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Happy Christmas to all!



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Playscape opens – more pictures inside

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GREAT SHELFORD PARISH COUNCIL
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**SUMMARY FROM THE UNADOPTED MINUTES OF THE
MEETING ON 20 OCTOBER 2021**

One member of the public was present.

REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES

Reports from the County and District Councillors were circulated prior to the meeting.

FINANCE

Cllr Ashurst discussed the requirement for an integrated fire alarm between the Memorial Hall, SSYI and Scout Hut at the Memorial Hall. It was provisionally agreed to use Saffron Security to supply the fire alarm at £11,988 + VAT.

It was agreed to donate £1,000 towards a mower for the Bowls Club.

Members considered the riverbank steps and how to keep the stones in place. It was agreed to purchase grit top gratings at a cost of £101 + VAT each.

The railings at the Memorial Hall Car Park will be cleaned and repainted at a cost of £2,145 + VAT. Due to the time of year, this work may not be completed until spring 2022.

All Parish Council owned buildings will be valued to ensure that the insurance cover is adequate.

WHEELSCAPE

The Playscape Working Group has requested assistance to start moving this project forward. This will involve appointing a Contract Administrator and Quantity Surveyor and submitting a new planning application, as the old one has lapsed. It is anticipated that the project will cost about £100,000. It was agreed to allocate £10,000 to commence the project with the understanding that the Working Group checks that there is still a demand for a skate park.

COUNCIL ADMINISTRATION

Council Branding Cllrs expressed their thanks to Cllr Disley for the work which has gone into the logo which was formally adopted by the Council. The Clerk noted that the website will go live in the week commencing 1 November.

Local Plan There has been a lot of correspondence from residents about the Planning Authority's proposed Local Plan and the inclusion of land off Mingle Lane/Hinton Way. Cllr Fane noted that the Planning Authority had been discussing the holding of a drop-in meeting at the Memorial Hall in November, allowing residents to speak to Officers. It was agreed to set a date for a public

meeting after the drop-in, followed by an Extraordinary Parish Council meeting to discuss the Council's response to the consultation.

Community Awards The Clerk provided seven potential categories of award for discussion. It was agreed to advertise these to see if businesses would be interested in sponsoring any of them.

ENVIRONMENT AND BIODIVERSITY

Following a tree survey, it was agreed that high priority work should be completed within six weeks.

COMMUNITY MATTERS

The PTA and Playscape are interested in having an event to mark the opening of the Playscape together with the turning on of the Christmas lights. It was agreed to support this and to hold the small event on 27 November.

The Feast Committee have asked for a memorial bench to be installed on the Recreation Ground in remembrance of past members. It was agreed that this could be installed and it should be made from recycled plastic.

South Cambridgeshire District Council is keen to see the parish adopt a Flooding Emergency Plan. After some discussion it was resolved to incorporate a village Emergency Plan which would include a flooding element.

Correspondence from the Parochial Charities about defibrillators was considered by members. It was agreed to support the charity to install a defibrillator in the area to the east of the railway on Hinton Way and to ensure that the PC-owned defibrillators are registered with the relevant bodies.

CONTRACTUAL MATTERS

The contractual requirements for GSPC to help maintain the permissive path between Great Shelford and Hauxton Mill were considered by members.

Legal advice has been received in respect of the leases for Parish Council owned buildings. Communication is ongoing with tenants and no decisions were made at this time.

The potential renaming of the Pavilion was considered. It was agreed to make sure that potential names are approved by the relevant members of the community before formal planning is sought.

It was resolved to approach appropriate landowners to see if they would consider selling land to the Parish Council.

After a brief discussion it was agreed to commemorate 20 years' service by the Ranger up to the value of £250.

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 DECEMBER

Planning Committee	6 December	7.30pm	Sports Pavilion
Finance & General Purpose	8 December	7.00pm	Sports Pavilion
Planning Committee	20 December	7.30pm	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 DECEMBER NEWS

As we head towards winter with its colder and darker days, I want to update you on what additional changes we have implemented, decisions we have made and improvements we hope you will see in the village.

Playscape

We are delighted that the Playscape is now open and being used by so many children. It has been great to see the joy on their faces as they explore the new environment.

Dogs on the Recreation Ground

We would like to remind you that dogs on the Recreation Ground should be kept under close control. Recently we have received complaints about dogs jumping up at people and also going into the new Playscape. With this in mind we would ask that dogs are not allowed to the left of the footpath (as you enter from the car park) meaning that they are not allowed on the grass behind the Memorial Hall or under the trees.

Community Awards

I have great pleasure in confirming that we will be launching the first Great Shelford Community Awards in the New Year. There are seven categories and Redmayne, Arnold and Harris have kindly agreed to sponsor the awards. It is our intention to recognise the work of community spirited residents within the village with prizes handed out at the village meeting in March 2022. Please keep an eye on the website, Facebook and noticeboards for more information.

New Website

We hope you have seen our new website and logo which went live on Friday 5 November. It is intended to be clear to use, bright and modern. There is no change in the website address: www.greatshelfordparishcouncil.gov.uk.

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. We will be commenting on this proposal and you may also wish to comment. The consultation is open until 6 December. Please keep an eye in the usual places for further information.

Emergency Plan

As a council we have agreed to look at writing an emergency plan (which we hope we never have to use). If you have any skills which may be useful in a major emergency, please contact Libby and she will be able to give you more details about what would be involved.

I should like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year.

Don't forget to contact us should you have any relevant concerns. Our telephone number is 01223 616622 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 too, which can be found on the website. If you do email a Councillor we ask that you copy in Libby too.

