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GREAT SHELFORD PARISH COUNCIL

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SUMMARY FROM THE UNADOPTED MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING ON 15 JUNE 2022

REPORTS FROM COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCIL MEMBERS

A report from the County Councillors was made available before the meeting. County Cllr Milnes noted that he repeatedly shares the views of the Parish Council with the relevant bodies.

Discussions were had on the new retirement village proposed for Stapleford off Haverhill Road and Hinton Way. It was noted that the original plans did not have crossings on the busway but that the Greater Cambridge Partnership is now considering bridges and/or underpasses as the Country Park has to be of benefit to neighbouring villages.

The emerging local plan for the Greater Cambridge Shared Planning Authority was discussed as new proposals and land allocations have been added. District Cllr Fane noted that though the deadline for submissions has passed, anyone can add a site to the plan up to the date when the Planning Inspectorate looks at it. District Cllr Fane noted that current Council members do not intend to look at any sites proposed after November 2021.

District Cllr Fane noted that his report had been circulated to members and includes a section on Zero Carbon Grants available via the District Council. The District Council is also looking to help those who may be facing problems in winter this year due to energy inefficiency.

Parish Council members felt that South Cambridgeshire District Council is not listening to its residents, especially in respect to the East West Railway. It was asked how Great Shelford and other parishes can get their points of view across.

NB The full County and District Councillor reports can be found on the Parish Council website at <https://www.greatshelfordparishcouncil.gov.uk/minutes-agendas/full-council-documents/>

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND WORKING GROUPS

Cllr Disley had sent in a report from the Traffic and Transport Infrastructure Working Group (TTIWG):

- A formal monitoring of traffic passing along Church Street / High Street took place in the first week of July (undertaken by Intermodal) and an analysis of speed and volume is in process. A short preliminary report is due within the next few weeks prior to suggestions for improvements.

- The local police constable has been invited to visit Church Street at school drop-off time to observe and comment. Enforcement of an improved parking plan will be a critical element.
- The Local Highways Officer (County Council) has suggested the addition of new gullies to help avoid rain splash against the listed properties in Church Street and will finance a temporary road closure in the autumn – this may be an opportunity to undertake more trial measures and analysis?
- TTIWG drafted a response from the Parish Council to the Greater Cambridge Partnership New Road Classification survey, noting concern about traffic displacement from re-classified roads between Great Shelford and the city centre.
- TTIWG are drafting a response to the Local Transport and Connectivity Plan. (LTCP) Consultation, which needs to be promoted on the Parish Council website with a reply by 4 August.
- Two parents from the primary school have offered to liaise with parents, staff and children to help inform TTIWG and the Neighbourhood Plan. The first initiative would be organising a day where all year groups consider the local built and natural environments and what changes they may like to see. The Head has agreed to have an ‘off-curriculum’ day and GSPC will be asked to help develop the agenda and suggest acceptable outcomes.

Ongoing concerns about the facilities being taken away from the Scout and Guide groups continue to dominate discussions about Wheelscape. It was noted that though it is cricket season, football players were training on the Rec and as it was so busy, there was nowhere for the Scouts to go should they need the space. It was agreed to defer this discussion until the September meeting.

COUNCIL ADMINISTRATION

The Chairman reported on how well the Parish Council stall at the Feast had been received by residents. Comments raised by residents have been collated and circulated to all members. It was agreed that these comments would be allocated to the relevant committees.

The Clerk noted that progress had been made on items on the Business Plan. The application for the Local Council Award Scheme had been sent in; paving around the Pavilion is underway; CCTV quotations are being sought; advice is to be sought from riverbank specialists; and work is under way with residents on wildlife enhancements for the village.

COMMUNITY MATTERS

The Clerk had met with representatives of the Free Church who would like to bring the Christmas Carol event back into the centre of the village this year. It was agreed to support the organisation and to donate £500 towards the event.

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Cllr Watson noted that he had walked the permissive path from Church Street to Hauxton Mill with the new Public Rights of Way (PROW) Officer, who is very supportive. In order to keep the permissive path open, a sum of £1,000 per year, for 25 years, has been requested from the Parish Council towards the upkeep of the path, which is carried out by the tenant farmer. It was noted that it is possible that this path could be considered a 'lost footpath' and this should be investigated. It was agreed to commit to £1,000 expenditure for the next 25 years, that Cllr Watson would speak to the PROW officer and that there would be an investigation to see if the path is a 'lost path'.

Cllr Watson noted that the OASISS group wants to help the Ukrainians in the area to learn English and will be looking for venues for lessons. It was agreed to support OASISS's proposals for teaching the Ukrainian refugees.

FINANCE

Members considered the grant application from Active with Parkinson's Cambridgeshire for their work with Parkinson's patients. It was agreed to provide a grant of £300 to the project.

Representatives of the Shelford and Stapleford Youth Initiative thanked members for their support during 2021/22, and explained that their work has grown: there are now five youth workers and they don't just work from the youth building. The grant request is for 25% of their core activities, which is 17% of the total budget for the year. 25% of the attendees come from Great Shelford. Other parishes have been approached for help, including Sawston, Little Shelford and Stapleford. Money to help with their activities also comes from other institutions, churches, donations and County and District Council grants. It was agreed to provide a grant of £17,500 to the charity.

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 & COMMITTEE MEETINGS IN AUGUST

Planning Committee	5 September 7.30pm	Pavilion
Cemetery & Allotments	14 September 7.00pm	Pavilion
Planning Committee	19 September 7.30pm	Pavilion
Full Council	21 September 7.00pm	Pavilion

Meetings may be adjourned for up to 15 minutes when the public can ask questions and put forward points of view related to business on the agenda or for items they wish to raise for future agendas. No decisions can be made in this section of the meeting.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS PARISH COUNCIL COMMENTS

22/02225/HFUL	64 High Street	Home office.
Application supported.		

