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The fall of a churchyard tree – removal of dead Bhutan pine

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Busway controversy continues

From the Cam to the Channel – a swimmer's story

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SUMMARY FROM THE UNADOPTED MINUTES OF THE MEETING ON 16 MARCH 2022

One member of the public was present.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION

A resident expressed concern that Cambridge Water has appeared to fail on their promises to provide certain data to residents of the village. The letters sent to residents do not give the information that was requested.

REPORTS FROM COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCIL MEMBERS

It was noted that the report from the County Councillors has not been received. The report from District Councillors was included in the meeting papers and circulated prior to the meeting.

COUNCIL ADMINISTRATION

Local Council Award Scheme

It was agreed that the Parish Council has all the relevant criteria in place to allow them to apply for the Foundation level of this scheme.

Cambridge Water

The Clerk provided an overview of communication regarding Cambridge Water since the Extraordinary Meeting held on 9 February. Cllrs expressed frustration that the information promised then by Andrew Lobley of Cambridge Water had not been provided. It was agreed that the Clerk should write to Mr Lobley requesting information including:

- At tap measurements for the last 10 years
- Levels at Duxford aquifer taken at the time of the measurements above
- Why did it take to July 2021 for them to close down the Duxford aquifer?
- Clarification/confirmation on which areas received the water.

May Elections

It was noted that in order to retain the General Power of Competence (GPC) and to allow the Council to consider working towards Quality Council level of the Local Council Award Scheme, there needs to be a minimum of ten people stand for election. It was also noted that the more councillors there are, the better spread the workload is among councillors and the more productive the Parish Council will be in achieving its ambitions with projects, etc.

Parish Council Staff Salaries

The National Joint Council for Local Government Services has increased salaries for Parish Council staff by 1.75%.

HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORT

Cllr Disley noted that the Traffic and Transport Infrastructure Working Group was keen to ensure that the Parish Council is heard when it comes to CSET and that Anthony Brown MP had completed a survey which worked in the Council's favour.

A letter to the Chairman of the Greater Cambridge Partnership (GCP) to be signed by the Parish Council Chairman was presented. This reiterates that the Parish Council is not political, that they would like the GCP to listen to their opinion as they represent their residents and as it corrects misunderstandings on the part of the GCP. It was agreed to send this to the GCP Chairman, copying in the MP, Mayor and *Better Ways*, the Busways campaign group, and to display it on the website.

It was agreed that the working group would update the Traffic and Transport section of the website.

COMMUNITY MATTERS

Defibrillators

The offer of Great Shelford Parochial Charities to purchase defibrillators via Community Heartbeat for the village was considered by councillors. It was agreed to accept Option 2 from Community Heartbeat, which provides a Lifeline VIEW defibrillator with carry case, in a locked heated cabinet with community defibrillator signage.

Defibrillators would be located in the phone box on Hinton Way and the one on High Green.

Annual Parish Meeting (3 March)

It was noted that this had been a happy event with the first community awards presented.

Queen's Platinum Jubilee

The event proposed to mark this includes a picnic in the park (on the Recreation Ground) with half a road closure for Woollards Lane (Recreation Ground to High Street) to provide a play street for the day of Sunday 5 June.

ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

It was agreed to create a working group to start looking at an Action Plan for Great Shelford to combat climate change. The 2G3S group will be contacted to see if they are interested in being part of the working group.

FINANCE

Following blockages and flooding experienced at the Pavilion during 2021, Councillors considered quotations to clean and inspect, by CCTV, the drainage at the Pavilion up to the main drain/sewer. It was agreed to accept the quotation of Dyno at £1,450.00 + VAT. It was noted that the price may vary depending on the time taken to complete the cleaning.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS IN MAY

Planning Committee	9 May	7.30pm	Sports Pavilion
Highways Committee	11 May	7.00pm	Sports Pavilion
Annual Meeting of Parish Council	18 May	7.00pm	Sports Pavilion
Planning Committee	23 May	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 (MARCH)

22/00501/HFUL	24 Woollards Lane	First floor side extension and two storey rear extension.
Application supported as it is a development on an existing footprint and is in keeping with the street scene.		
22/00525/HFUL	2 Walnut Drive	Demolition of existing conservatory and construction of an orangery.
Application supported.		
22/00991/PRIOR	4 Westfield Road	Single storey rear orangery room.
Application supported.		

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OTHER PLANNING MATTERS

It was agreed to call application 21/05276/FUL (redevelopment to form 39 retirement living apartments at 2 Station Road) to the Planning Authority's Planning Committee, due to the size of the development.

The proposed Greenbelt Policy/Statement was considered by members. Members are keen to have a statement which will support the National Planning Policy Framework and local plans and feel that for them to support a development in the green belt, it must be appropriate for the area and enhance amenities for the village. Green belt development is a last resort.

