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Spring flowers in Halatte Gardens

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Drinking Water Concerns Pantomime Review

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**SUMMARY FROM THE UNADOPTED MINUTES OF THE
MEETING ON 19 JANUARY 2022**

No members of the public were present.

REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES

County Council

County Cllr Milnes noted that County Council committee meetings had restarted and civilian parking enforcement had moved forward. It was asked if the civilian enforcement could also include littering, idling, dog fouling, etc. To be looked into.

District Council

District Cllr Sample noted that following the Planning Inspectorate's approval of the retirement village on the land between Haverhill Road and Hinton Way, he and District Cllr Fane will be submitting a further response due to its encroachment into the green belt.

The District Council have launched grants for hospitality businesses hit by the pandemic. A request was made to find out if the Memorial Hall is eligible, and also to pass this information on to the landlord of the two pubs in the village.

COUNCIL ADMINISTRATION

It was agreed to work towards applying for the Foundation Award in the Local Council Award Scheme, which offers councils the opportunity to show they meet the standards set by the sector.

The Council thanked Rev Canon Talbott for all the time he has given the village both in his capacity as Parish Councillor and in his other roles within the village, including trustee of charities, membership of working groups, etc.

HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORT

The Traffic and Transport Infrastructure Working Group has met with Traffic Consultants to help with ideas to improve road safety around the High Street, Church Street and Woollards Lane area. It was agreed the funding for this project should be increased from £5,000 to £7,500 to allow for additional help from another consultant if needed.

It was noted that the decision to apply for a Transport and Works Act Order (TWAo) for the guided busway, Cambridge South East Transport (CSET) is to be considered by the County Council on 8 February. County Cllr Milnes was asked if he would support residents of Great Shelford and the written policy of Great Shelford Parish Council, which opposes the CSET proposal in its current form. Cllr Milnes replied that the money is from the government to alleviate

congestion into and out of the city and that it would be ‘perverse to object to something the County Council is party to’. It was resolved to send a letter to Cllr Milnes to ask for his support.

Cllr Watson and Cllr Disley have been invited to discussions with a group called ‘Better Ways than Busway’ which includes Stapleford Parish Council and other interested parties who are opposed to the CSET proposals due to the damage to the green belt. A letter composed by James Littlewood of Cambridge Past Present and Future and Edward Leigh of Smarter Cambridge is to be circulated to Councillors for their information. The group has been discussing the possibility of employing a barrister to act on their behalf at a public enquiry. It was noted that currently there is no budget for Great Shelford to help in this way, but a precedent has been set with the East West Railway campaign. It was agreed to budget up to £15,000 for this and to invite members of the group to the next meeting to discuss their plans.

COMMUNITY MATTERS

The Queen’s Platinum Jubilee Celebrations were considered by members. After a brief discussion it was agreed to see if other organisations were interested in helping to plan events for the jubilee weekend.

PLANNING MATTERS

The Parish Council has been asked if they wished to place a S106 application (an agreement between a developer and a local planning authority about measures the developer must take to reduce their impact on the community) in respect to the proposed development of retirement apartments on Station Road. It was agreed that the Clerk should put forward an application to be completed by the Council and to do the same with any other applications which may meet the same criteria, including the potential Mingle Lane development and the recently approved Retirement Village.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

The Stapleford and Great Shelford Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group are in need of a secure way to manage their finances. They have asked Great Shelford Parish Council if they would look after the funds for them, as earmarked reserves, and pay invoices as and when necessary from these funds (once approved by the Group). It was agreed to hold the Neighbourhood Plan money to support them in their endeavours.

It was agreed to employ Brookfield Groundcare to carry out Priority 3 tree work following the survey completed in 2021 at a cost of £140 + VAT. It was also agreed to employ Brookfield Groundcare to clear the soil and vegetation and to install palisade fencing around the Feast end of the shed at a total cost of £5,140.00 + VAT.

The draft budget proposed by the Finance and General Purposes Committee was considered by members. Due to the high percentage increase following the Committee's consideration in December, the Clerk and Chairman had been delegated to look at where earmarked reserves could be reallocated to bring the precept more in line with expectations. It was agreed to set the budget at £416,967 expenditure, with £25,000 coming from Earmarked Reserves, £20,000 being carried forward from the 2021/22 financial year (underspend) and a precept of £279,311.20.

CONTRACTUAL MATTERS

It was agreed that the Clerk had passed her probationary period and the role was now substantive.

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 MARCH

Annual Parish Meeting	3 March	TBC	Memorial Hall
Planning Committee	7 March	7.30pm	Sports Pavilion
Cemetery & Allotments Committee	9 March	7.00pm	Sports Pavilion
Full Council Meeting	16 March	7.00pm	Sports Pavilion
Planning Committee	21 March	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.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS PARISH COUNCIL COMMENTS

21/05381/HFUL	5 Halatte Gardens	Rear single storey extension, loft conversion with a rear dormer, roof lights to the front roof.
Application supported.		

21/05054/FUL	28 Cambridge Road	Two storey side extension and first floor rear extension.
Application supported		

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21/05276/FUL	2 Station Road	Redevelopment to form 39 retirement living apartments for older persons including communal facilities, car parking and associated landscaping.
Application supported. The plans show an improvement to the pavement running past the property, which is currently too narrow for pedestrian usage. However, the development only has one lift and the mobility scooter parking is a long way from the main entrance, both of which may be a problem for residents with mobility issues. The Parish Council would also like to discuss an S106 Agreement with the developer and planning authority.		

21/05498/HFUL	60 Cambridge Road	Single storey rear extension and front porch.
Application supported.		

21/05504/FUL	2 Walnut Drive	Convert existing double garage into a guest bedroom.
Application supported.		

21/05548/HFUL	Rectory Farm Barns The Old Forge 1 Church Street	Erection of a pergola and hard landscaping works (retrospective).
Application supported.		

21/05694/FUL	26 Cambridge Road	Demolition of existing single storey dwelling and construction of a three storey replacement dwelling with off-street parking.
Application supported.		

Planning Outcomes Approved by SCDC

Multi-level decking /play area at the Grange, 13 Church Street.

Certificate of Lawfulness for demolition of conservatory and erection of replacement orangery at 2 Walnut Drive.

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Elections We have elections in May this year with all 15 seats on the Parish Council up for election. We would love to see some new faces on the Council (we currently have three vacancies) and we would like to have two thirds of the seats elected so we can strive for Quality Council Status and to maintain our 'General Power of Competence' (GPC) which we obtained late in 2021. Holding the GPC means that we have slightly fewer restrictions on what we can and cannot do (providing that it's not illegal!). We are conscious that there are some areas of the community which are not represented on the Council. We would love to welcome you on board; please do speak to Libby if you have any questions, or visit the Electoral Commission's website: <https://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/i-am-a/candidate-or-agent/parish-council-elections-england>.

