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SUMMARY FROM THE UNADOPTED MINUTES OF THE MEETING ON 15 JULY 2020

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

PUBLIC SESSION

One member of the public was present at the virtual meeting, representing Great Shelford Cricket Club. He described the methods proposed for the return of cricket to the Recreation Ground, confirming that the recommendations of the ECB (England and Wales Cricket Board) would be implemented and that the appropriate risk assessments were available for the Parish Council. The Chair stated the Parish Council's preference for a return to restricted cricket on the Recreation Ground, and hoped to have a reply for the Cricket Club in the following week.

FINANCE

Eighteen cheques to the value of £37,640.67 for the period up to 15 July were approved and signed.

REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES

District Councillors

District Councillor Peter Fane reported that the Planning Committee in June gave approval for

- a new 50,000 m² research and development centre for Huawei at Sawston
- a 168-bedroom hotel at the Imperial War Museum Duxford intended to support the existing on-site conference centre and ensure the viability of the site as a national tourist attraction.

Funding of the District Council: A number of Councils in England are considering section 114 notices, to the effect that they are no longer able to balance their budgets (Councils are not allowed to operate a deficit). South Cambs District Council (SCDC) is not as badly affected as many Councils by the reduced income and increased operating costs during the lockdown period, and there is no immediate prospect of SCDC being unable to operate a balanced budget. SCDC relies heavily on income from investments. At a meeting on 14 July, approval was given to the agreement reached in principle on two new investment partnerships, with Hill Investment Partnerships and Balfour Beatty Infrastructure Investment Partnerships. Councillor Barrie Ashurst raised concerns that this was getting into bed with commercial

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companies that were already unable to deliver their commitments to the District Council.

Councillor John Stanton asked if the Busway proposal and route had been granted. The District Councillor confirmed that full planning consent had not yet been granted and a full Environmental Impact Assessment was necessary prior to full approval.

County Councillors

None in attendance.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

Highways Committee

Councillor Barrie Ashurst stated that most of the County Council and District Council departments had effectively closed down and no progress was possible at this time.

Recreation Ground and Pavilion Committee

The Pavilion and its facilities remain fully closed until further notice. It was agreed that art classes could start on 10 September subject to Government updates and suitable risk assessment completion. Football goals continue to be used for casual practice by small groups and Peacocks residents continue to complain about disruption from youths playing in the area. Youth team football goals have been vandalised, a post broken and the net cut around the No Practice notice. The playground opened on 13 July after risk assessment, cleaning by fogging machine twice per week and installation of suitable notices. The sand pit remains closed as a safety precaution. Playing of ball sports and adult cycling is taking place on the Recreation Ground despite restrictions. Notices have been torn down.

Cemetery and Allotment Committee

Allotment plots at Stonehill and the Cemetery allotments have been allocated to those on the waiting list. Some spare plots are still available.

Finance and General Purpose Committee

Councillor Ifthinan Shareef was elected to the committee.

REPORTS FROM CO-ORDINATING OFFICERS

Playscape An application has been made to Cambridgeshire County Council for a grant and any feedback would be appreciated. An engineer's report, together with various Parish Council policy documents, is required for the applications. Progress on the Recreation Ground Green Shelter is to be returned back to the Parish Council, while progress on the Willow Shelter will be a priority for Playscape. The Chair suggested that funding of the Playscape

Project should be reviewed at the Finance and General Purposes meeting in August.

Neighbourhood Plan There has been no progress due to lack of support for the Committee. It appeared that the survey on Access to Green Spaces was not allowing submissions.

Parochial Charities The tendering process for development on More's Meadow is expected within the week with at least four companies, some local. An October start to the work is expected.

Police Councillor Barrie Ashurst will be attending a Zoom meeting involving the Crime Commissioner on 16 July, to discuss Speedwatch equipment costs, parking enforcement and PCSOs (Police Community Support Officers), anti-social behaviour (ASB), reporting systems, and the police reporting structure up to the Crime Commissioner level. The police have been contacted regarding the increased level of ASB on the Recreation Ground, but it seems impossible to get beyond the Sergeant to obtain any response. If current channels are not working it is suggested that the local MP is notified and assistance requested. The public reporting link for any observed crimes is <https://www.cambs.police.uk/report/REPORT>,

Community Association The Wednesday Market has re-started, and the Farmers' Market due to start on 25 July. Both operations will be reviewed by the Community Association and the Parish Council for compliance with legislation.

Library Opening is expected in August but the actual date is not yet known.

Feast The Feast scheduled for 6 to 12 July 2020 is fully postponed to 2021 with no alternative smaller event now under consideration.

Greater Cambridge Partnership Report The Busway plans and route have been agreed despite joint opposition from Great Shelford and Stapleford Parish Councils. The Chair suggested a joint fund should be set up to take independent transport planners' opinion if the Parish Council is to continue opposition to the route. A contribution of £15,000 subject to equal contribution from Stapleford Parish Council was proposed and accepted by unanimous vote. The District Councillor stated that a Transport and Works Order is still required prior to planning approval for the project and route.

Scouts and Guides The new window and door replacements have been completed.

SSYI Club Room The door has been replaced.

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Schools Shelford School staff have had a heavy workload over the past few months and are now concentrating on getting ready for the September start-up date, without much guidance from the National Government. Staff at Sawston schools are in an identical situation.

Parish Church The Church is open for private prayer and this has been well attended. Public Services will start on 19 July. It is believed that the Free Church will start public services in the autumn but no date is available.

Health Centre, Dentist & Pharmacy Shelford Dentist is now open. There is concern over the national announcement on the closure of Boots stores. The Great Shelford store is well used but no confirmation of stores to be closed is currently available.

OTHER BUSINESS

Anti-social Behaviour Multiple cases of ASB have been reported by a village resident. The Log is to be updated. Football goals and the London Road bus shelter have been vandalised. Police patrols, when occurring, are taking place at unsuitable times to intervene on these incidents.

Ball Protection Netting The Cricket Club is requesting to play Senior matches on 15, 22 and 29 August. Protection netting will be required for the proposed matches. Councillors Barbara Kettel and Charlie Nightingale have a proposal from the adjacent land owner that the current netting will be donated to the Parish Council. Installation and removal of the netting for the cricket season, as well as maintenance of the netting, would be arranged and paid for by the adjacent land owners. The Clerk suggested that once under Parish Council ownership, the netting should be installed, removed and maintained by a Parish Council contractor, so that it would be covered by Parish Council insurance. An annual donation towards these costs could be made by the adjacent land owners. It was agreed that a proposal for an agreement note, including the Clerk's recommendations, should be drawn up to that effect, with the note reviewed by a legal counsel for clarity. An urgent updated review with residents is to be arranged.