22/02793/FUL	The Kings Orchard Kings Mill Lane	Erection of a new six bedroom dwelling in the place of an existing dwelling and a detached single storey pool house and pool.
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It was felt that there was not a sufficient traffic management plan for construction operatives on Church Street. Members also expressed grave concerns that the house is not in keeping and the developers have not considered the effects it will have on trees in the area.

They requested that the application should be taken to the Planning Authority's Planning Committee for consideration.

22/03107/PRIOR	185 Cambridge Road	Single storey rear extension.
Application supported.		

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PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

As I write this school holidays are in full swing. There is a buzz around the village as residents enjoy the sunshine.

Memorial Hall

Since the beginning of this month, Great Shelford Parish Council has been managing the Memorial Hall along with the other facilities it owns (thanks once again to the Community Association for all their work over the years). We have enabled calendars to be viewed online so that you can check to see if the hall or other facilities are available before you make a booking. We are also in the process of setting up the booking forms online so that these can be completed without having to wait for the office to be open.

Our Memorial Hall is an old building and there are areas we would like to consider improving including the energy efficiency, toilet facilities, etc. We want to understand what our residents and regular hirers want from the hall so that we are providing a facility fit for the community it serves. We would ask, therefore, that you complete the survey and spread the word.

Please visit our Memorial Hall page on the website for more information.
<https://www.greatshelfordparishcouncil.gov.uk/memorial-hall/>

If you wish to book any of our facilities, please contact Jenny Eldridge on office@greatshelfordparishcouncil.gov.uk.

More Trees in the Village

You may be aware that Great Shelford Parish Council declared a Climate Emergency earlier in the year. We are working on an action plan to help us reduce our carbon emissions and look at other ways to have a positive effect on our sustainability and resilience. We would love to plant more trees in the village, though perhaps when cooler but we have only limited space available on our public land which does not affect the highway. If you can think of anywhere that might be suitable to plant some trees, please do get in contact with the office: clerk@greatshelfordparishcouncil.gov.uk

Shoppers' Bus – Update

Last month we told you that we would be trialling running the Shoppers' bus on a Monday morning for the month of August. This month we want to confirm that it will run also throughout the month of September. So please do look out for the CL Travel bus and catch a lift by waving it down on its route. The service is free of charge and can take a maximum of 16 passengers.

Local Council Award

Great Shelford Parish Council has recently attained the ***Foundation Level*** of the Local Council Award Scheme. The achievement recognises that we achieve good practice in governance, community engagement and council improvement. It also means that we go above and beyond our legal obligations, to help our community improve and develop.

Our next task is to seek Quality Status which means that we want to improve even further. I want to thank all our councillors and staff for their hard work to make this happen.

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

SHELFORD SCHOOL

REMEMBERING MR STARLING

Following the report of Ken Starling's death which appeared in the February edition of the GSVN, a former pupil whose own children now attend Shelford School suggested setting up something in school to remember Mr Starling.

To that end School Council members were asked to canvas their fellow classmates on what would be a) a fitting memorial for Mr Starling and b) of benefit to pupils now and in the future.

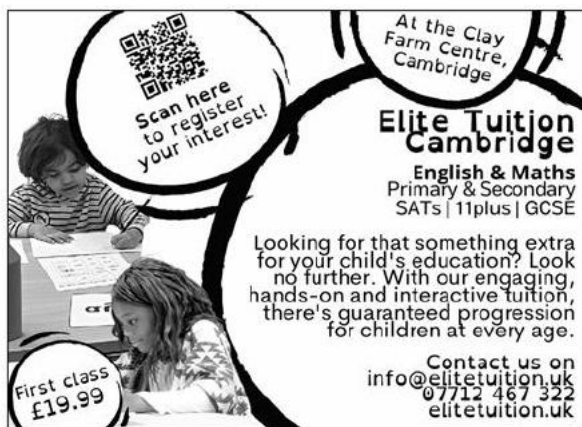
The suggestion that won the most support was a friendship bench for the playground. It will be a special place where children may go when they want someone to talk to and will be made of wood to recall Mr Starling's passion for carpentry.

A bench has now been made by a local carpenter and will soon be decorated with designs suggested by the children.

If you would like to make a contribution towards the cost of the bench please make cheques payable to 'Shelford School' and forward them to The Treasurer, Shelford School Support Fund (SSSF) c/o the school office.

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News from St Mary's Church

A friend described the 'new normal' after the pandemic to be nothing of the kind. 'It is like getting into a different car where things are in different places.' The world has changed and we have changed. When we make a rapid transition, such as we all have, we dip into a u-curve of thoughts and feelings. We mourn the loss of the old certainties; we try to make sense of what has happened as well as begin to try to reimagine the future ahead. Then we begin to emerge in a new place. We are in this process as individuals and as a church too.

I came across a helpful phrase recently; it's 'post traumatic growth'. This is the stage beyond the acceptance of what has happened as we seek to draw out new meanings from it. By choosing our responses in the light of new meaning we can become different, stronger and more resilient. This is growth. The end point of our pandemic transition is not the acceptance of a new normal, but a post pandemic growing. In the church we are trying to do this by being proactive in our care for people and in our thinking ahead to the kind of people and community we want to become. From this has come a willingness to work with other partners and an openness to new ideas of what we can do together.

This month two new ventures are beginning for children and young people. For young people we are planning a monthly service and discussion group. This has been initiated by a young person in St Mary's. The programme of topics for discussion will be generated by those young people who come and they will be involved in the worship. There will be refreshments too.

