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## *East West Rail Plans*



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## *Coronavirus Diary Reprise* *1924 Bullnose Morris Cowley Found in Woollards Lane*

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### **SUMMARY FROM THE UNADOPTED MINUTES OF THE MEETING ON 16 SEPTEMBER 2020**

This meeting was conducted via Zoom due to Covid-19 meeting restrictions. One representative of Playscape and three members of the Greater Cambridge Partnership (GCP) were present at the virtual meeting.

The representatives from GCP made a presentation on Cambridge South East Transport Phase 2. A lengthy discussion took place between Councillors and representatives with Councillors expressing their dissatisfaction with the process being adopted, the lack of information, and the views of the local public and the Parish Council seemingly being ignored. The GCP agreed to provide some of the information requested by Councillors at a later date. The presentation is available on the PC Website with the Minutes of the meeting.

#### **FINANCE**

Nineteen cheques to the value of £20,193.41 for the period up to 16 September were approved and signed.

A quotation for work on the riverbank was discussed and it was agreed to keep all three river access points, remove the Himalayan balsam and mesh, and provide decking for the duck/swan feeding area, at a cost of £21,009.

#### **PLAYSCAPE**

The Playscape representative provided an update on progress to date and announced a grant of £109,000 had been awarded from Cambridgeshire County Council's Communities Capital Fund. Other grants were in the process of application and Playscape were hopeful of further funding being available. The current financial status enables Phase 5 of the Grand Plan to progress and detailed work can commence on the playground area rework with the wheelscape plan. Some exploratory work prior to the tender process is necessary, and a draft plan of works and milestones for review by the Parish Council is underway.

The Parish Council thanked the Playscape Group for their extensive commitment to this project and confirmed their continued support.

#### **REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES**

**District Councillors** Councillor Peter Fane reported on the development of the combined South Cambs and City Local Plan and the Zero Carbon Communities Grant.

**County Councillors** None in attendance. No report was submitted.

## REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

### Highways Committee

An order has been placed by Cambridgeshire County Council (CCC) for additional double yellow lines on ten roads. A meeting with John Obrien (CCC Highways Officer) took place on 21 August to review a number of issues. For full details see <https://greatshelfordparishcouncil.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/highways-report-for-sept-2020.pdf>

A Local Highways Improvement grant application is to be prepared by Councillor Disley.

Councillors Disley and Ashurst met representatives of A2B Bus and Coach Ltd and Shelford Primary School to discuss the safety issue of the No 31 bus route.

All street lights will be updated to LED in the long term. The Parish Council agreed to keep all ornate street lights as LED and to continue funding unmetered supplies, but private roads will be charged by the Parish Council for their respective use.

### Cemetery and Allotment Committee

Some allotment plots are still available. Further new applications have been received. Councillor Price and the Clerk will progress.

## REPORTS FROM CO-ORDINATING OFFICERS

**Police** A meeting with the police established that concerns could be progressed through public reporting of incidents and use of local and social media to increase awareness of incidents. Councillor Disley, supported by Councillor Shareef, will make proposals for media coverage.

**Community Association** Most classes have restarted with risk assessments provided by users.

## OTHER BUSINESS

An article will be written for the Parish Council website and the *Village News* stating that clubs and activities previously supported by The Feast can apply to the Parish Council for a discretionary grant.

## PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS IN NOVEMBER

Planning Committee Meeting	4 November 5.15 pm
Planning Committee Meeting	18 November 5.15 pm
Parish Council Meeting	18 November 6.30 pm

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

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

## PLANNING APPLICATIONS PARISH COUNCIL COMMENTS

20/03624/HFUL	Amiras Chokshi 167 Cambridge Road	Outbuilding for gym in rear garden.
No objections.		

20/03635/FUL	Mr & Mrs Appadu 37 Westfield Road	Demolition of existing dwelling and garage and erection of new dwelling and garage.
No objections in principle but we request a tree management plan and a tree officer visit before work commences.		

20/03656/FUL	Albany Interiors 3 Mingle Lane	Demolition of existing bungalow and the erection of a detached 2.5 storey dwelling house with double garage.
No objections but a construction workers' traffic management plan should be enforced and there should be no parking of any vehicle outside the plot.		

## PLANNING DECISIONS BY SCDC

### Approved

S/3809/19/FL Porthaven Properties Limited, 2 Station Road. Erection of a 63-bed care home.

20/03100/HFUL 7 Leeway Avenue. Single storey front extension with a two storey side and rear extension.

20/02487/HFUL 58 High Street. Erection of a first floor rear extension.

20/02685/HFUL 66 Hinton Way. Replacement roof, first floor rear extension, ground floor extension and front porch.

20/03624/HFUL 167 Cambridge Road. Outbuilding for gym in rear garden.



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## EAST WEST RAIL READER'S LETTER

The new Oxford to Cambridge line is currently being planned and will run in a corridor between Cambourne and the new Cambridge South railway station to be built at Addenbrooke's.

Discussions have been taking place between East West Rail (EWR), Parish Councils and a lobby group known as Cambridge Approaches regarding the various routes through South Cambridgeshire. The chosen planned routes will be announced by EWR to the public in January 2021.

Most predicted options involve crossing the A1301 (Cambridge Road) and will have a huge effect on Great Shelford. One option might be to run parallel tracks alongside the Kings Cross line. This would involve rebuilding the High Green Bridge and would change the character of the approach to our village, resulting in the loss of historic views and green belt land.

Another option being mooted would be to cross the A1301 (Cambridge Road) closer to the new station and this is also likely to involve building a new bridge. Both options would cause significant upheaval and traffic disruption during the many years of construction, and homes would need to be demolished alongside the new tracks.