SSYI lease and future policy on legal services and subsequent lease or agreement documents Councillor Greg Price and the Clerk have not made any progress since the last meeting. Councillor Barrie Ashurst proposed that a full lease is prepared by the Clerk as soon as possible for review.

Riverbank Access Points The three access point log steps have been vandalised and are potentially a hazard. Removal of the steps and riverbank planting is being considered. The Clerk was requested to obtain a quotation from the original riverbank contractor to rework the step sections.

2020/21 Local Highways Improvement Scheme Submission Councillor Barrie Ashurst suggested a repeat of the previous year's submission of speed restriction devices in the High Street and Church Street. This was accepted by unanimous vote.

Coronavirus The National Association of Local Councils (NALC) have indicated that remote meetings are to continue for many months and recommended that the Government legislates to make remote attendance to Parish Council meeting a legal option.

Limited Re-opening of the Memorial Hall The Memorial Hall will open for the Wednesday weekly Market on 15 July (risk assessment received). The Saturday Farmers' Market has proposed starting on 25 July (risk assessment not received). Regular bookings will commence in September when risk assessments have been received

Financial Support for Village Groups The Clerk provided a schedule of all Groups supported by the Feast last year. An updated chart suggesting financial support for groups that may struggle without Feast Grants this year was proposed with a total value of £3,000 (compared with last year's Feast support of £30,000). It was noted that Stapleford Parish Council would not be increasing its local support for any groups beyond its previous \$137 grants.

Working Group for Consideration on Assets of Community Value (ACV) process and the sites to be potentially considered for nomination The Clerk advised that due to the high level of information necessary to make an application, the number of sites being initially considered should be reduced to two sites.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS IN SEPTEMBER

Planning Committee Meeting	2 September 5.15 pm
Planning Committee Meeting	16 September 5.15 pm
Parish Council Meeting	16 September 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.

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NOTE FROM EDITOR

The following article was written by Howard Kettel, Chair of Stapleford Parish Council, for the Stapleford Messenger, and printed in their July 2020 issue. It has been reproduced here, courtesy of the Stapleford Messenger. Please note that some of the dates mentioned are now in the past.

CAMBRIDGE SOUTH EAST TRANSPORT (CSET) BUSWAY

Report from Chair of Stapleford Parish Council

By now the Greater Cambridge Partnership's (GCP) decision to press ahead with their chosen route for the busway will have been widely realised.

The GCP at their board meeting voted in favour of its chosen route for the busway around the edge of the village and across the fields adjacent to the Magog downland and rejected the alternative route proposed by the Parish Council of following the railway alignment through the centre of Great Shelford. The next stage will be an environmental impact assessment, followed by a statutory public enquiry.



Stapleford Parish Council needs to hear from you, whether you want us to fight on by opposing the proposed route and advocating for the alternative. The GCP may be presenting at our next Parish Council meeting on Wednesday 12 August – yes, we are meeting in August – and this is the ideal opportunity for

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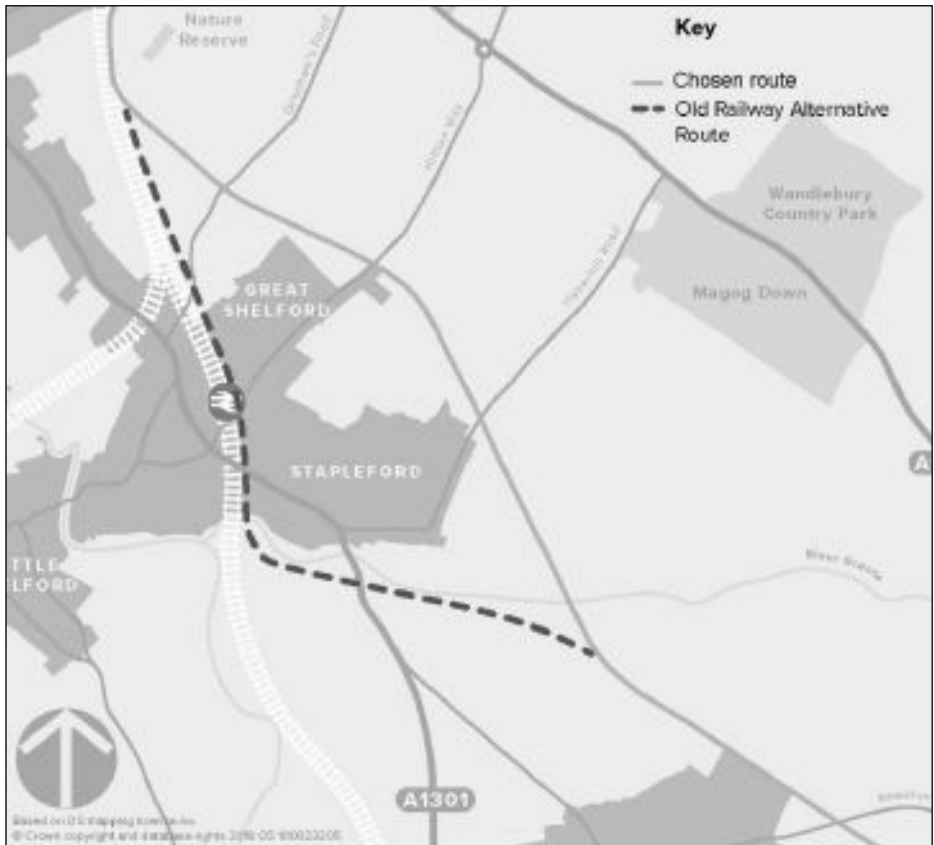
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Activity over the last month

There has been a great deal of activity over the last month, commencing with the joint publication with Great Shelford Parish Council of a Position Statement on the Stapleford Parish Council website at staplefordparishcouncil.gov.uk/spc-position-statement-on-cambridgesouth-east-transport/.

This was circulated widely to all interested parties including Cambridge Past Present and Future, who created and hosted an informative web page providing a full description at cambridgeppf.org/south-east-cambridgebusway, and also the Magog Trust who mobilised their many supporters.



