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GREAT SHELFORD PARISH COUNCIL SEPTEMBER NEWS

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We hope you found our new look update helpful last month. As mentioned in the last edition, we are trying to update you with more current news of what the Parish Council has been doing but would like to confirm that all minutes (draft and signed) are available on the Parish Council website. Please give Libby a shout if you are struggling for access.

20 Years

By the time you read this, our Village Man, Seamus, will be celebrating 20 years' employment with the Council. I am sure you will join with us and say a massive 'thank you' to Seamus for everything he does for the village.

Oxford-Cambridge Arc

We will shortly be commenting on the consultation being circulated by Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Combined Authority on behalf of the Government about the proposed Oxford–Cambridge Arc. This is a government initiative for growth in the area between Oxford and Cambridge, aiming to create jobs, drive investment, protect and enhance the environment and provide infrastructure in the area. You can make your individual contributions at <https://placebuilder.io/futureofthearc>. The deadline is 12 October 2021.

Village Meeting

In the last edition we said we hoped to bring you the Village Meeting later this year. After much thought and consideration, we have decided that it is not quite the right time to hold the meeting and, therefore, have postponed it until March 2022. As ever, please keep an eye on the website and Facebook for updates.

Greater Cambridge Local Plan

You may have seen that the site between Hinton Way and Mingle Lane has been submitted as one of the proposed sites for the next Local Plan 2040. It is our intention to comment on this, as you may wish to, once the public consultation is open within the next couple of months.

Don't forget to contact us should you have any relevant concerns. We have a new telephone number: 01223 616622, and Libby will be available to help during office hours (please leave a message outside of these times, or email her). Councillors also have emails too, details of which can be found on the Parish Council website (see also Parish Council details on the opposite page). If you do email a Councillor, we ask that you please copy in Libby too.

Malcolm Watson, Chairman

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PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS IN OCTOBER

Planning Committee	4 October	7pm	Sports Pavilion
Planning Committee	18 October	7pm	Sports Pavilion
Parish Council Meeting	20 October	7pm	Sports Pavilion

Meetings may be adjourned for up to 10 minutes when the public can ask questions and put forward points or view related to business on the agenda.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS PARISH COUNCIL COMMENTS

21/02978/FUL	Land to east of 1 Chaston Road	Erection of dwelling.
GSPC recommend refusal. To develop the area would mean a loss of green space and biodiversity. Councillors noted that there are inaccuracies with the Environmental Impact Assessment and felt that the development would have an impact on highway safety. Concern was also raised about the effect the removal of established trees would have on the dwellings on Hinton Way.		
21/02698/HFUL	5 de Freville Road	Single storey rear and side extension.
GSPC support this application, but noted that there may be potential for drainage issues on this site and would like to ensure the Local Planning Authority is aware.		
21/02993/HFUL	Old Pound Yard, High Street	Replacement of flat roof to main dwelling with pitched hipped roof .
GSPC support this application.		
21/03060/FUL	Chaston House, 1 Mill Court	Installation of 3 Velux roof lights to the pitched roof areas.
GSPC support this application.		
21/03266/FUL	40 Leeway Avenue	Erection of 2 dwellings following demolition of existing bungalow.
GSPC recommend refusal as the development would not be in keeping with the street scene, and there could be highway safety issues both during construction and after development. Access is also a concern and it was felt that the proposed two dwellings is overdevelopment of the site.		
21/03451/HFUL	13 Granta Terrace	Single storey rear extension..
GSPC support this application.		

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ANTHONY BROWNE MP

Last month, I was happy to welcome Simon Blanchflower, the Chief Executive of East West Rail, and his team to South Cambridgeshire. I was able to show Simon some of the communities that would be impacted by East West Rail, including Great Shelford. Since my election, I have received a great number of emails, letters and messages from the people of Great Shelford, as I am sure Mr Blanchflower has too. I am very aware of the strength of feeling regarding the proposals.

As such, I felt it was important that those in charge at East West Rail visited our part of the world so that they could experience it in person. Having grown up in South Cambridgeshire, I know as well as anybody that our communities are more than just names on maps.

It is for the same reason that I have been vocal in my opposition to the Local Plan. I know the people of my constituency to be welcoming and hospitable. I remain supportive of sustainable development. The Local Plan is not sustainable development. It threatens to fundamentally alter our way of life.

Over the last year, I have been emphasising to the Environment Agency the water shortages in South Cambridgeshire. Therefore, I welcome news that South Cambs has officially been designated a water-stressed area. As I am sure many of you will agree, we need new, innovative thinking to overcome this serious issue. I look forward to participating in conversations to find a solution. One thing is for sure – the answer is not 49,000 new homes!

As ever, my team and I remain committed to serving the people of Great Shelford and South Cambridgeshire and I would encourage any of you who need assistance to get in touch.

Anthony Browne
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NOVEMBER ISSUE OF THE VILLAGE NEWS

The deadline for copy for the next issue of the *Great Shelford Village News* is Friday 15 October and it should be available on Friday 25 October, with subscribed copies delivered shortly thereafter.