Cambridge Approaches, who have a very informative website [www.cambridgeapproaches.org](http://www.cambridgeapproaches.org), urge residents in South Cambridgeshire to contact their MP Anthony Browne, Parish, District or County Councillors to make their feelings known. I wonder is it too late for this passenger and potential freight line to run to the north of Cambridge?

We have lots of big projects affecting our village – the Cambridge South East Transport route between Babraham and Cambridge South station, the Cambridge South Infrastructure Enhancement Scheme (delivering the new Cambridge South station) and now the new East West Rail line.

**Don't miss the opportunity to HAVE YOUR SAY.**

*Vanda Galer*

### DECEMBER ISSUE OF THE *VILLAGE NEWS*

The deadline for copy for the next issue of the *Great Shelford Village News* is Friday 13 November and it should be available on Friday 27 November with subscribed copies delivered shortly thereafter.

Free online versions of the *Village News* will now appear one month after publication at [www.shelford.org/news](http://www.shelford.org/news)

## EAST WEST RAIL

### PARISH COUNCIL VIEW

**What is East West Rail (EWR)?** A railway between Oxford and Cambridge and then on to the East Coast ports. It was set up by the government in 2017. It will be publicly funded and has been classified as a ‘Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project’. It is expected to join the main line from Cambridge to London near the yet-to-be-built Cambridge South station.

**What has happened so far?** On the Western Route the first phase between Oxford and Bicester Village opened in 2016 and the next phase will be between Oxford and Bedford with trains also running between Milton Keynes and Aylesbury. This phase is expected to be in service during 2024. The Central Route, which affects Great Shelford, is between Bedford and Cambridge, and East West Rail carried out a public consultation in February and March 2019. In January 2020 they selected Option E as their preferred area for the route from Bedford to Cambridge. The area of Option E broadly runs from Toft in the northwest and then goes southeast through the Eversdens, Harlton, Haslingfield, Harston, skirting round Newton and Little Shelford towards Great Shelford, following the M11 to Barton and Comberton and then back to Toft.

**What will happen?** East West Rail will decide on the route options in October 2020, go out to public consultation in January 2021 and then decide on the preferred option in early 2021. A detailed design will be submitted to the public in 2022 and between 2022 and 2024 they will secure development consent with construction beginning in 2025.

**What has the Parish Council been doing about this?** A discussion group has been set up by Parish Councillors and others, mainly from Haslingfield and Harston, and is called Cambridge Approaches [www.cambridgeapproaches.org](http://www.cambridgeapproaches.org). Great Shelford Parish Council along with other affected Parish Councils in the Option E area have been trying to come up with some possible routes that do the least potential damage to our villages, the existing infrastructure and the environment. We are also talking to Anthony Browne, our local MP.

**What will the Parish Council do?** Once we know the proposed route we will be asking the views of our residents about the proposal and lobbying for change if Great Shelford is adversely affected.

*Chair, Councillor Malcolm Watson, Great Shelford Parish Council*

A press release from Anthony Browne MP has since welcomed news that East West Rail (EWR) is considering a station to the north of Cambourne and is calling for the option to be included in any future consultation. *Eds*



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## EAST WEST RAIL

### MORE QUESTIONS THAN ANSWERS

Why is Option E the preferred route option?

East West Rail <https://eastwestrail.co.uk> give three main reasons:

- It delivers the best value for the taxpayer, returning the most benefit for every pound spent
- It was the most popular option with people who responded to our consultation
- It would deliver the best opportunities for the environment.

However, Cambridge Approaches offer fifteen points to show that Option E is the wrong solution. These include: no clear benefits, only creeping urbanisation; the environmentally damaging use of diesel rather than electric locomotives; loss of countryside, including footpaths; noise; lack of coordination with the Local Plan. They suggest a route to Cambridge North station would be preferable.

As things stand the precise route is undecided and a station north of Cambourne is under consideration, so there is still time to ask questions. How will it affect the village? Will demolition of houses or of gardens be necessary? What disruption will there be of traffic along the Cambridge Road?

*Duncan Grey*

### CORRECTION

We apologise for our front-page headline error in the October edition. The Parochial Charities are completely independent of any church and are a secular charity serving Great Shelford people of all faiths and none.

### NOTE

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## CAMBRIDGE SOUTH EAST TRANSPORT SCHEME

A report on this by Howard Kettel, Chair of Stapleford Parish Council, was published in the *Village News* in September. Since then, detailed plans were published on 19 October at [www.greatercambridge.org.uk/CambridgeSET](http://www.greatercambridge.org.uk/CambridgeSET)

An online consultation is being held and will be open until 14 December. You can register for a postal information pack by telephoning 01223 699906.

*The Village News* asked our MP, Anthony Browne, for his views on the Cambridge South East Transport scheme:

‘I remain aware of serious concerns locally about the proposed route for the Cambridge South East Transport scheme (CSET). There are obviously huge sensitivities around this project and local residents are, quite understandably, very worried about the impact that CSET will have on their villages and the local countryside. They also want to ensure that a fair, proper and democratic process has been undertaken, and that all viable options have been considered.

Earlier this year, I met with the Stapleford and Great Shelford Parish Councils, together with other local stakeholders, and listened to their concerns about the preferred route east of the villages, running close to the environmentally sensitive area around the Gog Magog Down. As I said then, I believe it is important that the Greater Cambridge Partnership (GCP) either demonstrates clearly that an alternative route is not feasible, and if so on what basis, or that they consult with local people on this alternative. I therefore wrote to the GCP Board ahead of their meeting in June to encourage the Board to carefully consider their response to the issues raised.