For younger children and their families and those who enjoy being outside, an exciting new joint venture with the Free Church is starting this month on 25 September. Outdoor Church will include both a service and activities. It will alternate between the grounds of the two churches and the first will take place behind Cara coffee. We hope that children and their families will join us.

Revd Dr Julie Norris, Associate Priest

From the Registers:

Marriage Blessing: 27 August Peter and Beth Duncan

Funerals:	12 July	Richard George Wade
	19 August	Anne (Topsy) Parker
	25 August	Margaret Elizabeth Gwendoline Pryor

September Services

You will receive a warm welcome at any of the following services. These are all going to be held in church except for the Zoom services.

Sunday 4 September (Twelve after Trinity)

8am	Holy Communion (BCP 1662)
10am	Family and Holy Communion
6.30pm	Zoom service

Sunday 11 September (Thirteen after Trinity)

8am	Holy Communion (BCP 1662)
10am	Parish Communion
6.30pm	Zoom service

Sunday 18 September (Fourteen after Trinity)

8am	Holy Communion (BCP 1662)
10am	Parish Communion
6.30pm	Zoom service

Sunday 25 September (Fifteen after Trinity)

8am	Holy Communion (BCP 1662)
10am	Parish Communion
6.30pm	Zoom service

Holy Communion (BCP 1662) is a spoken service in traditional language with a short sermon. **Parish Communion** is our usual main service with music, sermon, children's activities and Holy Communion.

Family and Holy Communion Service on 4 September. For this service we are bringing the altar down into the Nave to make it more visible for those who are newer to it. There will be a short address which will be accessible to children, young and older people. We welcome children and don't want parents to worry about them if they move or speak in the service. Contact Gillian Pett gillian.pett29@gmail.com for details.

Our **Zoom Service** is a time of reflection following a variety of different styles; email revjulienorris@gmail.com to request the link.

Young People Service and Discussion group 18 September 5pm in St Mary's Church. The discussion this month will be 'Is the Christian Faith relevant in modern times'. For details contact Rowan.staines@gmail.com or revjulienorris@gmail.com

Outdoor Church 25 September in the afternoon. This is a new monthly joint venture with the Free Church for children and adults who would like to have a less formal, active based, usually outside, experience of worship. This month it will take place at the back of Cara Coffee. Contact Gillian Pett gillian.pett29@gmail.com or diana@shelfordfreechurch.org.uk for details.

Food Box: We continue to supply a small number of tins, dried produce and other staples such as boxed milk in the Friendship Box in the porch of St Mary's Church. The tins of meat, microwave rice and milk go quickly from the box. Please can you consider putting in a tin. This is a friendship box. Those who give and those who receive wish each other well. We all benefit from this friendship.

Pilgrim Group: We start to meet again 12 September at 2pm. We begin with a session on Mark's Gospel. Then we will look at aspects of Luke's Gospel using material called 'Mapping Luke.' We will be meeting in the Community Room at St Mary's Church. Please come along.

Vacancy: St Mary's is still in vacancy. The process is moving forward towards the appointment of a new incumbent. We are very grateful to visiting clergy who step in to assist us.

Harvest Festival: Please note that 2 October is our Harvest Festival at St Mary's. The 10am service will be a Family Holy Communion Service.

For more information about Great Shelford Parish Church

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SUMMER OF DISCONTENT

It is late in the evening as I type this, wearing a sleeveless summer dress and sitting here with the doors and windows wide open, my lawn the colour of breakfast cereal. The Met Office has estimated that the recent heatwave was made 10 times more likely because of climate change and when mentioning this, the BBC team received hundreds of abusive tweets or emails questioning their reports and telling them to 'get a grip', as temperatures hit 40 degrees C.

A few months ago I took part in 'The Big Plastic Count'. As someone who actively chooses to minimise plastic usage, I discovered that my family still got through 88 pieces of plastic, much of it single use, in a week. UK households throw away almost 100 billion pieces of plastic every year and only 12% of this is recycled in the UK. Instead, our government ships more of our waste overseas where it's often dumped or burned.

War in Europe, the economic repercussions of Covid and a crisis in our government have conspired to produce a cost of living crisis the likes of which most people have never before experienced, with many facing a choice between eating and heating.

With such huge and frightening issues, it's tempting to become despondent and give up hope. When governments do not keep the minimal promises they make it seems we can do nothing against such big problems. Yet we believe that our God cares deeply about his creation and not being able to do everything is not an excuse for doing nothing. The Christian writer N.T. Wright says,

'Virtue is what happens when someone has made a thousand small choices requiring effort and concentration to do something which is good and right, but which doesn't come naturally....Virtue is what happens when wise and courageous choices become second nature.'

So how to make those small choices? At GSFC, we are committed to becoming an Eco Church and are working towards our silver A Rocha UK award for churches who want to demonstrate that the gospel is good news for God's earth. We'd love to share lots of our practical ideas with you and with that in mind are holding our second Eco Fest on Saturday 10 September. This will be in partnership with another 2G3S Repair Café, which we anticipate being even more successful than the last. There will be opportunities to browse stalls from a host of local sustainable producers, sample home-made soup, find out how to swap baby clothes, enjoy crafts with children and recycle small electrical appliances to name just a few of the choices on offer. Do come along and share in our small steps towards being part of caring for God's creation.

'Though the fig tree should not blossom, nor fruit be on the vines, the produce of the olive fail and the fields yield no food, the flock be cut off from the fold and there be no herd in the stalls, yet I will rejoice in the Lord; I will take joy in the God of my salvation.'