The report from Trumpington Residents Association with respect to the Cambridge Biomedical Campus and the Local Plan was considered by members. It was to communicate Great Shelford Parish Council's support of their views and to note that their views are consistent with those of the Parish Council especially when considering the encroachment onto the green belt.

GREAT SHELFORD COUNTRY MARKET

The Market is in the Memorial Hall, Woollards Lane every Wednesday morning from 9.00 to 11.30 am

Looking back, it is now almost a year since we re-opened after the long periods of lockdown.

Our plant producers missed out on the April and early May markets in both 2020 and

2021 so are now hoping that busy mornings lie ahead. If any readers have surplus young plants and garden produce, now is the time to join us and find out more about how we work.

The May Day holiday on 2 May doesn't affect the market but later on we will celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. The Market celebration will be on Wednesday 1 June. We are planning to make it a special occasion – a bumper market with some surprises and one not to be missed. Make the Memorial Hall a real social hub on 1 June!

Meanwhile, we are always pleased to receive your orders for preserves and baked goods and enquiries for plants and crafts. It takes just a phone call or email to order and arrange a delivery. Phone 01223 843946 or email dorothy@woodlandroad.plus.com.



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Summer is fast approaching and I hope you are able to get out and enjoy some fresh air.

Newly Elected Council

It was election time for all town and parish councils across South Cambridgeshire this year. We had 13 people stand for 15 places which meant that there was no need to hold an election.

From 9 May, your Parish Council consists of the following members (in alphabetical order)

Cllr Paula Arnold	Cllr Angela Niblett
Cllr Barrie Ashurst	Cllr Gregory Price
Cllr Peter Bassett	Cllr Ifthinan Shareef
Cllr Peter Brown	Cllr Benjamin Shelton
Cllr Lynn Disley	Cllr John Stanton
Cllr Roberto Ghersemi	Cllr Malcolm Watson
Cllr Barbara Kettel	

Dogs on the Recreation Ground



You will shortly see a new sign being installed at the Recreation Ground which we hope will be a little more engaging and highlight the main do's and don'ts for this space. One big change, which we have highlighted previously in the *Village News* (December 2021) is that dogs will not be permitted to the left of the footpath (as you enter the Rec from the car park). This exclusion includes all the area from behind the emergency gate, behind the Scout Hut, under the trees and the Playscape, Scout Hut, etc.

Please do keep your dogs under close control at all times.

Queen's Platinum Jubilee – Sunday 5 June

Great Shelford Parish Council, with support from some residents and other organisations, are arranging a 'picnic in the park' for Sunday 5 June. Please visit the website https://www.greatshelfordparishcouncil.gov.uk/council_events/platinum-jubilee-event/ for more information as it becomes available. Information will also be posted on our Facebook page.

We have been successful in applying to the District Council for Community Chest funding and we will be acquiring a new bench to commemorate the Jubilee. This will be located towards the river end of the Recreation Ground.

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 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 too.

Malcolm Watson, Chairman

The Friends of Great Shelford Parish Church**Annual General Meeting**

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News from St Mary's Church

At the time of writing, it is Easter Saturday and the Christian Easter message of resurrection, of light overcoming darkness and of hope is being gloriously matched by the spring weather. The spring clues have been around for a while, but Nature does seem to be making a concerted effort to show off this season at its very best just as we reach Eastertide – the first for three years without Covid restrictions. It is very much a time for optimism. Easter in the Orthodox calendar falls next weekend and we pray that some light and cause for hope can be found in Ukraine.



The churchwardens are writing this column this month because Julie Norris, our associate priest, is away helping her daughter with the birth of her second child – a girl, named Freya. Congratulations to the family! This gives us an opportunity to thank the very many people who keep St Mary's church ticking over at all times, not only when there is a vacancy for an incumbent priest as there is now. Be it arranging flowers or tending the churchyard, ringing the bells or singing in the choir, clearing gutters or putting out the bins or any of the myriad other tasks, it is marvellous teamwork. We are particularly fortunate to have Julie Norris with us as associate priest but also we must thank the various clergy who are stepping in to take services for us. A vacancy is a time of uncertainty but it is also a wonderful opportunity to hear different voices and be moved to think in different ways.

With regard to the vacancy, much time and thought has gone into considering what sort of person would best fit the parish of Great Shelford, serving not only the regular congregations, but also the school and the whole village. The churchwardens will be meeting the archdeacon shortly to discuss possible candidates.

Simon White and Joanne Staines, Churchwardens

Sunday Services in May

8am	Holy Communion
10am	Parish Communion
6.30 pm	Zoom Service

All services will be taken by Revd Dr Julie Norris except those on Sunday 29 May.

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

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 other Sundays, there is an activity for children during the service. Contact Gillian Pett gillian.pett29@gmail.com for details.

Tree Felling The dead Bhutan pine was finally removed by the county council in April. We apologise again for any inconvenience caused by the removal process, but we are all relieved that it has been safely felled. There is still some clearing to be done and, of course, the planting of a replacement.