With several surveys and studies still being conducted, I will continue to engage in discussions on the CSET project as well as exploring alternative options to increase the provision of public transport for the area. Shelford and Shelford need better public transport links – on that point, we can all agree. But local residents must be involved in the decision-making process and I am working to ensure that their voices are heard.’

As currently envisaged this route will have a big impact on the north-east side of Great Shelford, cutting across Hinton Way while being too far away from the centre of the village to be convenient for users. Furthermore, by breaking into the green belt it will make it easier for more development on the fields bordering on Gog Magog Down.

We feel it is an intrusive and unnecessary development which does nothing but harm to Great Shelford.

*Editorial Committee*

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### Ely Cathedral Appointments

It was announced last month that Bishop Stephen had invited me to become an Honorary Canon of Ely Cathedral. This came as very pleasant surprise and I was delighted to accept.

An Honorary Canonry is a recognition by the Bishop of the contribution made by the office-holder to the life of the Diocese and wider community. I will join 24 other clergy who hold this title in the Diocese, together with five Lay Canons. I will be installed during Choral Evensong on Monday 9 November at 5.30pm. It is a public service, so if anyone would like to be present, I would welcome your support.

Two new Lay Canons have also appointed from Granta Deanery, Lizzie Taylor and Rob Needle, who both worship at St Andrew's, Stapleford. They were installed at a separate service on 16 October.

### 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.

### Remembrance Sunday 2020

The Great Shelford Remembrance Service will be held at Great Shelford Free Church this year (shared with St Mary's – there is no 10am Parish Communion at St Mary's) on Sunday 8 November at 10am. For details about attending the service, please see the back page. You can follow the service live from this link: <https://tinyurl.com/y24km24z> (also available from the St Mary's website).

Instead of the usual public gathering at the War Memorial, a small group of people will be reading of the names of the Fallen, keeping the Silence and laying wreaths on behalf of the community. This will be live streamed to the service at the Free Church and you can also follow this via a live Zoom feed (the link will be available from the Free Church and St Mary's websites).

### Armistice Day Commemoration 11.11.11

There will be a brief public service to mark Armistice Day on Wednesday 11 November at 10.55am on the War Memorial Green in Great Shelford. Again, this will not be a public event this year.



## Harvest Festival and Gift Day Appeal: Thank You!

A sincere thank you on behalf of the Cambridge Food Bank for the generous donations to help support those in fuel poverty.

Also sincere thanks to the many people who offered their pledges during the Gift Day. As we go to press it is rather too early to give an accurate report on results, but we will publish the final figure next month.

## Annual Toy Collection

Our annual toy collection for the Salvation Army will be on Sunday 6 December. If toys are wrapped, please label by age group, boy/girl.

## St Mary's Sunday Club

At present, we are restricted on the numbers we can welcome to the Community Room, so regrettably Sunday Club is not possible for the moment. 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](mailto:gillian.pett29@gmail.com)

**Wednesday 9.30am Holy Communion service** is currently still suspended.

## From the Registers

Marriage:	10 October	James and Hannah Dennis
Funeral:	10 October	Andrew Johnson

## 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)

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## FUN RUN 2020 UPDATE

Despite the fact we could not be together in the traditional sense this year for the Shelford Fun Run, people were still to be able to take part virtually by walking or running their chosen 5k route and connecting with each other online. We had participants joining from far afield including social media posts shared from Wales and Austria!

Due to restrictions on social gatherings, we had to unfortunately cancel the medal collection event we had planned, but we made sure all our participants received their medals – thanks Jenny for hand delivering and posting them all! Do share your medal selfies with us using #ShelfordSelfie or #ShelfordFunRun

Although we didn't focus on winning times this year (due to everyone running their own routes) we do want to say huge congratulations to those who logged the fastest times:

<b>Chris Smith</b> (Male) – 00:19:35	<b>Liz Carrothers</b> (Female) – 00:23:25
<b>Nate D</b> (U18) – 00:24:28	<b>Laurence M</b> (U11) – 00:25:57

We also want to give a particular shout out to **Willow B**, a competitor who despite finding walking very difficult due to a rare genetic condition, took on the challenge to carry out the 5k walk with her mum over a series of days to help encourage the family to get out and about after COVID shielding had paused.



The event raised just over £500, which will go towards the Great Shelford Playscape fund, and we are delighted with this amount and thank our runners for their continued support. This event usually raises around £4,000, so if you were unable to take part, but would still like to make a donation, please click the 'donate now' button at [www.shelfordplayscape.org](http://www.shelfordplayscape.org). A date for the Fun Run in September 2021 will be announced soon.

Holly Barr [info@shelfordfunrun.co.uk](mailto:info@shelfordfunrun.co.uk)



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## ADVENT WINDOWS



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At the beginning of spring, when we went into full lockdown, many people commented to me on the blessing of having such good weather; despite the restrictions

to freedom they were able to get out and enjoy their daily exercise in warm sunshine and the brighter days made everything more bearable. Time has moved on since then and everything has changed again ... and again. Now, as we face the thought of another six months of restrictions in what we do and where we go, with the possibility of another lockdown looming, the weather and the mood have changed. Now it's cold and wet and dark which for some can be quite depressing even without the addition of restricted freedoms.

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However, in the midst of the darkness we can remember that Jesus is the light, in the midst of turmoil he is our peace and in the midst of despair he is our hope, and we can put our trust in Him. It is a comfort and reassurance to me to know that 'Anyone who trusts in Him will never be disappointed' Romans 10:11 (New Century Version). I hope that you will know some of that peace too through these difficult days.

