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Parochial Charities: Wildlife Survey



A Common Lizard

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Jimmy Dean: A Personal Memory

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**SUMMARY FROM THE UNADOPTED MINUTES OF THE
FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES MEETING ON
19 AUGUST 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 and stated that the funding proposal for the Greater Cambridge Partnership Report had not been transparent. The Chair replied it was currently a proposal to seek quotations, and after these are received, the actual expenditure would be a full agenda item for approval, thus being fully transparent.

FINANCE

Fifteen cheques to the value of £8,358.52p were approved and signed.

REVIEW OF THE 2020/2021 FINANCIAL PLAN

The year-to-date expenditure versus budget and the major outstanding budget items were presented for review by Committee members. Restrictions on projects from April onwards had resulted in the late progressing of budget items. It was hoped that some projects could be recovered before the year end.

**REVIEW OF ANNUAL STANDARD PARISH COUNCIL
CHARGES**

Pavilion and recreation ground hire charges were increased in April by approximately 10% for all senior teams and facilities, with juniors remaining unchanged.

Cemetery fees were increased in December 2019.

Allotment fees were increased in April 2019 by approximately 10%. Invoices for April 2018 to March 2020 were issued and paid. Invoices for April 2020 to March 2021 are due in September/October 2020 with 10% increase.

The Pavilion meeting room booking schedule is starting to recommence for September/October. Credits will be issued for unused March paid invoices. As the regular bookings that restart are both health-related, they will be given a free three-month period to December 2020, based on their previous booking arrangements, to encourage their starting and to assist commercially.

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OTHER REVIEWS AND UPDATES

Financial risks, budget achievement and other risks were reviewed by the Committee. The Asset Register, Insurances, Bank Mandates, Standing Orders and Direct Debits were reviewed and updated.

OTHER BUSINESS

Playscape The Chair and Clerk are to meet Playscape to evaluate their current financial position and establish a plan to achieve significant progress during 2020/21.

Playground Metal notices are now secured in the playground. Cleaning by fogging machine is continuing twice a week.

Busway Proposal Initial tender documentation is to be issued jointly by Great Shelford and Stapleford Parish Councils. Tender responses will need to be an agenda item for a full Parish Council for expenditure approval.

Review of Risk Assessments and Conditions of Use during Covid-19 A risk assessment has not yet been received from the Bowls Club. Risk assessments have been received and agreed for the Cricket Club and Tennis Club, and have been received but not yet agreed for the Football Club, yoga and art classes. The Clerk requested that private hire bookings should be suspended until at least January due to the extent of contact required and the supervision needed.

SSYI Lease The draft lease document was reviewed and updated.

Cricket Netting A draft agreement with the adjacent landowners was reviewed and will be circulated for Parish Council agreement.

Antisocial Behaviour Around Football Goal Storage Residents of Peacocks adjacent to the Recreation Ground have requested movement of the goal storage area. There is a considerable distance and tree coverage between the present location and the residential area but other options will be considered.

Financial Support for Village Groups Clubs/activities normally supported by The Feast can apply to the Parish Council for a discretionary grant subject to their current difficulties.

Assets of Community Value Proposed sites are to be considered for nomination.

East West Rail Link Action Group The Chair attended a recent meeting. Awareness leaflets will be distributed.

External correspondence The Football Club has requested a memorial bench to Jim Dean close to the football pitch. The Clerk will discuss the proposal with the Football Club.

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

PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS IN OCTOBER

Planning Committee Meeting	7 October	5.15 pm
Planning Committee Meeting	21 October	5.15 pm
Parish Council Meeting	21 October	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 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 after the public session but can still observe the meeting.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS PARISH COUNCIL COMMENTS

20/02128/HFUL Amendment	Mr & Mrs Norman 9 Halatte Gardens	Reduction of proposed ridge line.
Note was taken of the comments given at the public section of the meeting, correspondence received, previous comments made by SCDC and the various report documents on the portal. The PC noted the reduction in ridge height but still felt that the proposal is overbearing and does not protect the aesthetics of the development in general. In view of the fact that this is a Conservation Area we strongly recommend that this application is refused.		
20/02781/HFUL	Mr & Mrs Jonny So 9 Ashen Green	First floor rear dormer extension.
We believe this to be the addition of a second floor to the property and not simply a dormer window. We feel that the proposal will blight the neighbouring property and is too large. We therefore recommend refusal.		
20/02941/HFUL	Mr Bryan Zheng Zhang Aspen House Kings Mill Lane	Two storey rear extension.
This is a very large extension on a property that is already out of keeping with its neighbouring properties and we recommend refusal.		

