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Pantomime Report *Summer Reading Challenge*

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**SUMMARY FROM THE UNADOPTED MINUTES OF THE
MEETING ON 19 May 2021**

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

ELECTION OF CHAIR AND DEPUTY CHAIR

Councillor Malcolm Watson was unanimously re-elected as Chair and Councillors Greg Price and John Stanton were unanimously elected as joint Deputy Chairs.

PUBLIC SESSION

Seven members of the public were in attendance.

FINANCE

Seventeen cheques to the value of £7,253.92 up to 19 May were approved and signed.

Banking facilities and Signatory Councillors were confirmed for 2021–2022.

REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES

District Councillors

A report was circulated by Councillor Peter Fane. The main topics of discussion were four areas of strategic focus for the District Council: helping business grow, building affordable homes, the green agenda and putting residents at the heart of everything. Councillors raised various topics including the danger of being overwhelmed by the multiple local transport projects, private road street lighting, grants and recycling improvements.

County Councillors

A report was circulated. New County Councillors, Brian Milnes and Maria King updated the Parish Council on their roles and political status. Councillor Milnes is involved in transport, infrastructure and environmental matters. Councillor King is involved in social issues. The responsibilities of the Mayor and Combined Authority have changed and now involve transport. Considerable discussion took place on catch-up issues as no County Council representatives had attended the Parish Council for more than a year.

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REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

Highways Committee

A report was circulated. The main topics of discussion were the slow progress of County Council projects and the lack of effective updates, ongoing problems in Church Street and the continued use of the pavement area as a showroom by MiniWorks.

Planning Committee

Accessibility to District Council planners has improved but the planning portal is still difficult to navigate.

Recreation Ground and Pavilion Committee

The pavilion is still closed. Yoga and Art classes are starting after 21 June with a three-month free period to assist the restart. The playground is open.

REPORTS FROM CO-ORDINATING OFFICERS

Playscape The contract is ready to be signed and is within budget. The total cost of £339,000 is being covered by Playscape Charity (£40,000), the Parish Council (£17,000) and the balance by confirmed grants. Construction will begin on June 1 and continue for nine weeks. The Recreation Ground will be accessible throughout this period. As the construction will take place over the half term break and during the summer holidays, alternative play equipment will be provided by Playscape during this time, financed by the Parish Council.

Community Association The Memorial Hall is slowly taking bookings from existing users (e.g. ballet, markets and exercise classes). No private bookings are being taken at present but hopefully these will be accepted after 21 June.

Parochial Charities Construction work will begin on 21 June and should be completed by November 2022.

TRANSPORT AND TRAFFIC INFRASTRUCTURE WORKING GROUP

Councillor Disley gave an update on the status of three external infrastructure projects: East West Rail (EWR), Cambridge South Station and the Guided Bus. The Working Group has had two meetings. The EWR survey on the website has received 208 replies to date with 86% being from Great Shelford. The current Parish Council position is supported by 73% of replies.

Full copies of the minutes of the Parish Council and Planning meetings can be viewed on the Parish Council website

greatshelfordparishcouncil.gov.uk/minutes

PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS IN JULY

Planning Committee Meeting 7 July 5.15 pm

Planning Committee Meeting 21 July 5.15 pm

Parish Council Meeting 21 July 6.30pm

At the time of going to print it is hoped that these meetings will be held in the Pavilion.

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.



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PLANNING APPLICATIONS PARISH COUNCIL COMMENTS

21/01246/FUL	Mr Omar Kuwaidar Land at rear of 150 Cambridge Road	Two bedroom detached dwelling and associated works.
Application rejected due to overdevelopment of the site, lack of vehicle access, encroachment on the green belt, objections from neighbours and potential impact on mature trees of the neighbouring property.		
21/01367/HFUL	Mr Fletcher and Ms Elkins 39 Stonehill Road	Hip to gable loft conversion with dormer to rear.
Application approved.		
21/01821/PRI01A	Mr Sumit Karia 5 De Freville Road	Single storey rear extension.
Application rejected due to overdevelopment of the site, very significant increase in the footprint of the property and potential for impacts on parking.		
21/01435/HFUL	Mr and Mrs Addley 22B Mingle Lane	Construction of a garden pavilion/out building.
No objections.		
21/01670/HFUL	Mr and Mrs Martin Atkins Beeston Buristead Road	Side extension, replacement windows and doors and re- positioning of entrance screen in ‘ entrance porch/lobby.
As long as there are no neighbour objections, party wall agreement is dealt with and the tree is protected we have no objections.		
21/01688/HFUL	Ms Helen Latham 11 Stonehill Road	Infill rear extension following demolition of existing utility and shower room.
We consider this will enhance the site. No objections.		
21/01849/HFUL	Mr and Mrs Arter 13 Woodlands Road	Loft extension and roof terrace.
As long as no neighbours consider this unacceptable we have no objections.		