Flower Festival We are planning to hold a festival in September and are looking for additional flower arrangers. If you would like to be part of this, please contact Julie.

From the Registers:

Funerals: 30 March Mrs McKeown

ANNUAL PARISH CHURCH MEETING (APCM)

The APCM will take place after the Parish Communion service on Sunday 1 May at about 11am.

It is an opportunity to hear about the year of the church and discuss plans for the future. Please do attend if possible.

For more information about Great Shelford Parish Church
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SHELFORD SCHOOL

After yet another extremely challenging term, with staff and children's absences high, I am pleased that as I write, the spring weather is glorious, and the Shelford School community is enjoying a well-earned Easter break. Resilience has been the Shelford School value on which we have focussed this past term and plenty of it has been in evidence. Despite the very demanding weeks, school life has never seemed fuller and it is hard to choose what to include.

Science Week saw children engaging in activities as diverse as chromatography and imagining life on Mars. Sporting activities continue to thrive and our Tournament team came fourth in the netball and won the rugby, demonstrating great sporting behaviour and determination. Year 3 visited Wandlebury on an extremely cold March day, but had great fun nonetheless, as they learnt about Iron Age life.

It has been a joy for representatives of the three local churches to lead Collective Worship in person again, where we too have focussed on resilience and perseverance. This has led into the Lent Challenge, 'Brave Believers', where children have been looking at the light and hope amongst darkness that others have inspired. All pupils in class groups enjoyed a retelling of the Easter Story by Victoria Goodman from Church Schools of Cambridge, followed by sharing a variety of related activities, creating different responses to the story.

Governors too have been delighted to visit in person once more, with this term's foci on Science, RE and English, along with the regular Safeguarding and Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) visits. We were sad to say farewell to Mrs Paterson, who has led the SEND provision so ably. We wish her all the best as she moves on to new things but are confident that an effective handover is taking place with Mrs Robertson, who is taking over this responsibility.

The PTA continues to thrive and the recent quiz was a huge success and a wonderful evening's entertainment, raising over £950 for the PTA. Congratulations to the winning team, 'The Shelford Slayers'.

The final word must go to some of the newest members of our school community – the Pets as Therapy (PAT) dogs! The benefits of animals in settings including schools is well documented and most notably supports wellbeing. Volunteers from PAT and their dogs have visited the school to launch the partnership and we look forward to many opportunities to get to know our popular new friends.

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TWINNING VISIT TO VERNEUIL-EN- HALATTE

It is a wonderfully liberating feeling to be able to walk straight out of your house in Shelford and make your way to Verneuil-en-Halatte by train. It is such a straightforward journey. The only slight hold-up was due to the Eurostar staff having to check the Covid passes of so many travellers. As the train approached the *Gare du Nord*, the view was of white fields dusted with a sprinkling of snow.

The reason for our journey? To attend the '*Jumelage en fête*' in Verneuil on Saturday 2 April held in the village hall (and not outside as hoped due to the bitterly cold weather). The event was arranged to celebrate the excellent links that have been created between Verneuil, Shelford, Piegario in Italy and Dvur Kralove Nad Labem in the Czech Republic. As the posters stated: '*Nous fêterons l'amitié entre nos villes jumelées.*' There were two of us present from Shelford and one Italian representative and we were made to feel extremely welcome by our French hosts.

The fête kicked off with an incredible performance by a talented trio of artists, known as the '*Compagnie les Mots en l'Air*'. Their show, '*la Cuillère en bois*', incorporates stories, songs, comedy and cooking and was written by one of the performers. It tells a story, based on true experiences, of families relocating to the Morbihan area of France to work on rebuilding towns after the war. The show is in French but is sprinkled with Italian for colour and atmosphere and for '*le plaisir des oreilles*'. The main themes beautifully incorporated in their show are love, friendship, family, diversity of cultures and acceptance. How fitting for a twinning event! Throughout the show, one performer cooked a large pot of minestrone soup on stage and the savoury aroma of this enhanced

the atmosphere. This was shared with the audience once the show had finished and was delicious!

Super activities for the children had been really well organised: four different egg decorating stations. The children had a lovely range of resources to choose from and were very creative



Comment [J1]: In Ruth original notes, it states that italics should be used for all words in foreign languages.



with their designs. Then there was food from the food truck – Italian *arancini* and *tiramisu*, Czech salads and cakes and English crumble and scones! And of course some French wine, prosecco and Czech beer.

There was live music later on in the afternoon played by local musicians. Classical and relaxing after the busy children's activities. Some dancing took place too but unfortunately the

British dance teacher who had been lined up to teach Scottish country dancing had Covid so couldn't attend.

The fete was a great success despite Covid and the cold weather and was well attended. Wonderful, as of course the exchanges have not taken place over the last couple of years. It was so affirming to attend such a positive international event.

