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New Youth Centre Opens Local Plans and Building Schemes

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SUMMARY FROM THE UNADOPTED MINUTES OF THE MEETING ON 15 SEPTEMBER 2021

No members of the public were present.

REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES

Reports from the County and District Councillors had been circulated prior to the meeting. District Cllr. Sample provided a further update on the proposed Local Plan. During the discussion it was noted that during a recent housing need assessment, it was recorded that 100 affordable houses are needed in Great Shelford. The various committees will bring their comments on the Local Plan to the Full Council meeting ready for the public consultation in November.

FINANCE

It was noted that Cllr. Price and the Clerk would be attending playground inspection training in order to carry out weekly visual inspections of the new playground once complete. It was agreed to appoint Online Playgrounds to carry out quarterly operational inspections and Play Inspection Company to carry out the annual inspection.

There had not been much communication about the Rugby Club's firework display. Cllr. Arnold asked if it would be possible for the Feast to arrange a display if the Rugby Club could not. It was agreed that if either organisation was prepared to do an event, the council would donate £2,500 towards it.

COUNCIL ADMINISTRATION

Council Branding The Communications Working Group had been tasked with looking at branding for the Council in an attempt to help promote the Council as it increases its visual presence in the village and moves forward with initiatives. Three logos were presented for consideration and one was selected.

Oxford-Cambridge Arc It was agreed that the response to the public consultation should be delegated to the Planning Committee.

Neighbourhood Plan A group of Councillors and residents have been meeting to look at the possibility of resurrecting the Stapleford & Shelford Neighbourhood Plan. A document produced by Cllr Kettel had been circulated to members. It was noted that a Neighbourhood Plan would help the community influence development within the two villages and that the group would need external support to write the plan. It was agreed that Great Shelford Parish Council would continue to support the Neighbourhood Plan and that Cllr. Disley would attend a meeting on 22 September.

HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORT

The Scoping Document to look at highway improvements around Church Street, High Street and Woollards Lane was considered by members. It was agreed that the Scoping Document be circulated to various transport consultants and a budget of £25,000 per annum for the next two years be included in the budget for this potential highway initiative.

The ongoing dispute over the power supply for streetlights on private roads was discussed and it was agreed that the Parish Council would pay for the lights up until the end of the financial year (31 March 2022). After this date they will only pay for streetlights where there is public benefit i.e. public access along a private road. The Clerk will write to the residents to let them know of the outcome and the next steps some may need to take.

It was noted that the Traffic and Transport Infrastructure Working Group were still interested in looking at a non-motorised route to Little Shelford and happy to explore options. The Group would also like to explore the potential for private enforcement of badly parked vehicles on the road while the discussions at County and District Council are ongoing.

PLANNING

Stapleford wish to apply for a Rule 6 status in respect of the Appeal for a retirement village on the land between Haverhill Road and Hinton Way. This would allow them to speak at the Appeal. Stapleford would like to include the comments from Great Shelford which were given in response to the original application. It was agreed to support Stapleford with the Appeal.

ENVIRONMENT AND BIODIVERSITY

The District Council are offering six trees to each village as part of the carbon offset. It was agreed to accept the offer and, with support from the audit, to plant new trees in a suitable location in the village.

The Clerk and Cllr. Talbott had attended a presentation from the County Council about communities taking part in the Queen's Green Canopy to celebrate her Platinum Jubilee in 2022. It was agreed that Great Shelford should take part and include a tree for this when planting the six above.

COMMUNITY MATTERS

Council support has been requested for a community drive in carol event at Christmas. It was agreed to support the event, based on the same amount spent in 2020, but the Council would prefer to see the event held at the Memorial Hall again. Friends of Great Shelford Parish Church needed a Parish Council representative following the retirement of Mr Nightingale. Cllr. Stanton volunteered to be the representative.

The District Council has some funding for ‘Changing Places’ toilets which provide facilities for the disabled. It was agreed that the Parish Council would express an interest.

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

greatshelfordparishcouncil.gov.uk/minutes

PLANNING APPLICATIONS PARISH COUNCIL COMMENTS

21/03503/FUL	33 Church Street	Single storey extension to main house and conversion and extension of cart shed to residential annexe.
It was resolved to support the extension to the main house, but to object to the cart shed development as this was a substantial new property in a conservation area and not a refurbishment.		

21/03550/HFUL	The Grange 13 Church Street	Erection of multi-level decking/play area.
It was resolved to recommend support for this application.		