PLAYSCAPE UPDATE

We saw the exciting installation of the first tower mid-September and we had hoped that the Playscape would be open to all by now, but the national challenges around deliveries and materials have meant that the opening has slipped again. See our social media and www.shelfordplayscape.org for the latest updates around timings.

We *have*, however, had the delightful task of planting hundreds of plants into the new Playscape. A wonderful band of volunteers came together over a weekend to plant beautiful lavenders, anemones, grasses, ferns and more, all very kindly donated by Scotsdales.

The new flower beds running along the tennis courts and to the entrance of the Playscape will create a relaxing space for humans and a great new space for wildlife. We also installed (after much effort!) a new low growing hedge



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Eleanor McCrone





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Standing back for a moment, Wednesday 1 September felt almost like a new beginning, with a revised opening time, back to covered tables, coffee tables ready, and as the doors opened customers could savour the aroma of fresh coffee from the kitchen. Accolades from customers were appreciated by our producers.

The garden produce has been well sought after but as the

year is moving on, the amazing garden flowers, salad crops, green vegetables and soft fruit are becoming less plentiful. We are moving into the hard fruit season with several varieties of apples now coming into the Market. We maintain our full range of traditional and new crafts, home baking, preserves and local honey. All our produce is home-made, home grown and freshly picked.

As producers, we are all very conscious of the packaging we use. How eco-friendly are we? All the time we are looking to reduce our single-use plastic bags and containers, some of which we do reuse. It's not easy to find suitable alternatives for some of our baking, but for unwrapped items we'd be happy for you to bring your own containers. We are phasing out plastic carrier bags, hence we will not be replacing our present stock. By bringing your own bags you will be helping us to become more eco-friendly.

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Harvest Festival and Gift Day: Sunday 3 October

A highlight of the autumn is always Harvest Festival and there will be a chance to support local good causes and those in need as part of the celebrations. The weekend also includes an annual **Gift Day**, where we encourage generous financial giving to support the work of the parish church.

We are making a special appeal this year in order to help fund new work across the community. Please do consider if you could help - we do need to widen our giving support and would welcome your assistance. Helping to support a full time Vicar so that they have the resources necessary to make an impact is a real gift to the wider community. Please respond to our appeal if you can.

The **Harvest Festival giving** this year will be directed to the Cambridge City Foodbank. The foodbank has sent a ‘shopping list’ of goods they are short of at present – a copy is in the church porch. As last year they are also asking us to support their fuel-help scheme, through which they provide gas and electricity top-ups to those in need. To help with this, please visit their fundraising page where a financial donation can be made directly:

<https://virginmoneygiving.com/fund/CambridgeWarmHomes>

Harvest Refreshments This year we will not be holding a Harvest Lunch (mainly because of Covid regulations). Instead, we hope that after Sunday Club and the Parish Communion everyone will join us around the Community Room for light, harvest-related refreshments.

Shelford Primary School Harvest Service: Tuesday 5 October at 11am

We look forward to welcoming Year 3 parents to this special celebration.

Porch and Entrance Repairs

As you may have noticed, contractors have started to undertake a restoration scheme for the church porch and entrance area. Much of the work is essential fabric repair and will also involve conservation of the stonework and the installation of new notice boards. We are also undertaking some work within the church to repair plaster and prepare for the eventual installation of new cupboards, display and notice boards at the west end of the church. The Friends have very kindly agreed to help raise funds for this work to be completed in due course.

British Summer Time

BST ends during the night of Saturday 30 October; please remember to put your clocks and watches back one hour.

Annual Memorial Service - Sunday 31 October at 6.30pm

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

St Mary's Sunday Club

Sunday Club (usually held on the first Sunday of every month during the 10am service) began again last month with a story and activities for children of all ages. Most other Sundays there is an activity for children during the service. Contact: gillian.pett29@gmail.com. Helpers are welcome!

Wednesday 9.30am Holy Communion service is currently still suspended.

From the Registers

Baptism	26 September	Arthur Mann
Funeral	22 September	June Catling
Marriage	2 October	Theo & Ruth Wilson

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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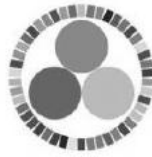
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NEW BEGINNINGS

It's once again that time of year. Young people are returning to school after a long summer break and the autumn season is upon us. In the past week I've been chatting with my youth group about the beginning of the new academic year. Would they still be able to write, and remember their way to the canteen?

We talked about some greater unknowns too, recognising that there are many possibilities to how this New Year could unfold. Would this be a mundane and ordinary year? Would this be the best school year of their lives? Would it be riddled with difficulties and challenges? The young people expressed mixed feelings about their inability to accurately predict what's ahead.

Similarly, we can't tell what this season has in store for us. But rather than focus on what could be, what if we take each day as it comes? Admittedly, that's not always an easy ask. I wonder what thoughts first greet you in the morning. Some might feel inundated by the burdens of the day and struggle to see where their blessings are hidden.