As we look forward to celebrating the birth of Jesus, albeit this year in different ways than we would normally expect, we at Great Shelford Free Church want to encourage you to focus on the joy of the season and bring some light into the darkness of these somewhat gloomy days. We invite you

to be a part of our 'Advent Windows' celebration.

Every household wanting to participate should create a Christmas-themed window display which is clearly visible from outside when illuminated in the evening. There is no need for the display to be religious or arty, the aim is for each window to be a surprise. You can find a wide range of ideas and ways that people have decorated their windows elsewhere by searching 'Advent Windows' on Google or Pinterest.

Once your window is complete you will need to take a photograph and email it to [village@shelfordfreechurch.org.uk](mailto:village@shelfordfreechurch.org.uk) with your name and address so that the

window can be verified. Throughout December we will 'reveal' one advent window picture every day on our Facebook page alongside a short thought for the day. Ideally windows should be decorated ready for 1 December and all entries should be received no later than 10 December.

If your window is selected I wonder which day it will be revealed? I am so looking forward to seeing how creative you can all be. *Diana Parr*

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## **ROYAL BRITISH LEGION**

As Chairman of our Branch the last few months have been challenging. Throughout the year for many Branches, Remembrance Sunday is always a key focus and together with the Poppy Appeal many elements of both have been scaled back. Our Branch was able to have a stand outside Scotsdales in Shelford last month and we were very grateful to the team there to sell poppies, etc. There were no door-to-door collections.

The Annual Service at the Cenotaph will still take place, however neither veteran participation through the march nor public spectators will be possible. A small but significant service will be broadcast on BBC One. Attending a local Remembrance event or pausing for the Two-minute Silence at home or on doorsteps is another option. Your support and understanding in what you choose to do and remember will be appreciated.

Next year the British Legion will mark its centenary on 15 May with the Annual Conference taking place at the Queen Elizabeth Hall in London. There will be a special commemorative service at Westminster Abbey in September and a Recognition of Legion 100 in the Poppy Appeal and a Festival of Remembrance in November 2021.

*Mark Chennells*

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## CHRISTOPHER JENKIN BEM



The chair of the charity It Takes a City Cambridge lives in Great Shelford and has earned his British Empire Medal for services to the homeless in Cambridge during Covid-19.

In 2018, Chris was the driving force behind setting up It Takes a City (ITAC) – a group of voluntary

organisations, businesses, faith groups and individuals committed to sharing the city's prosperity more widely, with a focus on ending local homelessness.

According to the government citation, he was also a key force in establishing the Cambridge Street Pastors, a volunteer group who patrol the streets on Friday and Saturday nights to help rough sleepers 'without judgement or discrimination. ... Well trained and fully equipped, the street pastors aim to provide a listening ear and practical help for all people, whether upset or sick or just needing someone to talk to.'

Chris says that It Takes A City, which was set up as a 'proper organisation' last year, was not established to provide services to anyone, but to coordinate the set-up of new services which others would then provide.

'That was all going fine and then of course Covid struck,' said Chris, 'which to some extent stopped some of the things we were doing because it was difficult to meet. Because everybody was coming off the street under the "Everybody In" initiative, the thought was that if everybody comes in and stays in, what's the point of street-based activity?'

'We were looking at the situation where there isn't accommodation for everybody and therefore can we provide additional resources and get more people off the street? Obviously that changed with Covid, in that suddenly, in the city, 150 rough sleepers were quickly found accommodation in hotels – that had been our dream for years!'

Chris is pleased with the way the authorities have reacted. 'I pay huge credit to our own local authority in Cambridge, and the County Council,' he said. 'They picked this up big time, completely in line with the government's intention to eliminate rough sleeping, and they're going out of their way to make it happen – and we're very pleased to be able to provide some support to that.'

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## CORONAVIRUS DIARY REPRISE

Well, back in July, as things opened up again, I guess we all hoped we might somehow have got on top of it, but realistically that was never going to happen. So here we are, buckling down for a second wave, hoping against hope it's not worse than the first, and here I am, back with the Coronavirus Diary again.

I think that, for all of us, the summer was a welcome break from the worst of the lockdown. We saw the family again. We had friends round to tea in the garden, we went to visit other friends in their garden. The sun shone, and gosh! it was hot at times. Perhaps, like us, you went on holiday. We had a week in rural Somerset. It was quietly lovely, though a bit strange. We spent a lot of time just sitting in the cottage garden in the sunshine – all the pleasure of a garden, but no obligation to mow the grass or pull the weeds. We did one socially-distanced garden visit, but that obligation to distance took all the pleasure out of it. You couldn't wander, and there were always people behind you, herding you on. In the nearby small town, people behaved as if coronavirus didn't much exist, and probably for them it didn't. But the shops were rigorous – counting you in and out, hand sanitiser at every door, one-way systems in place and of course the inevitable face mask. Still, it felt positively exciting to go shopping – to look at dresses and shoes, or browse in a bookshop. I was so excited at being in a bookshop again that I bought five books!

At home I'd slowed down on the gardening as the temperature rose. Besides, it was so dry that everything stopped growing. My onion crop was pathetic, my peas died after one picking, and my enthusiasm for vegetable-growing began to evaporate. And then it started to rain. We were catapulted abruptly from one season to another, and the attraction of afternoon teas in the garden faded.

There was one cheering aspect to the rain. I harvested a huge crop of maincrop potatoes. After all the walking and gardening I'd been doing over the lockdown I was fitter than usual, and managed to dig the lot – and store them away – in a week. Now I have a winter's supply of Cara potatoes and the warming prospect of tasty baked potatoes for tea. At least something went right on the vegetable patch.