20/02929/OUT	Axis Land Partnerships Ltd. Land between Haverhill Road and Hinton Way	Outline planning for a retirement care village.
The only section of this development which is within this parish is the perimeter of the Country Park proposal onto Hinton Way. This land is within Green Belt and cannot be construed as a Rural Exception Site as it meets none of the criteria. Therefore we ask for the permission to be refused.		
20/03223/HFUL	Mr Richard Watts 3 Walnut Drive	Erection of studio/garden room.
Recommend approval.		

PLANNING DECISIONS BY SCDC

Approved

S/0233/20/FL. 4 Hills View. Single storey rear and side extension.

20/01876/HFUL. 1 Red Hill Lane. Single storey rear extension.

20/01478/LBC. The Dovecote, Granhams Farm, Granhams Road. Demolition of existing car barn and replacement with car port.

20/02049/HFUL. 11 Woollards Lane. Replace existing conservatory with a single storey rear extension. together with internal and external alterations.

20/01477/HFUL (Revision 1). The Dovecote Granhams Farm Granhams Road , Demolition of existing car barn and replacement with car port.

Withdrawn

20/01170/HFUL. 7 Leeway Avenue. Two storey front, side and rear extension and single storey front extension.

NOVEMBER ISSUE OF THE *VILLAGE NEWS*

The deadline for copy for the next issue of the *Great Shelford Village News* is Friday 16 October and it should be available on Friday 30 October with subscribed copies delivered shortly thereafter.

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Whilst we have been clapping together and generally looking out for each other, could we be missing something as simple as mother nature causing our gardens to impact on others, undoing some of the positive spirit created during this time, due to ‘Hedge Creep’? Consider the impact on the elderly or on mothers and fathers with their



young children, worrying about having to step into the road to pass by our properties. Might our hedges obstruct vision on the highway and in fact be more than just an issue to those walking but a hazard that could cause serious injury to those trying to drive their vehicle onto a road?

As a Parish Councillor, I thought it worth alerting my fellow village residents of things pertaining to this issue that they may not know about. So here is what I hope will be some useful information. The owner or occupier of a property has a legal responsibility (Highway Act 1980 s154) to ensure that the ‘public highway’ adjacent to a property is not obstructed by vegetation from their property. Local authorities also have a legal duty to ensure that public highways and street lights are unobstructed, so they usually inspect roads regularly and often receive complaints from members of the general public.

When local authorities become aware of such obstructions, they will usually advise the property owner/occupier of the problem. They may sometimes raise the issue with an owner/occupier even if the vegetation is only overhanging the pavement/roadway by a small amount – this may seem ‘small-minded’ but where should they draw the line? If the owner/occupier does not take corrective action within a reasonable time the local authority can issue a formal notice for the work to be undertaken and if that is ignored, they can do the work and charge the owner/occupier.

It should also be remembered that it is illegal under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 to disturb nesting birds and that is why I hope my short piece will be of use around this time, as now is an ideal time to prune back your hedges and foliage.

Councillor Pete Bassett, Great Shelford Parish Council

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Repeat Prescriptions

Please note that if you are ordering a repeat prescription please order 7 to 10 days before you are due to run out.

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Editorial Committee

GREAT SHELFORD PARISH CHURCH

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A very warm welcome to your historic parish church – please call in and enjoy the sacred space.

Our Sunday morning services now have a settled pattern.

The one major change to our public services is that everyone is required to wear a facemask. I'm also pleased to say that we can now hold baptisms and marriages, albeit with limited numbers.

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.

Blessings,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'John' followed by a flourish.

Harvest Festival and Gift Day: Sunday 4 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 do 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.

The **Harvest Festival** giving this year will be directed to the **Cambridge City Foodbank**. The Foodbank organisers have asked that we make cash donations this year instead of groceries. Their warehouse is quite well stocked at present and logistic problems with social distancing mean they cannot handle bulk donations at present. Instead they are asking us to support their Fuel-Help scheme, through which they provide gas and electric top-ups to those in need. To help with this please visit their fundraising page where a financial donation can be made direct to <https://virginmoneygiving.com/fund/CambridgeWarmHomes> We will also be collecting cash donations on 4 October.

Sadly due to the Covid-19 restrictions we will not be able to hold a **Harvest Lunch** this year. Nor will we be able to hold the **Shelford School Harvest Service** in church. Harvest celebrations will be held by class in school.

British Summer Time

BST ends during the night of Saturday 24 October; please remember to put your clocks and watches back one hour.

Annual Memorial Service: Sunday 1 November 6.30pm

We shall have a special Memorial Service for **All Souls Tide**, when we will be inviting all those recently bereaved and anyone who would like to remember deceased family and friends. There will be an opportunity to light a candle and the names of the deceased will be read.