Learning to rest our minds and live in the present can be difficult when we can't mechanically shut down the barrage of anxious thoughts and worries but this verse reminds me about fresh starts and finding opportunities in our daily living:

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. 'The Lord is my portion,' says my soul, 'therefore I will hope in him.'
(Lamentations 3:22–24)

I'm reminded that it's never too late to start over: to reinvent ourselves, to adopt a new perspective, to read and remember the goodness of God, to pursue life-giving activities and to be inspired by nature. Today my prayer for us is that regardless of the uncertainties we face, we'd see each morning a brand-new chance to start again.

*Tilly Akoto
Youth Leader*

SCHOOL NEWS

It's been wonderful to welcome Great and Little Shelford Primary pupils back to school for the autumn term. After an extremely challenging 18 months for teaching staff, a more normal school environment has been warmly welcomed. The class bubble system and restrictive playtime routines have been removed, allowing assemblies and conventional break time play. We have also welcomed our new reception class, who have settled in well, and four new pupils in other school years. Our new Head Boy, Eddie, and Head Girl, Gwen, and their deputies, Reuben and Erica, have also keenly commenced their duties.

One of the major highlights of the return to school at the start of September for the pupils was the shared outside spaces. It has been wonderful to see the mixed age play that is so characteristic of the long-standing vision of the school. This has included exploring some of the new playground markings that were agreed last term by our school council.



Photo: Chris Grey

We also look forward to our buddy systems returning, most notably our Reception pupils and their Year 6 buddies, along with our reading buddies across the school years. These have always been a particular highlight of the school community, but unfortunately with the restrictive class bubbles we were unable to arrange them during the last academic year. It has been a welcome relief that current guidance allows for a more normal school environment once again.

At the start of the Autumn term our Headteacher, Mr Grey, launched a new curriculum thread – **IDENTITY**. The topics for each class link to the theme of identity. This may take the form of investigating how our country has been

altered in history, for example Year 2's topic on the Great Fire of London; Year 3's topic on What happened in 1066? and Year 4 studying The Romans: who were they and how did they change Britain? Alternatively, in Year 1 and Year 6 this new curriculum thread might explore our own identity or the identity of others in topics such as Marvellous Me, Shelford Stars and HMS Beagle (why did it go? and where did it sail?) Meanwhile Year 5 takes an even wider stance with exploring the identity of our planet from the stargazers perspective.

The pressure on the school budget is always a challenge for the leadership team. At Shelford we are very lucky to have a wonderfully supportive PTA who work tirelessly to raise much-needed funds for the school. This year they are aiming to raise £4,000 to buy additional resources and equipment for the next academic year. While the school has dedicated budgets for each subject area these are very limited, often a few hundred pounds each. This means there is very little left over to fund additional equipment and resources to enrich the teaching of the subjects and make it as fun and interactive as possible for the children. If you are able to donate, it would be very much appreciated and make a big difference to the children's learning experience.

Thank you.

Liz Carrothers

SHELFORD SUPPORT GROUP CARRIES ON

We were pleased to see that the Covid Support Group had been well supported when needed and note that it has now come to an end. However, Shelford Support Group IS STILL GOING and needs volunteers to help KEEP IT GOING. So how about helping us as a driver or coordinator?



We have had several drivers retire during the pandemic, and those of us still driving and coordinating are not getting any younger! As one of our volunteer drivers you can be as flexible as you like, with no set hours or times, just a commitment to turn up on time when you are

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- Pack an 'online box' for £20 – you can choose the gifts via the website.

Suggested items are stationery, toiletries (but not toothpaste or liquids), toys, jewellery, hats, gloves, scarves, paper, balls or socks. There is a long list on the website, along with items to avoid.

Please indicate whether your gift is for a boy or a girl and the age group (2–4 years, 5–8 years or 9–14 years).

Covered shoeboxes can be used, or you can **pick up a preprinted flat pack box from the Free Church, along with an information leaflet.**

There will be a shoebox filling party on Saturday 13 November at the Free Church along with a cake sale. Collection week is **15–22 November**, when you can drop off items or filled boxes.

Below is a link for the charity with all the information you will need:

<https://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/>

I am a year-round volunteer for Operation Christmas Child and a member of Great Shelford Free Church. Please do get in touch if you need help or further information.

Thank you in anticipation for your support.

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*Sandra East, Head of Patient Services
sandra.east@nhs.net*

2G3S

At the end of August we held a nature walk along Jenny's path, from Church Street towards Hauxton. John O'Boyle writes: 'At the start of the walk we heard the joyful sound of bells ringing for a wedding at nearby St. Mary's church. A well-informed local historian was a member of our party and told us that the path was named in honour of Jenny Morris who campaigned for many years to obtain a right of way for this path to Hauxton and led to its permissive footpath status. She also pointed out the archaeological site near the end of the walk where Saxon grain storage pits had been excavated. There were several impressive large oak and ash trees seen during our excursion and enormous walnut trees with immature nuts covered in green cases. A day-flying moth stimulated discussion on the difference between moths and butterflies, the conclusion being there is no clear distinction. Several species of slug were active in the grass verges and we discussed the 'baddies' which attack garden plants and also the 'goodies', which are carnivorous and consume the 'baddies', in addition to snails.'