Malcolm Watson, Chairman

PLANNING APPLICATIONS PARISH COUNCIL COMMENTS

21/04346/HFUL	4 The Orchards	Creation of a new window in the side of the property.
Application supported.		
21/04522/FUL	16 Granhams Road	Erection of detached three bedroom dwelling and associated car port.
Application supported but it is asked that the existing access to 16 Granham's Road is closed for safety reasons and that the report of the arboricultural consultant is adhered to.		

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News from the Vicarage

The Bishop of Ely has appointed me to the post of Senior Chaplain following the appointment of Dr Hannah Cleugh to a post in the Diocese of Newcastle. My last Sunday at Great Shelford will be 2 January; we will move later in the month. We will be housed in Chippenham just south of Soham and within easy reach of the Bishop's Office in Ely. I will take up my new responsibilities in January.



Bishop Stephen's approach came as a complete surprise and after much thought and prayer we felt that this invitation was one that I had to accept. We have so much enjoyed just over eight years here at Gt Shelford and we will certainly miss the many friends and contacts we have made. It has been a joy to have had such excellent colleagues in lay and ordained roles, especially during the last eighteen months during the Covid pandemic. Being involved in several community projects, not least Playscape, the Feast, the Parish Council and Parochial Charities, has been a great privilege.

I am so pleased that my colleague, Julie Norris was recently licensed as Associate Priest in the parish and so I know that the forthcoming vacancy will be in good hands with her support. (See also page 11).

Bishop Stephen says, 'I am delighted that Simon has accepted my invitation to work with me as Senior Chaplain and manager of my office at Bishop's House. He brings a wealth of experience as a parish priest in three dioceses and as a rural dean in two of them. He knows his way around the national church as a member of the General Synod and has been supporting the well-being of clergy as Chair of the Houses Committee. I welcome his support of my ministry in the service of the diocese'.

We shall miss you all. Please pray for us as I prepare to take up this important new role.

Every blessing for the Christmas season,

Simon

Annual Toy Collection

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

Art Exhibition at St Mary's – Saturday 11 and Sunday 12 December

Talk by artist Rick Nelms **at 4pm on Saturday 11 December**. Rick Nelms is a botanist and an artist. He also has Motor Neurone Disease. Unable to paint with a brush he produces the most amazing and detailed computer painted pictures. Many of these express his love of biodiversity, all of them are inspired by his faith. Before and after the talk there will be a sale of prints of some of his pictures, which make beautiful and unusual Christmas gifts.

Village Christmas Drive-in Carols – Wednesday 22 December at 6.30pm

Come and join us at the Shelford Rugby Club - refreshments will be available, contributions will go to a local charity. (For details see poster on page 39).

Advent Evening Services:

Sunday 6 December, 6.30pm – Advent Hope Service (Zoom).

Sunday 12 December, 4pm – Service for families and children (church).

Sunday 19 December, 6.30pm – Service of Lessons and Carols.

SERVICES FOR CHRISTMAS

You will be very welcome at all our services over the Christmas season and please do encourage friends and visitors to come along:

Christmas Eve:

Crib Service – planned for children and the young at heart, a simple re-telling of the Christmas story with traditional carols.

‘Midnight’ Parish Communion 11pm – the first service of Christmas, with music, sermon and Holy Communion.

Christmas Day:

Holy Communion (BCP 1662) 8am – a spoken traditional language service with a short sermon.

Parish Communion 10am – our main service for Christmas morning with music, sermon and Holy Communion.

There is no evening service.

Gift Day Appeal — Thank You!

A sincere thank you to the many people who offered their pledges during the Gift Day on Sunday 3 October. The **final total raised was just over £6,500**. This is a most generous boost to our finances.

St. Mary's Sunday Club

Sunday Club 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!

From the Registers:

Funerals:	15 November	Joan Barnes
	24 November	Mary Mills

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
		Evening Prayer (BCP Evensong in church on the first
		Sunday of the month; remaining Sundays by Zoom.) A
	6.30pm	link is circulated before the service.

For further information about Great Shelford Parish Church

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GREAT SHELFORD PARISH CHURCH



I am delighted to be joining the team at St Mary's Church as an Associate Priest. I will be sharing services and helping where I can in the Parish. I already know a number of people in Great Shelford and look forward to getting to know more.

Prior to joining the team at Great Shelford, I have been working in the Orwell Benefice and before that I was Priest in Charge of several other local churches. I am also involved in training people for ministry and mentoring lay ministers in the Diocese. I recently wrote a book looking at biomedical

ethics. I am developing an online and community focused centre for wellbeing called Under the Thinking Tree.

Revd Julie Norris

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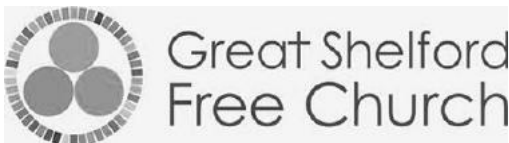
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The recent Cop26 summit has made us all even more aware that our home, Planet Earth, is in crisis

like never before and there is an urgent need for action. We don't need to be members of Extinction Rebellion or other activist groups to suffer to some extent from 'eco-anxiety' — a chronic fear of environmental doom. There are those who argue that Christians' primary responsibility should be saving souls, not seals, but thankfully there is no need to choose — we are called to do both. So, what has our environment got to do with Christianity? Everything! God made it. And as evangelist Rob Frost said, *'When Christians take the earth seriously, people take the gospel seriously.'*

'For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.' (Colossians 1)

So if all things were created through Him and for Him, then it is incumbent upon us to do what God commanded in Genesis 2, right at the beginning of time when He put man in a garden to work and take care of it. Whether or not one believes the creation story is not really the point; what matters is that God made all that exists, saw it was good and blessed human beings, entrusting them with its care.