Habakkuk 3:17–18

Liz Jenkin, Elder, Great Shelford Free Church

FREE CHURCH ACTIVITIES IN SEPTEMBER

Sunday Services

Sunday 4 September – morning service at 10.30am

Sunday 11 September – evening communion service at 6.30pm

Sunday 18 September – Café Church and Harvest Thanksgiving at 10.30am

Sunday 25 September – morning service at 10.30am

Regular activities

Community Café restarts on 5 September. Monday mornings, 10–12 noon.

Everyone is welcome

Little Steps toddler group restarts on Wednesday 7 September, 10–11.30am, for parents and carers with toddlers up to 3 years old.

Tiny Toes support group for parents with babies up to one year old restarts on 7 September. Every Wednesday 1.30–3pm.

To register your interest in a place for one of the Wednesday groups please contact administrator@shelfordfreechurch.org.uk

Special event

Saturday 10 September – Eco Fest and Repair Café, 10am–2pm (see cover)

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- Saturday 1 October – Linton Health Centre, CB21 4JS
- Sunday 2 October – Market Hill Surgery, SG8 9JN
- Saturday 8 October – Shelford Health Centre, CB22 5FY
- Sunday 16 October – Linton Health Centre, CB21 4JS
- Sunday 16 October – Barley Surgery, SG8 8HY
- Friday 21 October – Sawston Medical Practice, CB22 3HU
- Saturday 22 October – Shelford Health Centre, CB22 5FY

All clinics will run from 8.30am to 4pm. Please phone for an appointment.

We will be vaccinating:

- All children aged 2 to 3 years on 31 August 2022
- People aged 65 years and over (including those becoming 65 by 31 March 2023)
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- Pregnant women (including those women who become pregnant during the influenza season)
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- Those in long stay residential care homes
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The government are also extending the cohort to include those patients 50 years old and over with no underlying health conditions. However, these patients will be vaccinated later in the programme, most likely November time.

The vaccines we are using this year are:

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COVID BOOSTERS

We are hopeful that we will be able to give the Covid autumn boosters at the same time as the flu vaccines. We will keep you updated with any developments.

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We can bake cakes, we can knit and sew but without rain some garden stock just doesn't grow. So disappointing for our growers that some crops and plants have really suffered as a result of the dry spring and summer. Most of the colourful late summer garden flowers will be sorely missed this year. But, we must remain positive. At the moment salad crops, courgettes, squashes and marrows are plentiful along with some plums and varieties of freshly handpicked cooking and dessert apples are now coming into the market.

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Dorothy Doel

CARPET BOWLS CLUB

Great Shelford Carpet Bowls Club is starting up after the summer break on Thursday 8 September at 7pm.

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8, 15, 22, 29	Carpet Bowls (page 23)	7pm	Memorial Hall
9	Twinning Association Wine Tasting (page 33)	7.30pm	Free Church
11	Fun Run (page 40)	10.30am	Recreation Ground
21	Engage Talk (page 29)	2–3.30pm	Library

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READER'S LETTER

THE RECREATION GROUND

The National Playing Fields Association recommends an area of 1.6 hectares per 1000 head of population for sport and recreational purposes. The population of Great Shelford is probably in excess of 4,000. The area of the Recreation Ground is approximately 4.5 hectares which indicates that it is too small for a village of the size of Great Shelford.

The land was purchased by the Parish Council in 1921 when the recreation facilities for the smaller village were very poor but it was probably adequate in those days. Notwithstanding, the ground has been developed to accommodate football pitches, a cricket pitch, tennis courts, children's play area and a bowling green. The Memorial Hall was built during the late 1940s to accommodate village uses and a separate Scout and Guide Hall was added later.

Several years ago it was observed that the children's play area needed improvement and under the auspices of the Parish Council Playscape was started to design and carry out improvements. These are now complete and are impressive compared to what was there before.

Playscape has now been extended to cover the whole Recreation Ground and has listed 9 phases where changes are indicated. One of these changes is in phase 6 which is the proposal for 'a low level hard landscaped area designed by skateboard specialists for both learners and more experienced to practice their skills.' This is located on the grassed area between the Scout and Guide Hall and the tennis courts.

Bearing in mind the restricted size of the Recreation Ground in terms of the size of the village and the principle that it is for everybody in the village it is questionable that every area should be reserved for some particular game. Also, the area has been used by the Scouts and Guides in association with their hall ever since it was built. Additionally, it enjoys easy access to Woollards Lane and is a valuable amenity being the only free area not allocated to a sport and which can be enjoyed by everybody.

David Coggins

EDITORIAL NOTE

Further details of the plans for the Wheelscape – phase 6 of the Playscape project – can be found at <https://shelfordplayscape.org/phases/06-wheelscape/>

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STORYTIME Great Shelford Library's Storytime for ages 0–4 years will be back in September on the first and third Tuesday each month. Sessions will run from 10.30–11am and there's no need to pre-book. (term time only).

BIG BOOK SALE: The Friends of Great Shelford Library would be pleased to receive donations of books in excellent condition for their sale in the library during Libraries Week in October.

DO YOU NEED HELP WITH BASIC COMPUTER SKILLS? Please speak to staff at the library, as we can arrange for you to have a short one-to-one session with our Digital Buddy volunteer. We can also help with bus pass applications and renewals. Sessions are on Tuesdays and by appointment only.

POP IN AND CHAT: there will be another supportive get together for parents and carers of children with additional needs on Wednesday 14 September from 1.30–2.30pm. Children are very welcome too. Please pre-book a place: email: childandfamilysouth@cambridgeshire.gov.uk. Or phone 01954 284 672.

ENGAGE TALK: Wednesday 21 September from 2–3.30pm. A talk by Kate Armstrong, author of *An Unexpected Journey*, about the life of an officer's wife in the dying days of the Empire. Please pre-book in the library or via cambourne.referral@cambridgeshire.gov.uk. Donation of £2 appreciated.