Our French friends could not have been more hospitable. Everyone wanted to talk to us, many asking about their English friends in Shelford, many expressing hopes to visit Shelford again soon and we managed well in the usual mixture of French and English.

Our special thanks go to Emilie Hanquez from the twinning association in Verneuil for being such a lovely friend and host.

Charlotte Mezits and Kirsty Lothian



NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN: ONLINE SURVEY AND FACE-TO-FACE EVENTS GO LIVE!

By the time you read this, the Neighbourhood Plan steering group will have held its first face-to-face events – one at Stapleford Pavilion to coincide with the official opening of the new playground and the other at Great Shelford’s Wednesday Country Market. You might also see us on a pop-up stall outside the Deli on Woollards Lane.

Please look out for our logo on posters around the villages and messages on local Facebook pages and get involved in the conversation. Even easier, you can pick up your phone or iPad or go on a computer and complete the online version of the survey. It will only take a few minutes to do. Visit www.greatshelfordparishcouncil.gov.uk/staplefordandgreatshelfordneighbourhood-plan/ and click on the survey link.

Our survey and events kick-start the process of identifying in broad terms what our community’s planning priorities are, so we can focus the Neighbourhood Plan on the things which matter most to you. Survey questions cover topics such as what you like and dislike about living here, what kind of new homes you think we need and where they should be located, your views on our green belt and environmental challenges, plus how you travel around our wider area.

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. We are just at the beginning of the process; please do be a part of it.

Once completed, our neighbourhood 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. Hence our logo’s strapline: we *can* shape the place where we live.

Cllr Jenny Flynn, Chair of the neighbourhood plan steering group

Comment [J2]: Is this Great Shelford Country Market?

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SHOES

When I was a child I dreamed of owning a pair of black patent leather ‘shiny’ shoes, which would have been such a contrast to my sensible school shoes, PE plimsolls or wellington boots, which were the sum total of my footwear. I now possess a collection of shoes for different occasions and activities; some more glamorous than others, some more practical and some far more comfortable than others (and yes, I have owned a pair of black patent shoes). But even as a child I learned that it was better to have comfortable well-fitting shoes than to choose what appeared to look good, but in reality pinched my toes and rubbed blisters.

Those of you who are fond of walking will know the importance of wearing the right shoes for the journey you are undertaking – I don’t suppose many of you would choose to wear glamorous patent leather heels to walk across muddy fields, any more than you would choose to wear muddy wellingtons to sit in an office all day.

There is a saying that we shouldn’t judge anyone until we’ve walked a mile in their shoes. It encourages us to understand their experiences and challenges and to empathise with their perspective.

Many of us will have considered what it is like to ‘walk a mile’ in the shoes of a refugee, most of whom will have walked much further than a mile and perhaps in shoes that were not designed for such a journey. As you read this, the first of our Ukrainian refugees may be settling into homes in our village and we welcome them warmly into our midst. I hope that we as a community will enable them to feel they have found a more comfortable pair of shoes while they are with us.

Jesus asks us to follow him and walk in his footsteps, which is about loving one another as we are loved by him, and encompasses how we welcome foreigners amongst us. I believe that Jesus gives each one of us the shoes we need for this journey, shoes which are tailored just for us and fit each one perfectly. His shoes do not rub blisters or pinch toes; they are comfortable and enable us to walk the path he has laid out for us.

Proverbs 4:11 'I guide you in the way of wisdom and lead you along straight paths. When you walk, your steps will not be hampered, when you run you will not stumble.'

Jesus gives us the shoes and shows us the path, but more than that he walks the path with us, every step of the way. May each one of you walk the path in his shoes and know his presence with you in these days.

Blessings

Diana Parr, Elder and Ministerial Assistant



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Trish Maude

LITTLE SHELFORD PANTOMIME AUDITIONS



Auditions will be held for *Jack(ie) and the Beanstalk*, Little Shelford Pantomime 2023 on Saturday 21 May 2022 at Little Shelford Memorial Hall between 10 am and 2 pm.

To book a time slot to audition and to complete an audition form, please register online at: <https://tinyurl.com/panto-form>

Please ring Sarah on 842498 or email coppendales@btinternet.com if you have any queries.

RAINBOWS, BROWNIES AND GUIDES

Rainbows, Brownies and Guides had lots of fun in the spring term celebrating Lunar New Year and World Thinking Day, doing activities and crafts from the Girlguiding programme's Be Well and Know Myself themes and cooking on campfires! Find out more about Girlguiding and how to volunteer at bit.ly/volGuiding, or email us at: shelforddistrict@gmail.com.

Lisa MacGregor



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Our March meeting was held as usual in the hall behind St. Mary's Church. It was so lovely to meet at 7.30, when it is now light. Our visiting speaker spent her time with us doing chair based exercises, which were stimulating and great fun, especially when we used the exercise bands of differing strengths and this was put to music. Mostly sitting in the chair, but also standing behind the chair, we could see the value of balance and posture, which are so important for deportment and strengthening bone density, especially as we get older.