St Mary's Sunday Club

At present, we are restricted on the numbers we can welcome to the Community Room, so regretfully Sunday Club is not possible at present. Please check our website for updates in case this situation changes. 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 currently still suspended.

From the Registers

Baptism:	27 September	Austin Jang
Funeral:	22 September	Margaret Primrose Harrison

Regular Services

Sunday:	8am	Holy Communion (BCP 1662)
	10am	Parish Communion, our main Sunday service
	6.30pm	Evening Prayer (BCP Evensong in church on the first Sunday of the month; remaining Sundays by Zoom. A link is circulated before the service.)

For further information about Great Shelford Parish Church

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We achieve this by providing daily phone calls, regular visits to help with shopping, post office collections, management of prescriptions and undertaking other essential jobs in the local area. As well as carrying out small tasks, for example, helping members carry out instructions from medical services or changing a light bulb, the scheme helps the elderly maintain social contact and therefore reduces the risk of isolation and depression.

The scheme is currently recruiting for the following roles.

Part-Time Warden

The Great Shelford Mobile Warden Scheme is looking for a Part-Time Warden to join their team. The job is based over three days per week, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, with phone calls every other weekend. In addition, there is a brief weekly handover with the other part-time warden.

Hours of work:

Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 9am–1pm
Saturday and Sunday 9–10/10.30am (phone calls)

Rate of pay: £10 per hour.

Experience of working with the elderly would be an advantage but is not essential.

The role is based in and covers the area of Great Shelford.

For further information please contact Jenny David jennykmf@yahoo.co.uk

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The position of Treasurer is a rewarding voluntary role and ensures that our Mobile Warden Scheme can continue to operate within the village.

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Jenny David, Chair, Great Shelford Mobile Warden Scheme

PAROCHIAL CHARITIES NEWS

New Trustee Appointed

We are delighted to announce the appointment of Jaspaul Hill to the Charity's board of trustees.

A headteacher for 30 years, much of that time at Mayfield Primary School in Cambridge, Jaspaul also served as Ofsted Inspector and County Advisor, and was awarded an MBE for services to education in the 2019 Queen's Birthday Honours List.

Jaspaul joins Sarah Rann, Simon Talbott, Simon White, Michael Pooles, Keith Sugden and Brian Connellan on the board of trustees.

We are also pleased to have the support of Beverley Cornaby as volunteer/advisor to the board. A Great Shelford resident, Bev works at the University of Cambridge Institute for Sustainability Leadership where she leads a programme looking at eliminating plastic packaging waste from the bottled water and soft drinks marketplace.



On More's Meadow from L to R: Sarah Rann, Jaspaul Hill, Mary Lester, Keith Sugden, Bev Cornaby

Photo: Brian Connellan

More's Meadow Development

We now have planning permission to build 21 almshouses on the allotment site and have put the construction contract out to tender. Meanwhile, we are in the process of relocating the allotments to the field behind The Hectare. Our plan is to commence construction around the end of the year and the build phase is expected to take around 15 months.

The wildlife survey has been completed and the archaeology survey is underway; details of both are below.

Wildlife Survey

Ahead of the development on More's Meadow, we engaged professional ecologists to survey the resident wildlife and plan how best to mitigate the impact on the site and surrounding land.

The ecologists trapped over 100 common lizards (see front cover) plus several grass snakes and common toads (see front cover). The reptiles have been relocated to a refuge on the northern edge of the Charities' land, well away from the development site. A nearby badger set and barn owl roost were also surveyed and measures are being taken to ensure they are protected during the construction phase.

Meanwhile, bird and insect habitat improvements are underway. Additional hedging has already been planted around the field boundary and – with help from the Woodland Trust and The Tree Council – we will soon be planting a community orchard along with other trees, shrubs and wild flowers over an area of approximately six acres.

Archaeology Survey

The Charity has commissioned an archaeological survey of the development site and adjacent land. Starting in mid-September, our neighbours, visitors and allotment holders will see excavation work underway on the fields bordering Davey Crescent, Bridge Close, More's Meadow, Hobson's Acre, Walden Way and The Hectare. Trenches will be dug by a mechanical excavator and any archaeological features found will then be investigated by hand.

The work is being undertaken by Oxford Archaeology Ltd and follows a walkover survey earlier this year which identified possible ring ditches and enclosures.

There are known archaeological sites nearby. In particular, there is a Scheduled Monument a few hundred metres to the north where crop marks indicate a history of Iron Age and Roman settlement – with evidence of enclosure ditches, trackways and a possible villa.