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Public Campaign

A public campaign was launched at short notice with the distribution of 3,000 leaflets informing the two villages of the busway proposal and banners were erected where the busway will cross Haverhill Road, Hinton Way and Granham's Road. The campaign (costing Stapleford Parish Council in the order of £100) resulted in, we believe, several hundred emails being dispatched to the three councillors on the GCP Board.

Meeting Councillors

A meeting was held between the two Chairs of Great Shelford and Stapleford Parish Council with Councillor Roger Hickford, Chair of the GCP (and Cambridgeshire County Council's representative on the GCP). A meeting was also held between the Chair of Stapleford Parish Council and District Councillor Peter Fane with Councillor Aidan Van de Weyer (previous Chair of the GCP and representing South Cambridgeshire District Council on the GCP).

The major issue is challenging the premise that preserving the countryside, landscape and greenbelt and an environmentally sensitive area was not worth £30 million.

Secondly we outlined the lack of consultation and undemocratic processes that the GCP had conducted, most recently at the GCP Joint Assembly.

That the GCP produced a 60-page report literally days before the Joint Assembly, drew conclusions based on opaque methodology and still failed to engage with our arguments in favour of the railway route, lacked a joined up strategic transport plan to serve the needs of Cambridgeshire and beyond including Haverhill, and lost an opportunity to add economic benefit to our villages, were some of the points made in these meetings.

GCP Board Question

At the GCP Executive Board meeting I asked the following question:

'The Mott MacDonald 'CSET Phase 2 Shelford Railway Alignment: Design Development & Feasibility Assessment' report (May 2020) confirms that the alternative railway route is technically feasible and, with realistic performance assumptions, performs at least as well as the chosen route.

'The alternative Shelford Railway Alignment would avoid unnecessary damage to the unique, relatively unspoiled and historically important landscape adjacent to the Gog Magog Hills. It would avoid damage to Green Belt lands which are very important to the setting and to nearby communities for recreation and amenity, and are of economic value for farming. The alternative

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would also bring considerable economic benefits to local communities by connecting them directly into the public transport network.

‘Will the GCP pause the scheme and submit the alternative Shelford Railway Alignment to public consultation?’

The answer to this was no.



Public Support

We were overwhelmed by the public support for our campaign with many coming out to help deliver leaflets over the weekend of 20 June, and it is believed that many hundreds of emails were sent to the three Councillors urging them to reconsider.

There were two pages of articles in the 1 July *Cambridge Independent* featuring the CSET proposals and the alternative route and also an Opinion column headed ‘GCP plan is misguided’.

There has been encouraging support from Anthony Browne MP who has walked the railway route with us (as has the Mayor of the Combined Authority). Anthony Browne is on record for highlighting whether the GCP has followed proper and democratic processes and urging that all viable options for CSET be considered.

Further action

Since the GCP meeting there has been an informal consultation with a firm of solicitors who have experience of the GCP and a leading firm of London solicitors specialising in this work has also been approached along with a leading transport and planning consultant.

It is recognised that any progress on this campaign is subject to a robust and independent challenge of the GCP's consultant's conclusions. In addition there is the opportunity to input into the Environmental Assessment for the chosen route; it is ironic that the route that has been chosen is yet to be assessed.

Under the Transport and Works Act there will need to be a public enquiry and again specialist expert witness evidence will be essential to protect our environment.

It is perhaps heartening to note that Councillor Hickford has given his assurance that should further evidence be brought forward, the GCP will be willing to reconsider.

Consideration is being given to a Judicial Review in the High Court challenging the GCP's processes but a decision on this and an application must be lodged within six weeks of the GCP Board meeting. The cost of this is not inconsiderable and thought is being given by various interested parties into opportunities for fundraising. It is a generally held view that there is the opportunity to continue to challenge the GCP's technical assessment of the two routes, to input into the environmental impact assessment, and to present evidence at the public enquiry next year.

We are actually hoping that social-media-savvy residents will continue to come forward to press our case and we would really value someone coming forward who can set up a crowdfunding website initiative. Indeed, all offers of support would be very welcome – please contact the Chair in the first instance.

Conclusion

At present there is everything to play for if we are to protect our environment and at the same time add economic value by improving the transport infrastructure in a strategic and logical manner.

Future actions will however require resourcing which will need to be addressed. Without funding there can be no expert witness advice to even mitigate the environmental impact of the GCP's chosen route.

Howard Kettel, Chair of Stapleford Parish Council

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PLANNING DECISIONS BY SCDC

Approved

20/01702/HFUL 88 Hinton Way. Ground floor rear and two storey rear extension.

20/01736/CL2PD4 Walnut Drive. Removal of the existing conservatory and the erection of an orangery.

Refused

20/01860/HFUL Kings Mill Lane. Detached single garage

GRANTA MEDICAL PRACTICES

2020 Flu Clinics

In the wake of coronavirus, it is more important than ever to have your flu vaccination. However, with Covid-19 comes the challenge as to how we vaccinate 10,000 Granta patients in a socially-distanced manner, to ensure the safety of our patients, our staff and our local community.

Duxford Imperial War Museum has very kindly agreed to help and we will be holding 'drive-through' flu clinics on **Saturday 3 and 17 October**. If you cannot get to these clinics we will make sure that the patients who can't attend or who cannot drive will be seen in smaller clinics at our surgeries. If you are housebound, separate arrangements will be made for you.

Patients eligible for a free NHS flu vaccination include those who will be 65 years old before 31 March 2021 and anyone else (aged 6 months plus) in an 'at risk' group, details of which can be found on our website. If you are unsure whether you are eligible please telephone us on 0300 234 5555, option 6.

Children aged 2 and 3 years old are automatically eligible and will be vaccinated in our surgeries. Children from 4 to 11 years old will be vaccinated at school, unless they fall into an 'at risk' category.

Appointments should be available to book from the end of August, so keep an eye on our website for further details: www.grantamedicalpractices.co.uk/. Please note that you MUST pre-book your appointment. Don't just turn up on the day as you will be sent away.

We would like to say a massive thank you to Duxford Imperial War Museum for accommodating us in this fantastic community collaboration. If you should decide to stay on and visit the museum, please make sure that you pre-book tickets through the IWM website www.iwm.org.uk/visits/iwm-duxford. You will not be able to purchase tickets for the museum on the day.