But the one crop which has really been stunning is the apple crop. We all but disappeared – we and all our neighbours – under a deluge of apples. They grew to the size of cannonballs, and were a beautiful rosy red after hours basking in the sunshine. An apple a day keeps the doctor away. I certainly hope so, for all of us.

I was delighted when the Wednesday Country Market reopened, and now it's one of the highlights of my week. By 9.30am when it opens, there's an orderly queue – if there's one thing we British know how to do, it's to queue. But the queue is part of the pleasure, because we all say hello, and chat, and exchange news. It's such a relief to be mixing again. And then there's the food. I must particularly praise Dorothy Doel's cheese scones, which go beautifully with a bowl of soup, and Hazel's sausage rolls which my husband and I compete for. But there's lots of other lovely stuff – cakes and biscuits, tubs of soup, eggs, fruit and vegetables, and cut flowers. It brightens the week.

Cara Coffee too reopened and again it's such a social resource. We sit at the tables out front and chat, safely distanced, and talk to people on the other tables, wave to the shoppers going in and out of the Co-op, and it's a little bit of normality in an otherwise fractured world. It was always intended to be a social resource, and it does that admirably, and I'm so grateful to all the volunteers who make it work. The library also opened, which felt like another small breath of normality, even if you had to order your books and couldn't go in and browse.

But there are other issues to think about. Outside the Free Church is the Food Bank drop for the Sawston John Huntington's charity. Likewise, the Parish Church, now open again, collects for Cambridge City. Recently a homeless man has started to beg just beside the Co-op. It's not always openly visible, but there's a lot of hardship around. And if this goes on for a long time, as most likely it will, there's going to be a lot more.

There's been building work going on around us all over the summer, and I can't say it's been a pleasure. Loud power tools and radios outdoors, and worst of all, the beeper on a JCB which, while it may warn those on the building site to beware, has the capacity to send neighbours crazed if it continues over hours and days, as it does. Sometimes I wish our world would just calm down a bit, do less, rush about less, consume less, pollute less.

So the summer rolled on, and one day it was autumn. You could tell by the heavy dew, the sense of growth slowing. Monty Don's garden might look sumptuous in the autumn, but mine just looks tired. Flowers have succumbed to mildew, or gone to seed. That's it for the year, they're saying. It was time to sow the autumn veg. I bought my autumn onion sets, and transplanted my leeks. I sowed some winter lettuces. The kale and sprouting broccoli, now well-watered, sprang up and bulked up. And so did the weeds. The silver birch in our neighbour's garden has gone into overdrive. Every inch of our garden is



covered with a coating of birch seeds. I hope they don't all come up, or in five years' time my garden will have turned into a birch wood.

Most of the bees had gone, but I walked up the path to the Parish Church one day, and the banks on either side had burst forth a crop of – what? wasps, bees? They were little stripey jobs, and very active, flying backwards and forwards, and quite unaware of any passing humans. I looked them up and discovered they are Ivy Bees. They only arrived in England from Europe in 2001, and since then they've made themselves at home. There's definitely a window of opportunity for them, because they forage exclusively on ivy flowers. Each bee is solitary, and nests in a hole in dry soil, in a bank or somewhere similar. But that bank is liable to house hundreds of bees, each with its own hole. The females forage and lay their eggs, while the males circle round them, eyeing up the talent. That one week, which was so bright and sunny, they were so busy. The following week was colder and greyer. They were still there, but lacked that sense of joyous activity.

Our garden birds all vanished over July, August and September while they moulted their feathers, and stuffed themselves silly on the year's harvest of produce, be it apples, berries or nuts. This last couple of weeks, they've begun to reappear. A little robin sits in our tree and sings. Its notes are rather soulful. I think it feels as sad as we do that the summer has gone. We've all wilted a bit as the days shorten and the rain falls and the days are grey. There's a terrible dampness to everything in the outdoor world which will be with us all winter. We've passed the equinox, and it gets dark early now. Soon the hour will go back, and it really will be winter. No matter how we try, the prospect of winter and whatever coronavirus brings makes our hearts sink. But we mustn't despair, but do what we did before, and support each other till better times come. At least we live in this lovely village where people come together and help, and where we can shop easily, and go out for walks. We have a lot to be grateful for, so let's take a deep breath and get through it.

*Helen Harwood*

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We continue our commitment to living in harmony: literally, as the school has been nominated for a Music Mark award by Cambridgeshire Music for being 'highly supportive of music', and spiritually, with the Year 3 Harvest Service which included raising funds for Jimmy's Cambridge. The wider life of the school continues unabated despite

current restrictions, with recorded Collective Worship sessions and Celebration Worship streamed from the School Hall, some of which are on our website. Take a look – and for prospective parents, don't forget to put your child down for a Reception place!

*Christopher Hallebro*

## SAWSTON FUN RUN CHALLENGE EVENT ON TARGET TO RAISE £23,000

The Rotary Club of Cambridge Sawston is on target to raise an amazing amount of £23,000 for local good causes from their hugely successful Sawston Fun Run Challenge Event held on Sunday 4 October. Having to cancel the traditional Fun Run in May, members and other Rotarians were determined to honour their commitment to raising funds for local good causes and to add to the £468,000 that the event had donated to the local community in its thirty-five year history.

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## ANTHONY BROWNE

### FLU VACCINE

Local MP Anthony Browne has urged all those in South Cambridgeshire who are eligible for the flu jab to get one this winter, as the government launches the largest ever flu vaccination campaign in England with everyone over the age of 50 to be offered a flu vaccine.

The drive to vaccines comes as new research from Public Health England suggests that people who tested positive for both flu and Covid-19 were more than twice as likely to die, compared to those with Covid-19 alone. The research also found that those with co-infection of the two viruses were more at risk of severe illness.