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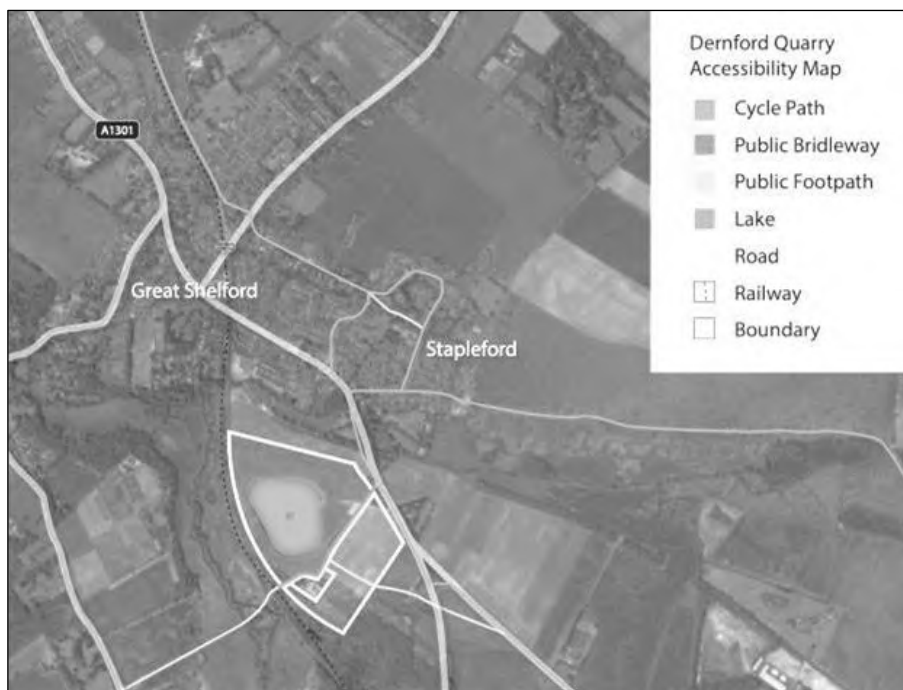
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They are applying for planning permission for a caravan park in conjunction with the Caravan and Motorhome Club. As part of the caravan park, there would be further amenities that would benefit the local community.

These would include water-based activities, a farm shop/ café and children's play area. An outdoor event space is also proposed with various options including: competitor camping for sporting events like triathlons and duathlons; an outdoor cinema; food festivals.

There will be scope for a variety of ancillary sport and recreation facilities, which could include a bowling green, gym, sauna, tennis courts, all-weather courts (for football), farm shop and associated parking.

This initial consultation will run from Monday 24 May for a six-week period until 5 July.

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The government Roadmap for the gradual lifting of Covid restrictions has made good progress, but it looks as though we have to wait until July before the final set of restrictions are lifted and we can cautiously begin to enjoy new found

freedoms. So many people deserve our thanks and appreciation for all that they have been doing during the last eighteen months, especially those working in the NHS. Well done to all!

Simon

Every blessing,

Financial Concerns

Before the pandemic we were concerned about the increasing financial deficit we have been facing for several years. The Parochial Church Charities have, regretfully, decided (in consultation with the Diocese) to reduce our regular Ministry Share contribution by 50%, to £26,895 this year, in order to halt the ongoing drain on our reserves. This will balance the 2021 budget, but without a substantial increase in income we may well face the same decision in future years, or the money will run out. This decision has not been taken lightly, as it has serious implications for the future life of the parish. Ministry Share goes towards the costs of stipendiary ministry and failure to meet our Share in full, as well as passing an additional financial burden on to the other parishes in the Deanery, will impact on the provision of a full-time vicar in Great Shelford. We would welcome any additional stewardship support to enable us to meet the full Share asked for by the Diocese, in this and future years, in order to maintain a stipendiary vicar. Donations can be made by:

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Thank you very much for all your support.

Christian Aid Week

Sincere thanks for the generous response to this year's appeal – £290 has been sent to Christian Aid. We are also aware that several people made direct donations via the Christian Aid website. Well done all!

St. Mary's Sunday Club

We remain restricted on the numbers we can welcome to the Community Room, so regretfully the 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 service is currently still suspended

From the Registers

Funeral:	24 May	Ewart Munday
Burial of Cremated Remains	24 May	Mary Haybittle
	7 June	Gwen & Austin Gresham (in Trumpington)
	17 June	Doreen Chalmers

Regular services

Sunday:	8am	Holy Communion (BCP 1662)
	10am	Parish Communion, our main Sunday service
		Evening Prayer (BCP Evensong in church on the first Sunday of the month); remaining Sundays 'live' by Zoom. (A link is circulated before the service – please contact us if you would like a copy of the code.)
	6.30pm	

For further information about Great Shelford Parish Church

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I was thinking about faith when on a recent journey north, I passed some graffiti on the side of the road that read 'The earth is flat'. I also remembered a newspaper article about someone explaining why they genuinely believed that the earth was a flat disk rather than a sphere, which he concluded after taking many airplane rides. Yeah, I couldn't work out the logic either! Now I know a little bit of science and can clearly see that the earth is not flat, it's really not that hard to disprove this claim. Even though it's extreme, it still requires some element of faith that the earth is a sphere not a flat disk – we must have faith in our eyesight, our understanding of images and perspective. It's a long shot but there might be a little bit of doubt that we are in fact living on a flat disk!

Why am I talking about this – well to have a Christian faith doesn't mean you don't doubt stuff. That you don't lie awake at night and wonder if your belief in God is just make believe. Doubts rather than being the enemy of faith are in fact part of faith. Frederick Buechner said 'Doubts are the ants in the pants of faith. They keep it awake and moving'. To never question, to never fear, to never worry, is just not part of the Christian faith. Even those people who came face to face with Jesus after he rose from the dead, still doubted. How much more will we who try to stay faithful to Jesus' doubt today?