So as Christians, our position is this: whether or not we agree with the rulers or authorities mentioned above, we are commanded to pray for them, that the geopolitical decisions needed may be made wisely. We need to say sorry for our part in the greed that says it's OK to take what we want at the expense of the poorest people on earth. Thankfully, when my children were teenagers they never did trash the home provided for them, but that is in effect what we — and especially the privileged, entitled small percentage of which I count myself a member — have done to God's amazing handiwork.

However, wringing our hands, blaming politicians and feeling anxious is not the most positive response. As the author Max Lucado points out, *'No one can do everything, but everyone can do something'*. Space doesn't permit me to give examples, but signing up to the newsletter of the excellent local group 2G3S (Green Groups, Shelfords, Stapleford, Sawston) will help you find many ideas. Reducing lawn mowing is a great place to start....

Liz Jenkin, Elder, Great Shelford Free Church

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Play for all

This has been our motto from the start and it has been a delight to watch all ages and abilities play alongside each other and explore this new landscape. Wheelchair accessibility has been designed into the very fabric of this space, in places you might not notice, like the

sand play, trampoline and roundabout.

Equipment has been chosen to be used in a myriad of ways, such as the hammocks that are accessible to wheelchair users (who can manage a standing transfer), or a gaggle of toddlers or a group of teenage friends. Crucially, all are welcome – parents and carers, you are positively encouraged to get stuck in and start playing! As George Bernard Shaw said *‘you don’t stop playing because you grow old, you grow old because you stop playing’*.

Risk and Challenge

We know that healthy development requires exposure to risk and challenge. The Playscape, offers a huge range of possibilities and challenges. For a new walker that might simply be summiting one of the mounds, for a 9 year old, can they do the monkey bars *uphill*, for a grandparent, will they play on the roundabout again?



Challenging ourselves physically and socially builds resilience, at any age!

Funding

The Playscape was made possible through community fundraising events, generous donations and the support from these funding bodies:

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Final Thanks

I would like to take the opportunity to thank all the past and present Great Shelford Playscape committee members (all 16 of them!) for their hard work and dedication to this pioneering community project.

Our sincere thanks must also go to the Great Shelford Parish Council for supporting this vision, both financially and practically over the years, and specifically to Councillors Malcolm Watson, John Stanton and Simon Talbott and Clerk Libby White. They met with Vaila and I weekly over the last year to get this project across the line.



And to you!

And finally to all of you who responded to consultations, got sponsored for It's A Knockout, did a bob-a-job in your neighbourhood, abseiled down the church, ran the Shelford Fun Run (numerous times!), ate cake, drunk mulled wine, donated generously and generally supported this whole initiative, we say THANK YOU.

We did it!

Now, for the Wheelscape – donations always welcome.



ANTHONY BROWNE MP



I was particularly pleased to learn that the Playscape has been completed. I would like to offer my warm congratulations to all those involved in the project. I very much look forward to seeing the completed Playscape in the future. On a different note, I was very excited to learn that the restaurant of the year for the East of England is in my own constituency. I am sure that Zara Indian Cuisine's success will come as little surprise to the residents of Great Shelford, and I want to congratulate them personally on their win.

South Cambridgeshire District Council and Cambridge City Council have launched a consultation to find out what you think of their proposals to build 49,000 new houses in the next 20 years. These plans will have a profound impact on the Shelfords and I would encourage all of you to participate in the consultation.

You should also be aware that these First Proposals are just a starting point, and the numbers could grow further. Contrary to the social media proclamations of some senior councillors, new developments not mentioned here may still be crowbarred in. Planners have confirmed reports from high profile developers that submissions can still be accepted into the plan. This leaves the door open for entries of the worst possible kind, such as allowing the 25,000 home Thakeham Development to sneak in at the last possible moment. Allowing such developments in through the back door after consulting with residents is unconscionable.

As many of you will know, the UK hosted the global COP26 conference this month to chart a way toward achieving net-zero carbon emissions by 2050. I was proud to represent South Cambridgeshire in person at the conference in my capacity as chair of the All-Party Parliamentary Group on the Environment. It is no secret that negotiations were strained, with certain countries expressing a reluctance to sign up to full abandonment of fossil fuels. The global commitment to invest £100 trillion in clean technology is hugely welcome however as it is the first time in history the world's economies have taken genuine action to solve climate change. This is excellent news for South Cambridgeshire as many of the companies developing these ground-breaking technologies are right here in the constituency.

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Day and date	Opening hours	Repeat prescription schedule
Thursday 23 December	Open as usual	Place order today, pick up 30 Dec
Friday 24 December (Christmas Eve)	Open as usual	Place order today, pick up 31 Dec
Saturday 25 December (Christmas Day)	Closed	Place order today, pick up 4 Jan
Sunday 26 December (Boxing Day)	Closed	Place order today, pick up 4 Jan
Monday 27 December (Bank Holiday)	Closed	Place order today, pick up 4 Jan
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Wednesday 29 December	Open as usual	Place order today, pick up 4 Jan
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Friday 31 December (New Years' Eve)	Open as usual	Place order today, pick up 6 Jan
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Be prepared for common health problems by keeping a well stocked medicine cabinet at home. You can treat many minor illnesses such as colds, coughs, sore throats and upset stomachs by having a supply of health care essentials such as pain relief (paracetamol), cough and sore throat remedies, a first aid kit, upset stomach treatment, rehydration treatment and heartburn / indigestion treatment. Having these essentials at home will save you time and help you feel better quicker and will also help save much needed NHS resources.

Your local pharmacist can also offer you advice and guidance on the best treatment for you. Pharmacists are available on every high street and in supermarkets with many open evenings and weekends.

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We wish you all a healthy and peaceful holiday season.