The survey is scheduled for completion in October, though a decision on any further work will be made by the Cambridgeshire County Council's Historic Environment Team.

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stained glass. Whereas, if I was being honest, the Free Church looks more like a Victorian warehouse! They are both church buildings, and both *buildings* are just that, *a building* – the Church is the people inside.

The early church didn't have a building and they couldn't meet in the temple, so they met in houses. Over the last six months the church has again met in houses, this time connected by live-stream. But just like the early church we've stayed together and worked hard at caring for one another and the community around us.

As rules have changed and risk assessments have been written, we're now allowing people back in the building, but most are still watching via live-stream. The building being open allows those excluded by technology to be present with one another and to gather as the church has always done (albeit with masks, hand sanitiser and a gentle nudge to remind someone they really cannot sing out loud!).



This pandemic has impacted us all very differently; some have excelled in the restriction and had the resources to make the most of their time. However, there are many in our community who have been deeply impacted by isolation, missing a warm hug or a loving handshake, old routines that have been replaced by social distance. The human race will adapt, in a macro sense, but we will all carry something of the scars of this time, the impact of silence, isolation or homeschooling! I wonder how you have been changed by this time? Have you grown? Have you retreated? Have you got the mental scars from living through a pandemic?


Whatever you've gone through in these months, my prayer to our community is that we learn and grow through this time. That the new connections made because we weren't rushing for the train, the neighbours we've clapped with won't be walked past again. The enduring message of the gathered church which can often get lost is that *'For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.'* Eternal life, doesn't just mean where we go when we die – but rather the good life today. As Christians we are not living for a place in Heaven, rather living out heaven in this place.

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Rev Martin Cockerill

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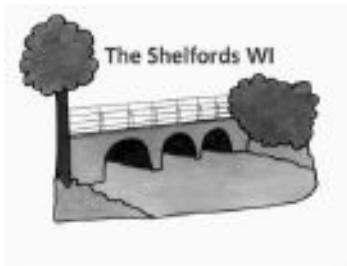

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We continue to meet via Zoom on the first Thursday of the month. This month florist Jane Norris demonstrated a variety of flower arrangements which we could try at home in any available vases and containers. We learnt how to prepare flowers and how to arrange them using sellotape or chicken wire as supports. We discussed colour combinations, greenery and useful flowers to plant for arranging.

We will continue to meet via Zoom for the foreseeable future and a programme of speakers is planned. Please contact us if you would like to join in.

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

Mary Talbott

READER'S LETTER

Whilst I do not support the Cambridge South East Busway on its proposed route across Green Belt land, I would only support the railway route if this were in fact a railway link. There is clearly no space for a busway alongside the railway, certainly not north of Hinton Way, while the Chisholm Trail cycle route is already scheduled to take place on available land on the southern section, Hinton Way to Stapleford.

There is clearly no space north of Hinton Way as it would involve demolishing the railway station and Zara Indian Restaurant and cutting through the Mill Court Office site. Equally a secondary busway crossing alongside the current rail crossing would not be viable at Hinton Way as the existing rail crossing already causes tailbacks of traffic there many times a day.

I also question whether £15,000 from the Great Shelford Parish Council budget would be wisely spent on an independent transport planner's report.

The emphasis must be to **STOP** the busway and to campaign for a full rail link to Haverhill.

John Wakefield, Leeway Ave

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GREAT SHELFORD COUNTRY MARKET

October is almost upon us and we continue to live in strange times. However for our market producers, midweek is becoming a bit more like 'old times' – preparing for market on Tuesday and back to the Memorial Hall on Wednesday morning. Though we are all missing the cuppa and chats around the tables, the steady flow of customers each week is encouraging.



The magnificent colours of the freshly cut garden flowers have been a delight. The salad crops and plums have been popular but the seasons move on. It's time for the hard fruit with several varieties of apples, marrows and perhaps some pumpkins for Halloween – alas, no treats for the children this year.

The food section is going well. We're pleased to say we are gradually working up the craft section. As a 'taster' do visit the market Facebook page and go into the 'shop' to look at our range of products which are in stock and ready for ordering. Even if you are able to get to the market in person, advance ordering helps us. You can still look around and add to your order. We are geared for local deliveries if you are unable to collect your order.