Over 50s

As you will have heard on the news, the government has now extended the flu programme to include everyone 50 years old and over, plus household members of shielded patients. NHS England, however, wants us to prioritise the 'at risk' patients first, so this group of patients will be vaccinated towards the end of the year. We will send out further details soon.

Dr Katie Keller

It is with regret we announce that Dr Katie Keller, Shelford GP and GP Trainer will be leaving us at the end of September. Dr Keller arrived as a partner of Shelford Medical Practice in 2014, before coming across to Granta with the merger in 2018. Dr Keller will now be focussing on her extensive work with the Training Hub and University of Cambridge, whilst keeping her hand in as a GP for one day a week at Bourn Surgery.

Dr Keller's patients will be assigned new registered GPs, and we would like to take this opportunity to reassure patients that they can access care from any of our clinical team within Granta, irrespective of their registered GP.

We wish Dr Keller very best wishes for her future; she will be greatly missed by staff and patients alike.

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Sandra East, Granta Communications

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Our Sunday morning services appear to be going well after the lockdown and we now have a settled pattern. Thank you for your feedback; as a result we have slightly ‘tweaked’ our practices as the weeks have moved on. Please continue to let us know how things are working.

The one major change to our public services is that everyone is now required to wear a facemask. I’m also pleased to say that we can now hold Baptisms and Marriages and our first two services take place in the early autumn.

To reiterate, it is for you to decide if you wish to attend public worship at the moment; we shall still make recordings of services available on the website for those who choose not to come. This will be in sound only because of the technical issues about video recording or live-streaming in public at church.

I do hope that you manage to get a break during the summer. Every blessing for the coming weeks.

Cambridgeshire Historic Churches Trust - Ride, Drive or Stride Day - Saturday 12 September

A sponsored event (details in the church) in aid of the Trust, which gives grants to historic churches across the county. The idea is to visit as many open churches in the day as possible – an enjoyable day out which helps to assist churches like our own.

Harvest Festival and Gift Day – Sunday 5 October

A highlight of the autumn is always Harvest Festival and there will be a chance to support local good causes and those in need as part of the celebrations. The weekend also includes an annual **Gift Day**, where we encourage generous financial giving to support the work of the parish church. We are making a special appeal this year in order to help fund new work across the community. Please consider if you could help – we do need to widen our giving support and would welcome your assistance. Helping to support a full time Vicar so that they have the resources necessary to make an impact is a real gift to the wider community. Please respond to our appeal if you can. This is especially important this year as we have suffered reduced income during the suspension of public services.

Harvest Lunch

Regretfully we will be unable to have a Harvest Lunch, due to the continuing Covid-19 regulations.

Cambridge City Foodbank

Thank you to everyone who has continued to support the Foodbank in the last few months. We are again making a regular monthly collection on the first Sunday of each month. The next collection will be made on **Sunday 6 September**. All donations are appreciated. 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, for details visit www.cambridgecity.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-food/

St Mary's Sunday Club

We hope to have Sunday Club working again this month, but at the time of going to press final details have not been decided. Please check our website for updates. 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 service is currently still suspended

From the Registers

Funerals	10 August	Barbara Ashworth
Interment of Cremated Remains	4 August	Brian Jeffs

Regular services

Sunday:	8am	Holy Communion (BCP 1662)
	10am	Parish Communion, our main Sunday service
	6.30pm	Evening Prayer (in church 6 and 20 September and by Zoom from the Vicarage on 13 and 27 September)

For further information about Great Shelford Parish Church

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Great Shelford Free Church

It has been said that coming out of lockdown is a lot harder than going in, and there is a lot of truth in that. Completing risk assessments around church building re-opening seems to have become my new hobby; not a very enthralling one, but it needs to be done. For a church, this means we must be sanitised but can't sing, give our contact details but not a hug, wear masks but not chat ... I could go on but readers would probably rather I didn't! Having surveyed our congregation, it is apparent that there is a wide range of views, with some people really keen to come back but others extremely anxious about engaging with the wider world again, and every shade of opinion in between.

Not everyone is able to engage with technology, and there are those who prefer not to; we have worked hard to keep connected with those folk so that they feel included. However, it has become very apparent during our time of being a scattered church that our 'virtual' gathering has been a real blessing for those who can access it. Our Facebook livestream has attracted more congregants than our usual services, and it is much easier to attend a prayer meeting on Zoom than travel to the church in an evening. Our house groups have almost all continued meeting online and we have provided a range of features on our website from a weekly children's puppet slot to 'Be Still', a calm reflective space for people whether or not they share our faith.

It has been a delight to be back volunteering in Cara Coffee, albeit greeting customers with a request for contact details from behind a plastic visor along with the customary smile. We are currently unable to offer our lunch menu as there is simply not enough space in our tiny kitchen area for more than one person, the coffee is still fantastic and our freshly baked cakes a delicious treat.



You should have recently received a HOPE card through your door. We have delivered these cards to every household in Great Shelford, praying a blessing for each of you. Although the doors to our building are not yet fully open, the doors to our church community are wide in welcome, online and around the village.

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Liz Jenkin, Elder, Great Shelford Free Church

DIARY SEPTEMBER

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The Memorial Hall is now open again for the Country Market on Wednesdays (see below), 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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Tuesdays 10am to 2pm

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SHELFORD SUPPORT GROUP

We are pleased to let people know that we have restarted the community transport service for people in Great Shelford, Little Shelford and Stapleford.

There are some changes; in particular passengers must wear face coverings and will be asked to sit in the back seats of our drivers' cars. Also, we currently have fewer drivers available than previously so may not be able to meet all needs. However we'll do our best to cover as many requests as possible so please call us on the usual numbers – see inside back cover for details.

If anyone would like to become a volunteer driver for SSG we'd love to hear from you too! Contact us at shelfordsupport@googlemail.com

Marjorie Smith

LIBRARY

Many readers will remember the popular monthly Engage talks and demonstrations at Great Shelford Library, with a guest speaker and followed by Q&A and a cup of tea!



With many Covid-19 restrictions still in place, we've introduced a new Engage Online offer and talks take place on Zoom every Tuesday afternoon until later in the year. For more details visit www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/libraries-leisure-culture/libraries and choose the 'online

events' page. Information is also on the Library Service Facebook and Twitter pages. Email volunteers@cambridgeshire.gov.uk to obtain your virtual tickets

Great Shelford Library is open on Tuesdays from 10am–2pm and on Fridays from 2pm–6pm, although browsing of books is still not possible. At present the service is limited to the return of books, collection of reservations, Select & Collect pick up and pre-booked computer use.