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DEATH BY A THOUSAND CUTS

I love nature, but, just at the moment, I'm finding it hard to feel cheerful. We are warned that we are suffering a biodiversity crisis – or, in layman's terms, more and more of the creatures we love are at risk of dying out. Bird 'flu is ripping through the seabird colonies in the North Sea, colonies which already had their troubles. And here in Shelford we seem to be in the middle of a drought – barely a drop of rain, through April, May, June or July. August isn't looking good either. What price tree-planting – billed as our great salvation – if there's no rain? And what about our local rivers and streams, which are emptying by the day? So where does hope lie?

Well, after reading Duncan Grey's review (in the July Village News), I hastened to buy a 'A Haven for Farmland Birds', by local man John Meed. John is one of many volunteers who do Breeding Bird Surveys for the British Trust for Ornithology. His patch covers the arable fields between Granhams Road and the Addenbrookes site. To look at, the area is nothing much. Intensively farmed arable land, bounded on the north by the hospital site. Alongside it run the railway and busy cycle track, which means lots of human disturbance. And then, on the remaining two sides, are busy roads. And yet, the author tells us, it really is quite special. You only have to look. Up until now, I have looked, but obviously not hard enough, or so I discover.



The area is a haven for the increasingly rare grey partridge, for the corn bunting, for yellow wagtails, for skylarks, yellowhammers and linnets. And though I haven't seen what John has seen, it's such a pleasure just to know they're there, and to know that here they have a refuge. And that's where it gets difficult. Because those fields are being designated for housing in the next round of the Local Plan. If the new busway is built, it will cut across those fields. The proposed East-West rail line will run up the existing railway line, but require massive building works to increase its capacity. And the Biomedical Campus plans to extend further into them. That is how, field by field, we destroy our wildlife and create a biodiversity crisis.

But John Meed has done something important. He's told us that those fields are worth fighting for, and, to an extent, given us ammunition to fight with. We are already fighting those incursions, but knowing how valuable those fields are gives us a reason to fight harder. So let's carry on with our opposition and fight for those birds and all the other wildlife that lives alongside them.

Meanwhile, another bird species in Shelford is having its troubles. For years we've had house martins in the village. There have always been at least a couple of nests in Woollards Lane and every year the martins have raised two broods of chicks. By the end of August there would be a small and joyous crowd of them flying above our heads, the air full of their gentle twittering as they obligingly hoovered up the biting summer insects.

Not this year. Both nests have, for some reason or other, come down and the birds haven't nested there. But no matter, because, across the fields of Rectory Farm are some ugly brick barns – Westfield Farm Barns. In the open fronted one is a lively nesting population of swallows and house martins. Throughout the summer, they fly above the fields of Rectory Farm, swallows flying low and fast, the martins a bit higher and slower, their different calls lighting up the afternoon.

But there's a but. In 2021 permission was granted – in the Green Belt – to replace the barns with a house. The ecology officer noted, at the time, that no ecological assessment had been submitted and recommended one should be requested. I can't see that it was. But permission for the house has been granted. So that's it. That's how much the planning system cares about our declining species. Once the builders arrive, the barns will be demolished. The martins and swallows will return from Africa and find their nesting site has gone. In December 2021, house martins were added to the IUCN Red List. If you're on the Red List, it means you're in trouble – of 'highest conservation concern'. In blunt terms, they're at risk of extinction. Swallows are on the Green List, which suggests they are recovering. Even so, there are far fewer in Shelford than there used to be.

So this is how I'd like to suggest that we, as a village, do something. I've asked the Parish Council to consider whether it might be possible to site martin nesting boxes on the front of the Memorial Hall. And I'd like to ask you, as householders, to look at your house and see if it might provide space for a nesting martin.

The RSPB website <https://www.rspb.org.uk/> gives all you need to know on where to place boxes, on how to attract martins and on nest boxes for them, including how to make your own. More information and suggestions can be found from the organisation, House Martin Conservation UK & Ireland – <https://housemartinconservation.com/> – or just Google 'Attracting house martins'. It would be great to help out these modest little birds.

Helen Harwood

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To register a team, please contact Sarah Coppendale at coppendales@btinternet.com or ring 842498 for an entry form.

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Trustee Keith Sugden has been trawling through our archives ...

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Bearing in mind the population then of Great Shelford was 1,020 spread across 238 households, this means that half the households in the village received fuel relief from the charity. Given that many of the recipients were agricultural labourers, the figures reflect the depressed state of British agriculture in the late 19th century.