21/02067/FUL	46 Woollards Lane	Change of use to takeaway with Manager’s one bed flat and replacement of existing shopfront and external flue.
It was resolved to recommend support for this application.		

21/02993/HFUL	Old Pound Yard	Replacing flat roof to main dwelling with hipped roof.
It was resolved to recommend support for this application.		

PLANNING DECISIONS BY SCDC

Applications accepted

21/02519/HFUL –235 Hinton Way: rear and side extension.

21/02698/HFUL – 5 De Freville Road: rear and side extension.

21/01800/HFUL – 6 Marfleet Close: installation of play equipment in garden.

Application withdrawn: 21/03266/FUL – 40 Leeway Avenue: erection of two dwellings following demolition of existing bungalow.

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PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS IN NOVEMBER

Planning Committee	1 November	7.30pm	Sports Pavilion
Parish Council	15 November	7.30pm	Sports Pavilion
Meeting	17 November	7pm	Sports Pavilion

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

PARISH COUNCIL OCTOBER NEWS

As we roll into autumn, I wanted to update you on what additional changes we have implemented, decisions we have made and improvements we hope you will see in the village.

Great Shelford Village News

As you know it was our intention to not provide the overview of the minutes, but to just provide you with a monthly update of other news. However, there was a very strong feeling from residents that they still wanted to see the minutes in the *Village News* – so we are doing both. Our thanks go to the Editorial Team who take the time to provide you with the overview of the minutes each month.

Community Awards

Great Shelford Parish Council has agreed to create some community awards to recognise the work of community spirited residents within the village. Details will be finalised at the meeting of the Council on 20 October so please keep an eye on the website, Facebook and noticeboards for more information. It is intended to hand out the prizes at the Village meeting in March.

Ground Care

We have been working hard looking at the work carried out by Seamus and that of the ground care contractor. As of October, Seamus has a new job title which we hope will reflect the role he plays in the village – he is Great Shelford's Ranger. In addition, we have created a more formal specification for the grounds maintenance and have gone out to tender asking companies to tender for the ground care for the next 3 years (2022-2024). It should be noted that from January 2022 Seamus will be responsible for the maintenance of the Cemetery which we trust will be a welcome change.

New Website

By the time you receive this Village News, we hope our new website will be up and running. There is no change in the website address:

www.greatshelfordparishcouncil.gov.uk. With it comes a new logo which we hope will reflect the aspirations of the village.

Greater Cambridge Local Plan

We mentioned previously 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. We will be looking at potentially holding a public meeting to discuss this. Please keep an eye in the usual places for further information.

Building Schemes

We have heard that you would like to understand what larger building schemes are happening/proposed in the village. Here are just a few for your information (but please do visit the Greater Cambridge Planning website www.greatercambridgeplanning.org for more information):

2 Station Road: 63 Bed Care Home (under construction) – S/3809/19/FL

2 Station Road: Churchill Retirement Living apartments – pre application stage

There are other major infrastructure projects being proposed which include:

- **CSET** (Cambridge South East Transport, the Guided Busway) - <https://www.greatercambridge.org.uk/public-transport-schemes/cambridge-south-east-transport> (<https://tinyurl.com/2h4cjbkk>)
- **Cambridge South Station** - <https://www.networkrail.co.uk/running-the-railway/our-routes/anglia/improving-the-railway-in-anglia/cambridge-south-station/> (<https://tinyurl.com/s4xrnrpc>)
- **EWR** (East West Rail) - <https://www.networkrail.co.uk/running-the-railway/railway-upgrade-plan/key-projects/east-west-rail/> (<https://tinyurl.com/y59aumxh>)

Don't forget to contact us should you have any relevant concerns. Our telephone number is 01223 61 66 22 and Libby will be available to help during office hours (please leave a message outside of these times or email).

Councillors also have email addresses which can be found on the website and on the inside cover of this *Village News*. If you do email a Councillor we ask that you copy in Libby too.

Malcolm Watson, Chairman

DECEMBER ISSUE OF THE *VILLAGE NEWS*

The deadline for copy for the next issue of the *Great Shelford Village News* is Friday 12 November and it should be available on Friday 26 November, with subscribed copies delivered shortly thereafter.

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Good News!