The new Sawston Library at New Road, Sawston (next to the Marven Centre) is now open on the same basis as above but on Mondays from 2am–6pm and Wednesdays from 10am to 2pm.

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HELEN HARWOOD'S CORONAVIRUS DIARY

JULY 2020

The first half of 2020 is over. When we woke up on New Year's Day and looked forward to the year ahead, we could never have imagined the six months we've just had. What a year it's been!

This is going to be the last instalment of my Coronavirus Diary, not because the pandemic is over, but because we're out of the first intense phase. From now on we're into the future – a future which consists of adapting to a life where coronavirus keeps resurfacing.

Wednesday 1 July. The world has opened up more, but it's not how it was. Social distancing is still a mantra, as is hand-washing. Wearing a face mask is not compulsory, except on public transport, but some people choose to do so. Villagers have been busy making fabric ones that you can wash and wear again. I can't begin to imagine how many more materials we've used, how many more tons of rubbish we've generated as disposable PPE (another expression we've learnt – Personal Protective Equipment) to get us through this crisis. As far as the planet is concerned, we humans cost a lot to run.

Drew and Nikki at the Deli announce that for now they can't reopen as a café/bistro. With social distancing it wouldn't work financially, nor would it provide the warm welcoming experience that they want to provide, and which it used to be. So the Deli, for now, has turned back into a food shop. And the food is very fine indeed. We'll just have to eat it at home!

I had occasion to walk down to the Health Centre, and it feels strange, with two 'queue here' signs, one for the Over-50s and one for the others. The fire door opens and someone will talk to you. It's called Outdoor Triage. I don't know if it's so in Great Shelford, but generally it's reported that fewer people are going to the doctor. Partly fear of infection. Partly the mindset, 'Don't bother the doctor'. That's familiar enough. It's what I grew up with. You only go to the doctor if it's serious.

We continue to view Trump's America with disbelief. The Americans, as always, do everything bigger, but not necessarily better, than everyone else: the levels of coronavirus are frankly astonishing. Towards the end of June, Texas reported 5,000 hospital admissions per day. That's just one state, and from then it's only got worse. If we wanted a demonstration of why we needed the lockdown, it's there to see. The US has bought the entire global supply of the drug Remdesivir, a drug which can help recovery from Covid-19. There will be none for anyone else for the next three months. I can't help thinking that they

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wouldn't need it if they hadn't tried so hard to deny there was a problem in the first place.

In the UK, our hospitals are now sufficiently freed up that they can return to the normal round of seeing patients. I receive a routine screening appointment. Then an appointment for a consultation, but this one will be by video link. The NHS is still seeking to reduce visits to hospital.

Friday 3 July – we're roundly into summer. The early shift of bees has done its work and largely vanished. Instead it's a world of hoverflies. The weather has given us a run of sunny days (not too hot), occasional showers, cloudy times. It's good weather. Crops get rain and sun. It's hot enough to enjoy, but cool enough to keep doing things, whether walking, gardening, or spending time with friends.

One of our weekly highlights is going to Wimpole. You have to be organized and book. You are checked in in your vehicle in the car park. There's a one-way system to keep everyone distanced, but once inside there's endless room. As a nation we've rediscovered picnics, and everywhere there are people sitting on the grass, or on logs, eating their home-made food: we've been transported back to the fifties. Butterflies and dragonflies and hay meadows. Trees in their summer green. The lake. And above us float big fluffy John Constable clouds. It's stunning.

There's a thrush in our garden. It's a shy bird, and normally the blackbirds chase it away. But the blackbirds have suddenly gone invisible, and the thrush is revelling in this unaccustomed space. It breaks its snail shells open on our patio, bathes in the plant tray of water. And I believe its nest is in the ivy somewhere, indeed has been all summer, though it's kept the fact very quiet. It pecks up crumbs from the lawn. It's a gorgeous bird with its darkly spotted breast and I love to see it. And every winter, in cold December, it sings from a tree, a song of intense beauty, with its runs of notes, repeated phrases and fancy trills. Another of our garden familiars.

We haven't been to the hairdressers since March, and most of us are looking rather shaggy. We've resisted the temptation to try hair cutting at home – I remember the pudding-bowl haircuts of the fifties! Indeed we look a bit as if we've returned to the fifties – much less well groomed. It's quite comforting really. There wasn't so much pressure to appear young and beautiful in those days. Once you passed 40, you looked like it, and that was how it was. There's no shame in ageing.

More restrictions are to be relaxed. From 4 July cafés, restaurants and pubs may reopen, though the rules mean that arrangements are quite complicated.

No going up to the bar or counter. Instead it's table service. Tables, of course, are distanced from each other. Ordering is to be contactless if possible. Lots of one way systems and hand sanitiser. And you have to leave your name and phone number, so you can be contacted if another customer is diagnosed with coronavirus. It's a lot of work, but at least the businesses can reopen. Here in Shelford the Square will reopen on 7 July. Meanwhile, the Plough has become a pizza venue; takeaway up till now, but soon the garden will be open.

But it's not just pubs. Hairdressers have reopened too. A haircut beckons, but maybe I'll leave it for a bit. I find there's a sort of inertia to coming out of this. Lots of things I could do, or even should do. But I think, well, maybe I'll just leave it. Partly out of caution, partly, I suspect, laziness. I've got used to the slow unstructured life of lockdown. I don't feel I want my week tied up with haircuts, visits to the dentist, medical check-ups, or even by a constant round of going out. There's a nostalgia too about that first month of lockdown. Everything felt so intense and actually quite enjoyable (as long as you didn't come into contact with coronavirus). With total lockdown we were cocooned. It felt safe and actually quite warm, as we withdrew into our home, as neighbours supported and helped one another, and we found inventive ways to make it work. And coronavirus feels ever more unreal. I am doing all these careful things and taking endless precautions, because I've been told to, and because I'm afraid of catching it. But it's a thing I have no experience of. I have not had anyone close to me catch it, and I've been holed up at home not seeing much of it at all. The chances of catching it at the moment are not significant, though it's entirely random where it breaks out – the wrong contact at the wrong time. The figures for Cambridgeshire show:

- new cases 29 June – 5 July, 19,
- total cases to 12 July – 2,218 out of a total population of (roughly) 651,500
- total number of deaths registered to 26 June, 394.