THE SHELFORD PAROCHIAL CHARITIES, 1889.		
RECIPIENTS 15 CWT. COAL.		
1 Arnold, Thomas	9 Ellum, Widow	17 Medlock, Widow
2 Arnold, David	10 Ellum, Mrs.	18 Rose, Widow
3 Arnold, Widow (housewife)	11 George, Mrs.	19 Scarr, Widow
4 Cole, Widow	12 Gifford, Widow Mary	20 Thorne, Widow
5 Dean, Widow	13 Gifford, John	21 Trudgett, Widow
6 Dean, Widow Charles	14 Johnson, William	22 Wright, John
7 Dean, Widow Fred	15 Johnson, George	23 Wakelin, Widow
8 Ellis, Widow	16 Kirby, James	
RECIPIENTS 10 CWT. COAL.		
1 Ansell, Widow	20 Dacey, David	39 Pringle, Widow
2 Arnold, Thomas, jun.	21 Ellum, Nathan Widow ✓	40 Rider, Miss
3 Arnold, William	22 Flack, —	41 Pryor, Henry
4 Ashman, Cornelius	23 Gifford, James	42 Rawlinson, Phillip
5 Austin, William	24 Gifford, Widow (housewife)	43 Rose, Harry
6 Badley, —	25 Jordan, John	44 Scarr, William
7 Chapman, Daniel	26 Jordan, John, jun.	45 Scarr, James
8 Cole, William	27 Jeffrey, Widow	46 Scott, John
9 Cornell, John	28 Kasson, Widow	47 Turner, Eliah
10 Cornell, Arthur	29 Medlock, William	48 Westwood, Widow
11 Dean, Thomas	30 Melbourne, George	49 Wright, Charles
12 Dean, Joseph ✓	31 Melbourne, Henry	50 Wright, Widow
13 Dean, James	32 Pearson, Widow (housewife)	51 Willes, Alexander
14 Dean, Alfred	33 Poulter, Peter	52 Wright, John
15 Dean, Widow	34 Poulter, William	53 Wakelin, Henry
16 Dean, Widow John	35 Poulter, Peter	54 Wakeham, James
17 Dean, Ellen	36 Page, Robert ✓	55 Wisbey, Widow
18 Dockerill, Jonathan	37 Page, Robert, jun. (housewife)	
19 Duce, Widow ✓	38 Parker, Charles	
RECIPIENTS 5 CWT. COAL.		
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2 Burrows, Richard	16 Jordan, Joseph	30 Scarr, Charles
3 Bowtell, Jesse	17 Jordan, James	31 Scarr, Fred
4 Bowtell, William	18 Johnson, Harry	32 Scarr, James
5 Dean, Arthur	19 Kirby, Thomas	33 Scarr, Fred
6 Dean, Walter	20 Melbourne, Pearce	34 Smith, Samuel
7 Ellum, Herbert	21 Melbourne, Pearce	35 Twitchebury, James
8 Flitton, Thomas	22 Poulter, William	36 Trudgett, David
9 Flitton, Sam.	23 Poulter, James	37 Trudgett, John
10 Freeman, Richard	24 Poulter, Robert	38 Trudgett, James
11 Gifford, William	25 Poulter, Charles	39 Trivia, Widow
12 Gifford, John Lewis	26 Poulter, Henry	40 Wright, Henry (housewife)
13 Gifford, William	27 Pearson, Edward	
14 Leon, Peter	28 Rawlinson, Richard	
TOTAL NUMBER OF RECIPIENTS		118
TOTAL WEIGHT OF COAL		84 Tons, 15 CWT.

Alas fuel poverty continues to this day. Villagers experiencing hardship may wish to contact our partner, John Huntingdon's Charity in Sawston, who can provide advice on benefits, housing, homelessness and small debts. Their services are free of charge and confidentiality is assured.

APPLICATIONS OPEN FOR OUR NEW ALMSHOUSES

We are pleased to announce that applications for our 21 new almshouse properties open on 1 September.

Great Shelford residents on low incomes and in housing need are invited to apply and we welcome applications from individuals, couples and families.

Sited at the end of More's Meadow and available for occupation from early next year, the new homes are designed for independent, low-cost living.

Our residents pay a monthly maintenance contribution which we set at 50% of the rental rate for similar private property in the village.

Application forms may be downloaded from our website – gspc.org.uk/housing and are also available from our partner JHC at:

John Huntingdon's Charity
189 High St
Sawston
CB22 3HJ
office@johnhuntingdon.org.uk
01223 492492

JHC can also provide assistance with completing the form.

Applications should be submitted to JHC by 30 September 2022. These will be processed confidentially by JHC and then assessed anonymously by Parochial Charities trustees. Shortlisted applicants will be invited to attend an informal interview.

Typically, a successful applicant will be eligible for a property with one bedroom per:

- adult couple (regardless of marital status)
- other adult aged 16 or older
- two children under 16 and of the same sex
- two children under 10
- other child

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

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

13th September 1851

ACCIDENTAL FIRE – On Tuesday last, about 5 o'clock, a fire broke out on the premises of Mr. Clark, farmer, of this place. It appears that some children belonging to a cottage contiguous to the farm got hold of some Lucifer matches, and while playing with them near to the trefoil stacks, set fire to it, and the flames very soon communicated to the buildings around.

The Shelford engine was speedily at work, and the villagers exerted themselves in the most praise worthy manner. It was soon apparent that nearly the whole of the building was doomed to destruction; efforts were therefore made to save the furniture and effects of the cottages and very soon they were brought out and deposited on Mr Headly's grass-plot.

A telegraph message sent to Cambridge, speedily brought the Royal Farmers', The Phoenix and the Norwich Union engines, but owing to the shortage of water they were of very little use. Fortunately the wind was in a very favourable quarter, or a large barn and several stacks, situated at the end of the yard would have fallen prey to the flames.

The following property was destroyed: 24 acres of straw, 12 acres of barley and nearly all the farming implements belonging to Mr R.W.Maris, the whole of which was insured in the Norwich Union; the dwelling house and buildings, the property of Mr Humphreys Green de Freville, all of which were destroyed; they were insured in the Sun Office; the straw and implement belonging to Mr Clark, the tenant, were also insured in the Sun Office. It is estimated that the damage done will amount to nearly £2,000.

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WHAT WE'VE BEEN UP TO

At the first Repair Café in Whittlesford, which was lively and very popular, we had an information stall and met up with their green group, Eco Whittlesford. We look forward to working with them in the future.

We held another Fruit and Veg Swap at the end of August. Looking at the apple crops around here this year, we should have been holding an Apple Fair!

The Book Club met in August, discussing 'A Bigger Picture' by Vanessa Nakate, bringing an African viewpoint to the climate crisis. Last time people read 'Doughnut Economics' by Kate Raworth – a thought provoking book, advocating a new kind of economics that doesn't just think of growth and GDP. It needs to value human wellbeing and fairness and we need to live within the planet's means.

