at the hairdresser's, which were about to reopen. She demonstrated how to pin up



simple, elegant styles and how to do our own colour and roots. She also covered how to cut men's hair as some members had found themselves doing just that during the lockdown. We even heard of someone using the dog clippers!

On Thursday 16 July we held an extra 'Meet the Members' session by Zoom. Three members gave talks of about ten minutes. One explained how a trumpet works, another described various interesting places where she has lived and a third explained how she had become an author. We look forward to more of these in the future.

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SHELFORD MEMORIES

I had a call from Mrs Jill Nicholas the other day. Like all of us, she's been confined to home, with not much going on. She said she'd been thinking a lot about how Shelford used to be when she was young and was trying to remember where the Drain went.

People will tell you about different bits of the Drain. The most obvious stretch is down the end of Granhams Close. It's one of the places where Shelford kids used to play. But how does it get there? She was puzzled, and set herself the task of finding out.



Jill with her friends, Ruby and Isobel

It turns out that much of it now runs in a pipe or culvert. It crosses Woollards Lane near the library, and runs up between Elms Avenue and Ashen Green. It crosses the gardens in Elms Avenue, then Halatte Gardens. It passes up the drive of 7 Tunwells Lane, then turns towards De

Freville Road, crosses Granhams Road, and then onward till it reaches Hobsons Brook and flows on to Cambridge. It keeps Shelford dry, possibly a bit too dry, if this summer is anything to go by.

Another question that she pondered was where the river runs before it passes the end of Granta Terrace, and eventually she recalled that it runs from Whittlesford (beside the station) and down through Sawston, by the Spike and what used to be Spicers.

How many of us in Shelford know where the Spike is? Or what it means? The Spike, I understand, is the end of Sawston where the leather works used to be. The housing there was built for the tannery workers, and it seems they resented being dumped out in the sticks, so they nicknamed it 'The Spike', supposedly after Spike Island, in Cork Harbour in Ireland, which was used as a penal

colony from 1847 to 1883. Interestingly, the vagrants' wings in workhouses also used to be called 'The Spike'. The tannery workers obviously didn't like their new housing very much!

Mrs Nicholas grew up in one of a pair of cottages beside Maris Farm, a farm which is long gone. Only the farmhouse remains to tell the tale, but now it's surrounded by modern houses. In the old days it was a big farm, bigger than Rodwells (or Granhams) Farm. There were several large barns there, and for a time they housed Len Baynes's Shelford Building Supplies. Before that, they'd been disused for some time, and provided another great place for village children to play. In the days before the Rec, she recalled, The Feast was held in a field behind the De Freville Arms. The field would be full of fairground attractions, like the coconut shy, and the 'Try Your Strength'. It was a great event for everyone.

She said she really wanted to pass on these things that she remembered. We both agree that, if the old stories about the village are not passed on, then something important is lost. Our memories of people and places are what make the village special. So I'd like to thank her for taking the trouble to ring me so that I could pass her memories on to you.

Helen Harwood

LIBRARY

Great Shelford Library will reopen for two sessions a week from 4 August. Sessions will be on **Tuesdays 10am–2pm** and **Fridays 2–6pm**.

However, the initial service will be limited to the return of items (which will then be quarantined), the collection of reservations and one pre-booked 45-minute computer session per customer per day.

Books can be reserved online or by phone and there will be a new 'Select and Collect' service, where you can suggest the type of books you'd prefer and staff will select available titles for you to collect from the library. Reservation charges are suspended until 31 August.

There will be no browsing in the library yet, but we hope to be able to offer a wider service later in the year, subject to health and safety guidelines in place at the time.

For full and up to date details about our reopening please visit www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk or call 0345 045 5225.

Rosemary Humby

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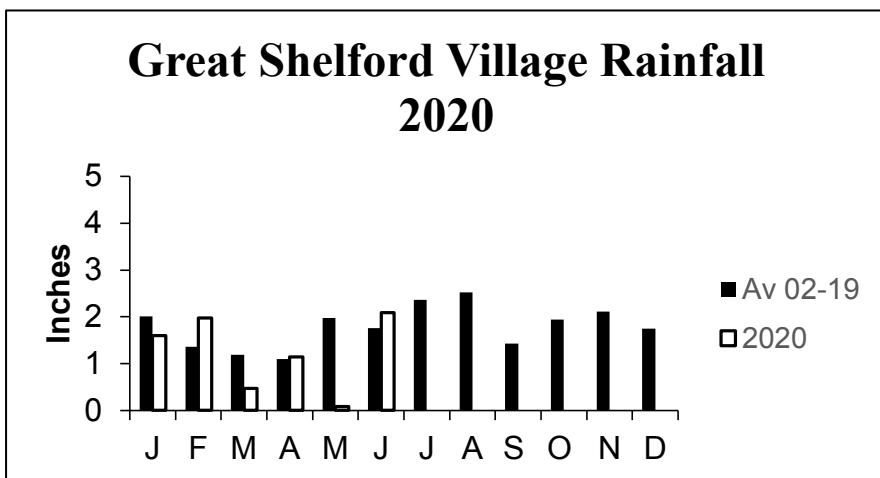
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