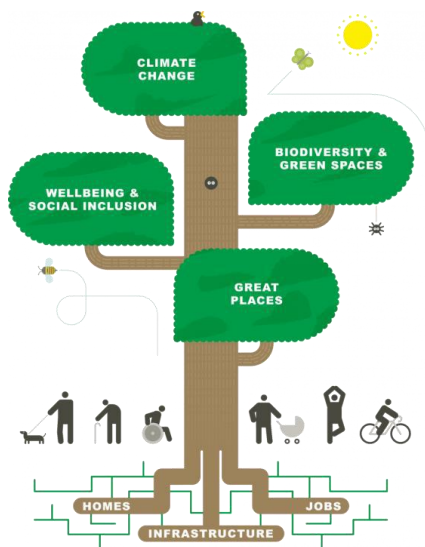
Pippa Heylings

Hopefully some of you attended Pippa Heylings' talk on *Tackling Climate Change and Biodiversity at a Local Level*. As Chair of SCDC's Planning Committee and of their Climate and Environment Advisory Committee she is a powerful voice locally. After explaining why we have to reduce our carbon emissions urgently to prevent some of the irreversible tipping points that will lock us into large temperature rises, she pointed out the public health effects of a rise in temperatures.

Pippa then went on to talk about what SCDC is doing to reduce carbon and boost biodiversity. They have a Doubling Nature strategy for developers to keep to, a Zero Carbon Strategy (which includes giving grants to villages to undertake green projects that involve communities), and the forthcoming Local Plan stresses the importance of placing developments where the least travelling is involved. The shortage of water and threat to our chalk streams is also part of their planning. The government has told local authorities how many houses to build in their areas, and if those numbers are not planned for in the Local Plan the government can take it over and we lose local control – so the councils' hands are tied to some extent. SCDC also has details of trusted companies and fitters for renewable energy changes to your house.

What can you do? Apart from reducing your own carbon footprint, take part in consultations by SCDC and other local authorities; hold them to account if carbon emissions will increase as a result of their plans; write to our MP to challenge national decisions and proposals that affect climate change such as new road plans, or the pressure to build a lot of houses when the water infrastructure has not been sorted out, or the new planning bill that takes away local control, or the Environment Bill that wants 10% biodiversity gain in new developments when at least 20% is needed.

If you are interested in green matters and the environment at all levels (individual, local, national, international), send an email to greengroupssss@gmail.com to sign up for our newsletter, or to get a Zoom link to join in our meetings. Also see our Facebook page.



Helen Hale

OLD NEWS**Extracts from the Great Shelford Chronicle 1774–1868**

*Compiled and republished by Anne George, Glynis Trundle,
Margaret Ward and Alan Bullwinkle, 1993*

22 October 1842

GROSS ASSAULT – Jane Powter was charged by Sarah Rollinson or Rawlinson, with having grossly assaulted her on the 10th of October and used her shameful. It appeared that the greatest miracle which had been heard of for many a day, was her escape with life from the hands of the defendant. She deposed that on various previous occasions, the defendant had solemnly sworn to “brain her” and “do it for her” and, on the day in question, the complainant was running after the defendant’s little boy to reward him for some iniquities perpetrated towards herself, when the defendant “made no more to do, but up with her fist and hit me this unlucky blow” – (pointing to an eye that evidenced the receipt of a severe thump of some sort). “I was unsensed at once.” Defendant followed up this attack by tearing complainant’s hair, pulling her cap to pieces, and rending her gown; and finally gave fierce utterance to a determination to “fight her.”

In this outrage defendant was assisted by her three children, who severally used the extreme of their little exertions to further their mother’s questionable intention. Defendant of course denied the entire statement, attributing the black eye to a knock against a door, and declaring that, in her anxiety to prevent her child’s throat being cut with an oyster-knife by the bloodthirsty complainant, she had torn “all her hair off her head”. This description was accompanied with some figurative language peculiar to the defendant’s phraseology, which being replied to in a similar way by the complainant, the magistrates conveyed to the ladies their request that they should with all convenient speed get on the other side of the door.

Peace being restored by this arrangement, the bench were enabled quietly to fine Mrs Powter 6d and 11s 6d costs. Mrs Powter expressed a strongly worded opinion that she “didn’t intend to pay.”

DIARY OCTOBER 2021

After 18 months, the diary returns!

Date	Event	Time	Place
2	SSYI Big Breakfast	8.00-11.30am	Little Shelford Memorial Hall
7	Carpet Bowls	7. 15pm	Memorial Hall
7	WI Meeting: talk on patchwork (page 42)	7.30pm	Community Room, St Mary's Church
12	Granta Flower Club demonstration	7.00pm	Memorial Hall
14	Carpet Bowls	7.15pm	Memorial Hall
16	Bowls Club Table Top Sale (page 41)	9.30am	Memorial Hall
21	Carpet Bowls	7.15 pm	Memorial Hall
23	Farmers' Market	9.30am–12.30pm	Memorial Hall
28	Carpet Bowls	7pm	Memorial Hall

The COUNTRY MARKET has returned to the Memorial Hall and will be open every Wednesday morning, 9–11.30am. Please note the new start time.