It gives me great pleasure to announce that The Revd Dr. Julie Norris has joined us at St Mary's. Julie will be offering regular Sunday services as well as covering for me when I am away. She is also generously offering time during the week to help support our mission and ministry and I look forward to working with her. The exact 'shape' of Julie's involvement is under discussion and I will let you know more in due course. Julie will continue to live in her home in Barrington with her husband, James. She was formally welcomed and commissioned at St Mary's on 10 October. Julie writes, *'This is continuing a long connection with you which brings me delight. I am looking forward to joining you and serving St Mary's church and the parish'*.



Afghanistan Refugee Appeal

Sincere thanks for the very generous response to our appeal in September – October. £354 has been sent to the Christian Aid Afghan Appeal.

Harvest Festival and Gift Day Appeal – Thank You!

A sincere thank you on behalf of the Cambridge Food Bank for the generous giving to help support those in need.

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

Remembrance Sunday 2021



The Great Shelford Remembrance Service will be held at St Mary's this year (shared with Great Shelford Free Church - (there will be no 10am Parish Communion at St Mary's) on Sunday 14 November at 9.30am, welcoming many groups from the community, including the members of the Royal British Legion. The service will conclude at around

10.30am to move to the War Memorial in time for a short service starting at

approximately 10.50am, including reading of the names of the Fallen, the Silence and laying of wreaths.

Armistice Day Commemoration: 11.11.21

There will be a brief public service to mark Armistice Day on Thursday 11 November at 10.55am on War Memorial Green in Great Shelford.

Annual Toy Collection

Our annual toy collection for the Salvation Army will be on Sunday 5 December. If toys are wrapped, please label by age group, boy/girl.

St. Mary's Sunday Club

Sunday Club began is in operation again on the first Sunday of every month during the 10am service with a story and activities for children of all ages.

On 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.

Regular services

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

For further information about Great Shelford Parish Church

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When I was a girl, I was scared of the dark. Being in dark places was frightening because my overripe imagination would conjure up images of what might be lurking in the shadows, waiting to pounce. There was always a sense of relief when I was able to reach a place of safety, a place of light, where I felt protected. Over the years I have managed to control my imagination but I have also gained confidence from knowing that in those times of darkness I never walk alone because Jesus walks right beside me – my comforter, my protector and my friend.

As we move into November and the dark winter months there seems to be much darkness all around us, and I recognise that darkness takes many different forms. There's the darkness which comes when daylight decreases, when we've passed the autumnal equinox and the clocks have been put back, the nights become longer and the days much shorter. There's a darkness we refer to when we speak of the news of all that is going on in the world, stories of problems and disasters which may seem like giant bogeymen waiting to ambush and overwhelm us, and can make the whole world seem a pretty dark place right now.

Then there's that unsettling sense of suspecting you are being kept in the dark, of not knowing what is happening, perhaps feeling alienated or fearing an underhand subterfuge is taking place. There's a darkness that comes with ill health, that can cloud our minds and swamp our spirits and steal away our joy. Yet, in all of this darkness, as I discovered all those years ago, there is always hope, there is always a new dawn and there is always someone who walks with you - a comforter, protector and friend. Jesus is the light for the world, he is the bringer of a light that shines in the darkness and the darkness will never overcome it.

In the month ahead you may experience dark days, whatever form they take, I pray that you will recognise there is One who walks with you in the darkness and you will be reassured by the hope and peace that He brings.

John 1:5

“The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.”

*Diana Parr
Elder and Ministerial Assistant*

ANTHONY BROWNE MP

I am glad to see the new Shelford Playscape coming along nicely. I am sure it will serve the children of Great Shelford now and long into the future. The Fun Run was a heartening reminder of the strength of community spirit and how fruitful it can be.

I was fortunate enough to visit Scotsdales garden centre in Great Shelford last week. I was intrigued to learn more about the shortage of botanists and gardeners in the country, I will certainly keep this in mind for future conversations with Ministers.

I also want to thank the hundreds of Great Shelford residents who responded to my East West Rail Survey. Locally, results

show that 55 per cent of respondents from Great Shelford do not currently support the construction of East West Rail, with 32 per cent in favour and 13 per cent yet to make up their minds. Indeed, 41 per cent of you called for the cancellation of the railway altogether. The potential usage of the railway by residents was also called into question, with 70 per cent of respondents stating that they would never use East West Rail.

I recently visited Great Shelford with East West Rail's Chief Executive and senior members of his team, highlighting among other concerns the difference in noise between an electric passenger train and a freight train. According to the survey, this concerns 89 per cent of residents and I can assure you all that whatever form East West Rail takes, if any, I am pushing for full electrification along the route and clear rules on freight travel.