Residents look to Councillors for help, support and guidance. As a Councillor you will be able to influence decisions for the benefit of the people you serve and you will see our community change for the better as a result of these decisions. As the role is the first rung on the ladder of public office there is plenty of training available.

Nominations need to be hand delivered to the Returning Officer at South Cambridgeshire District Council between 8:30am and 5:30pm any working day between 28 March and 5 April. Nomination forms can be obtained from the Electoral Commission's website and **must not be posted**.

If you'd like further information, please don't hesitate to contact Libby, who can send you information or have an informal chat about what the role entails.

Precept At our January meeting, Great Shelford Parish Council agreed to set a precept of £279,311.20. We are waiting for the confirmed figures from South Cambs but anticipate the increase to be in the region of 10% for a Band D property which equates to **£12.09 per year**. In order to keep the precept as low as practically possible the council has agreed to reconfigure some of the Earmarked Reserves amounting to £45,000 towards projects we wish to undertake over the 2022/23 financial year. Please keep an eye out for our Business Plan which we will publish on the website in due course.

Cambridge South East Transport (CSET) The recent letter sent to our County Councillors about CSET can be found on the website on the Traffic and Transport page under GCP CSET (The Busway) <https://www.greatshelfordparishcouncil.gov.uk/gcp-cset-the-busway/>.

Don't forget to get in touch with 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 have emails too, which can be found on the website. If you do email a Councillor we ask that you copy in Libby.

Malcolm Watson, Chairman

LEVELS OF CONTAMINATION IN GREAT SHELFORD WATER SUPPLY

An article published in the *Guardian* on 8 February claimed that over 1080 residents of Great Shelford and Stapleford had been exposed to dangerous levels of a harmful chemical in their water supply.

The chemical, perfluorooctane sulphonate (PFOS) has been linked to high cholesterol, low birthweight and reduced immune response. It is a man-made chemical which persists in the environment for many years. According to the *Guardian* report, in June 2021, levels more than four times as high as the recommended limit were found in water from the aquifer close to Duxford airport, which supplies the houses of these residents. Use of this aquifer was then discontinued.

MP Anthony Browne contacted the Managing Director of Cambridge Water to express his concern. He asked whether and for how long the contamination had breached legal limits, what monitoring had taken place before and after the incident and why residents had not been informed at the time. He also requested publication of information regarding the contamination and confirmation that the water supply is currently safe.

Great Shelford Parish Council called an emergency public meeting on 9 February to discuss the issue. Andrew Lobley, Operations Director of Cambridge Water (www.cambridge-water.co.uk) and Elinor Cordiner, Head of Drinking Water and Compliance, presented and answered questions.

Andrew Lobley said that levels of PFOS were only restricted in July 2020 following changes in national guidelines after research indicated the potential dangers of the chemical. Water containing PFOs is classified into four tiers, with tier one being the lowest. All houses in Great Shelford and Stapleford receive the same blend of water from four boreholes: the Duxford aquifer and three others. Some water from these boreholes may also go to other villages in the region. When some samples from the Duxford source were found to be at tier two in June 2021, the use of this source was discontinued to avoid any potential risk, although this level was acceptable according to the guidelines and the water supplied to homes remained at tier one. The public was not informed at the time as the closure of the Duxford source was not due to a breach of safety guidelines. He also informed the meeting that the *Guardian* had not allowed Cambridge Water to reply to the article, but had amended the original article following publication to make it clear that the water was blended with other supplies before it reached households. He said it was unclear what the *Guardian's* reference to 1080 households was based on, since all houses in Great Shelford and Stapleford receive the same blend of water.

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Members of the public expressed their concern at the possibility that the water could have been contaminated for a long period of time before the use of the aquifer was discontinued and it was also felt that the limits specified as being acceptable in the guidelines may be too low. Questions were raised about the method used to calculate acceptable levels of PFOS and the frequency of monitoring of the water quality, with concern about possible spikes in pollutant levels being missed. Members of the public also asked for full details and figures for levels of PFOS to be made available. Andrew Lobley said that a letter would be sent to all residents in the next few days.

Malcolm Watson, Chair of Great Shelford Parish Council, said ‘The *Guardian* article is obviously very concerning and I hope that Cambridge Water quickly provide the data and evidence they promised at the public meeting to back up their statement that “your water supply is, and always was, safe to drink.”’

Judith Wilson

UPDATE FROM THE ‘BETTER WAYS THAN BUSWAY’ GROUP

We mentioned in our February update that Cambridgeshire County Councillors would need to vote on the Cambridge South East Transport scheme (CSET). This has been delayed because the Retirement Village and associated Country Park on land between Haverhill Road and Hinton Way have now been granted planning permission on appeal, meaning that the Greater Cambridge Partnership (GCP) are having to reconsider their original plans for the busway.

Current plans are for the busway to run through, or adjacent to, the designated Country Park between Haverhill Road and Hinton Way, meaning that its environmental impact will increase further.

We wrote to the GCP board members on 1 February asking them to reconsider their plans in light of the significant changes that have taken place and the viability of the alternative route in the A1307 corridor. At the time of writing, we have had no acknowledgement of our letter. We pointed out that:

1. Unlike the GCP’s route, the alternative route would serve the Cambridge Biomedical Campus extension identified in the new Local Plan.
2. One of the deciding factors in the GCP’s 2018 decision to discount the A1307 corridor was that it could not form part of the Cambridge Autonomous Metro (CAM). However, the proposal for the CAM has now been dropped.
3. Cambridge South Station is likely to get the go ahead. CSET will have to fit around these extensive works and this will cause inevitable delay. It

would be challenging to build both infrastructure projects in parallel. The A1307 alternative can therefore be delivered much quicker.

4. As mentioned above, a route through or alongside the new Country Park will have increased environmental impact.
5. There is every indication that most of the benefits of CSET could be delivered at a fraction of the cost by the A1307 corridor. Currently, the assessment is that CSET with its heavily engineered bridges and roadway is entirely uneconomic.

We are now preparing a petition to be presented to the South Cambridgeshire District Council calling for a debate on this subject. Just 100 signatures are needed to trigger this. Please let us know if you can support this petition and we will contact you. We really hope that our local politicians will listen. There was a well above average response to MP Anthony Browne's CSET survey, far more than from the GCP's consultations. This shows that 72% do not support the GCP's route and 75% said they would never use it. Detailed results will be available at www.anthonymbrowne.org/cset-survey.

And finally, with the SCDC election coming up in May, please consider voting for whichever political party will openly stand up for our greenbelt and countryside!

Cllr Howard Kettel Chair, Stapleford Parish Council
hkettelstaplefordpc@gmail.com

CAMBRIDGE CAKE CREATORS

Cambridge Cake Creators would like to announce that we have now moved to Stapleford Jubilee Pavilion.

If you have got the baking 'bug' during lockdown, why not join us? We are friendly enthusiastic cake decorators who have been meeting monthly for several years now, learning from guest demonstrators and sharing ideas and techniques with one another on how to improve our cake decorating skills.