Stapleford Parish Council is seeking two caretakers/handypersons/ grounds maintenance persons

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The roles will include:

- maintaining the pavilion and preparing it for events
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- weeding, planting and maintaining the green spaces.

More information about the vacancies is available at www.staplefordparishcouncil.gov.uk or from the Clerk, Belinda Irons (clerk@staplefordparishcouncil.gov.uk / 01763 838732). The closing date for applications is 12pm on Friday 29 October 2021.



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‘HAND-STITCHED STORIES’ ARE COMING TO STAPLEFORD GRANARY

CEO Kate Romano writes about the extraordinary tactile world of artist Sabine Kaner

Four years ago, I was a freelance producer and working with my good friend, composer Matthew Kaner. We stayed at Matt’s parents’ house whilst we were filming in Bristol. Wandering around the house, I was immediately drawn to the vibrant, visceral textiles on the walls: hands, gloves, leaves, buttons, string ... scraps and fragments of old fabric, lovingly and unexpectedly given centre stage, bound into a new colourful context by intricate hand-stitch. ‘Who made these?’ I asked Matt. ‘My mum’ he said.

Matt’s parents were away and so I didn’t get to talk to Sabine Kaner about her work, but over the years, I met her a few times at concerts. Sabine is warm, astute, deeply honest, thoughtful and modest and I liked her immediately. Four years ago, her textiles were not so well known. ‘My mum isn’t good at promoting her work’ Matt had confided in me (with a gentle sense of frustration) as we both admired the pieces on the walls, which were clearly very special indeed.

Sabine grew up in London during the 1960s. Both her parents were immigrants. Her mother was from Germany and her Jamaican father was one of thousands

of Windrush migrants arriving in the UK. Mixed marriages were frowned upon at the time and there was racism and bullying. The family lived in poor housing, sharing just one room with inadequate facilities.

Whilst struggling to integrate on a personal and social level, she excelled at art at school and with the support of a good art teacher, she was accepted to study an art foundation course.



Detail: framework knitting

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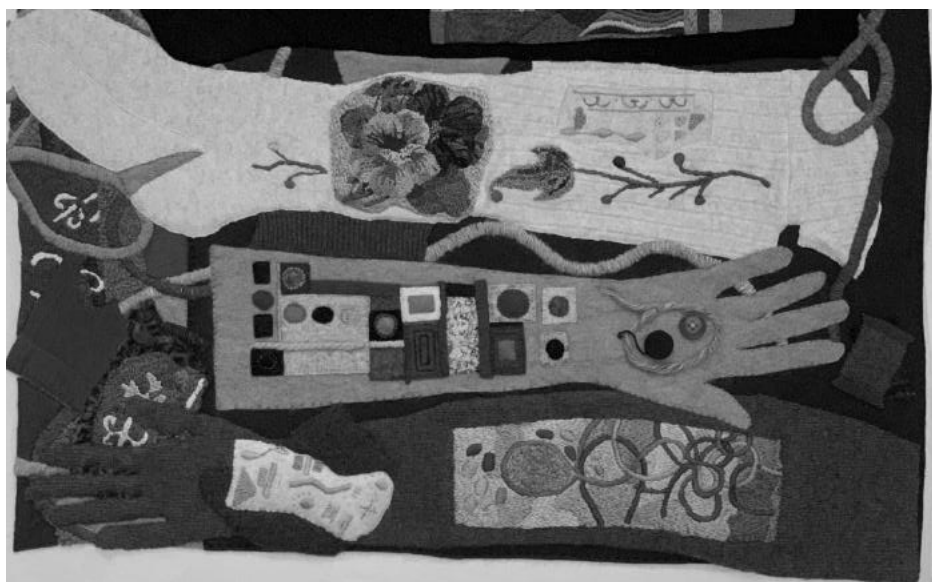
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at Saint Martins in London. She was the first person in her family to go on to higher education. A visit to an exhibition at the Haywood Gallery in 1979 changed everything. *Outsiders – an art without precedent or tradition* was curated by pioneering poet and art dealer Victor Musgrave, the first gallerist to show Bridget Riley in Britain. There were over 400 works by 42 artists from France, Switzerland, Germany, Austria, England and the USA. There were drawings, paintings, sculpted wood, stuffed sculpture, mobiles and large-scale architectural structures. Musgrave described the work as ‘lyrical, powerful, delicate’ and ‘violent’.