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Dorothy Doel

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DIARY OCTOBER

PLEASE NOTE

The Memorial Hall is now open again for the Country Market every Wednesday 9.30–11.30am (see page 22), 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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PLAYSCAPE

MAJOR BOOST FOR PLAYSCAPE

We are delighted to announce that the Cambridgeshire County Council's Communities Capital Fund has awarded the Parish Council an amazing £109,000 towards an inspiring and inclusive Playscape for the community. We considered this a 'bonus' grant, as we knew it was oversubscribed when we prepared the application. Indeed, since the fund was launched in April 2020, over 60 applications were made requesting over £9 million from a fund of £5 million. We are all therefore incredibly grateful to be one of the 35 projects to have been approved. John Stanton, Great Shelford Parish Councillor has said 'This investment will enable significant progress towards building an inspiring village Playscape that provides inclusive recreation for all ages and abilities, welcomes nature in and renews an important social hub. This funding comes at a critical time when access to high quality, freely available outdoor spaces is even more essential'.

Even more good news... We can also now announce that we have received a very generous donation of £25,000 from a local villager who has been waiting in the wings to donate these funds to unlock further funding. We therefore intend to use this fantastic donation as match funding for the applications we will be making to two major funding bodies in December. Success with the CCC grant and this match funding lends huge weight to these applications and so we are incredibly hopeful that 2021 will be the year of construction for Playscape! Before the grant deadline, much must happen: civil engineer reports, finalised plans and going out to tender, so the committee is pressing hard to get these completed in time! Wish us luck!

Eleanor McCrone, info@shelfordplayscape.org



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JIMMY DEAN: A PERSONAL MEMORY

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My family first encountered Jimmy Dean in 1955 when, having arrived in Macaulay Avenue, Great Shelford, we were greeted by him in his characteristically enthusiastic, no-nonsense manner. My mum and brothers told me that Jimmy made them feel welcome, he made us feel special; that was so important to us as an Irish family in a new, strange environment. And that was the gift, the unique

gift that this man had. His gruff voice and apparently brusque manner belied his innate love of people. He could mix with everyone and enable them to feel wanted and respected. He brought that talent to all of his relationships. This was always evident in the football circles in which he mixed as an official of the Cambs FA and a player, manager and secretary for Great Shelford FC for over sixty years. Along with other doughty characters like Bill Myers, Syd Butler, Charlie Fletcher, Tony Smith, Tom Fletcher and my dad, Joe Higgins, Jimmy made the club tick and gave it a warm and inclusive quality.

When the twinning connections were made between our village and Verneuil-en-Halatte, Jimmy was a very enthusiastic participant in the sports and social activities in Great Shelford and France. He struck up firm friendships with Verneuil inhabitants despite an apparently insurmountable language barrier. I remember being startled by the ecstatic French chanting of ‘Zheemy, Zheemy!!!’ at a village fete in Verneuil and the realisation then that everywhere that Jimmy went, he could engage and communicate perfectly because he relied on his natural skills of warmth, humour and empathy.

Jimmy was a family man fundamentally and his beloved wife, Pam was at his side in all his endeavours: his love for his children Louise and Peter was always evident. He will be missed by everyone who knew him but especially by Louise and Nigel, Peter and Sue and by his granddaughters, Hania and Evia. Sadly, Pam died in January and Jimmy has now passed away. He will be remembered with great affection by all who had the good fortune to know him. A true one-off. Jimmy Dean.

Brian Higgins

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SAWSTON VILLAGE COLLEGE



It has been wonderful to have pupils back in College. We have all been highly impressed with the way in which they have returned, and it has been a pleasure to greet them each morning this week. We realise there is a great deal of information for them to take in and significant changes to their normal routines. However, they have followed our rules and made necessary adjustments, which is a great credit to them and to all parents and carers who have supported us to help them understand the importance of hygiene measures and social distancing. Whilst

not everything has gone as smoothly as we would like, the pupils can be immensely proud of their first full week back and I would like to thank them for their behaviour, their politeness, their patience and their understanding.

We have been set a clear target by the government to open our College to all pupils, providing the full curriculum whilst adhering to raft of guidance. My colleagues have worked tirelessly to make this all work, and I would like to pay tribute to their dedication and commitment over the last few months, weeks and days to prepare for the re-opening. However, we will never be complacent about our own safety and that of our pupils and their wellbeing. This is why we have had daily reviews of all processes and procedures, making improvements each day and keeping fully abreast of the ever-changing guidance and advice. Whilst it would be impossible to meet the needs and preferences of every individual within our community, we are extremely grateful to our parents and carers for the direct and indirect support that they have given. We will continue to do the best by our pupils.

Whilst we would all wish we could simply return to normal, we will continue to do all that we can to make sure that the 'new normal' is as good as it can be for all pupils and staff. We can minimise risk together and, as ever, we are very grateful to parents and carers for their support, patience and understanding.