We meet on the third Thursday every month (next meeting on 17 March) at Stapleford Jubilee Pavilion from 7.15–9.30pm. The cost is £10 per session, which includes tea/coffee and cake. All levels including beginners are welcome.

For more information, including programme details, please check local notice boards or contact Vanda – phone 561053 or email vanda.butler@googlemail.com or bsgcamb@hotmail.com

GREAT SHELFORD PARISH CHURCH

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News from St Mary's Church

The first thing you see in St Mary's Church as you open the door is usually a beautiful display of flowers. During Lent this is missing. We also don't sing the Gloria. We take things out in order to help us to reassess our personal and corporate life. We enter a time of reflection.



Of course, it is usual to see this as a time to think about our interior life. In addition to this, Archbishop Justin Welby has invited us to reflect on how we find our 'common consciousness' – the shared beliefs, values and moral attitudes – of the groups, church, communities and society that we belong to. He notes that if we don't think about this, it is easy for our collective conscience to be defined by what (and who) we oppose and thereby accentuate our differences, which often results in conflict and hostility and allows prejudice and injustice to prevail. As a society, there may be times when we have unknowingly acted together in ways that exclude people who are not like us. The alternative is to think about how we serve the common good. When we focus on the needs of the community and the interests of others, this draws attention to our mutual dependency and our shared humanity. It could give us new ways to love our neighbour.

At St Mary's our reflection on Justin's invitation will take a number of forms. The **Ash Wednesday service** on 2 March sets the scene for a reflection on how we can develop our interior life and our common life. The **Lent Group** at St Mary's is going to look at the book 'Embracing Justice' by Isabelle Hamley. They will meet in the Community Room at 6pm on Wednesdays from 9 March and welcome newcomers. A **Food Box** has been set up by the Church Council in the Church porch containing tins and dried food. In these difficult times, those who can't make money stretch far enough can take something out of the box and those who have enough can share.

When we eventually get to Easter Day and experience again the scent and sight of the Easter flowers – which are symbolic of resurrection life – we may also appreciate much more the things that we value as a community.

At St Mary's we are looking for new flower arrangers. We are hoping to put on a Flower Festival in September. If you would like to be involved, even if you have never arranged flowers in church before, please get in touch with me.

Rev Dr Julie Norris, Associate Priest

You will receive a warm welcome at any of the following services.

Ash Wednesday 2 March

10.30am Holy Communion

7.30pm Eucharist

Sunday 6 March (1st of Lent)

8am Holy Communion (BCP 1662)

10am Parish Communion

6.30pm Zoom service

Sunday 13 March (2nd of Lent)

8am Holy Communion (BCP 1662) – Canon Jessica Martin

10am Parish Communion – Canon Jessica Martin

6.30pm Zoom service

Sunday 20 March (3rd of Lent)

8am Holy Communion (BCP 1662)

10am Parish Communion

6.30pm Zoom service

Sunday 27 March (Mothering Sunday)

8am Holy Communion (BCP 1662) – Ven Dr Alex Hughes

10am Parish Communion – Ven Dr Alex Hughes

6.30pm Zoom service

Holy Communion (BCP 1662) is a spoken service in traditional language with a short sermon. **Parish Communion** is our main service with music, a sermon, children's activities and Holy Communion. Our **Zoom Service** is a time of reflection following a variety of different styles; to request the link email revjulienorris@gmail.com.

Our **Midweek Holy Communion Service** is still suspended.

Children are especially welcome at **Parish Communion**. On the first Sunday of every month, there is the **St Mary's Sunday Club** with a story and activities for children of all ages. On 6 March the theme will be 'Temptation'. On other Sundays, there is an activity for children during the service. For more details, contact gillian.pett29@gmail.com. Helpers are welcome!

From the Registers:

Funerals: 4 February

Stephanie O'Farrell

Deanery Matters The Rev Michael Wilcockson, Associate Priest at Linton, has been appointed as the Rural Dean. There will be a Deanery Fair on 9 April in Great Shelford Village Hall.

Vacancy St Mary's is currently drawing up the Parish Profile, which looks at what the Church does and values and what is looked for in their next Priest incumbent.

Tree Felling A large dead Bhutan pine tree in St Mary's churchyard is going to be removed by contractors on 4, 5 and 6 April. A new tree will then be planted. In order for this to happen, the contractors will need to park along the roadside outside the Church. They will take up all the space from the gate to the double yellow lines. This will impact on parking for the school and church during these days.

For more information about Great Shelford Parish Church

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**THE VILLAGE NEWS SAYS GOODBYE TO
LORRAINE**

After working as an editor of the Village News for ten years, helping in the production of more than 120 issues of the magazine, Lorraine Coulson has decided to stand down.

We thank Lorraine for all her work and support over the years. We'll miss her clear judgement and technical expertise and wish her all the best for the future.



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PLAYSCAPE: VOICES AND VOLUNTEERS

With the success of the Playscape under our belts, we are now looking at large grants for the Wheelscape, a small skate park designed by specialists for all types of wheels: from bikes to boards, skates to wheelchairs. This is a crucial element of the adopted Master Plan that grew out of major consultations and it seeks to cater for learners through to the more experienced, with Cam Skate and the SSYI's resident experts reviewing the design for us.

Demonstrating demand is essential for any grant application and it has been a while since our original consultations (indeed skateboarding is now an Olympic sport!) so we want to understand how far people travel to access skate parks now and what a difference having a local one will make for them. If you use skate parks (or more importantly, would like to) please consider writing us a letter of support or completing our survey. You can find the link on our home page www.shelfordplayscape.org (where you can also donate).

Speaking of donating, we are very grateful that the *Village News* has kindly awarded us £1000 towards the Wheelscape. Thank you, Village News team!

Fun Run: Save the date and help needed

Sunday 11 September 2022. We'll be back raising more money for the Wheelscape! We have also been thinking about succession planning. The Fun Run raises around £5000 every year and is a wonderful village event. We want to see this event return year after year, benefiting the local community long after the Wheelscape is built, but we need to make it sustainable for our committee and so are looking for volunteers to join us either as a new race director or a committee member.

The race director is an important role (they chair the committee and lead on the race side of things), but there's a whole support team that covers everything else from organising the road closure to overseeing publicity and securing volunteers. It is a well oiled machine these days and now would be a good time to join us to learn the ropes as we organise this year's event.

We would also consider partnering with another local charity to deliver the event together and share the proceeds. Please contact Holly Barr on funrun@shelfordplayscape.org for more details.

And finally...

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ONE BODY

I recently woke up in the night and was conscious of some discomfort – not from my chronically aching knees, nor back pain, as had been the case a couple of years ago, but from a tiny cut on my thumb. I was aware of it, albeit intermittently, for the next few days, until it healed. We tend to take the efficient working of our amazing bodies for granted, until something goes wrong. Sometimes it's a major part, such as the heart, at other times something relatively minor and trivial such as my cut thumb, but in both cases our bodies are no longer 'whole'.