This year, the flu vaccination programme is being expanded to help protect people from flu and ease pressure on the NHS and urgent care services. The health system is working to provide the free flu vaccine to 30 million people, the highest number on record, including:

- All primary school children, and, for the first time, Year 7 children.
- Two- and three-year-olds.
- The most vulnerable people, including adults aged 65 and over, those with long-term health conditions and pregnant women.
- Household contacts of people on the NHS Shielded Patient List and all health and social care workers who have direct contact with the people they care for.

Once uptake has been maximised in the most at-risk groups, the newly eligible 50–64-year olds will be invited for vaccination later in the season.

Commenting, Anthony Browne MP said:

‘As we approach the winter, it is imperative that everyone who needs a flu vaccination takes up the offer to have one.

I urge everyone in South Cambridgeshire who is eligible to get vaccinated, which could make an important difference if they should also catch coronavirus in the months ahead.

Controlling the spread of coronavirus and protecting the NHS is on all of us – we must all wash our hands, cover our faces and make space – as well as taking sensible steps like getting a flu jab.’

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As we all know, coronavirus information seems to change by the day. For the very latest news go to [www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/](http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/) and [www.gov.uk/coronavirus](http://www.gov.uk/coronavirus)

**Flu Clinics**

Thanks to a fantastic community collaboration with Duxford Imperial War Museum, we held the county's first ever drive-through flu clinic on Saturday 3 October, vaccinating 1,500 patients without the need for anyone to get out of their cars. The weather was atrocious but it did not dampen our spirits, nor our patients, who were cheerful and supportive throughout the day.

A second successful drive-through clinic at Duxford was held on 17 October, and we are holding smaller flu clinics at each surgery site throughout October and November. To book an appointment please ring 0300 234 5555.

**New Granta Website**

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**Ancient Sumerian:** Nice to meet you Ptolemy. Have you heard about the debate and discussion about how the solar system works?

**Ptolemy:** Oh, yes! I have heard all about it. Do you have any thoughts on it?

**Ancient Sumerian:** Well us Ancient Sumerians know a lot about planets but we don't know how they all stay together. How about you?

**Ptolemy:** I think the Earth is in the centre of the solar system. Now in my model (called the Ptolemaic Model after me!) it shows that the other planets and the Sun move around the Earth in circles but also move in a circle on the circle as well. I know that's a bit complicated but you see it explains why the planets seem closer sometimes and further away at other times.

**Ancient Sumerian:** Interesting. However, I think many will have their own ideas and thoughts on this. Well anyway, it was nice meeting you.

**Ptolemy:** Bye.

*Eleanor Harris Wright, Year 5*

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## SSYI

### AUTUMN UPDATE



The past six months have brought about huge change and been a challenging time for all, not least for young people. According to the mental health charity YoungMinds, 87% of young people questioned said that they had felt lonely or isolated during lockdown and 80% said that coronavirus had made their mental health worse.

SSYI has been providing youth work support and activities for young people in Great Shelford, Little Shelford and Stapleford for over twenty years, particularly focusing on those who are marginalised, isolated, and at risk. Thanks to Great Shelford Parish Council we now have our own space, the SSYI Youth Centre, previously the Sports & Social Club above the Memorial Hall in Great Shelford. We are in the process of renovating this space to best meet the needs of local young people.

The impact of coronavirus on youth services has been dramatic, for the initial part of lockdown we moved to online delivery, increasing our social media presence and posting daily video updates for our young people. These can be viewed on our Instagram and Facebook pages (@ssyiyouth). We kept in contact with many of our young people over the phone. As soon as we were able, we began meeting young people for socially distant one to ones and began doing detached work in the Shelfords, Stapleford and Sawston.

Thanks to a grant from the Children's Area Partnership, over the summer holidays we were able to do some practical sessions on the Copse at the end of Great Shelford Recreation Ground in partnership with Shelford Playscape.

Our main concerns for young people after this extended period of lockdown are the risks caused by an increase in mental health and wellbeing problems, loneliness and isolation, a lack of safe spaces and the extended period of disengagement from formal education. We have now been able to restart several small groups following COVID-secure guidelines from the government and the National Youth Agency which have been successful, and we hope to be able to run some small trips before Christmas.

We are so grateful for the ongoing support of the villages, residents, councils and churches. For more information about what we are doing in the local area contact Zac Britton, SSYI's Lead Youth Worker on [zac.britton@ssyi.club](mailto:zac.britton@ssyi.club) or 07599 024210. Or you can head to our website at [www.ssyi.club](http://www.ssyi.club) or find us on Facebook and Instagram @ssyiyouth

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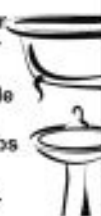
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On 28 September Bill Powell kicked off our virtual Conversation Evenings with a very interesting talk and Q&A about cooking stoves in Uganda, which are much more fuel efficient than traditional wood fires or charcoal burners, and healthier for the cooks. He has been very involved in the project for some time.

Depending on when you received your magazine, you may just catch the next evening on 26 October, when two members of Extinction Rebellion will come and talk and answer questions. Then on 23 November we have Duncan Catchpole, who started up and still runs the Cambridge Organic Food Company, and is working hard to get a Food Hub up and running in the area. He will talk about Sustainable Dietary Choices, so if you want to move towards eating less meat and dairy you will have the chance to talk to him.

To take part in either of these evenings please email the address below and a link to Zoom will be sent to you just before the meeting. If you've never used Zoom before there are some helpful tutorials on their website, and also on YouTube.