Rosemary Livings presents the cheque to Parochial Charities trustees Jaspaul Hill and Keith Sugden

Our next month's talk will be entitled, 'Liquid Gold' and our speaker, Ron Marsden, will be describing the growing of olives and the making of olive oil.

We meet on the first Thursday of the month, except in August when we try to arrange an outing. New members are welcome to join our organisation.

Members were recently invited to visit the Community Garden, when we handed over a cheque for £100, which was recently collected to be used in the newly planted garden for all to enjoy.

Rosemary Livings, President.

JUBILEE

ART AND PHOTOGRAPHIC EXHIBITION AND SALE

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The Bunch are busy planning the activities and tickets are now available from local outlets for all events so support your local shops and pubs and buy tickets at the same time. For all information about the line up of events and a full list of all those outlets selling tickets locally, see <https://www.shelfordfeast.co.uk/>

We need **HELP**, with volunteers to help with food, the bar, teas, preparing salad, setting up and taking down and the whole range of activities involved with putting on a week-long festival of events. If you can spare the time, even if only a few hours, please contact Sarah on coppendales@btinternet.com or ring 01223 842498.

Local organisations, you may wish to have a presence on Feast Day, to promote your club or society and help raise Feast funds with a stall. Please get in touch (see contact details above). If we have a successful Feast, we can, in turn, help you.

Do you like quizzes? We are holding a **Giant Quiz** in the Grand Marquée on Shelford Rec on Thursday 7 July with teams of up to 8 (for more information use the contact details above).

If you can't help as a volunteer, do you have **second hand books** you could donate (contact Liz Ulas on elizabeth.ulas@ntlworld.com) or could you make **cakes** for teas (contact Shirley Warbrick shirley.warbrick@googlemail.com)?

We need YOU and we can't do it without you!

Sarah Coppendale

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Editorial Committee

CSET BUSWAY

DUNCAN GREY ASKS SOME QUESTIONS

I was surprised and annoyed by the comment in last month's *Village News* in which the Lib Dems seem to have voted in favour of the busway route despite their 'green' credentials (see 'Cambridge South East Transport Scheme' on page 21 of the April issue). So I wrote to Lib Dem District Councillors Peter Fane and Bridget Smith.

Here's my letter:

Dear Councillors

I read with interest your recent publicity leaflet.

It contrasts with the report in my local magazine, *Great Shelford Village News*, which reports that the current preferred route for the CSET was 'definitely not supported' by 71.96% of respondents, yet a motion to reject the Greater Cambridge Partnership route was 'defeated 17-6 by the ruling Liberal Democrat group'.

As the current GCP choice of route cuts through green belt, destroying green land instead of taking the obvious and less destructive A1307 route, how can I believe that:

'At our Council, we are setting very high ambitions for biodiversity and want to see as many trees as possible planted and much more well managed green space for our residents to enjoy.' (Bridget Smith blog)

Or

'Protecting our environment especially our chalk streams and safeguarding the green belt around Cambridge' (Lib Dems publicity leaflet, Peter Fain)

What is the Liberal Democrats' reason for supporting this route instead of the A1307 route?

I received the following reply from Peter Fane. To date, I have received no acknowledgement or reply from Bridget Smith.

PETER FANE REPLIES

At the Stapleford parish meeting on 7 April I explained why I don't think Greater Cambridge Partnership (GCP) will ever get to build their proposed busway across the Cambridge green belt. That is because they cannot for ever ignore the fact that there is a much cheaper and less damaging alternative which will deliver largely the same benefits, particularly in reducing congestion, at about one third of the cost and without the same damage to the finest countryside in the Mago chalk hills landscape.

The projected cost of the GCP's preferred busway option at over £130m greatly exceeds the potential benefits, giving it a BCR (benefits-cost ratio) which falls short of the Treasury guidelines for public spending. That is before the environmental damage (including the concrete bridges across the river Cam) has been fully assessed. That BCR will inevitably get worse. If the proposal gets as far as the public inquiry sometime in 2023, it is unlikely that ministers would agree to approve the expenditure.

It would be much better if GCP would now accept that there are better options which can be delivered more quickly. The fact that GCP has wasted years developing the cross country busways concept, here and elsewhere, and denigrating the viable alternatives is not a reason for the board to stick to their current plans. That is a clear case of the sunk cost fallacy, like the gambler who refuses to give up till they have recovered their stake money.

The GCP will have to review their route options in June to take account of the Inspector's findings on the retirement village, which will now be built across their intended route. They will rightly be under pressure to take account of the final version of the Mayor's local transport plan, which will be put out to consultation this summer. It would clearly be wrong to prejudge the outcome of that consultation, just as it is wrong that the directly elected Mayor responsible for transport strategy in the county is only a nonvoting member of the GCP board.