So it is with our church community. The apostle Paul put it this way in the 12th chapter of 1 Corinthians:

25-26 The way God designed our bodies is a model for understanding our lives together as a church: every part dependent on every other part, the parts we mention and the parts we don't, the parts we see and the parts we don't. If one part hurts, every other part is involved in the hurt, and in the healing. If one part flourishes, every other part enters into the exuberance. You are Christ's body – that's who you are! You must never forget this.

It's easy to see in a church who does the 'big' jobs such as preaching the sermon and easy too to see church as some kind of performance, with the key players up front while everyone else watches and listens. Yet God places equal importance on those who work behind the scenes; those who phone someone lonely, fill in tedious paperwork, put out the bins or wash the tea towels. If someone is doing nothing because they feel they have nothing of value to offer, that is not God's way – what he wants is not our ability, but our *availability*.

Often in secular life too, we see the big jobs as being the ones that matter, yet the past two years have taught us how those delivery drivers, care home workers, mums who've taken a career hit to allow them to home school are as valuable, if not more so, than those who run the country.

God never despises the little things. When the boy brought his five loaves and two fish, one of the disciples said to Jesus, '*What are they among so many?*' (John 6:8). God did not despise the boy's small lunch and we should not despise the little things that we have right now, even though other people may do so. In God's hands, the little things in your hands can multiply and grow.

Liz Jenkin - Elder, Great Shelford Free Church



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We're back! The week-long Shelford Feast returns!

This year Feast Sunday has moved to the beginning of Feast Week and gives us exciting events on two Saturdays!

One outstanding new event to add to the familiar evenings is **Strictly Shelford** – A Dance Extravaganza. For all those who enjoy watching dance on stage.

The first half of the evening will feature performances from local youth dance groups, giving them the opportunity to perform in front of a discerning audience for perhaps the first time.

The second half of the show will feature a special performance from ex-Strictly professionals Vincent

Simone and Ian Waite taken from their new touring show, Act 2.

So here's the provisional outline of the week. Put the dates in your diary now!



Saturday 2 July	Beer Festival (afternoon) followed by Big 10 Ska
Sunday 3 July	Feast Day
Monday 4 July	Sawston Youth Drama (to be confirmed)
Tuesday 5 July	Strictly Shelford Event
Wednesday 6 July	Comedy Night
Thursday 7 July	Quiz
Friday 8 July	Tony Hadley (marquee)
	Daniela Rossi (church concert)
Saturday 9 July	Trevor Nelson

More details are on our freshly designed website at www.shelfordfeast.co.uk.

Tickets will be in local shops nearer the time but if you wish to order early, go online to our ticketing site at Eventbrite.co.uk and search for Shelford Feast (there is a small extra charge for online purchases).

Duncan Grey

SHELFORD SCHOOL

One of the most interesting and rewarding responsibilities of a Governor at Shelford School is visiting the school to observe and speak to the children. The children are always a delight and very enthusiastic. Sadly, during the Covid pandemic visits were not possible, although communications by email enabled progress to be monitored even if contact with the pupils was missing. It is encouraging to note that activities and enrichment opportunities are returning as restrictions ease.



On 2 February, Year 2 led the service celebrating Candlemas at St Mary's Church. This was an excellent example of using re-enactment to experience the meaning of this festival as pupils portrayed Joseph and Mary presenting Jesus in the Temple in Jerusalem and their meeting with Simeon and Anna. As always the service was very moving and everyone is grateful to Year 2 and their teachers for their imaginative hard work.

The curriculum theme for the first half of the Spring term is *Our Environment: Local and Global*. Work associated

with that theme has enabled 'travel' in innovative, virtual ways to many places.

Year 2 have been exploring the Great Wall of China and ancient Chinese culture, whilst building the Shelford Great Wall. The whole school then enjoyed celebrating Chinese New Year with a special lunchtime menu including Fortune cookies for everyone! One pupil even created a beautiful dragon's head which took pride of place at lunch time.

Meanwhile, Year 5 have been investigating Ancient Egypt through their curriculum subjects; they even created living art shapes in the playground during their PE lesson, forming pyramids, cartouches and even the Sphinx!

Throughout the school such enrichment activities take place in all classes from Reception to Year 6, to add joy in addition to learning in every subject.

The curriculum theme continues to develop the focus on concerns for the environment, especially our climate. The Eco committee meet regularly and are investigating ways in which they can collaborate with partner schools to study the topic. They have also created a display for the school library to illustrate their work and inspire their fellow pupils to appreciate the issues.

Finally, to finish a busy first half term, pupils in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will take part in a Circus Skills Workshop on 10 February before everyone is able to enjoy a well earned break.

Every term is full of such enriching activities which our pupils experience at Shelford School and the governors are very grateful to Mr Grey and all the staff for all they do to provide such excellent opportunities despite the Covid restrictions over the last two years.

Gillian Scahill, Foundation Governor

LITTLE SHELFORD MEMORIAL HALL FILM EVENING

There will be a Memorial Hall film evening showing of **Red** on Saturday 9 April. Doors open at 7.30pm for an 8pm start with a break for supper of fish and chips.

Red is a 2010 American action comedy film with an excellent cast including Bruce Willis, Morgan Freeman, John Malkovich and Helen Mirren. The film follows Frank Moses (Willis), a former black-ops agent who reunites with his old team to capture an assassin who has vowed to kill him. The film grossed \$199 million worldwide and received a Golden Globe nomination for Best Musical or Comedy Film in 2011.

Tickets (£12.50 per person) will be available from Sarah Coppendale (842498) coppendales@btinternet.com and Diana Haines (841415) dianahaines42@icloud.com

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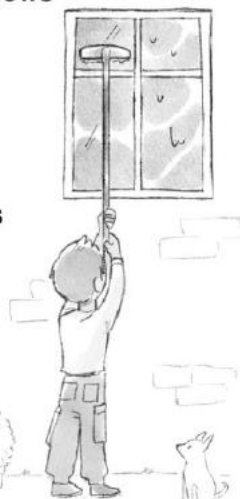
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Sandra East, Head of Patient Services

ROAD CLOSURES

One thing worse than a road closure is a road that is closed for no reason.

We all know that roads must be closed so pipes and cables, subsidence and potholes, services and highways works can go on safely and efficiently – but

only if they are really necessary.



So while I was happy for the 25 metre stretch of road outside Mill Court to be closed while men in white vans dug and fiddled and pulled and tightened curious bits of pipe, I was less pleased to find that the next day the road closure signs remained, but the hard working men had gone. And I admit that, after making a

reconnaissance on foot, I then drove my car into the village, there and back along the closed road.


The signs still stand there, warning all comers. Have the white van men stayed away because of the rain? Or are they just flagging up that Highways have forgotten to take them down?

I notice that I'm not the only driver to ignore the signs today. The worry is that next time they may drive into a genuine road disruption.