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NEW TIMETABLE FOR THE 7A (From 1 November)

NO SUNDAY OR BANK HOLIDAY SERVICE					
Service 7A Monday - Friday					
Trumpington P&R	09:05	10:35	12:05	14:15	16:35 18:05
Gt Shelford, opp Granta Terrace	09:13	10:43	12:13	14:23	16:43 18:13
Sawston, nr Babraham Rd	09:17	10:47	12:17	14:27	16:47 18:17
Sawston, nr Park Rd	09:19	10:49	12:19	14:29	16:49 18:19
Pampisford, opp South Terrace	09:20	10:50	12:20	14:30	16:50 18:20
Hinton, opp Church Street	08:08	09:25	10:55	12:25	14:35 16:55 v
Whittlesford, opp Station Rd West	08:13	09:30	11:00	12:30	14:40 17:00 18:25
Whittlesford, opp Mill Lane	08:15	09:32	11:02	12:32	14:42 17:02 18:27
Whittlesford, opp Hill Farm	08:18	09:35	11:05	12:35	14:45 17:05 18:30
Duxford, IWM	08:20	09:37	11:07	12:37	14:47 15:50 17:07 v
Heathfield, opp Garage	08:21	09:38	11:08	12:38	14:48 15:51 17:08 18:32
Whittlesford, nr Hill Farm	08:24	09:41	11:11	12:41	14:51 15:54 17:11
Whittlesford, nr Mill Lane	08:27	09:44	11:14	12:44	14:54 15:57 17:14
Whittlesford, nr Station Rd West	08:29	09:46	11:16	12:46	14:56 15:59 17:16
Pampisford, nr South Terrace	08:35	09:52	11:22	12:52	15:02 16:05 17:22
Sawston, opp Park Rd	08:36	09:53	11:23	12:53	15:03 16:06 17:23
Sawston, opp Babraham Rd	08:38	09:55	11:25	12:55	16:08 17:25
Gt Shelford, nr Granta Terrace	08:47	09:59	11:29	12:59	16:12 17:29
Trumpington P&R	08:55	10:09	11:39	13:09	16:22 17:39
Service 7A Saturdays					
Trumpington P&R	10:35	12:05	14:15	15:35	
Gt Shelford, opp Granta Terrace	10:43	12:13	14:23	15:43	
Sawston, nr Babraham Rd	10:47	12:17	14:27	15:47	
Sawston, nr Park Rd	10:49	12:19	14:29	15:49	
Pampisford, opp South Terrace	10:50	12:20	14:30	15:50	
Hinton, opp Church Street	09:25	10:55	12:25	14:35	15:55
Whittlesford, opp Station Rd West	09:30	11:00	12:30	14:40	y
Whittlesford, opp Mill Lane	09:32	11:02	12:32	14:42	v
Whittlesford, opp Hill Farm	09:34	11:05	12:35	14:45	v
Duxford, IWM	09:35	11:07	12:37	14:47	16:00
Heathfield, opp Garage	09:38	11:08	12:38	14:48	16:01
Whittlesford, nr Hill Farm	09:41	11:11	12:41	14:51	16:04
Whittlesford, nr Mill Lane	09:44	11:14	12:44	14:54	16:07
Whittlesford, nr Station Rd West	09:46	11:16	12:46	14:56	16:08
Pampisford, nr South Terrace	09:52	11:22	12:52	15:02	
Sawston, opp Park Rd	09:53	11:23	12:53	15:03	
Sawston, opp Babraham Rd	09:55	11:25	12:55	15:05	
Gt Shelford, nr Granta Terrace	09:59	11:29	12:59	15:09	
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SHELFORD SCHOOL

We are hurtling towards Christmas, as the school continues to navigate its way through Covid-19. It has been so lovely to have all the children able to mingle more freely, although some restrictions continue to remain at school. Staff continue to work hard to support the families that are isolating, by providing home learning as required and the school spirit shines through!

The school is now busy preparing for their Nativity and Carols by Candlelight, which we are very much looking forward to seeing.

Year 6 have led a video service for Remembrance Day, which included a visit to the war memorial in Great Shelford and the school will also be once again marking the beginning of anti-bullying week (15–19 November) by encouraging everyone to come into school in odd socks to celebrate the uniqueness of each person.

We are delighted that the school is teaming up with Playscape and the Parish Council to hold an outdoor event celebrating the opening of the new playground on Saturday 27 November 4–6pm.

This half term we have commenced our next curriculum thread; ‘Our story so far’. The topics covered are linked to current and historical stories.

Mrs Scott, Year 3 Class Teacher has heard recently that she has been successful in her application to become a tutor. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Scott for all her contributions to school life including her years as governor and to wish her well in her next endeavours.

Frances Dye, Parent Governor

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‘I am a famous Roman soldier and I have come from Rome.’

‘Tell me about your life.’

‘I am from the V (fifth) Legion and during my time in the army I have done lots of marching, sword fighting practice

and shield formation practice.’

‘Tell me about the different types of shield formation you do.’

‘Well, there are lots – the orb, the testudo (tortoise), the wedge and the repel cavalry.’

‘It sounds like you have a lot to do and it must keep you busy! What other things do you get up to during the day?’

‘It is very hard every day because we have to move camp and put up our tents. It is a real pain. We also have to march XX (20) miles every day, carrying all of our equipment. We do get well fed though and the food is good, but we pay for it out of our wages.

Sometimes, if we are not close to the camp, we have to hunt for our own food. At the end of a long day, we go to bed exhausted and have to share a tent with VII (seven) other soldiers who are a bit stinky! In fact, I am a bit tired now so I am off to bed. Vale (goodbye)!

‘Goodbye!’