At the Stapleford parish meeting, I commended Howard Kettel and the 'better ways than Busways' team on the very effective campaign they have been running on behalf of the parish councils, working with the key environmental and transport groups in the area. They have shown that there is a much better alternative, completing the original county council work to provide a busway beside the A1307 Babraham Road.

As the MP's recent survey showed, the current proposals are opposed by nearly 80% of respondents in this area. I welcome the fact that all the candidates for the three parties standing in the May elections here in Shelford are agreed in opposing the current GCP proposals. I am confident that in the end sense will prevail, but we have a fight on our hands to make sure of it.

The GCP could then focus on completing the busway beside the A1307 and around the Addenbrooke's campus and on other projects with more immediate benefits, like the Sawston greenway, which have been stalled for far too long.

Peter Fane

CSET UPDATE FROM THE *BETTER WAYS THAN BUSWAY* CAMPAIGN GROUP



Thank you to all who turned up with a few hours' notice on a cold morning a few weeks ago for the accompanying photo shoot

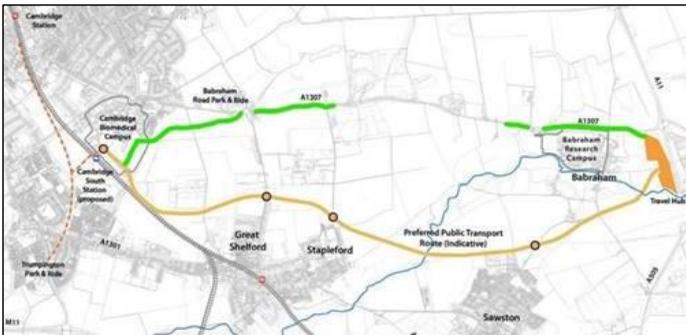
I was phoned last week by someone in Stapleford and the conversation went along the lines of: 'Howard, I am most confused. The biggest thing to impact our village is about to happen and the current major political party has made no mention of it in all their leaflets. Yet the other major political party leaflet sets out its opposition and is campaigning for a better route. So who do I vote for on 5 May?' To which I had to respond: 'I can't advise you which way to vote!'

It seems to me that the only way we are going to see any change now is through the ballot box. Our letter sent to the Greater Cambridge Partnership (GCP) in February setting out what has changed in the wider environment has never been so much as acknowledged, nor indeed has Great Shelford Parish Council's excellent letter which they sent a few weeks ago. The latter lamented the political divide over Cambridge South East Transport scheme (CSET) and urged a rethink, taking things out of the political arena, as reported in the recent Cambridge Independent Article: www.cambridgedindependent.co.uk/news/so-much-has-changed-but-cset-busway-plans-haven-t-9247517/

It seems inexplicable to me why the councillors who run our County and District Councils are so determined to press on regardless in the face of so much significant change, including:

- The recently approved retirement village in Haverhill Road blocking the busway's route and pushing it higher into the chalk hills and right through the newly designated country park
- The opportunity to connect with the Cambridge Biomedical Campus expansion earmarked in the draft Local Plan
- The chance to route along the A1307 with its existing capacity for a bus lane, linking up the Babraham Institute and Granta Park Campuses (see map)
- The scheme's inherent delays from a public enquiry and priority being given to Cambridge South Station construction (the alternative A1307 can be quickly achieved without these delays)
- Reduced travel patterns arising from the pandemic
- Anthony Browne MP's survey results, which generated a bigger response than any of the GCP's CSET consultations – 81% of respondents said that they would 'definitely not' or 'probably not' support the present route and 69% supported the idea of reopening the Haverhill to Cambridge railway line as a longer term alternative to the GCP's busway.

All this – notwithstanding the environmental disaster of the proposed countryside route and even though the same benefits can be achieved via an A1307 route at a fraction of the cost.



KEY: yellow GCP busway scheme; green: alternative route; orange: new park & ride

One has to ask what else is needed to get a review of the decision to build this environmental disaster? Do our councillors want to spend millions on a public

inquiry next year and force parishes and environmental groups to raise the money to present our arguments before we get all this changed? Apparently, yes! The local leadership of the parties in power (LibDems and Labour) are both quietly supporting the route.

We are not a political lobbying group or affiliated with any political party. We are not against busways, we are in favour of improved public transport and there is a better way! Our continued united efforts can create change. I can't advise you which way to vote, but if you don't agree with the route of the busway then consider whether your vote could make a difference.

Howard Kettel, on behalf of BWTB (Better Ways Than Busway group)

READERS' LETTERS

Empty offices in the village

I have taken a look around Mill Court today and it would look as though maybe over half of the offices are vacant. So this raises questions as to the future of the Mill Court complex in these financially difficult and changing times.

Could these buildings be converted to residential use and therefore provide much needed affordable accommodation, or maybe house Ukrainian refugees?

John Wakefield

Driving in the village

Having been brought up in a village in which everyone knew his or her neighbours and trusted them for what they were, I was therefore saddened to learn that an anonymous person had reported me as no longer fit to hold a driver's licence; surely they should have put their views to me first?