Duncan Grey

DIARY MARCH 2022

Date	Event	Time	Place
3	Annual Parish Council meeting	TBC	Memorial Hall
3	WI AGM and talk	7.30pm	St Mary's Community Room
8	Granta Flower Club	7pm	Memorial Hall
9	Cactus Society	7.30pm	
12	Bowls Club table top sale	9am	Memorial Hall
26	SSYI Big Breakfast	8am–11.30am	Little Shelford Memorial Hall
2, 9, 16, 23	Country Market	9am–11.30am	Memorial Hall
26	Farmers' Market	9am–12pm	Memorial Hall

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Once again, on a cold February evening, we had a good turnout and thoroughly enjoyed the presentation by our visiting speaker, who had returned for a second visit, this time to talk on the subject of Clarence House. Sheila Edgar is a wonderful, interesting and clear speaker who gave a fascinating historical account of the house, its past residents and the many alterations since it was designed and built by John Nash in 1825.

The imposing house and gardens have seen many changes and additions. Sheila guided us through the house with the help of photos and we were able to imagine how Queen Victoria lived there. Other members of the Royal family, including Prince Charles, the Queen Mother, Prince Philip and our Queen, all loved the house and garden, so close to central London and yet so peaceful and secluded. The various galleries, libraries and collections all reflect the passions and interests of the many families who have resided there. In normal times there are guided tours of the house, pre booking required.

Our next meeting on 3 March will be our AGM at which we must vote for our President and new committee. Mr. Chris Chippendale will attend this meeting and will give a talk on Lasting Power of Attorney. Visitors are always welcome to attend for £4.

Rosemary Livings, President



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PLAN UPDATE

A steering group of Stapleford and Great Shelford Parish Councillors and residents has been making good progress on the early stages of the villages’ combined neighbourhood plan. This is our unique opportunity to create a shared vision of what is important to us and how we want to develop and use our land over the next 15–20 years.

Once completed, the plan will provide a set of legal policies – tailored specifically to our area – and sit alongside the Greater Cambridge local plan and the National Planning Policy Framework when assessing planning applications in our area.

Preparing for initial community engagement

We are preparing for initial consultation with residents in spring 2022. Consciously or subconsciously, we have all weighed up what is important to us about the place we live. Without asking too many detailed questions too early in the process, this is what the steering group needs to begin to pin down so we can then think about what needs to be done to make Stapleford and Great Shelford better places to live and work.

We will start by asking basic questions about planning related matters across seven main categories, such as:

Categories	Questions
Housing	What’s good and needs conserving?
Local design and character	
Heritage	
Natural environment and green spaces	What needs fixing?
Amenities and infrastructure	What’s missing?
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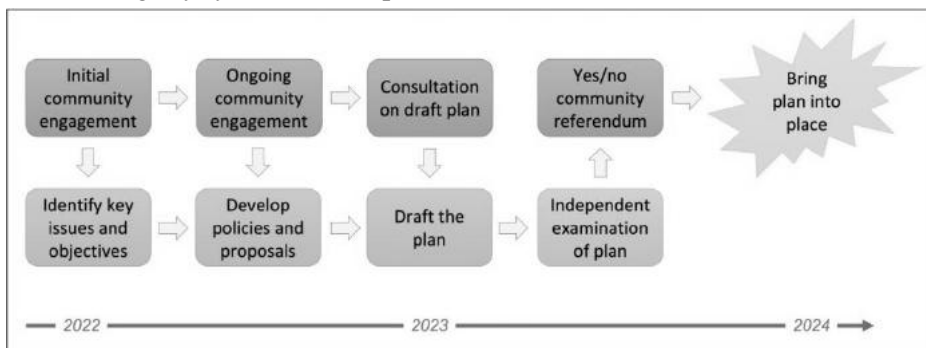
Answers to these questions will shape more detailed surveys, focus groups and other meetings with residents, businesses, workers, service providers and landowners. It is our aim that everyone will have opportunities to participate, whether face to face, by phone, online or via social media. It does not matter whether you wish to comment on one, a selection, or all of these categories; your views are invaluable.

Turning engagement into evidence ... and evidence into policies

The outcomes of community engagement will be combined with other information (such as housing needs analysis, local character assessment and local plan data) to create a large evidence base. From this, the steering group will distil a vision for what Stapleford and Great Shelford aspire to look like at the end of the neighbourhood plan period, roughly 20 years from now. A set of more specific objectives will describe what needs to be done to deliver this vision, for example promote a range of housing sizes and types which are integrated into the community; protect, enhance and expand our green spaces and access to the surrounding countryside, linking them for the benefit of wildlife and nonmotorised users. The vision and objectives will be the subjects of further community input.

Following this, a set of planning policies will be created to turn the objectives into action. These are the most important outcomes of any neighbourhood plan because they form part of the statutory development plan against which planning applications are assessed.

In the final stages, the draft neighbourhood plan will be put out for consultation to the people who live, work or run businesses in Stapleford and Great Shelford, plus various bodies whose interests may be affected by the plan, such as the Environment Agency and Natural England. A revised plan is then submitted for independent examination. The examiner will consider whether the proposed neighbourhood plan meets the basic conditions and other legal requirements set out by law. If found satisfactory, the neighbourhood plan will return to Stapleford and Great Shelford for a referendum – a yes/no poll in which you will be asked ‘Do you want South Cambridgeshire District Council to use the neighbourhood plan for Stapleford and Great Shelford to help it decide planning applications in the neighbourhood area?’ If more than 50% of those voting say ‘yes’, then our plan will come into force.



Final thoughts

Producing a neighbourhood plan is very definitely a lengthy and intricate process with many different parts! But, by the end of it we – the people who know and love Stapleford and Great Shelford most of all – will have written new planning laws and achieved greater control over development in our area. And that really is a vision worth aspiring to.

If you'd like to know more, look out for regular updates via *Stapleford Messenger*, *Great Shelford Village News*, local Facebook pages and e-newsletters, Parish Council meeting minutes and school *Parentmail*.

Coming very soon is our new neighbourhood plan website (www.greatshelfordparishcouncil.gov.uk/staplefordandgreatshelfordneighbourhood-plan), with direct links from both Parish Councils' homepages.

Cllr Jenny Flynn, Chair of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

CAMBRIDGE FLOWER CLUB

The first meeting of our new season will be held at 7.15pm on Thursday 17 March at Whittlesford Memorial Hall, Mill Lane, Whittlesford CB22 4NE.

The demonstrator will be Terri Potter and her title is 'This Way and That'.

On 21 April, our demonstrator is David Wright with 'All things bright and beautiful'.

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LITTLE SHELFORD PANTOMIME 2022

BABES IN THE WOOD: REVIEW

Following a curtailed pandemic 'Pantomime' last year, greasepaint was once more applied, thighs slapped, costumes stitched and LFT'd tonsils warmed and stretched, all under the watchful eye of Dame Dick Wallin, who directed with characteristic aplomb, ably assisted by Heidi Meikle.