And for the last couple of weeks the average number of deaths, from all causes (based on figures for the last 5 years) is actually below average.

Needless to say, a lot of us have speculated whether that fluey week we had in the winter, possibly with a cough, possibly losing one's sense of taste, or maybe just feeling very rough was it. We don't know. Certainly there will have been far more cases than the statistics show. And 80% of people testing positive are, we learn, asymptomatic, though that might mean, for some, that the symptoms haven't come out yet. There are few certainties in all this, and we humans don't like uncertainty at all. There are two ways to jump: denial or anxiety.

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I've finished knitting my Lockdown Jumper. Whenever I wear it, it will remind me of this complicated time – partly a blessed time of simplicity and space, partly a time of intense fear.

Saturday 4 July. One of my little rituals is to open the upstairs casement window and look out, every morning and evening. I like to see what the weather's doing, hear the sounds of morning or evening, enjoy the special quality of early morning light, or see the stars, or indeed feel the gentle rain as it falls (very occasionally!). I looked out last night, just as darkness was falling, and what I could hear was the motorway roar. I felt sad. For a while we stopped all that traffic, all the unnecessary

toing and froing, all the intrusive noise and the deadly pollution. And now it's all slipping back to how it was. The words of a song popped into my head. Do you remember it, from the 1970s: New World in the Morning? I had to look to see who sang it, and it was Roger Whittaker. It's a rather wistful song, and it's about hope, and the gap between hope and action. And for me it symbolizes the place we are at now.

The coronavirus has swept across our country, as new diseases do, and left a trail of grief and trauma behind. It's left, too, a whole raft of problems which it's going to take us decades to resolve. Businesses will fold, livelihoods have been lost, and, as a country, we have run up a stupendous National Debt which we're going to have to pay for. We're going to have to swallow our national dislike of paying taxes and accept that higher taxation will be the price for keeping us safe, for paying people wages during lockdown, for supporting

businesses and for trying to limit the damage to the economy. It may mean we can't afford to buy so much stuff. It may mean that expensive foreign holidays go out the window (but they probably won't be safe anyway). If you're retired, it will probably bite into the value of your pension. But we'll have to try not to resent any of that and just be grateful that here we are, still alive. And feel sad for the ones who didn't make it.

Then there's the NHS. It has worked miracles over the period when coronavirus ruled, and we were all intensely grateful. But now the clapping has stopped, and we need to take a good long look at the many problems it faces. It needs proper financing, and maybe it would be a good idea if it wasn't the accountants who made the decisions, if targets and waiting list numbers weren't used like the sword of Damocles. There are big staffing problems: the difficult working conditions and stress which make people resign. And we, as a society, need to treat the NHS with more respect. By making sure that, if we make an appointment, we actually turn up. By making sure that staff don't face abuse at work. It's so easy to take it all for granted, just because it's paid for by our taxes.

Then there's the biggest question of all, one which, temporarily at least, got shelved, and that is human-induced climate change. Well it's still there, and it's a bigger bomb than coronavirus. Are we going to do anything about it? Are we going to fail Greta Thunberg and her hopeful generation by refusing to change because short-term economic imperatives are deemed to be more important?

We in the affluent West have had a bad shock. We've discovered that we don't have absolute control: we thought we were masters of all we surveyed. But a virus spawned in a species we can't even identify has suddenly ripped across the planet wreaking havoc as it goes. It's true our technology and our scientific advances have greatly mitigated the effects, but they haven't stopped them. Hopefully we now have a better perception of our place in the order of things, and have learnt about our own fragility. It's not an easy thing to accept, but it's how it is, and always was.

Sunday 5 July. The new rules came into force yesterday. We can meet with another household, and welcome them into our home. We can do this any number of times, as long as it's only one household at a time: no large gatherings. We can go on holiday, whether to a hotel or B&B, camping or self-catering. We should TRY and maintain social distancing of two metres, but where this is not feasible, one metre will do. Churches can reopen, and so can restaurants, cafés and pubs, as can other places of entertainment such as

museums and galleries, adventure parks and so on. Our world is opening up again. And people who are shielding can begin to move out a bit more. All this is good news in one way. We are heartily sick of so much restriction. But for many of us, there are reservations about the consequences of this relaxation. Will it mean the virus starts to build up again? No-one can bear the thought of a second lockdown.

So now we have to find a way of keeping life going while accepting periodic upsurges in the virus. And if things aren't how they were and we have to give things up, we will have to accept that this is a dangerous time, and know that every good thing we have – like being alive itself – is a gift, and so is having the things we value most – such as contact with those who matter most to us, and outings to safe places like the countryside.

Through this period of coronavirus crisis, analogies with the war have often sprung to mind: the way we've co-operated, the sense of us all striving together, 'the Dunkirk spirit'. I think the Dunkirk spirit has pretty much worn off now, and too many people are fed up with restrictions and are kicking off the traces, often behaving stupidly in the context of ongoing coronavirus. I think it is appropriate to quote Winston Churchill's words after the Battle of Britain: 'This is not the end. It is not even the beginning of the end. But it is, perhaps, the end of the beginning'. Let's not now go mad and spoil it.

And now it's time for me to put up my pen. I've enjoyed writing the diary. I hope you've enjoyed reading it. Keep yourselves safe, and be happy.

Helen Harwood

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VOICES FROM THE PAST

During the spring of 1910 four children came to stay in Woodville Lodge, in Little Shelford. They were the Stokes family, Margaret (15) Amy (13) Mary (10) and Louis (12); the children of Rev Dr HP Stokes, who was vicar of St Paul's church in Cambridge for 27 years, before moving to the parish of Little Wilbraham in 1917.



During their stay each of the children wrote to their parents and a few letters have now come into the care of the Cambridgeshire Collection, together with other material from the estate of one of the siblings – Amy Kinton Stokes.

It is not clear why the children were away from home during this period but there are quite a few references in the letters to people they apparently already know in the village, so perhaps this was a regular occurrence. However, it does not

seem that they were staying with relatives; there is a brief mention in Fanny Wale's 'A Record of Shelford Parva' which lists the owners of Woodville Lodge as Mr and Mrs Gall and which notes that 'Strangers often come to lodge with them' so it appears that this was a guesthouse. Whatever the arrangements, the children all seem to have enjoyed their stay although Louis, at least had to go to school for some of the time.