Other news since last month:

- Some local constituents met with Anthony Browne, our MP, to ask various environmental questions relating to green economic recovery, retrofitting houses with energy-saving measures, water conservation, and a variety of other topics. He will be meeting with constituents regularly in these Environmental Forums, so do check our Facebook page or website for future dates.
- You may know there was a national citizens' assembly held to consider ways of tackling climate change, and their conclusions make very interesting reading, see: <https://www.climateassembly.uk/>
- The government is launching its green homes grant, see: [www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk)
- You may have attended one of the local Repair Cafés and the organisation behind them is Cambridge Carbon Footprint. They have set up a questionnaire/calculator that you can do to find ways to reduce your own personal or family's carbon footprint, see: <https://cambridgecarbonfootprint.org/charter/>

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On Thursday 1 October about 20 WI members took part in our sixth Zoom meeting. Our speaker was Duncan Catchpole who gave a presentation on the Cambridge Food Hub. He explained how the Hub is working to create a local 'food ecosystem' with a short supply chain and no intermediaries. The aim is to facilitate direct trade

and interconnectivity between local food enterprises. This can provide an alternative at the local level to the large-scale distribution and storage which are associated with systemic waste and a high level of emissions. The presentation provoked many questions and quite a discussion between members afterwards.

The Shelfords WI will be meeting by Zoom for the foreseeable future and non-members are welcome to join in. Please get in touch with our secretary (see Local Organisations page) or any WI member if you are interested. 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*

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I looked at the Bullnose Morris Cowley and I was then told the owner wished to sell this car. It all started from that brief visit and ever since I found this car in that garage, Great Shelford has meant something special to me.

It is only in the last year or so that things have started to happen. There are strong connections with my car and the one Agatha Christie owned: it has turned out to be the same year, the same type and style, plus the same colour. There is a photograph of myself holding the book *The Man in the Brown Suit* for which I had to obtain permission from Agatha Christie Copyright.

There was a comment made by Agatha Christie where she confessed that the two most important things in her life, the two things that excited her most, were owning a Bullnose Morris Cowley and having tea at Buckingham Palace with the Queen. I feel this was a remarkable statement from an incredible lady.

This has led to an invitation to take part in the Agatha Christie International Festival in 2021 at Torquay which I hope to attend and display my Bullnose Morris Cowley. I am hoping to give Great Shelford a mention at the event.

I have much pleasure in returning to Great Shelford with my Bullnose Morris Cowley. I feel as if I am returning to a place that I love.



These two photographs show the Woollards Lane garage, first in around 1920, then in 1995. The building was originally the British School, built in 1870, and is now housing.

*Ray Hammond*

## POTS IN GREAT SHELFORD



25 October was PoTS UK Awareness Day. PoTS is Postural Orthostatic Tachycardia Syndrome, an abnormal increase in heart rate that occurs after sitting up or standing.

Lockdown became an opportunity for our daughter Susannah Bangham to turn her Grandpa's potting shed into ... well a potting shed! She turfed out the plant pots and installed a potter's wheel and has been turning pots to raise funds for PoTS UK ([www.potsuk.org](http://www.potsuk.org)). There are also 'pot' contributions from other makers, not all in clay,

as Cambridge Art Makers tutors and participants have also been busy making 'pots' for this, at time of writing, forthcoming event.

As Susannah has been unable to use her Cambridge Art Makers studio in Linton to host her fundraising event she has turned to an online auction. This should have happened by the time this is published but I'm sure there will be other pots in the future, so you won't have to miss out. And PoTS UK will still be happy to receive any donations after the event.

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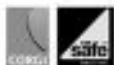
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## OLD NEWS

**Extracts from The Great Shelford Chronicle 1774–1868**

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SHELFORD SCHOOLS – We are requested to state that Mr. Twiss of this town has subscribed £5 towards the building of the National Schools of Great Shelford.

### **12 November 1842**

ROBBERY – On Tuesday evening last, some villains broke into the house of Sir Charles Wale at Little Shelford, and stole several great coats and other articles.

### **21 November 1846**

WILLIAM TRUDGETT – was charged with leaving his wife and family chargeable to the parish. He had been absent about 6 months. The defendant said he had not been away with the intention of deserting his family, but to procure work. He had sent them as much money as he could. It being the defendant's first offence, the Bench committed him to gaol for one month.

## FOOTBALL CLUB



Followers of the club will know that football did indeed start again, and the new season is now well underway. Getting started obviously involved a lot of planning and we would like to thank the Parish Council for their advice and support in making it possible. We have almost come to accept that the first team start a new season badly, so it is a pleasure to report they remain unbeaten after five games.

A potential tricky first game against our bogey team West Wrating, which despite ending goalless, provided a cracking encounter from two very good teams. Recent games against Over Sports have been close and physical so a comfortable 2-0 away win was welcome. We may have thought an away game at newly promoted Witchford 96 might have been equally comfortable but in the end we were relieved to come away with a 3-3 draw after a below par performance. Old rivals Fulbourn Institute have been going through a difficult period over the past couple of years and a home 4-0 win could easily have been double figures with some better finishing. The month ended with a trip to Eaton Socon and a hard fought 2-1 win capped an impressive start to the season.

The reserve team were deservedly promoted when last season ended abruptly, so it is an unknown but exciting journey ahead of them in the higher division. It was a frustrating start for them however, as opponents Meldreth postponed on the morning of the game, being unable to raise a team. The three awarded points was welcome but robbed them of vital game time with a tricky away visit to West Wrating Reserves to follow. This did not seem to impede them however, as they came away with a 1-0 win. It was down to earth in the next two games unfortunately, as 2-1 halftime leads against both Milton Reserves at home and Clare town away ended in a 2-2 draw and a 3-2 defeat respectively.