Jonathan Russell, Principal, Sawston Village College

Arts Award

The Arts Award is a qualification which supports young people to develop as artists and arts leaders. It is available at different levels and accredited through Trinity College London. At Sawston Village College we have offered Arts Awards at Bronze, Silver and Gold levels outside the curriculum since 2006 and, in 2017, we introduced the Bronze Arts Award into the curriculum for Year 7 pupils as part of our Aspire focus.

This has been very successful, with 99% of pupils achieving the award each year. Pupils begin work on their awards in September and their work is moderated in July. Lockdown meant that last year's Year 7 pupils were unable to complete and present their work at the end of the summer term as usual. We are therefore delighted that, having put a call-out to our now Year 8 pupils for them to complete and hand in their work for an early October moderation, over 70% of pupils have responded to this request.

Pupils have found imaginative ways of completing their Arts Awards, and the work they have produced is testament to their independence and determination to succeed. We wish them well in the moderation and would also like to thank The Arts Society South Cambs for its support with our Arts Award programme.

Lesley Morgan, Arts Development Manager

ANGLI-EAR HEARING AND TINNITUS SOLUTIONS



The angli-EAR Hearing team have exciting news to share regarding their proposed move to the old Barclay's building on Woollard's Lane in Great Shelford. The audiology specialists, currently based at Mill Court, will open their new clinic in November.

The larger premises gives angli-EAR Hearing an increased presence in the heart of the Shelford community, with more clinic space and a wider range of audiology and ear wax removal services for clients. It's good news for the High Street too, repurposing the old Barclay's Bank building which has lain closed and boarded up for a few years. The clinic's adjacent private car park will also bring an increase in footfall to the local shops from visiting clients.

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Sarah Chapman – Director, angli-EAR

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

At the time of writing it is just before the Battle of Britain Air Show at Duxford on the 12–13 September (*Editorial note: this event was cancelled*). This year marked 80 years since the greatly outnumbered RAF confronted the might of the German Luftwaffe in one of the most historic air battles in history.

Battle of Britain Memorial

As Chairman of the Branch I made a personal pilgrimage to honour two heroes, my uncle, Squadron Leader Ronnie Fokes DFC DFM and Flight Lieutenant Frank Vindis DFC, at the Battle of Britain Memorial on the Kent coast near Folkestone. This wonderful memorial is a fitting tribute to ‘the few’ as mentioned by Winston Churchill. I never met my uncle as he was killed in action on 12 June 1944 but I had the great pleasure of working for Frank Vindis in Sawston.



Poppy Appeal

With restrictions reintroduced in September by the government our major priority is to support the Annual Poppy Appeal. As the Legion’s biggest fundraising campaign, in its 99th Year it will be tough but incredibly important, especially with the effects of the Covid-19 pandemic, to support the Armed Forces Community. The annual launch will be on 22 October and at the time of writing we are awaiting further updates. The RBL website will feature a Poppy Appeal page and this will be live from 22 September. Door-to-door collections will not take place, nor will the static stalls at key locations. The best advice I can give at present is to either go online britishlegion.org.uk or contact the Legion 0808 802 8080 and give your support.

Many Remembrance Sunday Services will be greatly affected also and this year many parades and mass gatherings will not take place on 8 November. The safety of branch members and the wider public is of paramount importance but I am sure branches throughout the country will make extra efforts when next year comes round and hopefully all is back to normal. I hope to bring you further news on both this and Armistice Day next month.

Take care and keep safe.

Mark Chennells, Branch Chairman

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SHELFORD SCHOOL



This week the children have returned to Shelford School, after what for many feels like a very long summer holiday. Due to the ongoing pandemic, there are changes for the children to adapt to – such as one-way systems, staggered break times, class bubbles and the absence of some extracurricular activities such as choir and orchestra. However, from what I have seen so far, the children are as excited and enthusiastic as ever to see their friends again and settle into their new classes.

As always in September, the children have moved up into their next year group. This year it seems to have come about rather quickly, after lockdown cutting short their time in their previous class. There may well be some anxiety about what the children have missed out on. However, I am sure that our dedicated and committed staff will work hard to help identify any issues and support the children as needed. The staff team are keen to focus on supporting the children's mental wellbeing and sense of belonging, due to the potential emotional impact of lockdown and school closures.

We welcome a new Reception class to the school. These pupils have missed out on the usual visits and settling-in days that take place in the summer term. However, the Reception team have worked hard to help overcome barriers. Virtual meetings took place instead of the usual teacher home visits. The team also created a video from the Reception 2019–2020 children describing what they enjoyed about Reception which they shared with the new parents and children via the school website. Reception children were also invited into a settling-in session on one of the inset days in September prior to the whole school returning the following week. Unfortunately, the popular Reception-Year 6 buddy system will not be able to be used in its usual way this year.