As it happens, in my 99th year I had already decided to abandon my car, which I have for several years only used occasionally for errands in the village, albeit that in fact I have never had a serious accident in a long life and am very fit for my age. Without a car, though, I can no longer patronise the Co-op stores or the Post Office, which are no longer within my walking distance and am more or less confined to barracks, as the army put it.

I might add that I have been shocked in recent years by the bad road manners of drivers in and around the village who doubtless regard themselves as fit to drive their powerful vehicles on walkable errands.

John Davies

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In response, Concrete Rose is in the process of establishing a ‘supported lodgings’ initiative in which young people of 16 to 21 are accommodated within the homes of host families, individuals or couples. Concrete Rose is responsible for the thorough vetting of hosts and for providing significant wrap around support. Young people are supported through weekly sessions with a professional youth worker.

Having laid the foundations for this scheme, Concrete Rose is now in the process of recruiting hosts. We already have a waiting list of young people that includes care leavers, unaccompanied asylum seeking children, and young parents referred from a variety of local professionals. We are now looking to partner with local organisations to increase the profile of Concrete Rose and inform the wider community of our work.

For more information, see www.concreterose.co.uk.

Rachel Hales

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FROM THE CAM TO THE CHANNEL

Sarah dips regularly in the Cam in Shelford to prepare for her Channel swim

Photo: Nick Jones

The River Cam at the end of Great Shelford recreation ground is gentle, sweet and serene. Its fresh water laps the banks and, looking across the river with the sun filtering through the trees, I feel I can almost touch the other side.

I stand, squelching the mud at the bottom, for a good 15 minutes before I gain the courage to immerse myself in the 5°C water that pinches my lungs and stings my legs. I control my breathing but not my screaming blue murder. On winter days it is a feat to swim to the willow tree. The resident swan, a fearsome companion, watches me warily.

This bit of the river is my local swimming spot and my dipping whatever the weather is essential as I prepare to cross the English Channel this summer in my swimsuit, adhering to rules laid down nearly 150 years ago.

Matthew Webb swam breaststroke, fortified with beer,

brandy and jellyfish stings and touched France after nearly 22 hours in the water. Before his success in August 1875, swimming across the Channel was considered impossible. Since then, more women than men have swum across.

We will replace the alcohol intake with hot chocolate and seasick tablets. But our challenges in the water will be the same.

The Cam in Shelford helps me acclimatise for the water temperatures of about 13°-17°C that I will face on 30 June, when I am scheduled to swim as part of a six member relay team. Hypothermia scuppers many attempts so we need to train well.

Dark choppy seas and skies beckon with no sign of a tree or the other side for many of the hours we will spend in the sea from Dover to France. Jellyfish will replace swans as our companions during one of the world's seven toughest ocean swims. I am no elite athlete and never imagined I would have the chance to do this.

I have the charity, Aspire to thank for giving me the confidence, sorting out the bureaucracy and organising the pilot, boat, medicals, forms and training sessions in Dover harbour. Without them, this would have been so much harder.

Part of the deal is that I raise funds for this amazing charity that has made such a difference to those with spinal cord injuries over the past 40 years. So, please, I would be most grateful if you could help me hit my target for Aspire. I know that your generosity will spur me on.

For more details, here is my justgiving page: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Sarah-Provan1>

The Channel will be a different beast from the Cam. But you, my neighbours and friends, along with my Shelford days, will have played an essential part in my adventure.

Sarah Provan

2G3S

FUTURE EVENTS

Planning Meeting: Monday 9 May. Cox's Close at 7.45 for 8pm, or by Zoom.

2G3S Social Cycle Rides: our next one is on Monday 16 May starting from Stapleford Pavilion at 10am. Join us for a leisurely ride on quiet roads and traffic free paths of around 20 miles, to include a coffee stop. Returning to Stapleford by about 1pm. Contact Yasmin to book: greener@sawston.org.

2G3S Book Club: Thursday 19 May. Our first meeting will be discussing 'Donut Economics' by Kate Raworth. Please join us in The Rose in Stapleford, from 7.30pm for drinks and chat, with the book discussion to start at 8pm.

Nature walk: Saturday 21 May, led by John O'Boyle. This one will be at the Magog Down. Meet in the car park at 2pm.

RECYCLING: Julia Trocme-Latter of Sawston writes:

'Do you brush your teeth? Eat crisps, cheese or biscuits? Do you use dishwasher tablets or take Paracetamol or wear rubber gloves? So many of the things we use every day come in packaging which is difficult to reuse or recycle.

Thankfully, many of the producers of hard to recycle packaging have joined initiatives that allow their waste to be broken down and made into new objects. A lot of this is via the company, Terracycle – you may have seen their logo on some of the packaging in your own home. The way this works is by getting people to bring their waste to collection points, which might be a person's home or a collection bin in a public location. The person in charge of that location then periodically boxes up the waste and sends it to Terracycle postage free. (This person doesn't spend or receive any money themselves.) For shipments above a certain weight, Terracycle sometimes awards points which can be converted into cash and donated to a charity of your choice. To find a collection site, go to *Terracycle.com*.