This is the kind of vital information we need to ensure East West Rail hears and understands. As I pass your comments to East West Rail and the responsible ministers, I'll be asking for further clarification and far better consultation in early 2021 before any final decision is made on the South Cambs section.

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Playscape - The Big Reveal!

We very much hope that when you read this, the Playscape will have opened and the community will be exploring and revelling in this

wonderful new facility: be it relaxing on a bench or hammock, or tackling the challenging uphill monkey bars!



The safety surfacing contractors arrived on site a week before half term, laying down the green wet pour that wends its way right across the site to anywhere that isn't turfed. This visually links the whole space, but more importantly creates a robust play surface that will prevent it from turning into a

quagmire in the middle of winter for years to come!

The playground safety inspector was booked to sign it all off after the surfacing was completed, so the soft opening should have started by now. To mark this momentous occasion, we have teamed up with the Shelford School PTA for the official opening, see details below!



Shelford Fun Run

We were delighted to host the Shelford Fun Run in person again this year and were bowled over by the response. Our 350 spots were sold out before the event and the community came out in force to cheer on the runners or volunteer on the day. From elite

athletes to a mascot named Lily the Panda, and pre-schoolers to a gentleman who ran the 5k on his 80th birthday, it was so inspiring to see everyone challenge themselves.

Brilliantly, we raised £5000 towards the Wheelscape phase, a great boost to this campaign and our thanks go to all our fantastic runners, volunteers and sponsors, without whom this event would not have been possible.

We are currently working on the next steps for the Wheelscape (a hard landscaped skating and biking area), namely arranging a competitive tendering process, preparing permissions and reports needed and investigating grant options. Donations are always welcome! Please visit our website www.shelfordplayscape.org for more details.

CHRISTMAS AT THE PLAYSCAPE

Official Opening



Saturday 27 November, 4-6pm
Playscape & Pavilion, Great Shelford Rec

Come and celebrate the official opening of Great Shelford's Playscape with a special after dark event kindly hosted by the Shelford School PTA.

Beautifully lit up for a magical play time, Christmas music and side shows will get you in the festive spirit. Mulled wine and hot chocolate will be available, plus the school's legendary Rainbow hamper raffle.

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SCHOOL NEWS



Shortly after term started, we were delighted to receive confirmation of our International School Award for 2021-2024. We are very thankful to Mrs Unwin for leading this reaccreditation and for her great creativity in ensuring opportunities for international collaboration during the pandemic year. These

included using online tools such as Padlet to share, communicate and celebrate information around the world, plus greater use of video technology and traditional letter writing. These efforts were especially appreciated by the accreditation panel and formed the basis of a glowing review. Even better, the children are continuing to enjoy these wonderful international partnerships, both old and newly flourishing!

There have been some exciting activities for the children over the last few weeks, starting with the year 6 residential at Grafham Water. It was particularly exciting for this class as it was their first residential, having skipped the traditional year 5 Burwell visit last year. The children overcame many challenges, from taming bedsheets to conquering high ropes, showing great communication and teamwork all the while. Well done year 6!

Year 3 have had a particularly busy month celebrating Medieval day as part of their Castles topic. Here they learnt to weave, make nosegays and authentic Medieval soap, all whilst in traditional dress (yes, even the parent helpers too!).



Shortly after this excitement, Year 3 then began preparations for the Harvest celebrations in St Mary's church, which they led with great enthusiasm and creativity. Thank you to Mrs Ashton, Mrs Scott and the year 3 team for coordinating such a lovely service.

Our community food donations this year have gone to Cambridge Food Bank and thank you again to all in the community who supported this collection.



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Thank you also to everyone in the school and village communities who has contributed to the recent online appeal to buy additional resources and equipment for the school. This has well exceeded the £4000 target, raising an incredible £5070! This is so very helpful for the school in providing extra opportunities to inspire and support the children – thank you all. We look forward to sharing with you the impact of this support over the next year.

We also look forward to the arrival of our new PTA team, as the reins are handed over to them.

We are very grateful to Hannah Mohamad for her dedicated leadership in fundraising as Chair over the last two years, brilliantly supported by Rachel Bousfield (Secretary) and Ilse Patterson (Treasurer).

We look forward to bringing you news of the new team next month and festive greetings from the school!

Maria Lazarus, Parent Governor

READERS' LETTERS

There are no readers' letters in this edition of GSVN. We welcome letters on local issues and of local interest and look forward to seeing what you, our readership, is interested in.