By Year 4

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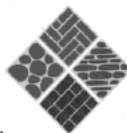
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PAROCHIAL CHARITIES NEWS

Thank you, Co-op and Co-op members

The charity was very pleased to receive just over £2000 from Shelford Co-op's Local Community Fund. The money will be spent on further improvements to our community garden and orchard, in particular, on native trees and shrubs, as well as a new bench.

'The Co-op has pledged further support next year when we have plans to establish a bird meadow to provide seed and insect-rich habitat, as well as bird boxes and - possibly - even a swift tower', said trustee, Keith Sugden.

Key to the ongoing success of this scheme is that Co-op members list Great Shelford Parochial Charities as their *local cause*. Then, not only does 2p for every £1 spent go into one's own membership account, but the same amount is split between local causes such as ours.

So please, Co-op members, go to <https://membership.coop.co.uk/causes> and select Great Shelford Parochial Charities as your local cause of choice. And remember you can always make donations directly to the charity via our website <https://gspc.org.uk>

Thank you, Simon, and good luck



'The Bishop's gain is our loss', lamented trustee Michael Pooles, on hearing that fellow trustee, Simon Talbott will be leaving us in the new year to take up the post of Senior Chaplain and Manager, working for the Bishop of Ely.

We will leave others: the Parish Council, the school, Playscape, the Feast, the church, not to mention numerous villagers – to chronicle the massive contribution Simon has made to village life. Suffice to say, he will be greatly missed here at the Parochial Charities.

Sarah Rann, Chair of Trustees, said 'We owe Simon an enormous debt of gratitude for his tireless work at the charity, his invaluable input to our alms house development programme, his liaison on our behalf with other village bodies and his guidance in negotiating a path through officialdom. Above all, we will miss his friendship, good humour and innate sense of what's right.'

Brian Connellan, Trustee

DIARY DECEMBER 2021

Date	Event	Time	Place
2	WI meeting	7.30	St Mary's Community Room
3	Twinning Association Quiz	7.30	Free Church
4	St Andrews Xmas Fair	9am	Memorial Hall
8	Cactus Society	7pm	Memorial Hall
10	Women's Institute Xmas Concert	7.30pm	Little Shelford Memorial Hall
10	Christmas Concert – City of Cambridge Brass Band	7.30pm	St Mary's Church
14	Granta Flower Club Xmas Demonstration	7pm	Memorial Hall
22	Drive-in carols	6.30	Shelford Rugby Club



BIN COLLECTIONS

Black bins Tuesdays 14 and 30 December
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Coppice Avenue, Mill Court (Hinton Way), Library, Old Vicarage, Church Street, High Green bus stop, Stonehill Road, Macaulay Ave.
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LIBRARY

Monday 3–7, Tuesday 10–1 & 2–5, Wednesday 10–1, Friday 10–1 & 2–6, Saturday 10–1.

For Christmas opening hours see page 29

SHELFORD COUNTRY MARKET



The seasons have passed by so quickly and all too soon we are preparing for Christmas. However memories are short. We have almost forgotten that due to Covid regulations the 2021 Market Year did not start until mid May. In the last couple of weeks we sadly cancelled our annual November chutney tasting mornings. With the knowledge of local Covid cases, it would have been irresponsible of us to have proceeded with this event

The last market of the year will be on 22 December. We are gearing up for well stocked stalls – baking, preserves, local honey and seasonal treats, plants and seasonal greenery and many different crafts. Everything you find will be home-made or home grown or handcrafted and you could find some interesting Christmas gifts.

By ordering Christmas fare in advance you help us to help you. Please order at the market, *email dorothy@woodlandsroad.plus.com or phone 843946.*

Christmas table arrangements, made with seasonal plant materials, should be available on 15 and 22 December

To all our customers and friends, we send best wishes for the Christmas season and our thanks for supporting us throughout the year. We shall look forward to seeing you when we re-open on 12 **January** 2022.

Dorothy Doel

Market is in the Memorial Hall, Woollards Lane every Wednesday (8.30 to 11.30am) except 25 December and 1 January 2022.

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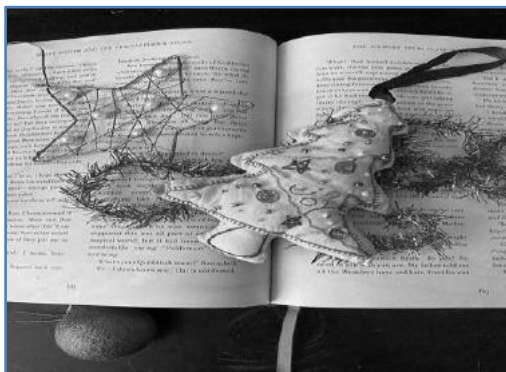
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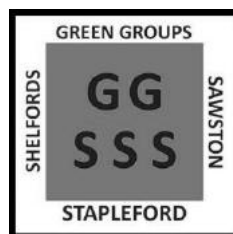
Reminder: the library has returned to its pre-Covid opening hours: Mondays 3–7pm, Tuesdays 10am–1pm and 2–5pm, Wednesdays 10am–1pm, Fridays 10am–1pm and 2–6pm and Saturdays 10am–1pm.

Please note: over the festive period, Great Shelford Library will close at 1pm on Friday 24 December 2021 and will re-open at 10am on Tuesday 4 January 2022. Festive opening hours at other libraries will be shown on our website: www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk or you can telephone 0345 045 5225 for further information.

2G3S

Whilst we have to wait now to see if the politicians' promises and targets set in Glasgow actually get put into practice, what's happening locally?

We've had a busy year despite the restrictions, with nature walks, Zoom and real speakers, films, and cycle rides. In 2022 we will continue to run various events and activities, with a Repair Café in Great Shelford and a speaker event in February – details to follow.