The particular woods in which these Babes found themselves lost were located in Wandlebury, with our heroes, Hansel and Gretel, played with alacrity by Archie Meikle and Emma Quinnell (filling in last minute for the Covid-struck Lucy Christelow), bemoaning

a dull Boxing Day walk.

A magic door transported them and us to a world beyond, a world of pure imagination as illuminated in song by Oliver Moss as our fabulous Dame Granny Gertie, accompanied by a chorus of woodland creatures with fur, ears and tails liberally stapled or glued to whichever body part had been presented to the superbly creative wardrobe department, marshalled by Charlotte Chatwin and her assistants.



There was enough sugary sweetness on stage to induce cavities galore, which our witch with wicked wantonness proceeded to repurpose as a candy cladding for her cottage, all the better to capture Hansel and Gretel. Olivia Henry was excellent as Sybil the Witch, with equally



menacingly comedic familiars played by Ellen Arthurs and Sally Hudson and a pair of hapless wolves in the shape of Jonathan Eames-Cartwright and Charlie Fulton, both of whom were determined to make a quick meal of Little Red Riding Hood (Poppy Henson).

Red was more than capable of looking after herself though, with



her band of fairytale sisters in Goldilocks, Rapunzel, Mary Quite Contrary and the Little Misses Bo Peep and Muffett, played with panache by Eira Sheridan, Rafaela Wilkinson, Zosia Zmija, Freya Cameron and Alexa Bendelack respectively.

And, in a surprising turn of fictional poetic licence, Hood's brother was none other than the scourge of tax evaders in the Middle Ages midlands himself, Robin Hood. Robin attempted throughout to win the heart of Maid Marian and Theo Lury as Robin and Chloe Freeman as Marian proved more than adept at the big power ballads.

It takes allsorts to create panto magic and the expertly staged fluorescent scene was no exception, with Bertie Bassett himself making an appearance, thanks to the brilliance of Nikki Wilkinson and her team.





Following a comic turn by a scene stealing quartet of cantankerous Yorkshiremen, out-Pythoning Monty Python in their tales of lockdown hardship, Robin and his Merry Men gathered their courage to thwart the evil machinations of the dastardly Sheriff of Nottingham, played with villainous vigour by Thomas Milne.

The musical accompaniment throughout was excellently provided by the diligent digits of Greg Morris and the repertoire was as wide as the audience acclaim,

with songs stretching from Dukas to Duran, Sinatra (Frank AND Nancy) and Sugarhill Gang with all stops in between. A particular highlight was a tear-jerking 'Bright Eyes' performed by clear voiced rabbits and hedgehogs. The future of Little Shelford panto looks safe in the hands of all its talented young chorus members.

All of our heroes happily escaped unscathed as the more carnivorous amongst the Pantoland gangsters decided not to put the fairytale folk in the pot, but opt for a meat free January instead.

The choreography was beautifully directed under the auspices of Cheryl Smythe and Emma Christelow and the whole thing was Covid-coordinated to perfection, as usual, by the indefatigable Sarah Cappendale.

It was a splendidly entertaining romp, scripted by Libby Ahluwalia, spreading much needed love and good cheer (whilst maintaining social distance, of course) through post festive Little Shelford. Roll on 2023!

Pete Wilkinson

Photos by Louise Guron and Brie Lury

APRIL ISSUE OF THE VILLAGE NEWS

The deadline for copy for the next issue of the *Great Shelford Village News* is Friday 11 March and it should be available on Friday 25 March, with subscribed copies delivered shortly thereafter.

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Saturday 26 March 8am to 11.30am

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The 2022 Big Breakfast* is back to our normal spring slot at Little Shelford Memorial Hall. A variety of breakfast food will be available, from cereals, toasts and pancakes to a traditional cooked 'Full English'.

There will be live piano music played by David Adams and newspapers will be available. Relax and chat with friends. Meet the SSYI Team and hear about their work while enjoying a great hearty breakfast, good company and good music.

We will be raising funds for SSYI, the Christian community-based charity providing youth clubs and activities for all 11–18-year-olds across our three villages. A minimum donation of £5 towards breakfast costs would be appreciated.

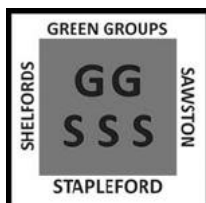
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2G3S

Recent events



Our talk by the leader of Camlets, Peter Pope, on 7 February was very interesting. He explained the group had been in existence since 1993 and averaged about 135 members. LETS stands for Local Exchange Trading System. It is a skill sharing club, where people swap services or the loan of a piece of equipment. Services include batch cooking, PYO, lifts to places, DIY jobs,

gardening, babysitting, computer skills, plant swaps and clothes swaps. They hold regular meetings at which craft items that people have made can be 'sold'.

There is a currency, called a Cam, but people are very flexible, charging what they feel is right for the job in hand. Over time the members' trust in each other has grown and close friendships have formed. There are groups all over the world, and they flourish in communities that are struggling, as they give mutual aid to all involved, thus strengthening relationships and helping all. Sounds like something we could do with more of in these selfish times! If you are interested in finding out more or even joining the group, they are keen to recruit new members. Look them up at camlets.org.uk.

You may have visited our Repair Café on 12 February, but if you missed it and have broken items, don't throw them away but keep them for the next Repair Café.

Future dates

Wednesday 2 March, 8pm: planning meeting (hybrid or Zoom).

Saturday 19 March, 2–4pm: Nature Walk at Wandlebury with the knowledgeable John O'Boyle.

Wednesday 6 April, 8pm: We hope to have a talk on River Conservation and The Wild Trout Trust (TBC).

You can find out more on our website or by emailing us at the address below.

Green tips

The garden season is beginning, so to help the planet you can buy peat free compost, and try growing some vegetables this year if you haven't before. Even a courgette plant, some herbs in a tub or a few tomato plants on the windowsill give great satisfaction as you harvest, cook and eat your produce.

Grow a row

In lockdown, Cambridge Sustainable Food set up a scheme to collect and redistribute fruit and vegetables for those in food poverty. Food banks usually only give out non-perishable food, so this new venture is very valuable. They are looking to expand their operation, and invite people to grow vegetables for their scheme – could be somewhere to donate that mountain of runner beans you get off your allotment? More information at cambridgesustainablefood.Org/news/2021/1/5/grow-a-row-in-cambridge.

Reading and links

Members of 2G3S are forming a book club. Suggested reading includes *Wilding* by Isabella Tree, *English Pastoral* by James Rebanks, and *How Bad are Bananas?* by Mike Berners-Lee – why not try one of these yourself? And you've all heard of solar panels – what about solar trees? They take up less ground space and provide shade and wildlife habitats in cities. See article at ecowatch.com/solar-trees.html

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

Helen Hale

GREAT SHELFORD MOBILE WARDEN SCHEME

The Great Shelford Mobile Warden Scheme was established in 1996 and is an asset valued by the elderly residents of our village.