If you have opinions or observations on local transport, Parish Council decisions, building and planning applications, the changes that are taking place in and around Great Shelford, do get in touch. Contact details on page 44.

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Date	Event	Time	Place
6	Bicycle Sale	8.00-3pm	Memorial Hall
9	Granta Flower Club Demonstration	7pm	Memorial Hall
10	Cactus Society	7pm	Memorial Hall
10	Little Shelford Local History Society talk (p5)	7.30pm	Little Shelford Memorial Hall
11	Armistice Day Commemoration	10.55am	War Memorial
14	Remembrance Day Service	9.30am 10.50am	St Mary's Church then War Memorial
14&17	Country Market Chutney Tasting (p38)	9.30–11.30	Memorial Hall
27	Christmas Farmers' Market	9.30am – 12.30pm	Memorial Hall
27	Christmas at the Playscape (p15)	4-6pm	Recreation Ground



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Extracts from the Great Shelford Chronicle 1774–1868

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

11 November 1853

LECTURE – On Monday evening the 5th inst. In the National School Room, Mr. Worth delivered a lecture on the planetary system, illustrated by diagrams after which followed a series of dissolving views, descriptive of eminent and illustrious persons, remarkable places and events, ships, battles etc altogether very interesting. The lecture was attended by a respectable and attentive audience who were evidently highly pleased with what they heard and saw.

11 November 1854

MORE EMIGRATION – Shelford and Stapleford are about to be deprived of some more of their able bodied labourers, who it is stated will leave these parishes on the 14th inst. For Australia. Mr. Hayes Powter, the returned and lucky emigrant, we hear is again about to return to the golden regions as he states his exchequer is nearly run out, and Shelford fields will not replenish it, he therefore intends to try his fortune once more at the Antipodes.

November 1854

THE CRIMEA – Three fortunate young soldiers of the 20th Regiment, who fought at the battle of Inkermann, natives of Great Shelford, have been preserved. One of them, Charles Dockerell, writing from the heights of Sebastopol, on November 12, to his father at Shelford says, “We have killed and taken from 15 to 20 thousand of Russians. The early part of the battle on the morning of the 5th of November was very wet and dirty: we are yet very uncomfortable, work very hard, and have only two good nights’ rest in a week. Myself, Wm Huckle, and David Trudget have all escaped and are well.” These three fine powerful young men were very lately farm labourers in the village: their mothers and fathers are delighted at hearing of their wonderful preservations.

29 November 1862

THE DISTRESS – Two sermons were preached by the Rev. A. T. Crisford, on Sunday last, for the Distressed Operatives* and the two collections amounted to £19.12s.0d.

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SHELFORD POSTCARD No 5

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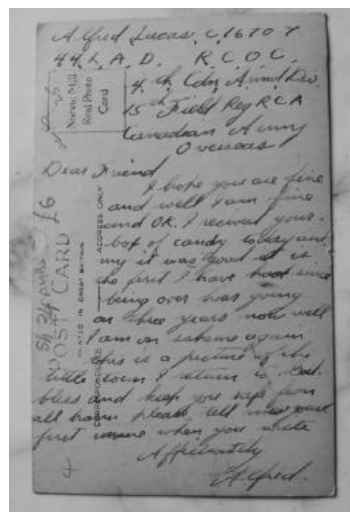
The card was sent to Alfred Lucas who was serving in the 4th Canadian Armoured Division, 15th Field Reg. RCA, Canadian Army Overseas.

He thanked his friend for the box of candy and said,

“My it was good and the first I’ve had in my three years here”.

He added,

“This is a picture of the little town I return to”.



Postcards collected by Eric Jacobs

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CARBON CAPTURE AT MORE'S MEADOW

The Parochial Charities have received a £4,610 grant to plant native trees on their land at More's Meadow. Awarded by South Cambridgeshire District Council under its Zero Carbon Communities Scheme, the money will purchase 22 mature trees including field maple, hornbeam, hazel, hawthorn, beech, crab apple, oak, wild service and rowan.

Thanking SCDC for their generosity, Parochial Charities trustee, Keith Sugden said, "The Charity has a number of initiatives underway to enhance the village environment and combat climate change. Already, we have laid out new allotments, planted some 80 trees - including a community orchard – established a community garden and laid wheelchair accessible paths alongside our raised planting beds."