It's good news that Stapleford Parish Council has been drawing up environmental plans such as mowing some grass verges less often so wildflowers can flourish, and other initiatives. They recently held an Eco Evening to encourage villagers to find out more and get involved, to improve our village. A local ecologist talked to the attendees and Cambridge PPF, 2G3S, and other local groups talked to each other about what they do. Hopefully many fruitful connections have been made and we can all work together to improve biodiversity, help tackle climate change, and build our community.

Greater Cambridge Partnership (GCP) is active again –two public consultations have been launched on proposals to help people move in and around Cambridge easily and more sustainably. The first – Making Connections – is asking for people's views on proposals to radically enhance bus and active travel journeys, while the second – Cambridge Eastern Access – offers more specific proposals for improving cycling and walking journeys along Newmarket Road. The Making Connections consultation closes on 20 December and more information can be found at greatercambridge.org.uk/making-connections-2021. Whilst the in-person consultation events were in early November, there may still be some online events, see the link. Do fill in the survey so your voice might be heard.

Energy – as we are all dreading our next gas bill, perhaps you are interested in the Cambridge Carbon Footprint (CCF) Open Eco Homes website at cambridgecarbonfootprint.org/open-eco-homes/; and other sites such as energysavingtrust.org.uk. CCF has recorded talks and advice ranging from 'Easy Win Actions' through to help with 'Whole House Retrofitting Plans'.

As we draw nearer to Christmas, it can be hard to make green choices. Try and buy items with no unnecessary packaging, and buy local seasonal food. Remember – Reduce, Reuse, Recycle. If you're stuck for ideas for presents the Cambridge Organic Food Company (Cofco) will prepare a hamper of their lovely foods.



One idea I have seen is to prepare an ‘advent calendar’ of food items to donate to a local food bank – there is one off Milton Road, look up Trussel Trust for other locations. For each day in December put a food item (non-perishable) in a box, and take the box to the

food bank. It can include Christmas items like puddings and chocolate. A lovely idea, though do ensure you deliver it well before they close for the Christmas break!

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 or website.

Helen Hale

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MOBILE WARDEN SCHEME

The Great Shelford Mobile Warden Scheme celebrates its 25th Anniversary this year. The scheme which was established in 1996, is an asset valued by the elderly residents of our village. Our aim is to help our members remain in their own home. We achieve this by providing daily phone calls, regular visits to help with shopping, post office collections, management of prescriptions and undertaking other essential jobs in the local area. As well as carrying out small tasks – for example, helping members carry out instructions from medical services or changing a light bulb– the Scheme helps the elderly maintain social contact and therefore reduces the risk of isolation and depression.

The Scheme is currently recruiting for a Part-Time Warden

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

Hours of work:

Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 9am–1pm

Saturday and Sunday 9am–10/10.30am (phone calls)

Rate of pay is £10 per hour.

Experience of working with the elderly is an advantage but not essential. The role is based in and covers the area of Great Shelford.

For further information and a job description: please contact Jenny David
jennykmf@yahoo.co.uk

HOUSEPLANT HEAVEN

Winter is here again. Time to shut up shop in the garden and come inside – houseplants have to be looked after!

We are being advised to turn down the central heating to help the planet. Houseplants will still thrive if it is only a one degree drop in temperature.

Common houseplants are cheese plants, small palms, Ficus species, orchids and decorative succulents like Christmas cactus.

Cheese plants like to be on the dry side so only water when the potting compost feels dry. Then give them a good soak. The large, shiny leaves should be

sprayed once a week with a mist made up of water and liquid plant food. These leaves should all be dusted regularly to remove dirt and keep them shiny. Put the pot in a low light position if you can as they come from the dappled shade environment of the jungle understory. They should be given a similar habitat in your home.

The same goes for the small palms and *Ficus* species. Kentia palms are decorative and make a good show in the corner of a room. Again, keep them moist when they dry out and dust the fronds. *Ficus benjamina* is a popular choice. It can be placed in your home and is often found in office foyers. Clip off any long shoots and dead or yellowing leaves and don't put the container near a radiator.

Christmas cactus is a short day plant, which means it flowers during the short days of winter. The flowers start off as buds on the tips of the succulent leaves and burst into joyous red, pink or white. They were grannies' favourites, but they still brighten up the winter living room, even now.

Orchids are a very popular choice of houseplants. They require little attention and will flower for months. It is important not to over water them. Just place the pot on a window sill and they will be happy.

Phalaenopsis and *Dendrobium* are two common types and come in a range of vibrant colours – yellow, white, orange, pink and purple. They certainly brighten up the winter gloom.

There are other houseplants to choose from in the garden centre. From air plants that you just hang up and they absorb atmospheric water, to hearts-on-a-string, which grow long fronds overhanging the pot. These have leaves that are heart-shaped. Mother-in-law's tongue throws up viscous spiky leaves that are hard, like swords. And don't forget cacti and the succulents. From round domes with lots of needles, to furry mammillaria, to Arizona giants and tiny living 'Lithops' stones. Don't overwater any of these but mist every now and then and keep in a light position on a window sill. They may produce stunning flowers for you to enjoy.

Houseplants certainly come in a large variety of types and species. There are sizes of plants for all rooms and most don't take too much looking after.

So, as we go back indoors, why not enjoy indoor plants? With a little bit of care, they will thrive and keep the gardener happy well into the new year.

Houseplants can live for years and can be propagated when they become tired. They should be grown and very much enjoyed. Especially now, during the cold of the winter season.