So, a word to the doubters, and the faith seekers and worriers. Faith is not believing a rigid set of rules or laws without questioning them, it's not about conforming to a set standard. Faith is a journey, and like any good journey there are twists and turns, dead ends and beautiful vistas along the way. From all our community at the Free Church, may God bless you on your journey of faith.

If you want to explore your faith a little bit more, I'm always happy to sit in Cara Coffee and talk faith – maybe drop me an email on martin@shelfordfreechurch.org.uk.

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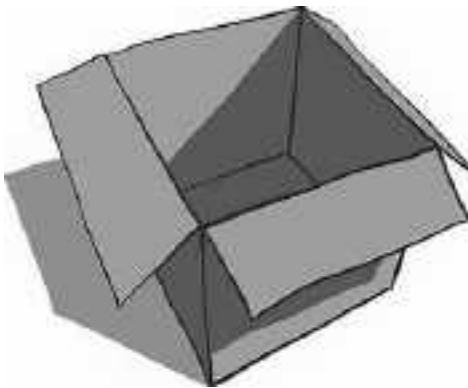
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As I write this, the sun is shining and market producers are pleased to be back in the Memorial Hall on Wednesday mornings after the long weeks of lockdown. Our first market was a bit of an unknown. Customer numbers have now picked up and all our stalls are well

stocked with everything home-made, home grown and hand crafted. Freshly cut garden flowers have arrived and provide a welcome splash of colour. We now feel almost back to normal and hope it won't be too long before we can re-open the Coffee shop. However, at the moment we still have to observe the Covid rules and we thank you for continuing to be vigilant.

We are always grateful to receive your clean empty jam jars and any we cannot use will go into the blue bin for recycling. Something else which would be helpful is cardboard boxes! We don't have facilities for storing boxes but if you could bring a box for your own



purchases of plants or even some food items, you'd be helping us to reduce the use of plastic bags.

If you'd like to join us as a cook, gardener or crafter, we'd be pleased to hear from you.

There are lots of ways to make contact: come into the market, use our Facebook page, telephone us on

01223 843946 or send an email to dorothy@woodlandroad.plus.com. A reminder, we are always pleased to receive orders for food items and enquiries for plants and crafts. It takes just a telephone call or email to order and arrange a delivery.

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Can't make 26 September? Fear not! We are also continuing with the virtual race option too. So now there's no excuse not to dust off your trainers and make your 5km count by supporting your local charity!

Register for either event at www.shelfordfunrun.co.uk

Live – Adult £15; Under 18s £7

Virtual – Adult £10; Under 18s £5

(Virtual 5ks should be completed between 20 July and 20 September).

See our website for full T&Cs and we strongly advise you book in advance as we may not be able to accept on the day entries due to future social distancing guidelines.

Volunteering: If you are able to volunteer on the day instead of running, by helping set up, marshalling or helping take down, please email funrun@shelfordplayscape.org

We can't wait to see you at the start line!



The Shelford Fun Run Team



PLAYSCAPE UPDATE

The diggers have been quite the draw for the youngest of our community! When going to press the old playground had well and truly gone, with the roundabout and horse being prepared for their new home over by the shelter as some extra quirky seating.

Do keep up to date with latest news by signing up to our newsletter at shelfordplayscape.org and following us on social media.

Eleanor McCrone



2021 FLU CLINICS

In the wake of the coronavirus pandemic, having your flu vaccination is more important than ever. It is important because if you are at risk from coronavirus, you are also more at risk of problems from flu. Additionally, if you get flu and coronavirus at the same time, research shows you are more likely to be seriously ill.

This year the flu vaccine will be given to people who:

- Are 50 and over
- Have certain health conditions
- Are pregnant
- Are in long-stay residential care
- Receive a carer's allowance, or are the main carer for an older or disabled person who may be at risk if you get sick
- Live with someone who is at high risk from coronavirus
- Frontline health or social care workers

From 1 July, you can book your flu jab and, as a Granta patient, you have the flexibility of choosing when and where you would like to go for your vaccination. Clinic dates are as follows:

Saturday 11 September	Sawston Medical Centre
	Shelford Health Centre
Saturday 9 October	Sawston Medical Centre
Saturday 23 October	Shelford Health Centre

Other dates are available at Linton and Royston. When booking, please state your preferred date and venue and give your age so that you can be booked in for the most appropriate vaccine.

Please note, we do not currently have dates for the child flu clinics as we are waiting on delivery information.

Did you know ... having your flu jab at your doctors' surgery is the quickest and most convenient way as there are no forms to fill out – the doctors and nurses have your medical history at their finger-tips.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact us.

*Sandra East, Head of Patient Services
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SHELFORD SCHOOL

As I write this, it is warm and sunny after the extremes of cold and rain in 'spring'. It has been fifteen months since most of us last set foot in Shelford School and, as governors, that has been really hard. And yet there have been upsides too, particularly in terms of creativity and connection with nature.

The traditional summer term events have not been cancelled, just re-imagined. Year 3 managed to celebrate French Day in great style and even contrived to entertain their parents with French songs in a Covid secure way. The Ascension Day Service was led by Year 5 children and the video link meant that many more people, such as distant grandparents, were able to access it. Imaginative plans are in hand for Sports Day, and being able to join in with real classmates will be a welcome change from last year.