FUTURE EVENTS

Monday 5 September 'Heat Pumps Explained' by Warren Pope, of Peterborough Environment City Trust. Johnson Hall, Stapleford, at 8pm, or by Zoom.

Repair Café at Great Shelford Free Church's Eco Festival, Saturday 10 September, 10am to 2pm. To book items in for repair and find out more see our website.

Our next Nature Walk, led by the very knowledgeable John O'Boyle, will be on Saturday 17 September at the Wale Field in Little Shelford from 2pm to 4pm. See our website for more details. For all our walks, sturdy footwear and appropriate outdoor wear are advised. These walks are intended to raise awareness of our local wildlife sites and are open to all, but it is important that you are aware that you attend at your own risk. We do not accept responsibility for any accidents or mishaps that might arise during the activity.

There will be a Social Cycle Ride on Monday 19 September, 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. To book email greener@sawston.org.

On Monday 3 October our conversation evening will be 'Low-Cost Energy Saving Measures' by Bart Hommels, who has retrofitted his own home and featured in Cambridge's Open Eco Homes.

OTHER NEWS

Cambridge Carbon Footprint have published a Climate Change Charter with Cambridge City Council. As part of this they have distributed a map of recycling/reusing/repair facilities in the area. You may be able to pick up a paper copy in the library, or look online at cambridgecarbonfootprint.org/charter.

There was an interesting article in the Guardian on 6 August about ways to prevent drought, apart from two minute showers, water butts, reusing washing-up water to water your flowerpots, etc. For instance, beavers can be helpful in keeping a river's water on the land rather than it rushing down a river towards the sea. With all the projected housing development in the SE, the Government has to take action now to preserve our rivers and wildlife, keep our households supplied and keep our food growing.

If you wish to read further on environmental matters, two books were recommended in the Cambridge Independent's Summer Reads list: 'Sacred Nature: How We Can Recover Our Bond with the Natural World', by Karen Armstrong and 'Net Zero, Food and Farming' by an East Anglian academic, Neil Ward.

If you are interested in green matters and the environment at all levels (individual, local, national, international), send an email to greengroupssss@gmail.com to sign up for our newsletter, or to get more information about our meetings. We are a friendly group and welcome anyone who wants to come along. Also see our Facebook page and our website (type 2G3S into Google and you will find us).

Helen Hale

CAMBRIDGE FLOWER CLUB

We meet at the Memorial Hall, Mill Lane. Whittlesford CB22 4NE at 7.15pm for a demonstration with refreshments from 6.45pm.

New members welcome! Visitors pay £6.00

15 September Visit to Easton Lodge Gardens, Gt Easton, Dunmow

20 October Alan Smith demonstration 'Autumn Glory'

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

SHELFORD FUN RUN

SUNDAY 11 SEPTEMBER, 10.30AM

Registration is OPEN! Register now at www.shelfordfunrun.co.uk/sign-up

Our fast flat course on closed roads through Great and Little Shelford is perfect for experienced runners looking for a PB, first time runners and for families!

There will be a split start for the UKA registered 5k race and the 5k fun run, so that faster runners can get off quickly and fun runners and families can start at a more relaxed pace. Both the race and run are chip timed, so your overall time will not be affected by which group you start in.

Funds raised will go towards the Wheelscape – the next phase of the playscape project, A small, street style skate park designed by experts to be as inclusive as possible for all wheels: from bikes to boards, skates to wheelchairs.

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And finally, if you can volunteer on the day to help set up, marshal or clear down, please email funrun@shelfordplayscape.org.

We can't wait to see you at the start line!

Please note: we will not be taking on-the-day entries this year so it is essential to register in advance. Last year's event was a sell-out!

The Shelford Fun Run Team

SHELFORD FEAST APPLY FOR GRANTS

The Shelford Feast seems long ago but The Bunch continue to work at it. We won't know how much money we have raised until late October but we have a deadline of **30 September** by which all grant applications must be received.

If you think your local good cause has a need for extra funds look at the Feast Grant Application Form at <https://www.shelfordfeast.co.uk/about.html> Scroll down to the last paragraph and choose either a Word or pdf version. Do please read the criteria carefully before submitting the form!

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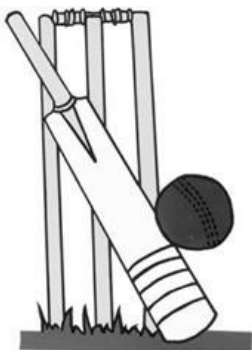
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GREAT SHELFORD CRICKET CLUB



There is not a great deal to report as at the time of writing there has only been one league match since the previous issue.

St Giles looked set for a good total until Theo Ball took 4 wickets and then Priten Patel took the last three in just four balls. 130 was well within range and we won by seven wickets with almost half the overs unused. So we still lie in second place and hence in line for promotion, but with two of the four remaining matches against the unbeaten league leaders, Barrington there is still a lot of work to do.

Earlier in the season our Under 10s completed their first season in a very creditable second place in their league; they showed great improvement through the season and won their last three matches. The Under 12s had some very challenging opposition but performed well and thoroughly enjoyed their cricket. Many thanks to the team managers and coaches, particularly Dave Berry and Jonathan Ede, for their hard work and encouragement to our youngsters.

Peter Ede (Chair)

TENNIS CLUB

MEET YOUR COMMITTEE

Up next in our Meet the Committee series, Sarah Richards, our Secretary and Welfare Officer.

Q: What's your name and where are you from?

A: My name is Sarah. I was born and grew up in Birmingham. After university I moved to Cambridge as a post graduate student in 2000 and stayed here. My grandparents lived in Great Shelford and, when I was small, I always wanted to live here. I still miss Birmingham though!