The Charity's land, approximately seven acres between Cambridge Road and the railway, is open to all and there are three points of access: at the end of Bridge Close / More's Meadow, at the end of The Hectare and via the railway footbridge. The Hectare entrance is designed for wheelchair access.

Further information about the Parochial Charities can be found at gspc.org.uk



The community garden at More's Meadow

Brian Connellan, Trustee

SHELFORD RAILWAY CROSSING

Sometimes described as “a necessary evil” by those who are held up at the crossing barriers, but appreciated as the downside of having our own railway station, the railway crossing at Station Road has recently been named the worst in the country after eleven people ignored the barriers, bells and flashing lights to cross the tracks in 2020.



There are some 6000 level crossings in Britain and increasing numbers are being closed for safety reasons. Two rarely used crossings have been effectively closed between Shelford and Cambridge as Network Rail reduce the risk in light of deaths such as those of two girls at Elsenham in 2005.

Network Rail claim to have closed over 1250 level crossings in their commitment towards providing a safer railway.

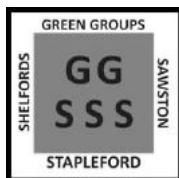
Although the risk for individual users is assessed as moderate, the collective risk is viewed as high because 130 trains per day travel through the station at up to 90 miles per hour. The estimated daily usage is 4401 vehicles and 871 pedestrians or cyclists per day.

The obvious message to people using the Shelford Station or crossing the tracks is “Don’t take risks”. Having “the worst railway crossing in the country” is not something to be proud of

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Editorial Committee



2G3S FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Thursday 4 November we have a film: ‘The Sequel: What will follow our Troubled Civilisation?’ 7.30 pm, Sawston Free Church, High Street, Sawston CB22 3BG. Free, but donations welcome. This film is about the vision of the late green

thinker, David Fleming. He was convinced that what he termed the ‘climacteric’, or a perfect storm of events which will disrupt climate, nature and economic systems, is inevitable – what we need to do is create resilience so that we can rebuild society in its wake. Many well known environmentalists are featured. This is a serious film, but one that offers hope and a way forward. There will be time to discuss it afterwards. Email greengroupssss@gmail.com to reserve a place.

Saturday 20 November, 10am to noon, Spicer’s level crossing. Path clearing between Sawston and Whittlesford church. Bring your own tools (broom, loppers etc) and gloves. Tea, cake and sanitiser provided. Meet at the level crossing at 10am or on the path later. We will cancel if the weather is rubbish! Contact Yasmin: greener@sawston.org.

Saturday 27 November, 10am to 1pm. Whittlesford Eco Fair at St Mary and St Andrew’s Church, Church Lane, Whittlesford, CB22 4NX. All welcome!

Thursday 2 December, Annual Open Meeting, The Rose, Stapleford. This will be social as well as some business.

In the new year we hope to hold another Repair Café – perhaps you saw the recent ITV Tonight programme featuring one in Cambridge?

Other news

You can hardly have missed the fact that COP26 is happening this month – watch and read the news to keep abreast of progress and do your bit to help climate change or support biodiversity. See our website or newsletter for top tips and use this calculator to work out your carbon footprint at cambridgecarbonfootprint.org.

2G3S supporter Rosemary Jones has prepared a petition to the UN asking them to coordinate global action to reverse the loss of reflectivity. Effective mitigation can be inexpensive and could provide employment for thousands of the world’s poor. Please sign the petition and help spread the word. Rosemary says “A global decrease in reflected heat, caused by melting ice and snow and the construction of roads, runways and buildings in heat absorbing dark colours almost everywhere on the planet, now accounts for half of annual warming. Research indicates that even stopping emissions immediately would not alone stop the warming for about 40 years. We urgently need to introduce measures to reenoble solar reflectivity.” <https://tinyurl.com/wpmmjc5z>

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If you are pregnant and in one of the eligible groups listed above, you can also get a booster dose.

If you are a frontline health or social care worker you can book a booster dose appointment online – you do not need to wait to be contacted by the NHS.

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The meeting on Thursday 7 October was the first meeting in our normal venue since March 2020. We all appreciated being able to meet in person again. Our speaker was local historian, Helen Harwood who gave a very interesting talk on Chesterton Workhouse. Helen has spoken to us several times before and we

always enjoy these local history talks. This time we learned about the introduction of the Poor Law and how workhouses were established and run. We also discussed the changing uses of Chesterton Workhouse building. Our next meeting will be on Thursday 4 November when Jane Kennedy will speak about British Sign Language.