Another positive out of a negative situation has been the realisation of how much we all need nature, and we are blessed indeed at Shelford school with our beautiful meadow and wild area. The Eco-Committee is working enthusiastically towards the Blue Peter Green Badge and is undertaking three pledges, on the themes of power, plastic and plants. A further exciting initiative that supports our strong emphasis on mental health and a wide curriculum is the 'Window into Wellbeing'. Embarking on this project with our partner schools in Morocco and the UK will be an opportunity to share our approaches to diet, exercise, art and music. We hear much about the learning deficit in maths and english following the pandemic, but are determined that 'the valuable' does not suffer at the expense of 'the measurable'.

Another vital curriculum area on which we are focussing is PSHE (Personal, Social and Health Education), and more specifically, RSE (Relationship and Sex Education). At Shelford, we have always strived to let children be children as long as possible. However, we are aware that we cannot hold onto them for ever and need to equip them for a world changed beyond all recognition from that of our own youth. So, in the same way that we are about to teach Safer Cycling rather than accompany our children for ever, we teach them from a very early age how to form respectful relationships with others and with their own bodies. This needs to be done in a unique way to fit each individual school, and so, highly valuing the partnership between home and school, we are consulting widely on this aspect, so that the children that go from here into the wider world can do so with confident and healthy attitudes. By the time this is printed, another Year 6 will soon be on their way – we wish them every blessing at their 'big schools'.

Liz Jenkin, Local Authority Governor

THE SHELFORD PANDOMIME 2021

'YOU SHALL GO TO THE HALL'



The Year 11s

Photo: Brie Lury

On Friday 21 and Saturday 22 May a group of older pantomime children (Year 10 and 11s) gave it their best shot, flew in the face of adversity and entertained parents and supporters to a fun play, entitled *The Shelford Pantomime 2021 'You shall go the Hall'*.

14 children rehearsed through lockdowns, tier restrictions and constantly changing regulations, without the support of scenery, make-up artistes or stage hands, remaining committed and good humoured throughout, to stage their play.

The storyline followed the Year 11s as news percolated through that pantomime was cancelled due to Covid, BUT, with the aid of Fairy Nuff (Eira Sheridan) and Algorithm



The Year 10s

Photo: Brie Lury



The Cast

Photo: Cheryl Smythe

(Oliver Moss), they put on a pantomime (of sorts) with a socially distanced pantomime horse and some dancing buns.

Stuffed with dodgy Covid references, Dame Sanitiser (Elliot Pratt) with the help of the beautiful princesses (Rosie Christelow and Katherine Ward), and the good intentions of Prince Panini (Zac Jepps) and the Tiger Loaf King (Ariel Diamond), vanquished Vi Russ (Phoebe Meikle) and Sassy Stockpiler (India Wilkinson) and good prevailed as it always should.



Dame Sanitiser (Elliot Pratt)

Photo: Brie Lury

For the Year 11s, it was farewell to Pantomime as this extraordinary year comes to a close for them.

For the Year 10s, let us hope they can have a more normal school year with the memory they more than supported the Year 11s put on their last and starring pantomime.

Sarah Coppendale

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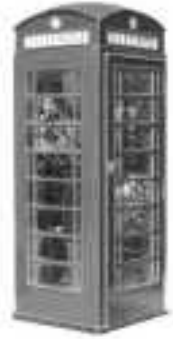
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TELEPHONE BOX

Mary Anning was born on 21 May 1799. She lived in the English seaside town of Lyme Regis in Dorset. Her family were very poor, which meant she didn't get to attend school and mainly taught herself to read and write. Mary would spend her time searching the coast looking for what she called 'curiosities'. Later in her life, she realised they were actually fossils and today, Mary is remembered as one of the greatest fossil hunters to have ever lived.

However, in the 1800s, the fact that she was a woman meant she had to work hard for recognition. This is an imagined conversation between Mary Anning and a Curator of the British Museum.



Mary: Good day to you. My name is Mary Anning and I live by the sea in Dorset.

Curator: Good day to you too. How can I help you?

Mary: I have found a giant fossil on the beach. I understand that no-one has ever found one of these before.

Curator: Are you sure madam? What is your evidence for this?

Mary: Well, an important gentleman visited me at my house and told me he thought it was an Ichthyosaur, a very rare fossil indeed.

Curator: Are you sure? How do I know you are telling me the truth? You sound like a poor woman. How do you have the education to know about such things?

Mary: Sir, I am but a poor woman, but I have taught myself about fossils by borrowing books from my good friend, Elizabeth Philpot. I understand that my fossil is very valuable and that you would get lots of visitors if you put it in your museum.

Curator: Hmmm. So how much money are you looking for, madam, for this, this curiosity?

Mary: Well, the gentleman said it was worth £25. That would be enough to support my family as my father has died.

Curator: Madam, I shall accept your offer. I shall send a horse and cart to collect it. Good day to you.

Mary: Good day sir, and thank you.

Written by Year 3 pupils

DIARY JULY

The **COUNTRY MARKET** has returned to the Memorial Hall and will be open every Wednesday morning, 9.30–11.30am



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AUGUST ISSUE OF THE *VILLAGE NEWS*

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

LIBRARY

It has been lovely welcoming customers into the library again and we do hope many of you are enjoying the opportunity to browse and choose your own books.



We also have some good news as, with effect from Saturday 26 June, the library opening hours are extended to:

Tuesday: 10am–2pm

Friday: 2–6pm

Saturday: 10am–1pm (new)

Summer Reading Challenge



This much anticipated challenge for children is back again this year and will be running in the library throughout the summer holidays. **Wild World Heroes**, in partnership with The Reading Agency, is a special nature-themed challenge which promises to be another brilliant chance for the children to read some amazing books, collect some awesome stickers and learn more about how they can look after the planet!