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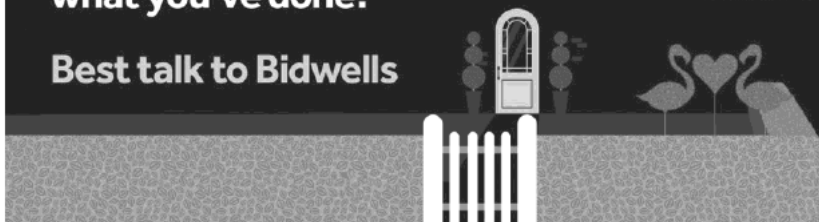
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SSYI'S NEW YOUTH CENTRE AND GROWING WORK IN THE VILLAGES

With the opening of Shelford & Stapleford Youth Initiative's new Youth Centre in Great Shelford on October 16, our work continues to grow both in the Shelfords and Stapleford and in Sawston. We now have groups on every day of the week, alongside work in the Village College, detached sessions and 1:1 support.



The new facility above the Memorial Hall has been thoroughly insulated and freshly painted with new flooring, ceiling and electrics. It is equipped with a brand new kitchen, new toilets, pool table, air hockey, table tennis, projector, darts and more!

Now it is a perfect space for running open access youth

clubs, drop in sessions and targeted groups. All of our groups are free and run to meet the needs of local young people and to help them overcome the challenges that they face.

Alongside the work we are doing in Sawston, we are currently running groups in the Youth Centre on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays (see below).

We hope to start running drop in sessions on Mondays and Thursdays and have the Centre used by young people every day. These sessions will provide a safe and comfortable space for young people to do homework, play games and chat with the youth work team.





Weekly Activities

Monday

Football | Lynton Way Rec, Sawston
3:30 - 4:45pm | Free | School Years 7 +

Tuesday

RED | SSYI Youth Centre
Relaxed Youth Club | Food | Chats | Games
6:00 - 7:30pm | Free | School Years 10+

Wednesday

Girls Group | SSYI Youth Centre
3:30 - 5:00pm | Free | School Years 7+
Message Charlie if you are going to come!

Thursday

Open Youth Club | Sawston Free Church
Food | Music | Dodgeball | Games
6:30 - 8:30pm | Free | School Years 7+

Friday

Open Youth Club | SSYI Youth Centre
Food | Music | Pool | Air Hockey | Games
6:00 - 7:30pm | Free | School Years 7-9
7:45 - 9:15pm | Free | School Years 10+

For more information contact:

Lead Youth Worker: Zac on 07599024210 or zac.britton@ssyi.club

Youth Worker: Charlie on 07704232274 or charlie.trueblood@ssyi.club

Or head to www.ssyi.club

Most of our groups and activities are dependent on volunteers and with the opening of our Youth Centre and continued expansion of our work we are looking for new people to join the team. We have a particular need for support with our Monday Football group in Sawston (3.30–4.45pm), our Wednesday Girls Group in Shelford (3.30–5pm) and our Thursday Open Access group in Sawston (6.30–8.30pm). Do get in contact with Zac if you are interested in helping out; training will be provided; DBS checks will be required. We would also value some extra help behind the scenes, supporting us with our administration and finances and a few hours a month could really help with this. Please contact Polly if you think you could help.

Finally, we wish to thank Brie Lury for providing the photos of the opening of the Youth Centre that appeared in the November magazine and to wish all our supporters and friends across the villages a very Happy Christmas!

For more information about SSYI, our work or to enquire about volunteering contact:

Zac Britton – Lead Youth Worker: 07599024210, zac.britton@ssyi.club

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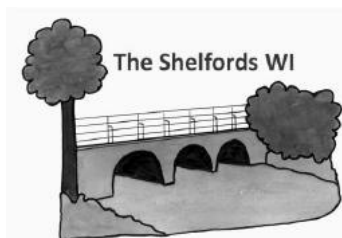
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We had a last minute change of speaker for our meeting on Thursday 4 November. Jane Kennedy was unable to attend to speak about British Sign Language and Anna Sugden, who is one of our members, stepped in at the last minute. Anna is an author of romantic fiction and her books are published in the UK and in Canada where they are also translated into French. Anna's talk was entitled '*Pink*

feather Boas and Bonbons. The Inside Scoop on Being a Romance Author'

Anna explained the enormous popularity of this genre of fiction and gave us an insight into the pressure of deadlines and writer's block. It was interesting to hear about the process of getting a book published and marketed. Anna also exploded some of the myths about this type of fiction and the people who write it. It was an excellent talk and we all agreed that other groups would enjoy it. The next meeting will be on Thursday 2 December. It will be our Christmas meeting with a Christmas craft activity and seasonal refreshments.

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

Mary Talbott

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So, come and join us at 7.30pm on a Thursday at Little Shelford Memorial Hall for very sociable games of doubles. First night is free.

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CYCLISTS ALERT!

As a resident and regular cyclist in and around Shelford, I was given a fright on Wednesday 20 October 2021 at 9.50am and want to bring the incident to the attention of both drivers and cyclists in the village.

Well lit up in my luminous yellow safety jacket, I signaled and turned sedately left from Hinton Way into Chaston Road, something I have done regularly over the years, heading for the DNA cycle track at the end of Chaston Road.

An oncoming, rather large saloon/sedan style car (pale coloured/pale grey/silver?) was coming towards me and filling the width of my lane. I applied my brakes as the vehicle was *travelling very fast* and the space on my side of the road was not wide enough for both of us. (There were three parked vehicles on the left of the driver so he/she was overtaking them all).

In the wet conditions, on a downhill slope, my braked wheel skidded slightly. Bike and I fell, fortunately fairly slowly, onto the footpath on my left. The car continued to drive, at *some speed*, (still close to the edge of the pavement) to the junction and rapidly disappeared onto Hinton Way.