Margaret reports conscientiously, and in admirably neat handwriting, on visits that they have made to neighbours; on one occasion she comments that a certain Mr Carr (who suffered from lumbago) had provided 'such a nice tea' with 'two kinds of sandwiches and girdle cakes and another sort of muffins and simnel cake'. She also describes an occasion when other friends came to Shelford by train to spend the day with them and were taken to see the woods and a local garden.

Amy's single letter is quite brief; she talks of making 'houses' in the field with her sister Mary, and of the novelty of seeing a robin fly into church. She ends abruptly writing 'Now I have no more to tell so goodbye with love from your little daughter'.



The whole family in the vicarage garden at St Paul's Cambridge in 1913 including Pickles the dog!

By contrast Mary's rather breathless letters launch straight into events 'My dear Mother and Dad. I can swing ever so high by myself I am going to church this morning. We are going to have chicken for dinner today.'

Louis' letters, addressed to his father, focus rather more specifically on his own interests, particularly birds. On one occasion he writes of finding 'two thrushes nests, each four eggs, another just being made and a blackbird with three eggs ... also two linnets (no eggs)'. Sadly on returning two days later he discovered that all of them had been destroyed. On another page he describes in wonderful detail the delight of making friends with a robin while digging in the garden. Like his sister, Louis also talks about food, describing an expedition with his friend Jack in which they made a fire and cooked potatoes and onions in goats milk! The following year Louis went to Rugby, leaving school in 1916 to take up a commission in the Royal Marines. Sadly he was killed later that same year at Beaumont Hamel in France.

Marjorie Smith

SHELFORD SCHOOL



As the summer fades, it feels good to be approaching the start of a new school year after such an unusual end to the last one. Hopefully our incredible and hardworking staff have been able to rest and recharge and families been able to take a break too.

However, things won't really be 'back to normal' and there will be a number of changes as staff and the entire pupil body are welcomed back into the buildings and grounds. Some changes will be exciting and highly anticipated,

like the re-surfaced playground, areas of the school renovated by kind (and socially distant!) volunteers, new pupils in the Reception Class and several new staff members we were delighted to appoint at the end of last term.

Inevitably some changes also come with sadness for what we lose by having to do things in such a way. So, in accordance with Government guidelines, pupils will now spend their time in class 'bubbles' and not mix with other bubbles at break or lunch times. Neither will the whole school be able to gather together in one place for Collective Worship or assembly. Bubbles will have different arrival and home times and adults will need to stay socially distant from each other and the pupils. This obviously impacts the sense of community that is a strength of the school but prioritising health, safety and the wellbeing of others is paramount. We know that creative ways will be found to continue to nurture the spirit of community across the year groups.

For many children, one of the main lockdown challenges was not seeing their friends. It will therefore be a huge joy for the school community to be able to spend time with each other again and refocus on the lifelong learning that is so central to our life as a school. I expect many parents will also be relieved to relinquish the role of 'teacher' back to the school and be able to return, uninterrupted, to their own work or tasks during the day! It will certainly be a season of readjustment for the whole school community, and after many months of facing the range of challenges brought by this global pandemic, it is going to be even more important that we all take time to listen well, show grace and remember to live with love for one another.

Anna Caroe, Vice Chair of Governors

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Old News

Extracts from The Great Shelford Chronicle 1774–1868

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21 September 1844

RAILWAY WORKS – Operations for carrying on the line of the Eastern Counties Railway are gradually extending in this neighbourhood. At Great Shelford some cottages which stood in the way of the intended line have been taken down. Their proprietor has received notice to clear their former site by the 26th inst. The price given for the land for the intended line is considered to have been on a liberal scale, and generally satisfactory to those who disposed of it.

7 September 1850

PETTY SESSIONS – JOSEPH WAKEFIELD, THOMAS RAWLINSON AND JOSEPH WATERS, 3 lads belonging to Gt. Shelford were charged by Joseph Shadwell, superintendent of police to the Eastern Counties Railway Company, with having at Trumpington maliciously obstructed the free passage of the Eastern counties Railway, by throwing stones at a train, whereby the glass and window frame of a first class carriage attached to the sand train were broken. Fined 10s and 7s 6d expenses or 1 month imprisonment, and all committed.

September 1855

CRICKET – SHELFORD v MELBOURNE – The return match was played at Shelford on Thursday last week and the Shelford gentlemen were again victorious, beating their opponents by 25 runs in the first innings. The bowling of the Shelford side in the first innings was very destructive, and the batting much admired. The bowling of Sheppard on the Melbourne side was very good and the batting of R. Woodham; but we cannot say much for the fielding on the Melbourne side. The day was a delightful one, and thoroughly enjoyed by many.

Final score: Shelford 92 & 76. Melbourne 67 & 39.

TENNIS CLUB



It will come as no surprise to anybody reading this that all of the usual summer league matches were cancelled this year and that the winter league, which usually runs from October through to January, is unlikely to go ahead.

There is, however, some hope in the form of the Cambridgeshire Celebration League. Cambridgeshire LTA has devised this informal league to plug the gap for all us competition-starved club players with matches starting on 5 September. Great Shelford Tennis Club

is excited to announce that there will, after all, be some matches as we have entered both men's and ladies' teams.

Matches will follow the usual format, and leagues will largely mirror the normal Cambridgeshire summer league structure but there will be no promotions or relegations, and fewer restrictions on who can play which matches. It should be a friendly and fun way to return to competition.

Angharad Harris

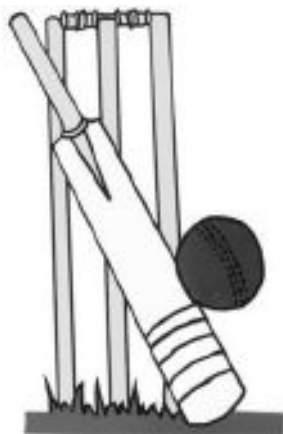
CRICKET CLUB

Cricket started up in August with the adult teams winning both their games on 1 August, then losing both games the following weekend.

The youth teams at all age-levels have been playing outstanding cricket, winning virtually all of their matches under the direction of the Youth manager, George Rolls. They have also been a credit to him and their parents in terms of their attitude and behaviour.