In an interview for *textileartist.org*, Sabine spoke of the immediate impact of the exhibition on her. ‘It suggested to me the power that art could have in documenting an artist’s life. It was also a way to explore identity, emotions and experiences whilst avoiding traditional art materials, either by choice or necessity’

But it would be a few more years until Sabine rejected traditional art materials to find her own unique voice in nontraditional ones – charity-shop finds, locally sourced felt, strands of her mother’s embroidery thread. She studied fine art print-making at Manchester but to her delight, realised that there was an option to specialise in embroidery. She fell in love with textiles and rekindled a childhood passion for sewing.



Framework knitting

Like her parents, Sabine Kaner worked hard, quietly. The immigrant experience has left a deep fingerprint on all she creates, as have the experiences of her life. Looking at Sabine's growing body of work now, I recall that strong feeling of 'sensing a story' in the art on the walls of her home four years ago. You can't take in Sabine's work quickly. It's easy to be initially beguiled by the warm, soft colourful felt and wool. But her work consists of layers – visual, emotional, political, social, cultural – and there is meaning in everything. A grey glove ('emotional distance' says Kaner)... a deep red cut ('blood and urgency' she says). Sleeves are another recurring icon ('wearing your heart on your sleeve'). Intermingling scattered swirls are flanked by two pieces of an old purple hand-knitted jumper ... 'My daughter and I both wore it until it fell apart,' says Sabine.

At Stapleford Granary, we'll be exhibiting 15 artworks by Sabine Kaner plus two pieces of bespoke furniture made by her husband, Professor Jake Kaner. Through film, conversation and selected items we'll be exploring her



Detail on a blue background

fascinating creative process – from sketch-books and the reusing of fabric oddments to experimental stitches, print experiments and mark making, all intuitively bound together by a love of colour. We'll also be learning about the music she listens to as she works – mostly jazz and the music of her composer son, Matthew.

Four years after I first saw it, it's wonderful to see Sabine's work starting to attract more and more attention. I'm so proud that we are able to bring *hand-Stitched Stories* to the Granary and hope you'll join us to launch this very special exhibition on Friday 22 October (evening) and Saturday 23 October (mid-morning). The exhibition will run until 22 January 2022 See *What's On* page 43 for booking details.

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Tennis is a lifelong sport that can be played – learned, even – at any age. You don't have to be an aspiring Wimbledon Champion to get a lot of enjoyment and health benefits from picking up a racket and hitting a few balls back and forth with like-minded friends or neighbours.



Any Shelford residents who fancy a spot of this fun and healthy outdoor exercise, but who don't want to commit to the cost of a full year's Club membership, may like to know that you can now 'Pay to Play' at very reasonable rates just up the road in Stapleford. The Parish Council there have recently refurbished the tennis courts at the Recreation Ground into a lovely new, floodlit Multiuser Games Area (or MUGA to its friends) where tennis is available to play on at least one court for six days of the

week – every day except Saturdays. The cost is just £2.50 per hour, bookable via the tennis club's website at www.staplefordtennisclub.org.uk/booking, or point your phone at this QR code to go to the same page:

Stapleford is not the only venue nearby where you can Pay to Play: Hauxton and Haslingfield also offer this, though their rates are higher at £5 per hour. Venues further away are more expensive still, including Sawston Sports Centre at £9 per hour (with less convenient booking arrangements!)

The Stapleford courts are also now floodlit, with no extra charge for this, so you can play there up until 9.30pm throughout the year. So no excuses not to dust off that old racket, find a hitting partner, and get out there and give it a go. Enjoy!

Miranda Fyfe
Stapleford Tennis Club

CAMBRIDGE FLOWER CLUB

Cambridge Flower Club is starting again after the long pandemic break with a flower demonstration in October. However, we attended the Challis Garden Horticultural Show in Sawston on 4 September and did mini-demonstrations during the afternoon. The arrangements were auctioned in aid of the Challis garden at the end of the afternoon. The photo below shows Sarah Denham demonstrating and Siân Jones commentating.



The Flower Club meets at Whittlesford Memorial Hall, Mill Lane, Whittlesford CB22 4NE at 7.15pm. Visitors (£6) are very welcome.

Our programme (Covid permitting) to the end of the year is:

- Thursday 21 October Pat Barton will demonstrate. Her title is ‘Plan B’.
- Thursday 18 November Lee Berill will demonstrate. His title is ‘Made for Christmas’.

For more information about these meetings or to enquire about joining Cambridge Flower Club please phone Freda on 01223 891464 or email fredaorgee@gmail.com .

Freda Orgee

ACTION FOR CLIMATE JUSTICE WORKSHOP

Find out a bit more about climate change, how it affects people locally and around the world, and what you can do about it.

The workshop, organised by 2G3S and the UK Youth Climate Coalition, is at 7.30pm on Wednesday 20 October in the community room at Cox’s Close, Stapleford, or by Zoom. For details and to reserve a place, email green_groupssss@gmail.com

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The Retail Hub

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Due to limitations on space and rules related to Covid, there have been limits on the volume of donations which can be safely accepted, meaning that the Hub has periodically been unable to accept donations. If you do have donations to drop off, especially furniture, **please call ahead on 01223 242684** to check there is still capacity to accept your items.