The month ended on a high note however, with a 3–1 home win against previously unbeaten Debden.

The Debden game was a special occasion as the reserve team unveiled a new kit (see the photo on page 45).

The kit was kindly donated by John Upcott, one of the club's committee members, and John requested that the club's chosen charity, Magpas Air Ambulance, be emblazoned on the new shirts.

It was fitting that both John Upcott and Emma Sanders, Community and Events Officer for Magpas, were present for the occasion.

*Great Shelford FC*

## **TENNIS CLUB**

### **COMPETITIONS GALORE**

In September and October, professional tennis served up two of the four annual Grand Slam tournaments in the space of just six weeks. In both the men's and women's singles there are new Grand Slam winners (Austria's Dominic Thiem in the US Open and Poland's Iga Swiatek in the French Open) and two repeat champions (Naomi Osaka won her second US Open and Rafa Nadal won an incredible 13th French Open).



Brilliant though these tournaments were, most of the team players at GSTC have had their mind on a competition closer to home. As previously reported in this publication, players from Great Shelford Tennis Club are entered in a number of divisions of the Cambridgeshire Celebration League and matches have been ongoing through September and October.

Finally, by the time you read this, there will also be some more winners in town, as the GSTC annual quiz will have taken place. Moving online this year for obvious reasons, the competition sees teams from across the club pit themselves against each other in a battle of brains as a bit of light relief from the more usual battle of spin, speed and power our members are used to.

Unfortunately, there are no prizes this year, just the kudos that comes with being on the best quiz team at GSTC. More in next month's issue.

*Angharad Harris*



## WHAT'S ON

Some of the venues that used to be featured in this section are still closed. Others, however, have started opening, offering activities that have been designed to be safe and compliant with current Covid-19 secure legislation. Please check with individual venues to confirm details.

### CAMBRIDGE ARTS THEATRE

Mischief Theatre's *Groan Ups* has been rescheduled for April 2021.

Telephone: 01223 503333 [www.cambridgeartstheatre.com](http://www.cambridgeartstheatre.com)

### STAPLEFORD GRANARY

<b>10 December</b>	7.30pm	Megson – A Yuletide Carol
<b>11 December</b>	5pm & 8pm	Jazz at the Movies with Joanna Eden & the Chris Ingham Quartet
A variety of art and craft courses have also been scheduled.		
Telephone: 01223 849004 <a href="http://www.staplefordgranary.org.uk">www.staplefordgranary.org.uk</a>		

### 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/](http://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
Cambridge Museum of Technology	Sunday and Monday, 10.30am–4pm

For information on these and other events see [www.admin.cam.ac.uk/whatson](http://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.

National Trust	<a href="http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk">www.nationaltrust.org.uk</a>
Shepreth Wildlife Park	<a href="http://www.sheprethwildlifepark.co.uk">www.sheprethwildlifepark.co.uk</a>
Linton Zoo	<a href="http://www.lintonzoo.com">www.lintonzoo.com</a>
Welney Wetland Centre	<a href="http://www.wwt.org.uk/wetland-centres/welney">www.wwt.org.uk/wetland-centres/welney</a>
RSPB	<a href="http://www.rspb.org.uk">www.rspb.org.uk</a>

## 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.

For guidance please note that an article of around 400 words, without a photograph, will fill a full page. Notices for events work best as a half page (half A5) in landscape format.

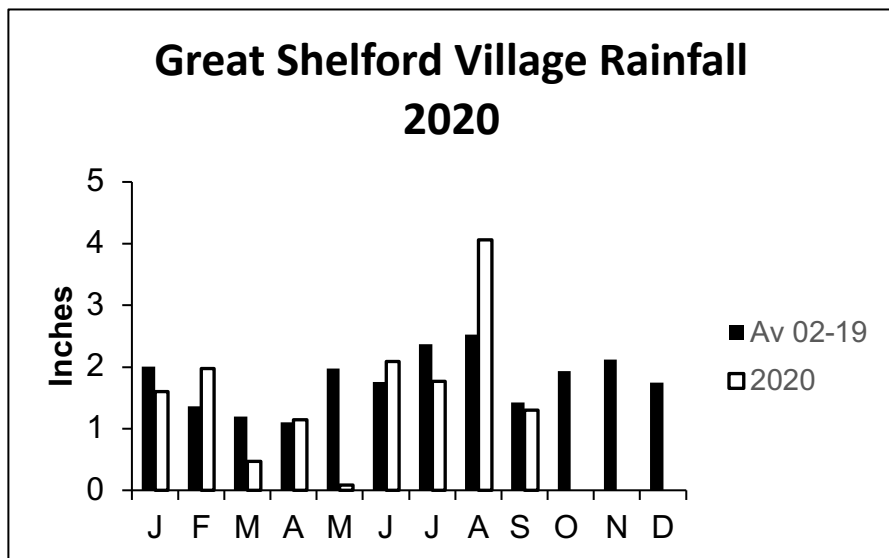
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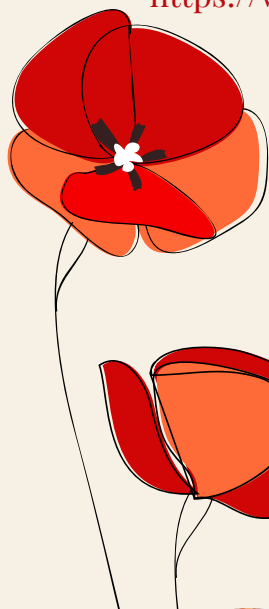
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**Sunday 8th November 2020 -  
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