Children can enrol from Saturday 10 July. Listening sessions aren't possible, but children can collect their stickers during library opening hours. Further information is available in the library and online.

IT Facilities

Access to the public computers continues to be available by appointment only, with a limit of one 45-minute appointment per day per customer. However, computer access is no longer limited to essential use only, so do make an appointment if you need the use of a computer for any reason. Booking can be made online, directly with library staff or by telephone on 0345 045 5225.

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COMPUTER RECYCLING

We've done three batches of recycling so far this year, so time for a stock take:

At the start of the year, one of the main imperatives was to try to provide laptops for home schooling. We had around 160 machines donated and each had to be assessed and wiped of data, even if it was of no use. In the end, we refurbished and provided over 20 laptops to local schools and individual children. Hopefully, we no longer need to focus on this.

As a spin-off

- We provided a laptop to an elderly disabled lady through John Huntingdon's Charity.
- We loaned two laptops to university students whose parents live in the village and whose own laptops needed to be repaired/replaced.
- We had a few serviceable laptops left over which have been sold on eBay and a donation of £1,000 made to Arthur Rank Hospice Charity.
- We recycled over 400 inkjet cartridges, some of which had commercial value, raising £85 for Tommy's, the premature birth charity.
- We recycled literally hundreds of laptops, desktops, monitors, printers, mobile phones, cables, etc. This amounted to three transit van loads. None of that will have gone to landfill and some of it will have been of use to schools and charities in Hertfordshire.

Now the light amusement

We had several Windows 95 and 98 machines donated and also a complete (I think) set of coloured iMac G3s.



The oldest machine we had donated was a 1988 Wang PC382, pictured left. This was launched as a rival to the IBM PC AT. For the history buffs, the IBM PC was the first IBM PC built for PC DOS (MS DOS

didn't exist at that stage). It was replaced by the IBM PC AT (AT = Advanced Technology), which was in turn was replaced by the PC XT (XT = eXtreme Technology). At that point IBM ran out of superlatives and started referring to them as 'Z-series', etc. Shortly after that IBM sold its PC division to Lenovo and its printer division to Lexmark.

That's the end of the fun until August. Do get in touch if you have anything for recycling and thanks to everyone for your support with this.

Mike Nettleton

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CORONAVIRUS DIARY MAY 2021

1 May. Bank holiday weekend. We are driving on the M11/M25. There is so much traffic, including us, of course. Everyone marvelled at how much carbon emissions fell during the first lockdown. It wasn't to last. In December 2020 they were 2% higher than in December 2019.

2 May. 8am on Sunday. The sun is pouring down, but there's been a frost. Will the frost have done any harm? I couldn't cover the big apple trees, so I'll just have to wait and see. It's a worry – the apples are important to us.

At this time on a Sunday, it's very, very quiet. No-one but me ventures out. But who would sleep on a morning like this? The air is warm and cold at the same time. The pigeons are up in the trees and calling. It's a beautiful sound – the French word – *roucouler* – exactly describes it. At such times I can forgive the pigeons their attacks on the veg patch (and their annoying habit of pooing in the birds' drinking water). There's a blackbird singing too. My little black bees – wild solitary bees – are buzzing happily in the comfrey. It's the best time of day. And I feel pleasure at the prospect of a long empty day to use as I wish.

3 May. After a long and very dry April, rain is forecast. I hope it materialises.

It's a heavy day, humid. The magpies seem to be more

numerous this year. I keep hearing their

chack-chack, and when I look there is

agitation among the birds. The blackbirds

are going berserk. But it's no use. The

magpies, a pair, have found their nest. They take a chick, then

return for the next one. They will empty the nest. Poor

blackbirds. All their work has been in vain.



4 May. We have rain, but not enough.

8 May. We go to Chesterton for our second vaccination. This time, the process is not so well-oiled. We stand in a long queue outside, while the marshal organises us into time slots. It takes an hour but I am pleased to have it done. Another two weeks while it does its work, and we will be pretty well protected from Covid.

10 May. I've had all the rain I could wish for, for the moment. The garden is prospering and it's warmer too. The swifts are back, three of them fly around screaming. They sound a bit like I feel when I go on my holidays, full of the joy of arrival.

I decide to go and weed the flowerbed outside the library. It's dispiriting to see it, part of the general neglect consequent on coronavirus. I say as much to a man who passes, and he agrees. 'It's like sagebrush blowing down the street', he says, and I smile at the aptness of it.

This spring has been so different to last year's. Last year, even though we suffered lockdown, it was glorious. It gave us all time to experience the full intensity of a warm, sunny spring. Many people discovered, or rediscovered, the joys of the outdoors and the natural world, of being where they lived, and discovering its special places. It's different this year. The spring has been cold and slow to come. It's mostly been too cold to sit out of doors and that has cramped our style. When walking is the only occupation you're allowed, and outside is the only place you can socialise, it feels pretty dismal. And having experienced last year's luminous spring, this is like a less attractive rerun – we've seen it all before, only then it was better. We're tired of being stuck at home, tired of restrictions, tired of worrying about coronavirus. We want our lives back.

Our current topic of conversation – have you had your second jab? People are tending, a bit, to break the rules. Nothing major, just pushing it a bit. There's a growing confidence, combined with fatigue.