The Retail Team have been busy behind the scenes during the various lockdowns: two vans are now available to both pick up donations and deliver purchases; the Charity's eBay store has become an outlet for more unique, unusual and designer items; the Arthur Rank Hospice Charity Amazon store is a treasure trove for pre-loved books and DVDs; a Facebook Page 'The Retail Hub – Arthur Rank Hospice Charity' showcases star pieces of furniture and recent quality donations; and 'Click and Collect' has been implemented.

If you would like to donate preloved goods to any of the Charity's shops, please check the list of items which can be accepted at arhc.org.uk/shopdonations and call ahead to check they can be taken.

Upcoming Events

Sunday 3 October – Virgin Money London Marathon

Already have a ballot place? Run for us! Enquire at [challenges @arhc.org.uk](mailto:challenges@arhc.org.uk).

Sunday 17 October – TTP Cambridge Half Marathon

If you have your own place and would like to join the #TeamArthur fundraisers, email challenges@arhc.org.uk.

Tuesday 19 October – An Evening with Kathryn Mannix

We are welcoming Dr Kathryn Mannix, bestselling author of 'With the End in Mind', to be our guest speaker for our Annual Lecture on 19 October. This will be an online event, open to anyone with an interest in end of life care, both medical and non-medical.

Dr Kathryn Mannix is a palliative care physician, passionate to get us all better acquainted with the idea of dying well. Her new book, 'Listen: how to find the words for tender conversations', will be released in September. For more information and tickets visit arhc.org.uk/annual-lecture.

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GREAT SHELFORD POSTCARD NO 4

There was no identification on the front of this postcard and it hadn't been through the post. Someone had written on the back 'Great Shelford, Cambs'. To see if this was correct, my wife and I visited St Mary's over 20 years ago. It certainly wasn't the front view but walking around the back was like going back in time.

The school is just the other side of the wall on the left. The tall 'angel' grave nearby belongs to Henry Albert Kimpton who was killed in the railway disaster at Grantham in September 1906, aged 52. When we visited the churchyard, there was a grave to the left belonging to William Thos. Sindall who died in May 1923, aged 37. The card must therefore have been issued between these dates.

On Sunday 29 August 2021 I revisited the church yard and was dismayed how overgrown the area on the card was, with thick undergrowth and high bushes and trees. The vicar informed me that one of the councils couldn't afford to clear the area. What are your reader's views on this?

PS. My parents were married in St Mary's in February 1927.

Eric Jacobs



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FOOTBALL CLUB



We are sad to report that Sid Butler has passed away. Sid was 93 when he died after a battle with cancer. He had been connected to the club for over 50 years as spectator, treasurer for many years, assistant to manager Gerry Baker (during one of our many glory periods), vice president and still watching home and away until two seasons ago. Sid was also heavily involved with the social club for many years. Sid leaves his wife, Joyce, and sons, Steve and Trevor. He never tired of saying how much pleasure watching the boys gave him and he will be greatly missed.

The first team kicked off their season on 14 August with a tricky away trip to a strong West Wrattling side. A close encounter ended in a 1–0 defeat but they have since picked up four wins out of four, getting us off to a great start (wins against Cambridge University Press, Somersham Town, Cherry Hinton and Foxton). There have been particularly notable injury absentees during this period so the string of results has been even more impressive and sees us sitting in the top three, after five games.

The ever-maturing Great Shelford Reserves started this season's campaign with a 1–4 away win at Mott Macdonald, putting in a really impressive and energetic display against a more experienced and physical side.

Both teams have made signings this season and the new additions to the squads have fitted in nicely, setting us up well for the season ahead.

Once again we'd like to take the opportunity to thank the Parish Council, our loyal supporters and committed volunteers for their priceless backing going in to the new (and hopefully uninterrupted!) season. We'd love to see as many of you as possible supporting the boys at Woollards Lane.

Chris Gethins

CARPET BOWLS CLUB

After everything that has gone on over the last 18 months with Covid, Great Shelford Carpet Bowls Club is starting up again.

We meet on a Thursday evening from 7.15pm. We are a small and friendly club, so if you want to come and try something new and have some fun then come on down to the Memorial Hall on a Thursday evening and have a go. You will be most welcome.

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TENNIS CLUB

In last month's issue we reported that Matt Sanders had been selected to represent Cambridgeshire in the County Over 35s tournament at Eastbourne. Unbeknownst to the tennis club correspondent at the time, it transpires that Head Coach Hamid Hejazi had also been selected to represent Hertfordshire, where he grew up, at the same tournament. Cambridgeshire and Hertfordshire play in different divisions, but both teams were successful in securing promotion to the next division. Cambridgeshire will move up to division 3 and Hertfordshire to division 1. Congratulations to both Matt and Hamid!