Q: How long have you been playing tennis?

A: I first started playing aged about 9. My tennis club was Edgbaston Archery and Lawn Tennis Society – officially the oldest lawn tennis club in the world. I recently went back for a visit, and it is still exactly as I remember with beautifully kept grass and clay courts. I completely stopped playing after university, but I joined Great Shelford when my children started playing tennis and I started playing again myself in 2014.

Q: Why did you join the committee at the tennis club?

A: I love playing and watching tennis and my children have also gained a lot from coaching at the club. Like so many clubs, Great Shelford is run by volunteers and to be able to give some time and a voice on the committee is a privilege. It is important to me that, to be balanced, the committee represents a good cross-section of views from across the club.

Q: What's the one thing you want readers to know about you?

A: I am the club's Welfare Officer, which means that I am the first point of contact within the club for concerns about welfare, discrimination, poor practice or abuse. As a committee, we have a responsibility for promoting safeguarding and working to ensure that the club is a safe and inclusive environment.

Q: What's your guilty pleasure?

A: A cheeseboard, a glass of wine and a whodunnit murder mystery.

Q: If you really knew me you would know...

A: My favourite current tennis player is Simona Halep. I love how quick she is around the court and her tenacity to chase every ball down and I'll always be Team Nadal.

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Classes are held in Sawston on Tuesday and Friday afternoons. Tuesday's class is based on Parkinson's Warrior exercises and Friday's is Nordic Walking for People with Parkinson's. Both classes are fun, enjoyable and motivational, led by Paul Goddard who has many years' experience as a neurological disease exercise instructor.

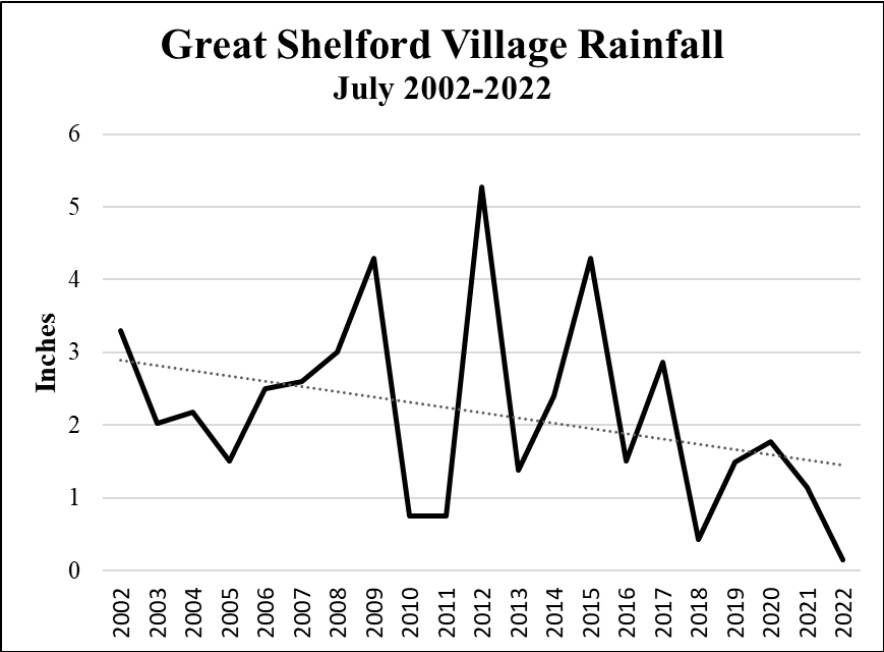
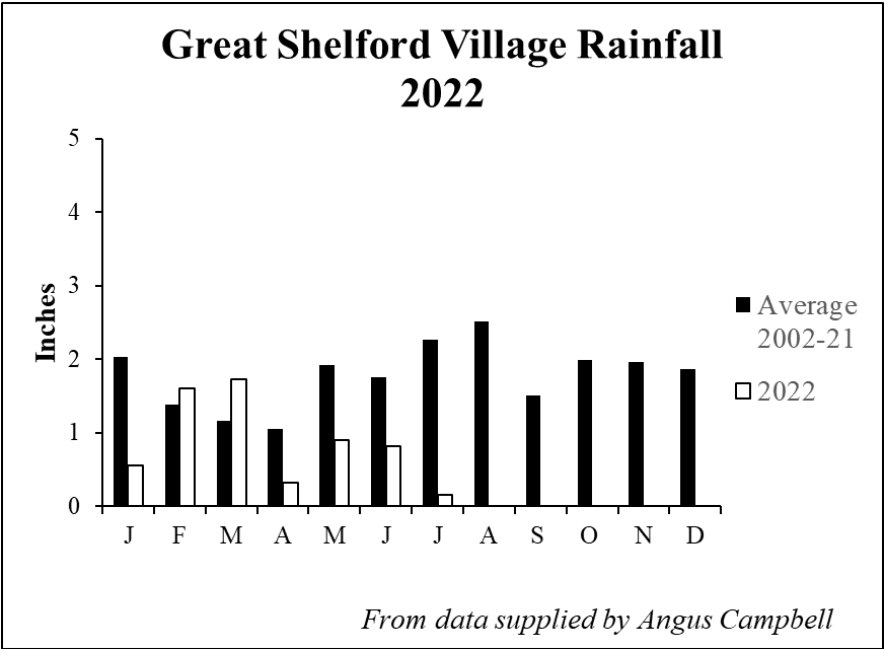


If you or anyone you know has Parkinson's Disease and would be interested in attending please contact Deb Liddington for further information

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*Deb Liddington
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WHAT'S ON IN SEPTEMBER

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 the event may already be booked.

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