I myself am a Terracycle waste collector, with two discreet collection bins outside my house. I collect Kinder egg packaging, biscuit and cake wrappers, cheese packaging and Marigold gloves (you can tell I have young children, can't you?)

Supermarkets are also becoming more active in accepting waste for recycling, especially the thin, single use plastics used to package so much of our food. The Co-op in Great Shelford accepts packaging from baby food, pet food, detergent and cleaning pouches, biscuits and chocolate wrapping, bread bags, bubble wrap and cling film, cereal liners, cheese, fish and meat wrapping, crisp and sweet bags, delivery bags, frozen food bags, multi-pack wrapping, plastic carrier bags, plastic film lids, salad, pasta, and rice bags and toilet roll wrapping. Waitrose in Trumpington is also accepting bread bags and plastic carrier bags.

If you have your groceries delivered, some companies are willing to receive carrier bags from other supermarkets. Boots Opticians will also accept any brand of single use contact lenses and lens packaging.

Many of the shops in Sawston also accept batteries for recycling and the household waste depot at Thriplow will take unwanted and leftover paint and distribute it to individuals and charities who need it through the Community RePaint scheme.

If you have old glasses, you can donate them to charity via Peep Eyewear. If you have an old mobile phone, you could try using the website *CompareAndRecycle.co.uk* which will give you quotes from a variety of mobile phone recyclers so that you can recycle and get paid for doing so.'

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On 16 June, Madeleine Bradley will demonstrate and her title is 'Summer Blooms Aplenty'. Refreshments will be available from 6.45pm.

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



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

*Compiled and republished by Anne George, Glynis Trundle,
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9 May 1863

ASSAULT – Thomas Flitton, of Great Shelford, and Esther, his daughter, were charged by Eliza Connell, of the same place, with assaulting her on the 25th ult.

Flitton, who is next door neighbour to defendant, was digging a hole to make a fence between their gardens. The hole was on Mrs. Connell's ground, and she said "What are you making a hole there for?"

"To bury you in" replied Flitton and his daughter repeated the same comforting observation.

Mrs Connell protested, and Flitton struck her on the head, which caused her to be dizzy and fall to the ground.

Complainant said, "You've knocked my head half off now."

The daughter remarked, "A d-d good job if he had done quite."

Miss Fletton subsequently went into her own house, got a pail of water, came on to the step of Mrs Connell's door, and drenched Mrs. Connell with it from head to foot, remarking, "There, you've got it now."

The rest of the evidence went to show that the parties don't live on very neighbourly terms and that some rather noisy "pieces of work" occasionally take place among them.

Fined 6d each and 9s costs each. Also each bound over, together with Mrs. Connell, to keep the peace for 3 months.

13 May 1865

WILFUL DAMAGE – Dr Ramsey, of Great Shelford, charged Frederick Symonds, labourer, of the same place, with doing damage by throwing stones and breaking a window. The window was broken wilfully – at least the defendant was throwing stones at the house – and the magistrates ordered the defendant to pay fine 6d damage and costs, altogether 14s, or 14 days.

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Members and partners/friends are also warmly invited to join us for a quiz and awards evening at the Red Lion, Whittlesford on the same day, at 7pm. Please contact social@gstc.org.uk for more details or visit the website above.



Angharad Harris

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Great Shelford Carpet Bowls Club are still going and we are looking to keep going through the summer for the first time. Our first meeting will be on Thursday 12 May. This is going to be a trial run; we then hope to continue through the rest of the year.

We will be starting at 7pm every Thursday. If you are interested, or you want to try something new, come along and meet us on 12 May or give Wendy a ring on 01223 843416.

Wendy Seekings, Secretary

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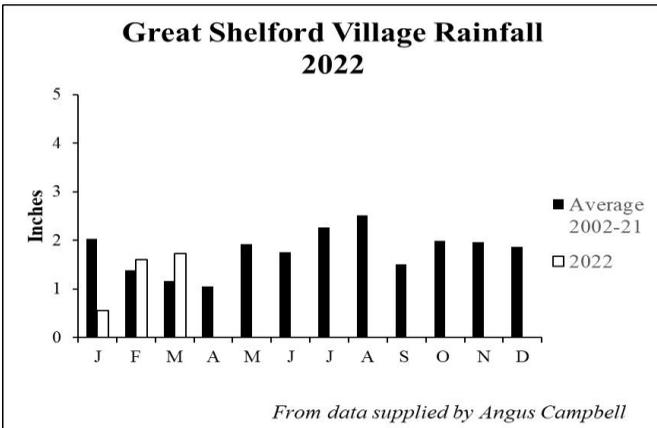
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