Our aim is to help our members remain in their own homes. We achieve this by providing daily phone calls, regular visits to help with shopping, post office collections, and management of prescriptions, and by undertaking other essential jobs in the local area. As well as carrying out small tasks such as 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 the following:

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 hand over 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.

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SAWSTON FUN RUN IS BACK ON 8 MAY

The Fun Run and Walk, having already raised over half a million pounds over the years, is set to return to its pre Covid highly successful format on 8 May with entry registrations being available from mid-February, exclusively on the new improved event's website www.sawstonfunrun.org.

Cambridge Sawston Rotary, the organisers, aim to create an event experience similar to that enjoyed by thousands at previous events but also to maximise the entrants' own fundraising capabilities by repeating what was achieved by the entrants in the 2020 Challenge event who, having pledged to raise £10,000, finished up by raising a staggering £26,000.

Information and the registration facility are on the new website with fees before 8 May being £12 for adults and £6 for children in School Years 1 to 11. The proceeds will go to **East Anglia's Children's Hospice [EACH]** at Milton, Cambridge, to **Rowan**, a local charity that supports adults with learning disabilities and to other local charities and organisations.

The routes will be the traditional, 7.4 kilometre route around Sawston that appeals to all sections of the running community and the shorter 3.8 kilometre route that appeals to families and young children, many of whom are in fancy dress. The venue will be Sawston Village College where there will also be attractions so, subject to prevailing Covid regulations, the event will be very similar to those of the past.

The event has two new major event sponsors – Boswells, the local family bakery and Mica Hardware, Sawston. 'We are so pleased that these two local businesses who recognise how much the community value this event have stepped forward in a generous way to become our new event sponsors,' said the event coordinator, Gerry Holloway.

Other new sponsors are The Hill Group, Auto Now and Red Graphic, which join Adams Harrison; Adcock Refrigeration, Gibbs Denley, Morgan Sindall, Sawston Parish Council, Star Radio, Stagecoach and CityView.

Tina Burdett, Community Fundraising Manager of EACH, said 'I'm delighted that East Anglia's Children's Hospices have been selected by Cambridge Sawston Rotary to be a beneficiary of the 2022 Sawston Fun Run. The event is a local institution and has done so much to help local organisations over its thirty fiveyear history, it is an honour to be involved.'

Rose Bloomfield, Fundraising Engagement Manager, said 'We are so happy to be involved with the Sawston Fun Run this year and all the funds raised will enable Rowan to continue to support local adults with learning disabilities.'

Tony Collett

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Kari Payne

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

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

1 March 1845

THE RAILWAY – a temporary bridge has been made over the road, where the Railroad crosses the same between Shelford and Stapleford, until a more substantial one can be erected for the convenience of passengers along the road, while the trains will cross beneath. An immense quantity of earth forming an inclined plane, an approach on each side to the above, has been thrown up some months, and for the last few weeks has been used with safety for all the purposes of an old established road. On Wednesday morning last, Cleminson's wagon, from St Ives to London was detained a few hours, owing to the wheels sinking in, and the horses being unable to move it. Not the slightest blame attaches to any person; the detention arose from the heavy and continued rain of Tuesday night. It is but justice to the Company to state, they keep a man with a powerful team of horses to help teams up the slopes during the day – but this happening about four in the morning, the waggoner very wisely baited his six horses until about eight o'clock when getting assistance, he started – the waggon being drawn to Stapleford by ten horses. Two watchmen with lamps are constantly engaged during the night.

22 March 1856

LAYING THE FOUNDATIONS OF A NEW BAPTIST CHAPEL – On Wednesday last the village of Gt. Shelford was visited by a numerous assembly of persons from Cambridge and the surrounding neighbourhood to witness the ceremony of the laying of the foundation stone of the new Baptist Chapel. A special train left Cambridge for that place and having reached its destination the company immediately proceeded to the site of the new building, a very suitable piece of ground in the centre of the village, presented by Mr Richard Maris, and over which a large tent had been erected.

At five o'clock tea was provided in Mr Clark's barn, generously lent for the occasion, and to which a very large marquee was attached. Nearly five hundred persons were present. In the evening a very impressive and eloquent sermon was preached by the Rev. C. H. Spurgeon, to a congregation of about one thousand persons.

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to walk on your own or with a group, all the information is there in one place.

John Harris (the custodian of the website) said ‘There is so much walking information on the web but it is difficult to find. Walking in Cambridgeshire (part of the Walking in England website – which covers each county in England) has brought it together in one place so whether you are walking from home, or are away on holiday, you will be able to find a walk suitable for you.’

With walks from half a mile to over twelve miles long and notes on suitability for pushchairs and wheelchairs, everyone can find a walk to enjoy. So home or away, check out the websites and get walking!

John Harris
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From 1 February there will be an additional bus service from Hauxton and Little Shelford to Great Shelford. This will be three journeys of the No 32 service operated by A2B Travel Group.

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JULIAN MEREDITH: MIGRATION

NEW PRINT EXHIBITION AT STAPLEFORD GRANARY

It's a sunny day in August 2021 and artist and beekeeper Julian Meredith is pacing around the little orchard area at the back of the Granary looking out to the field. He's curious about how long and how quickly the grass grows and wondering if he can 'mow something' into it.

This is Julian's first site visit to Stapleford Granary in preparation for his solo artist exhibition in March 2022. Since that day, I've had endlessly fascinating conversations with Julian and the idea that he might mow something in the grass now seems unsurprising and entirely in keeping with the unique way he sees and moves through the world.

Meredith's art is a practice that grows directly from the natural world. Railing against the loss of habitat and the extinction of familiar creatures, he creates powerful life size prints of dead animals in his signature Prussian blue, from huge 8 foot long tuna and the fins of whales down to a tiny 4cm shrew. His outdoor sand sculptures and earth works in chalk and stone include a 400 foot white whale cut into the limestone of the Coed Hills. His art is suggestive of something that 'once was'... a trace of life, a fossil, a remnant. Speaking about his hand burnished elm wood prints, he describes the printed paper coming off the block as being '*like the spirit of fossilized wood*'.



Conversation with Julian Meredith also shifts seamlessly between art and nature. Over a couple of hours we talk about eels, paper, light, tuna, bees, the colour blue, shrews, observation, water, salmon, ink, fishing, chalk streams ... I'll be chatting to Julian again here at the Granary on **Friday 4 March** at the launch of his **MIGRATION** exhibition. We'll be exhibiting a range of his extraordinary and thought provoking prints until **24 May**. (To avoid disappointment, looking at the grass right now I have to say that I think its unlikely there will be 'something mown' in the next few weeks... maybe he'll drop in again before the exhibition ends!)

Launch event: Friday 4 March, 6pm - 8pm (artist talk 7pm)

Free, but please book a place via the EVENTS page on the website
www.staplefordgranary.org.uk/whats-on/events or phone us on 01223 849004.