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BRITISH LEGION



At the VJ Day Service in Sawston, the Act of Remembrance saw a special VJ wreath laid on behalf of the Branch by John Darling. This was accompanied by two wreaths in honour of members of the Burma Star Association. One was a personal tribute by Jimmy Kemp, veteran of the Campaign in the Far East, to his fellow comrades that never came home. The Service came to a close with a peal of bells from St Mary's Church – a fitting conclusion of the Remembrance.

September marks the 80th Anniversary of the Battle of Britain. Tuesday 15 September 1940 is the officially recognised date when RAF Fighter Command claimed what proved to be a decisive victory over the German Luftwaffe. We remember with great affection Flight Lieutenant Frank Vindis, who flew with 313 Squadron during the conflict, and is remembered at the Battle of Britain Memorial on the north embankment of the Thames and at the Pilots Memorial near Folkestone, overlooking the English Channel. Frank was the founder of the family garage business in Sawston.

We have regular updates from our County Members Support Officer, Dan Francis, and are waiting to hear further details and guidance as we come towards Remembrance Sunday.



Our Breakfast Club is scheduled for later this month in the Footprints Cafe at the Free Church in Sawston. Further details can be obtained from our Branch Secretary, Kevin Swann, on 07496 517859.

Please keep well and stay safe.

Mark Chennells, Branch Chairman, Sawston and Pampisford RBL

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RETURN OF CONVERSATION EVENINGS



We recently had a planning meeting to try and organise some Conversation Evenings for the Autumn/Winter months. You will recall we had these in one of the Stapleford pubs before Covid hit us. We are going to use Zoom for the time being, as to meet in reality needs strict cleaning and distancing protocols.

Our first date is 28 September at 8pm, when Bill Powell will talk to us and answer questions. He was to have spoken at our April meeting about the need for cleaner and more efficient cooking methods using farm and forestry waste in Uganda, including demonstrating a stove that he had seen used.

Lockdown didn't only stop the UK in its tracks, it also came to Uganda, with all education closed. This left an instructor from the main forestry college stuck in Kampala and running out of money. Benedictor Waniale is an expert on many kinds of biomass stove and suddenly had time to work closely with Bill who, together with his family, paid Benedictor to build ten large efficient family stoves of a kind used in remote areas of Latin America. Bill will describe some of the people and cook stove projects he has been involved with. Actual demonstrations of stoves will have to be postponed of course!

To take part in this meeting, please email the address below and the Zoom link will be sent to you just before the meeting. If you haven't used Zoom before there are some little tutorials on their website, or on YouTube.

Subject to confirmation, we plan to hold future Conversation Evenings on 26 October and 23 November, on the topics Sustainable Dietary Choices, and Extinction Rebellion.

And if you are interested in green matters and the environment, consider signing up for our newsletter. Send an email to greengroupssss@gmail.com.

Helen Hale

OCTOBER ISSUE OF THE *VILLAGE NEWS*

The deadline for copy for the next issue of the *Great Shelford Village News* is Friday 11 September and it should be available on Friday 25 September with subscribed copies delivered shortly thereafter.

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FOOTBALL CLUB



We can now confirm that the Cambridgeshire County League have announced that they plan to start the new season early in September. As well as complying with the FA and government Covid-19 guidelines, we do, of course, have to satisfy our own Parish Council and this process is in hand.

Many will no doubt already be aware, but we must announce that our Life President, Jim Dean, sadly passed peacefully away on 3 August, aged 91. Jim was involved with the club for over 70 years as player, committee member, secretary, vice president and then life president. He was actively involved with the village

Twinning committee in its early days and was also an officer of the Cambridgeshire Football Association for many years. He was a legend of the club and widely regarded as 'Mr Great Shelford FC'. He will be sadly missed.

Terence Rider

READER'S LETTER

Since lockdown lifted the litter in the village has sadly returned. It is especially bad on Hinton Way, particularly the station end: not only the usual bottles and cans, but now discarded face masks. This is an environmental hazard and totally irresponsible. Please, please, take your litter home or put it in the bin.

Kate Bovey



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We are still reserving our original race date **Sunday 20 September 2020** as we'd love to have a little medal distribution event to mark your achievement, if it is deemed safe to do so. Keep an eye on our website and social media channels for the latest news. If you've signed up, we'll email you directly with the decision, and we'll make a call at the beginning of September. Happy running!

Eleanor McCrone
info@shelfordplayscape.org

BOWLS CLUB

The Great Shelford Parish Council Minutes of the 17 June stated under the Pavilion and Recreation Committee that `There has been no request from the Bowls Club to open for practice or play.`

I would like to put the record straight.



On the 19 May an email was sent to the Clerk and The Chair of Great Shelford Parish Council with a copy of Bowls England guidelines setting out how we could proceed.

We asked if the Parish Council would accept these guidelines and agree, if we abide by the rules, that we could play friendly bowls within the club from the beginning of July.

We had no response from either the Clerk or the Chair.

On 5 August I forwarded a copy of our previous email hoping for a response. Once again, I am sorry to say that no response has been forthcoming from the Parish Council (up to the time this issue of the *Village News* was sent to the printer).

Alan Edwards, Secretary Great Shelford Bowls Club.

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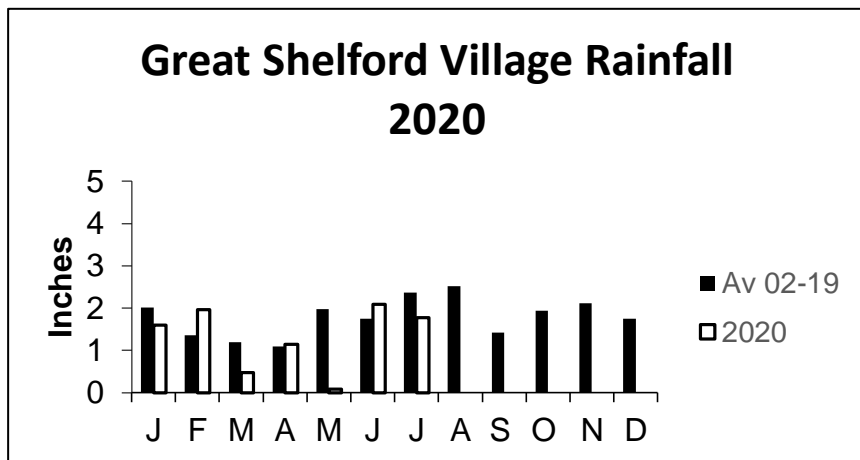
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