Angharad Harris



Matt (third from left) with Cambridgeshire team Photo: Mark Sanders



Hamid (second from left) with Hertfordshire team Photo: Richard Kiely

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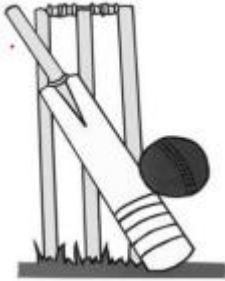
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CRICKET CLUB



The 1st XI duly ended the season on top of the table in the Junior League Division 4 West. Three wins out of three in August culminated in a slew of club records against Girton, including a partnership of 336 between Jeff Wilson and Ben Swinton, Ben making his first century and Jeff his first double century.

That led happily into the end-of-season barbecue, at which team captain Nick Sutcliffe presented the season's awards. Jonathan Ede was voted player of the season by his fellow players, Mark Milne was bowler of the year and Ben Swinton took the batting prize. Fazal Lee received a special award for his relentlessly accurate opening bowling which always put the opposition onto the back foot, while young player of the season was Theo Ball, whose googlies baffled our wicket keeper as well as the opposition batsmen.

Thanks to all who have contributed to the club this year, with a particular mention for Paul Ellum who has prepared excellent pitches, a point commented on by several visiting teams.

Peter Ede, Chair

BOWLS CLUB

We have now come to the end of our playing year. We hope that 2022 will be somewhat easier for all our members, with Covid 19 becoming a distant memory, and some normality returning to our lives.

Funding has not been too easy for us this year but on 16 October we are holding a table top sale in the Great Shelford Memorial Hall. The doors will open at 9.30am and everyone is welcome to come along.

On the day there will be tables with a tombola, bric a brac, and a cake stall. A raffle will run all morning. To keep you well nourished there will be bacon butties and tea/coffee.

If you would like to have a stall on the day, please contact Sheila Fettes on 01223 630073. The cost will be £10 per table.



Phil Seekings

WI

The WI held the meeting on 2 September by Zoom, having decided to survey members' opinions before returning to meeting in our normal venue. Tony Kirby was the speaker on *Tides of Fortune: The rise and fall of English holiday resorts*. It was a fascinating presentation illustrated with examples from across the country but focusing on East Anglia in particular.

We heard about the rapid development of resorts around 1900. Cromer had been visited by the wealthy families of Norwich before then but was transformed by the arrival of the railway, and the same was true of Hunstanton. Mundesley, on the other hand, built a large railway station but never became as popular. The talk was beautifully illustrated with paintings and photographs showing the developments over the years. We saw the growth of boarding houses, piers, promenades and holiday camps. This excellent talk was particularly relevant in this year of the 'staycation'.

The result of our survey of members is that we will return to meeting together and members will be asked to wear masks if they are able. Our next meeting will be on Thursday 7 October in the Community Room behind St Mary's church in Great Shelford. Margaret Johnson's talk '*Small is Beautiful*' will be about patchwork.

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.

Mary Talbott

WHAT'S ON IN OCTOBER

A round up of what's on at some of the venues near us. For more information, times, ticket prices and bookings, please contact the organisation. Please note that this information has been taken from websites, can be subject to change and may already be fully booked. ***All events are, of course, subject to Covid-19 restrictions in place at the time of the event.***

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10	<i>David Suchet: Poirot and more, a retrospective</i>
12–16	<i>The Dresser</i> Portrait of back-stage life with Julian Clary

17	<i>Claire Martin</i> Classic jazz songs
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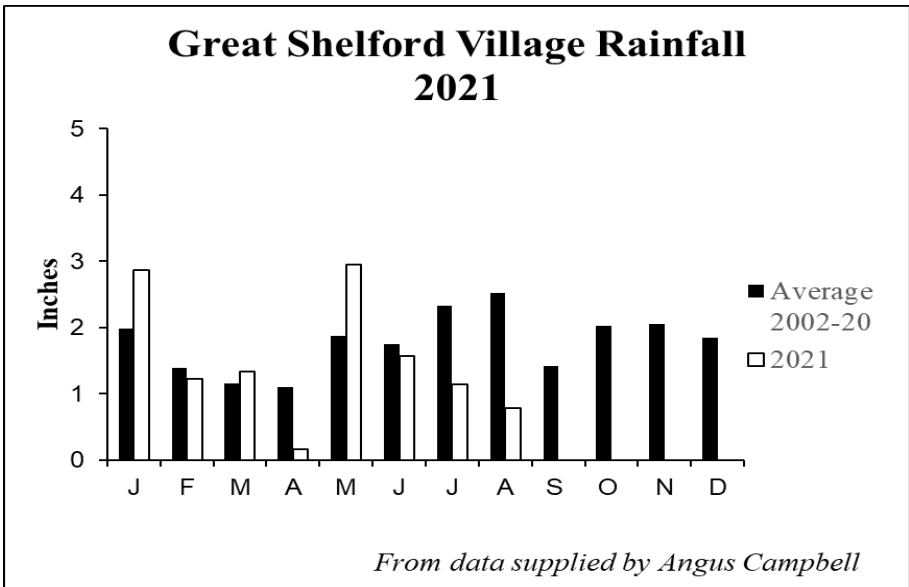
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