However, we are still following Boris's 'Roadmap out of Lockdown'. The rules change on Monday 17 May. We'll be able to meet indoors, have people to stay, eat indoors at restaurants. It all feels quite exciting.

15 May. Just when you think it's all over. The 'Indian variant' has made its appearance, first identified in India, but now popping up elsewhere. It's considered that it may be 50% more infectious than the current 'Kent variant' (itself around 70% more infectious than the previous one). Cases are rising again in some areas of England, though not here. The BBC reports that England's full relaxation of rules in June is in jeopardy.

The jackdaws – the local branch of the corvid neighbourhood watch – have given the magpies their comeuppance. The jackdaws don't want those nest-robbers around either. Too late for the blackbirds, which have evidently moved away. It reminds me a bit of the Lion and Albert – 'What, waste all our lives raising children, to feed ruddy magpies, not me!'

16 May. Today's headline: people are being urged to be very cautious about mixing as restrictions are lifted in England, Scotland and Wales on Monday.

17 May. My friend and I visit the gardens at Madingley Hall. We sat at a table enjoying the sunshine. Two tiny tots wandered into the meadow below us. Their delight at the grasses and bright yellow buttercups was there for all to see. Soon the grass reached over their heads and they vanished from sight, lost in their very own jungle of meadow grasses. The magic of being two years old.

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But the sun didn't last, in this rainy, rainy May. We sat over lunch in a thatched hut, while outside it poured. There is something lovely about spring rain – the smell, the way it deepens every colour but especially the greens. The way it sheets down, suddenly foreshortening the view, then abruptly stops. The sun pops out again and everything glistens.

19 May. It rained again last night. I love rain, but maybe this is too much of a good thing. We thought we'd seen the last of the winter's mud, but no, here it is, back again.

And how it's rained today – torrential showers, thunder. It's so wet. The Atlantic is emptying itself on our garden, will it ever stop? And yet, when it does stop raining, the brilliant sunshine against those gun-metal clouds is luminous. Everything glows, washed clean and bright. The wet leaves sparkle and the white blossom shines forth. Rain's not so bad – as long as you're watching it from indoors!

21 May. We're going on holiday for a week tomorrow. I'm so excited! I love being on holiday, but how I hate getting ready. There always seems so much to do, and as for packing – will it be hot, will it be cold, will it rain a lot? How can I tell? I always wish I could, like Lord Peter Wimsey, instruct my batman, Bunter, 'Pack the holiday clothes', and it would all be magically done and loaded into the car and all I'd have to do would be to get in myself. Oh, and of course instruct the gardener before I leave. It's an awful time to go on holiday for a gardener. Already in the rain the weeds have exploded into life. By the time I get back, I'll find a jungle. But who cares? I can't wait for this holiday.

26 May. In Dorset. We run the gamut of possible weathers – cold and windy, gales and torrential downpours, and eventually, warm sunshine. I am sufficiently caught by surprise to get my nose sunburnt. I forget about watching the news. All things must pass, and most of what is reported is transitory – today's sensation, only to be replaced by tomorrow's sensation. All it does is crank up our anxiety and our outrage. Here on the Dorset coast, it all seems comfortably distant.

Only when I get home do I register the event that has evoked universal disgust. Dominic Cummings, erstwhile prime minister's adviser, has re-emerged to relate how Boris Johnson shouldn't be prime minister – well, we knew that before he was elected – and that from beginning to end, the government has made a mess of handling coronavirus. Where does truth lie in all this? As always, it's complex. Personal interests and animosities play a big part. And how far could you expect anyone to make a 'good' job of handling this unprecedented situation? That said, this government has largely been defined by doing everything too late. And a good deal of what Cummings says is

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already familiar ground. But in the end all he really achieves is to increase everyone's disgust at the current political generation, be they politicians or advisers. But it's our own fault. As voters, we choose the candidate with charisma, never elect someone for their probity and principles, their overriding sense of duty. They're so boring! Well, I could certainly go for that sort of boring.

But Boris has got one thing right and that is vaccination. And the big question now is whether the vaccination programme will stop cases rising again as new variants continue to roll in.

31 May. The May bank holiday, which we used to call Whitsun, and for once it's a weekend of unbroken sunshine. What a wonderful time we all have. After such a cold spring, everyone is bathed in a sense of absolute wellbeing and it feels too as if everything has come to life – bees and butterflies flying, birds singing, swifts screaming, gangs of jackdaws flying around. Coronavirus feels impossibly far away, unless you happen to switch on the news, or go to the Co-op where, of course, you still need a mask.

The figures today record 3,383 new cases – the number has risen somewhat since the Indian variant arrived. And 1 death. The death rate now is in single figures, and the hospitals contain less than 1,000 Covid cases. This suggests that vaccination is working. As always, we wait and see.

Helen Harwood

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At our meeting on 3 June, we were entertained and informed by the multi-talented David Allen about The Amazing Mr Dickens. Using different voices and accents, David vividly and humorously told us all about the life and works of Charles Dickens. He took us from Charles' birth, through his troubled and difficult

childhood, to his adulthood and writing career. We learned about his father's constant issues with debt, how Charles came to write some of his most famous books and about his unconventional marriage and long-term affair. Many of us weren't impressed with the way Charles treated the women in his life! There were lots of fun tidbits too, for example how Charles came up with the name Ebenezer Scrooge and the sick nephew who inspired Tiny Tim. It was interesting to see how much of Charles' story was covered in the film 'The Man Who Invented Christmas'. David Allen definitely left us with a better knowledge and understanding of one of our greatest writers.