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. At present members and visitors are asked to wear masks if they are able to do so.

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permanent Youth Centre for our three villages and that dream and hope is now a reality. We expect the centre to be used at least 5 days a week which will enhance our ability to serve the young people of our villages and beyond.

The Youth Centre was opened by Caroline Bewes DL, High Sheriff of Cambridgeshire and a Little Shelford resident, accompanied by the Deputy Lieutenant for the County, Professor Roderick Watkins.

Parish, District and County Councillors who helped provide some of the funding were also represented as well as private supporters and Church representatives. Marlon, one of the SSYI members who is taking on a “Young Leader” role at SSYI presented a bouquet to Caroline thanking her for cutting the ribbon and opening the new Centre.

Visit our website for a video showing the interior of the Youth Centre and its facilities and for more information on how you can help SSYI as a volunteer or supporter contact Zac Britton, our lead youth worker on zac.britton@ssyi.club



David J H Jones, Chair of Trustees SSYI, www.ssyi.club

COUNTRY MARKET



There is a real buzz in the market at the moment and we are really encouraged by the comments we are reading on the Market Facebook pages.

More good news.... assuming no change in COVID regulations, our annual chutney tasting mornings will be on 17 and 24 November. Remember, this is your chance to taste before you buy!



All too quickly the seasons have moved on but all our products remain homegrown, homemade and hand crafted. The tables in the garden section are fairly well stocked at the moment but the few cut flowers and salad crops sell within minutes of opening. However, in the craft section the tables are overflowing.

If you are looking for original gifts, you'll find a great display of traditional and more unusual crafts including the popular homemade soaps and hand cream.

What's new in the Food Section? It is our labelling. We now have to adhere to 'Natasha's Law' where all wrapped food and jars have to be fully labelled, showing not just allergens but the ingredients in the ingredients we use – mind-boggling to read what is in a bag of flour!

It is always a pleasure to deliver orders to customers who cannot get to the market. Please order on Monday or early Tuesday morning by phoning 01223 843946 or email dorothy@woodlandsroad.plus.com

Follow us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/gtshelfordmarket> and if you would like to join us as a producer then come and talk to us.

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friendly life. These will come on stream over the course of the year.

Our first offering of books – available from the end of October - will include Derek Niemann's '**A Tale of Trees**', an account of Waresley Wood, which is just 20 miles from Shelford, and a history of woodlands since the Second World War; '**Woodlands**' by Oliver Rackham, Cambridge scholar and expert on woodlands, who taught us to value England's ancient woodland again; and Isabella Tree's '**Rewilding**', inspiring a whole new movement within conservation and is a heartening read about how to recover biodiversity.

Zoologist E O Wilson has been called "one of the 20th century's greatest thinkers" and the New Darwin, yet, for all his eminence, his books are very easy to read. Try "**The Diversity of Life**", "**Half Earth**" or "**Letters to a Young Scientist**". Mike Berners Lee's '**How Bad are Bananas**' is a fun book, but with the serious goal of informing you about how to reduce your carbon footprint, while Guy Pearse's '**Greenwash Effect**' will give you insight into the ways businesses try to deceive us into thinking they're green.

Authors Tony Juniper, James Lovelock, Jonathan Porritt and Elizabeth Kolbert all in different ways shed light on the climate crisis and our need to address our carbon emissions and over consumption of resources.

For younger readers we have many great reads, including '**Fantastically Great Women who Saved the Planet**', '**Greta's Story**' and '**The Book of Brilliant Bugs**'.

Over the coming months we will be adding further titles to the collection, including some 'spotter's guides' to help you explore the natural world when you're out and about. So do come and browse the collection. It will only increase your wonder and your desire to care for the planet.

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TENNIS CLUB

Winners Galore!

September was a glorious month for tennis – Emma Raducanu became the first qualifier to win a Grand Slam tournament at the US Open as well as the first British woman to win a major title since Virginia Wade in 1977; Joe Salisbury won both the Men's and Mixed Doubles US Open titles with American partners; and Gordon Reid and Alfie Hewitt became the first men to win a calendar Grand Slam in the Wheelchair Doubles.