The PTA continues to try to find inventive ways to support the school despite the restrictions. The annual summer campout which is normally held at the school, this time took place all over Great and Little Shelford in many different gardens. Families were provided with fun camping packs and access to a virtual storytime read by Mr Grey!

However, fundraising efforts are significantly reduced due to not being able to raise money through many of the usual events such as the Summer Fair. As announced in the August edition of the *Village News* the PTA has set up a JustGiving page to raise money for a set of new laptops which are much needed for the children to use in the school at <https://tinyurl.com/y58jnjwu>

There is also an Amazon Wish List with a great selection of books that can be purchased for the school at <https://tinyurl.com/yymxojsa>

If you would like to support the school in either of these ways, then please do visit the relevant webpages: any contribution would be very much appreciated by the school.

At the start of the new school year, I wish the staff and children every success as the whole school returns and everyone adjusts to the 'new-normal'.

Emily Button, Foundation Governor

2G3S MORE CONVERSATION EVENINGS!



After Bill Powell's interesting talk on cooking stoves in Africa, we have two more evenings arranged. They will be by Zoom (of course!).

26 October at 8pm Two people from Extinction Rebellion will talk about the movement and answer questions. It should lead to a lively discussion!

23 November at 8pm The topic is Sustainable Dietary Choices and the speaker will be Duncan Catchpole, who owns the Cambridge Organic Food Company. Duncan delivers vegetable boxes locally and is working very hard to create a local Sustainable Food Hub. Duncan is passionate about good local food and distributing it fairly to people who need it.

To take part in either of these meetings, 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.

Other news – we are trying to set up another meeting with our MP, Anthony Browne. He is taking an interest in a green recovery from the Covid-19 crisis and has contributed to the recent One Nation report on climate change. We need to make sure he walks the walk now we've had the talk!

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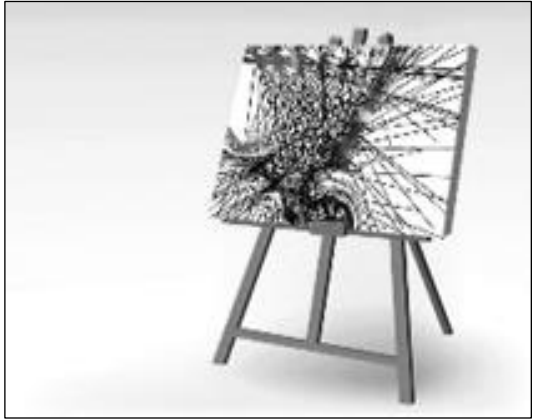
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SHOEBOX APPEAL

In the August edition of the *Village News* there was information about this charity to give an idea of what it does – sending filled shoeboxes to many different parts of the world where they are given to needy children. A ‘Gift of Love’.

If you would like to take part, thank you very much, and here are the options.

1 Fill a covered shoebox or use a flat pack preprinted box (please ring me if you want a box).

See suggested items from the weblink below.

Choose the age group/boy or girl. Include a greeting card or photo – this gives a very personal touch.

2 If you feel you can’t fill a whole box, items can be brought to a local location (please ring or email me for details).

3 If you cannot manage either of the two suggestions above, then doing an ‘online’ box may be the answer – see link below.

4 If none of the above then I would be very pleased to hear from you if you can manage a donation as there are transport and administration costs.

Collection week is 9–16 November.

There will be drop-off locations in Shelford but these are yet to be confirmed. Please look out for this in the November *Village News*.

Hopefully we will have a cake sale on Saturday 7 November to raise funds along with a shoebox filling party – again this will be confirmed next month.

Thank you for your support. The boxes will bring some joy to many children again this year as they battle against Covid-19 and other hardships.

For further information or help:

Tel: 01223 893232/07745046921

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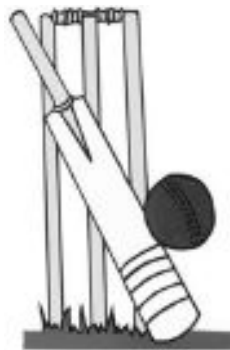
GREAT SHELFORD CRICKET CLUB

We ended the season with play-off matches for two of our three teams, one of which was lost to Steeple Morden by one run!

It has been a strange reduced season with our adult teams playing four League games each and then a play-off.

We have won some and lost more but all the players have enjoyed getting out on to a cricket field again and playing some sport.