A hole in the knee of my trousers, a graze on the left knee and left elbow, shaken, but otherwise able to get up and walk away with an undamaged bike, I was very lucky that day!

In light of this incident I have been back to look at and consider the Chaston Road/Hinton Way junction. Watching several confident cyclists make that same turn, they increased speed as they were going downhill. It was clear if that impatient speeding car had been there, each of them could have been hit.

Cars come and go, generally with caution, but I now think it can be quite a risky junction for the increasing number of cyclists who make that same turn, heading for the cycle track into Cambridge.

When cars are sometimes parked close to the junction they make the road too narrow for the safety of all drivers and cyclists and pedestrians, who are crossing or making turns in or out of Hinton Way and Chaston Road.

Message to pedestrians, drivers and cyclists

Do not assume that all road users in Shelford are courteous or follow safety rules. Even the quiet side roads that you use frequently can be unexpectedly unsafe.

Another danger spot for cyclists and pedestrians is at the turn from Granhams Road onto the DNA cycle track to Cambridge ... a very tight corner with a bit of a blind spot. Approach with caution!

Local resident (Name and address supplied)

GREAT SHELFORD FOOTBALL CLUB



First Team news

Four wins from four saw the first team maintain top spot in the Kershaw Premier League through September. Tightly contested home wins versus Foxton and fellow title contenders, West Wrating, along with away wins at March Town and Witchford, rounded off an impressive month of results. Shelford were boosted by the return of key players after

periods of absence due to injury towards the end of the month, with this season's signings (Jake Crow, Jamie Berryman, Josh Davies) also making an impact.

Into October and we picked up what could be a vital 3–2 at home to a new look and strong Cambridge University Press Team, with reserve's captain Jake Hayden-Smith stepping up and coming on to score the winning goal. This was followed up with away wins at Witchford, Over Sports and Fulbourn, with the only blot on the copybook, a home loss to Eaton Socon. You could throw a blanket over the top five in the league but just three points dropped across October and November puts us in good stead.

Reserve Team news

September saw the Resies win their first three games of the month. A home victory to Foxton Reserves and away wins versus Mott Macdonald and Steeple Morden. A 0–1 defeat to Barrington, in a game we should have won, saw us take 9 points out of a possible 12; a strong start to the Division 1a league campaign.

It was 10 points out of 12 for October, which began with a 2–1 win against fellow title contenders, Melbourn, at home. This was followed by a draw against West Wrating Reserves before successive home victories versus Milton Reserves and Mott Macdonald. All in all, a satisfactory month but with only ten teams in the league, things are shaping up to be very tight come the end of the season!

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Postcards collected by Eric Jacobs

OLD NEWS

Extracts from the Great Shelford Chronicle 1774–1868

*Compiled and republished by Anne George, Glynis Trundle,
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11 December 1841

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2 December 1843

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28 December 1850

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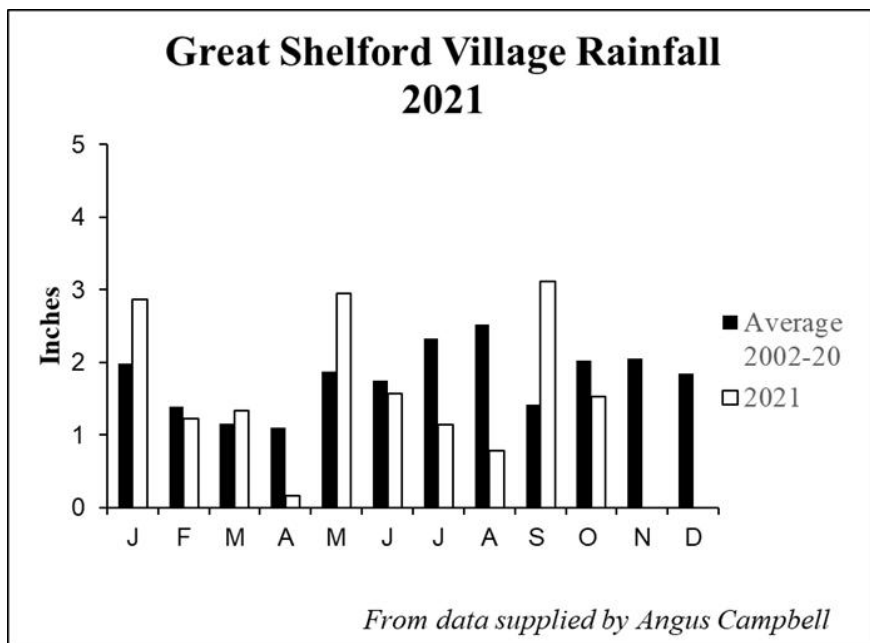
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EVENTS

December

Goldfield Ensemble

11th | Saturday | 7:45pm

Music for clarinet & string quartet including a world premiere by Matthew Kaner



Moonlight Mandolin Orchestra

12th | Sunday | 12:00pm

Cambridge's own mandolin orchestra, directed by Hugh Boyde



The Elves & the Shoemaker

16th | Thursday | 4:00pm

Exquisite children's puppetry & storytelling from Theatre of Widdershins



Candle-Lit Bach 1

16th | Thursday | 8:00pm

Music For Awhile play Bach, Corelli & Handel

Candle-Lit Bach 2

17th | Friday | 8:00pm

Jonathan Aasgaard, cello, plays Bach



Candle-Lit Bach 3

18th | Saturday | 8:00pm

Elizabeth Kenny, lute, plays Bach & Weiss

Magical Crackers

17th | Friday | 5:00pm

Illusionist & actor Peter Clifford with a family magic show



Christmas at the Granary

18th | Saturday | 11am-6pm

Festive Christmas market, live music, pop-up food

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