As we go to press we are planning to meet again in person at our Summer Party in the garden at 12 Church Street, Great Shelford on Thursday 1 July. Members will receive details nearer the date. If current Covid-19 restrictions are not lifted this meeting will have to be limited to members only because of the limit on numbers.



In normal circumstances new members and visitors are very welcome to join all meetings. 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.

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There will be food vans and live music throughout the day, and the evening will feature classic soul and funk from sax player James Knight and his band of top session musicians, including vocalist Louise Marshall (Jools Holland, Pink Floyd). Continuing the classic soul theme, Terry Jones will close the night with his DJ set. Expected finish time around 10.30pm. Timings and acts may be subject to change and all is, of course, Covid-dependent, but further details will be released closer to the time.

The event will be free to attend, though we're asking people to let us know if they plan to come by dropping us an email with the names of those planning to attend to shelfordfeast@yahoo.co.uk in order to monitor numbers and remain Covid-compliant. Please don't expect a reply, it's just to estimate approximate numbers.

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GREAT SHELFORD IN THE 1970S & 1980S – PART 1

We moved into Great Shelford in October 1973, when I had just turned 6. I was born in London, but when I was 4 we moved to Cambridge so that my mother, who trained as a primary school teacher at Homerton College, could do an honours year and graduate as a Cambridge B.Ed. Shortly afterwards, some family friends came to live with us and the house in Cambridge was rather too small for four adults and four children, so we looked for somewhere larger. We didn't have a car at the time and my father worked in London, so we needed to live somewhere with a railway station. I remember looking at houses in Whittlesford, but eventually we found the ideal house for our needs in Great Shelford, at 32 High Green.

High Green was rather different then – for one thing, the two semi-detached houses to the immediate north of 32 High Green had yet to be built. The land on which they now stand was an orchard which had planning permission and was offered for sale separately from the house. My father wanted to buy them both and to keep the orchard as a private garden but he simply could not afford it. The house cost him £37,500, and the asking price for the orchard was £10,000. The vendors did, however, allow us to use the orchard until it was sold; so for a little over a year we had an extensive garden with a large lawn where we played croquet, and several mature apple trees yielding an enormous crop of Bramley apples. We had a lot of apple crumbles that year!

Elsewhere on High Green there were many businesses which are no longer there. The De Freville Arms public house occupied the premises which are now home to NY Wines and there was a timber yard on Maris Green. Our next door neighbours to the south were Neville and June Atkinson. Neville was a professional photographer with a studio in the back garden, and they also ran a B&B business. The next house after the Atkinsons was the village post office. Directly across the road from us was Malyon Brothers' shop – one of three butchers in the village – and between them and the Plough public house were Lloyds Bank, a convenience store and the village blacksmith (who still had a traditional forge and sharpened lawnmower blades and other household implements).

To the south of the War Memorial, on Tunwells Lane, stood the village police station and police houses: it was still common in the 1970s for rural police officers to live in tied houses. There was a billboard in front of the police station displaying posters with messages such as 'Crime Doesn't Pay' (it was said that this poster sometimes attracted the graffiti addition 'but the hours are good' ... although I never saw this in Shelford!). My abiding memory of the village police station, however, is the siren. I always assumed it was an air-raid siren left over from the Second World War, but in retrospect I don't think the

police station was that old. It must therefore have been a cold war era nuclear attack warning siren. Either way, it stood atop a double pole some 12–14 feet high, with two horns (one facing either way) which were painted red. I always wondered what it sounded like, but never got to hear it.

Jeremy Burrows

**PETER DEAN
CHOOSES NON-STOP OLDIES
ON BBC RADIO 2'S STEVE WRIGHT IN THE
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Today (8 June) I chose the Non-Stop Oldies on Steve Wright in the Afternoon's show.

The songs included Donna Summer – Love's Unkind; Katie Melua – Nine Million Bicycles; Peter Gabriel and Kate Bush – Don't give Up; The Waterboys – Whole of the moon and Lisa Stansfield – Been Around the World.

I mentioned to Steve Wright that I live with my 89 year old dad, Kenneth (in Great Shelford). I care for him whilst he gives me a home. I also do grass cutting for Stapleford church and write poetry and prose for pleasure and publication. I have written for numerous UK and Irish magazines and have self-published seven books on Kindle ebooks on Amazon. I have also read my poetry on BBC Radio Cambridgeshire.

It isn't every day a local Cambridge lad gets on national radio!

Peter Dean

2G3S

Why All is Not Well with the River Cam – 8 July, 8pm

A talk about the water supply in our area by Stephen Tomkins. Please email greengroupssss@gmail.com for a link to attend the meeting. For further related information see www.earthoptimism.cambridgeconservation.org/ and search for ‘precious water’.



Social Cycle Ride – 12 July, 10am–12 noon

Here's a chance to meet some new people and have a ride at the same time. Meet outside Stapleford Pavilion. We will take a 20 mile route, using quiet roads and interesting byways, including a cafe stop. We will travel at the pace of the slowest rider. Places are limited so please email Yasmin to book, at greener@sawston.org.

Plastic Free July

Sign up to the challenge to cut plastic use during July (and longer). See plasticfreejuly.org to find out more. The website gives suggestions of how to reduce your plastic use and has other resources on it to help. Look out for how members of 2G3S will be marking Plastic Free July around the villages.