If anyone wants to join us for next season, please contact me at: *brian_higgins50@hotmail.com*

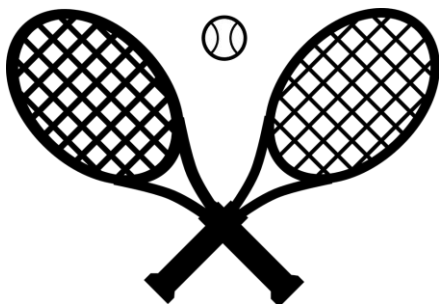


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TENNIS CLUB

COACHING SCHEDULE RETURNS

August turned to September, children started to return to school and the government urged office workers to return to the office. At GSTC we too returned to something more akin to normal service as our coaching programme, run by Over&in, kicked off.



We're really excited that the coaching programme has returned. The coaches are a phenomenally important part of our club, attracting new players and helping everyone to continually play better tennis. They work so hard and bring so much energy to the club and we're delighted that they can get back to doing what they love.

If you're at the courts, whether you're a new member or a familiar face, don't forget to say hello to any of the coaches working there. They've brought so much to club members over the years – let's make them feel welcome in return.

Angharad Harris

Old News

Extracts from The Great Shelford Chronicle 1774–1868

*Compiled and re-published by Anne George, Glynis Trundle,
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23 June 1784

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22 October 1842

SHELFORD BAZAAR – Thursday next, be it remembered is the day appointed for the bazaar originated by the ladies of Shelford, with the view of obtaining funds for the erection of national schools in the two villages of that name. It is needless for us to observe how much we hope the benevolent exertions of these fair dealers in pretty things may be rewarded by ample success. We hear a good deal about contributions of various sorts, but those which excite the greatest interest are autographs of that excellent lady, Queen Adelaide. Her Majesty patronises the bazaar, and has forwarded in aid thereof, to the Rev. Henry Finch, the rector and vicar, a number of texts of scripture, beautifully written by her own hand. We refer the reader to an advertisement for further particulars of this interesting affair.

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STAPLEFORD GRANARY

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UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE

Some of the University museums and venues are now open. To visit, ALL will require booking in advance. Visit www.museums.cam.ac.uk/ for details.

Kettles Yard	Wednesday to Sunday, 11am–5pm
Botanic Garden	Daily, 10am–5pm
Fitzwilliam Museum	Tuesday to Saturday, 10am–5pm, Sunday 12–5pm
Museum of Zoology	Thursday to Saturday (11.30am–1pm, 1.30–3pm)
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For information on these and other events see www.admin.cam.ac.uk/whatson

OTHERS

Some other organisations have opened again, please see individual websites for information. Nearly ALL will need booking in advance.

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Linton Zoo	www.lintonzoo.com
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HOW TO CONTACT GREAT SHELFORD VILLAGE NEWS

We are pleased to receive articles, letters and notices for community events for consideration. Please send by email (preferably as a Word document), or send paper items to Judith Wilson, 11 Elms Avenue, Great Shelford, CB22 5LN. The copy date is usually the second Friday of the month. See the *Next Issue* box for next month’s date.

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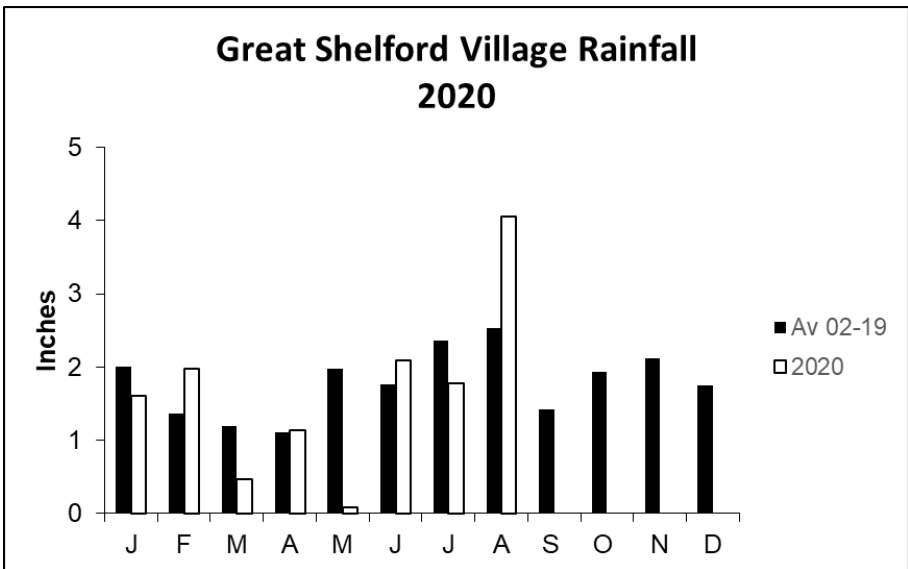
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