Julian Meredith exhibition information:

www.staplefordgranary.org.uk/whats-on/exhibitions-overview

We look forward to seeing you soon!

Kate & the Stapleford Granary team

BARTON DRAMA GROUP

Some of you may have been to the wonderful past productions staged by Barton Drama Group. Sadly, due to the pandemic and the lack of local youthful input, it is likely that the Barton Drama Group will cease to be. There will be an Extraordinary General Meeting to decide its fate:

Barton Drama Group EGM

Monday 11 April at 7.30 pm

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The Group would like to invite as many people as possible to attend so that full options can be discussed and to raise a glass to past productions. If you would like any more details, please contact:

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First Team news

December and January proved to be another couple of hugely impressive months for the first team: six wins from a possible six in the league keeps us top of the league with nine games to go! Away wins versus Hemingfords and Linton added to four home wins versus March Town Res, Witchford, Fulbourn and Ely Res.



January saw back to back cup games; we fell on penalties to West Wrating in one, but defeated Ely Res in the other, keeping us in contention, coming into the business end of the season.

An interesting few weeks ahead!

Reserve Team news

A game shy fixture list for the reserves but a perfect four wins from four added to a great first half of the season. Our first game after the break was away to a stuffy Cottenham, who we saw off with a deserved 1-2 win. This was followed up by a cup win away at Fenstanton and the defeat of West Wrating Res, 5-1.

The reserves remain second in the league, with four games in hand, thanks to solid cup runs. We progressed to the semis of the Creake Charity Shield and have an upcoming quarter final in the Cambs Junior Cup. An equally interesting few weeks ahead for the resies!

As always both teams would greatly appreciate your local support. Fixtures can be found on the Cambridgeshire County League website <https://tinyurl.com/4p6v8aau> (Kershaw Premier are the First Team, and Kershaw 1A the Reserve Team.)

Chris Gethins

BOWLS CLUB

The Great Shelford Bowls Club is looking forward to a year of some normality so that we can enjoy playing bowls and socialising as we have in the past.

Our first opportunity to get together with the public and our members will be at one of our bi-annual tabletop sales held in Great Shelford Memorial Hall on Saturday 12 March. The doors will open at 9.30am with tea/coffee and bacon baps. This year we have decided not to charge for a table.



If you would like to participate, please contact Sheila Fettes on 01223 630073. We will be advertising locally, shortly.

Our next event will be a coffee morning at the Bowls Club on 9 April at 10am where everyone, including existing and we hope some new members, will be welcome to attend and discuss what we have to offer.

We all look forward to seeing you at one of our events.

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TENNIS CLUB

LOOKING AHEAD TO SUMMER



Although the grass is covered in frost as I write this and summer seems far away, the days are slowly but surely getting longer. Spring bulbs are getting ready to bloom and the sun, when it shines, is getting warmer. This means that preparations are underway at the tennis club for the summer playing and social seasons.

Our captains are busy entering and resourcing teams, as well as attempting to secure tennis balls for a whole year's worth of matches. There is currently a nationwide shortage of tennis balls, as for so many other things.

Our events team, meanwhile, are getting ready to host a Charity Day followed by the annual club quiz on 14 May. Members should look out for details of how to take part on the website and in your inboxes very soon.

Our facilities manager is working on an upgrade to our floodlights, as we'll be switching to LEDs in March. These super-efficient lamps will replace our existing bulbs with high quality light that comes on quickly – no more tenminute warm up period – and should help to reduce the club's environmental footprint.

The Annual General Meeting of the club will also take place in the not too distant future, along with membership renewals for the upcoming year. Our membership remains open for newcomers and returners, so get in touch now if you are interested in joining the club.

Angharad Harris

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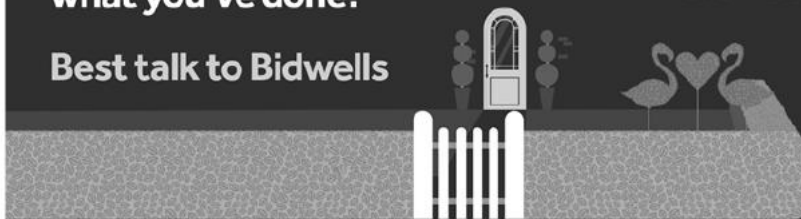
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WHAT'S ON IN MARCH

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

13	Footlights
14 – 19	Private Peaceful
20 – 22	Balletboyz: Deluxe
30 March – 2 April	Priscilla Queen of the Desert
Telephone: 01223 503333 Web: www.cambridgeartstheatre.com	
Telephone: 01223 357891	
Web: https://www.cambridgelive.org.uk/tickets/contact-us	

KETTLES YARD

12 Feb – 19 June	Ai Weiwei: The Liberty of Doubt
Booking recommended	
Telephone: 01223 748100 Web: www.kettlesyard.co.uk	

STAPLEFORD GRANARY

2	7.45pm	McGoldrick, McCusker & Doyle
5	7.45pm	Iain Ballamy & Huw Warren
11	7.45pm	Pixels Ensemble
12	7.45pm	Salt House
13	12.00pm	Megson Family Concert
19	7.45pm	Lauren Zhang
20	7.45pm	Edison Herbert Trio
24	7.45pm	Stan Sulzmann & Nikki Iles Trio
25	7.45pm	Ariel Lanyi, Charlie Lovell-Jones & Yoanna Prodanova Trio
26	7.45pm	Musica Secreta
Telephone: 01223 849004 Web: www.staplefordgranary.org.uk		

HOW TO CONTACT GREAT SHELFORD VILLAGE NEWS

We are pleased to receive articles, letters and notices for community events for consideration. Please send by email (preferably as a Word document), or send paper items, 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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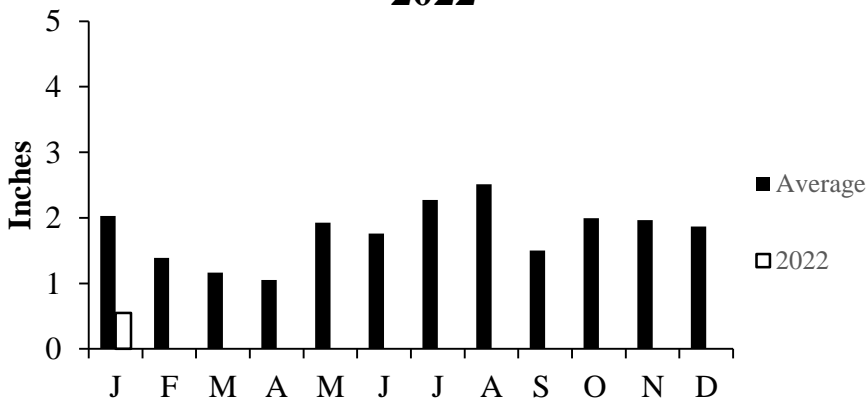
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