Climate Diet

Another campaign to sign up for is the Climate Diet from Cambridge Sustainable Food, from Friday 16 July – Sunday 15 August. To sign up, email bea@cambridgesustainablefood.org.

A Climate Diet could help to transform the global food system. Developed by the International Eat Lancet Commission, it aims to achieve healthy and sustainable diets for nearly 10 billion people by 2050, whilst using considerably less resources than our western diets.

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Climate Emergency Bill

This bill has been proposed by a cross-party group of MPs, including Caroline Lucas from the Green Party. It goes further than the Environment Bill which will be discussed in this session of Parliament, by linking the reduction of carbon emissions to alleviate climate change with ecological balance/biodiversity loss – the two are interdependent. The Bill will plug various loopholes in current legislation eg carbon emissions from international shipping and aviation are not included in current figures for the consumption of goods by each country, so no-one ‘owns’ the emissions. Finding solutions to climate and ecological problems would involve Citizens’ Assemblies, in which

a cross section of the public is brought together, hears all about the science and facts involved from a range of experts and then discusses and comes up with suggested ways forward. Their views would not be binding on Government but should inform Ministers' decision-making – democracy in action. There is an Open Letter being sent to our MP, Anthony Browne, to ask him to give support to this Bill, as he professes to be environmentally concerned and has spoken about our local chalk streams and the strain on water resources by overdevelopment in the area. To sign the letter and find out more, contact 2G3S.

If you are interested in green matters and the environment, send an email to greengroupssss@gmail.com to sign up for our newsletter, ask a question, or to get a Zoom link to join in our meetings. Also see our Facebook page.

Helen Hale

THE SUMMER OF TENNIS IS BACK!



The sun is finally shining and the unusually chilly days of May are receding into memory at last. June has been very busy at the tennis club with lots of summer league matches taking place, as well as Over & In's half term camps, which were very successful.

Both our men's and ladies' National League teams have had success in the County division of the tournament and sit top of the tables. The ladies' league has concluded and the team will go forward to a playoff for promotion to the Regional division sometime in July. The men's league is not quite done yet but the team look to be well on track to do the same. We are lucky enough to have a number of players who are playing on the professional tennis tour, so we could have some very high quality tennis being played at the club very soon.

May saw the conclusion of the inaugural Cook-Kirwan Cup – a mixed doubles handicap tournament designed by Paul Cook and Mel Kirwan, two of our more interesting members. The final between Ali Burd and Michael O'Grady and Sarah Richards and Marcus Forgham was tightly contested, with Sarah and Marcus prevailing to win the first tournament completed at the club since 2019. Many congratulations to the winners. I've been told to make no mention of the fact that Marcus was the tournament organiser...

We hope that the Cook-Kirwan Cup will become a regular fixture in our club calendar over the winter months.

Angharad Harris

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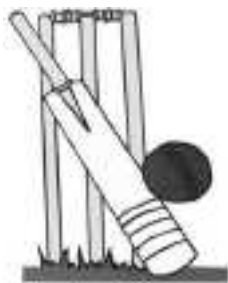
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The Under 11 and Under 13 teams have each won two matches, including beating Sawston Under 11s to reverse the outcome of the first match of the season. Some last over six-hitting had spectators concerned, but leggie Ferdie Piper held his nerve to close out the match.

Peter Ede, Chair

OLD NEWS

Extracts from The Great Shelford Chronicle 1774–1868

*Compiled and republished by Anne George, Glynis Trundle,
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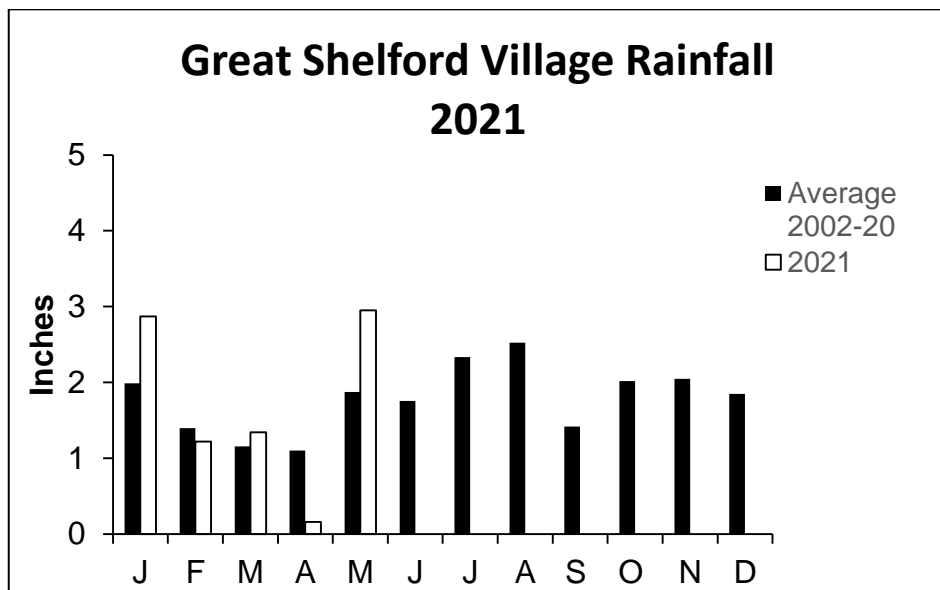
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