Of course, this was all surpassed by the events at GSTC where, just hours before Raducanu's historic final, the summer tournaments were concluding. Sorely missed in 2020, the 2021 finals did not disappoint and club members gathered for a barbecue and to watch our top players vying for the titles. The winners were:

- Men's Singles: Andrew Greenaway
- Women's Singles: Keri Tobin
- Men's Plate: Stephen Chittenden
- Women's Plate: Carlotta Rosella
- Mixed Doubles: James Diver & Mel Boyle
- Men's Doubles: Hamid Hejazi & Tony Cook
- Women's Doubles: Kat Deudney & Keri Tobin

Congratulations to everyone who took part and particularly to our 2021 Champions.

Great Shelford members have also had success in both the County over 70s and over 75s leagues. Seven of eight players across the two teams were GSTC members. Congratulations to:

- League winners, over 75s: Tisha Hug (captain), Alison McNaught, Penny Saich and Pat Taylor
- Over 70s: Sylvia Morton (captain), Sarah Coppendale and Annie Clarke



Angharad Harris

WHAT'S ON IN NOVEMBER

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. This information has been taken from websites, can be subject to change and may already be fully booked.

CAMBRIDGE ARTS THEATRE	
2-6	The Lemon Table by Julian Barnes
7	Clare Teal and her Sextet - Momentous Collaboration of Swing
9-13	The Good Life
14	Ai Weiwei in Conversation: 1000 Years of Joys and Sorrows
16	An Evening with Brian Blessed
18-20	Dragons and Mythical Beasts
22-27	Private Lives by Noel Coward - Patricia Hodge & Nigel Havers
Telephone: 01223 503333 Web: www.cambridgeartstheatre.com	

UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE	
	Maud Sulter: The Centre of the Frame - iconic photographs
	Haunted Cambridge Walking Ghost Tour
	Gold of the Great Steppe - gold artefacts from Kazakhstan
3	Should we trust statistics? Honorary Fellows Lecture by Professor Sir David Spiegelhalter
https://www.admin.cam.ac.uk/whatson	

STAPLEFORD GRANARY	
6	She'Koyokh traditional music from the Balkans and Turkey
7	East Anglia Chamber Orchestra
11	Samuele Telari
12	Brodsky Quartet
19	Callum Smart & Richard Uttley
21	Alex Hitchcock Quartet featuring Deschanel Gordon
25	Bill Laurance
28	Lucy Cavendish Singers
Telephone: 01223 849004 Web: ace@staplefordgranary.org.uk	

SAWSTON CINEMA	
4	The Good Liar
sawstoncinema.org.uk	

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

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

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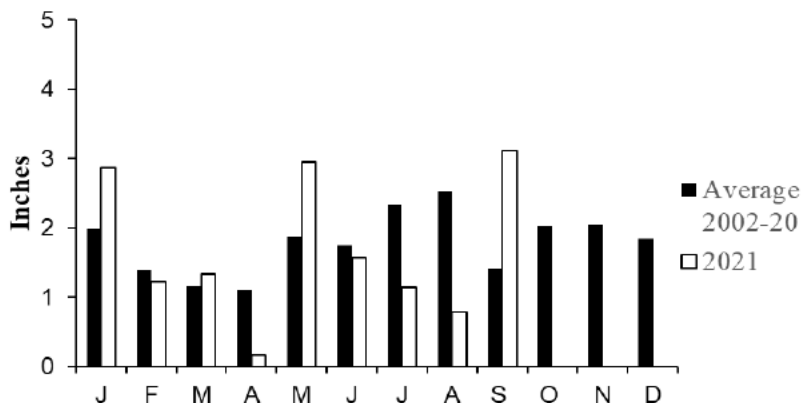
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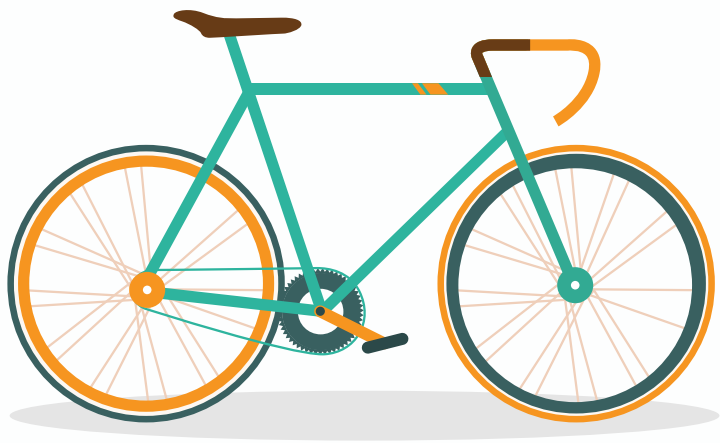


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