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EDITORIAL NOTICE

Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II

We were saddened to hear the announcement of the death of Her Majesty the Queen on 8 September. For many of us, she is the only monarch we have ever known. We thank her for her dedication and commitment over 70 years of service to our country. Our thoughts are with her family at this time.

GREAT SHELFORD PARISH COUNCIL

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SUMMARY FROM THE UNADOPTED MINUTES OF THE FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES MEETING ON 17 AUGUST 2022

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION

A member of the public was present and noted that for many years Shelford has not had enough recreational space for the number of residents. As the village increases in size, this will be even less adequate for the population. Referring to the masterplan for the Recreation Ground, the resident noted that the basketball post/net and kick board were located down towards the river as there was no room nearer the Woollards Lane end of the Recreation Ground.

COUNCIL ADMINISTRATION

The draft terms of reference for the Human Resources Committee were approved.

A new grant policy and application form for use by local organisations when seeking a grant from the Parish Council was approved.

The draft Design and Access Statement for the Wheelscape project was presented to members. It was noted that it has not really changed very much from the original one. The document is based on the approved statement used for the Playscape project but has the more recent consultations included. It was decided to seek some initial designs for the Wheelscape to take into account the sport on the Recreation Ground and the space available and to bring these to the Full Council Meeting in October.

The Business Plan was discussed by members. It was noted that since the last Full Council Meeting the council had achieved the Foundation Level of the Local Council Award Scheme, and the paving had been completed around two sides of the Pavilion and in the storage area for the cricket equipment. The Clerk has chased two companies for their quotations to improve the CCTV coverage on the Recreation Ground and more information is required for the Speed Indicator Device on Hinton Way.

MEMORIAL HALL

The Clerk provided an overview of work undertaken for the transfer of management of the Memorial Hall to the Parish Council with effect from 1 September. It was noted that:

- an online calendar is now available showing when the main hall and meeting rooms are available – see links on www.greatshelfordparishcouncil.gov.uk/memorial-hall/
- all regular hirers have been contacted and their bookings uploaded to the booking software
- the premises licence, music licence and other contracts have been transferred or are in the process of being set up in the name of the Parish Council
- the contractors, including window cleaners, floor maintenance etc., have all been informed
- the cleaner/caretaker has confirmed that she would like to continue with the Parish Council on a self-employed basis.

The Hiring Policy for the Memorial Hall and the Conditions for Hire were approved. Members discussed the ongoing requirements for the hall in respect to energy efficiency, modernisation, etc. Draft surveys drawn up by the Clerk were considered. It was decided to put a short survey on the website to find out what sort of things residents would be interested to attend there and in addition to send out a survey specifically for existing users.

FINANCE

It was agreed that £7,500 of the money held under General Improvements within the Highways Cost Centre could be reallocated to the purchase of a bus shelter on Cambridge Road.

In a closed session, it was agreed to increase the Clerk's salary to SCP37 in line with a recent job evaluation.

Full copies of the minutes of the Parish Council and Planning meetings can be viewed on the Parish Council website greatshelfordparishcouncil.gov.uk/minutes-agendas

PARISH COUNCIL & COMMITTEE MEETINGS IN OCTOBER

Planning Committee	3 October 7.30pm	Pavilion
Recreation and Pavilion Committee	12 October 7.30pm	Pavilion
Planning Committee	17 October 7.30pm	Pavilion
Full Council	19 October 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

22/03036/HFUL	19 High Street	Demolition of outbuilding and construction of single storey rear extension.
Application supported.		

CCC/22/072/FUL	Realignment of A1307/Haverhill Road junction, construction of new active travel routes and an unsignalised crossing point, turning modifications between Haverhill Road and Wandlebury Country Park, lighting, engineering and landscape works at junction of A1307 Babraham Road Haverhill Road within the parish of Stapleford.
The Parish Council objects to this application as it is their formal position to support the busway on the A1307 and this development would make this option impossible. It would also increase traffic on Mingle Lane and Church Street, which are both heavily used by cyclists, so would increase traffic safety concerns in those areas.	

22/03169/FUL	36 Leeway Avenue	Demolition of existing bungalow and replacement with two semi-detached dwellings.
Application supported.		

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22/03060/HFUL	228a Cambridge Rd	Single storey glass canopy on rear/side elevation.
Application supported.		

22/03198/HFUL	12 Red Hill	Single storey rear extension with Velux windows.
Application supported.		

22/03247/HFUL	Beech Cottage, 28 High Green	Single storey side extension.
Application supported.		

22/03272/HFUL	24 Woollards Lane	First floor side extension and two storey rear extension.
Application supported.		

22/03389/HFUL	40 Buristead Road	Two storey side and rear extension with additional single storey front and rear extensions.
Application supported.		

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

I write this month's news with a heavy heart.

Loss of Queen Elizabeth II

We mourn the loss of our beloved Queen of more than 70 years. Great Shelford joined in with the national mourning with our flag at half mast, flowers laid at the war memorial and a book of condolence located at St Mary's Church. The book will become part of our archives and we are sending a letter to Buckingham Palace to let them know of its existence and to pass on the sympathies of our residents to the King, his family and the royal household. The flowers which were laid by residents at the war memorial have been collected and will be used as compost when we plant a tree in the Queen's memory. I was pleased to be invited to take part in the Special Commemoration Service on Sunday 18 September which was hosted between St Mary's and the Free Church.

Preparing for winter in uncertain financial times

My colleagues and I are acutely aware that winter is fast approaching and with high levels of inflation and the hike in energy prices, some residents may be struggling this winter and facing difficult choices, whether to keep warm or be able to feed the family. We are talking to other organisations in the village about various ways we can all help with these concerns. One idea we are looking at is a 'Warm Hub' where residents can go, keep warm and socialise. Other ideas include a rota where residents visit different people's homes, so only one person is having to put the heating on at any time. Nothing has been finalised yet, so please keep an eye on our website and Facebook pages for more information or contact Libby on clerk@greatshelfordparishcouncil.gov.uk. Please also remember that there are two charities very local to us who are available for support if you need it. Within the village itself is the Great Shelford Parochial Charity <https://gspc.org.uk/> or please contact the John Huntingdon Charity based in Sawston <https://johnhuntingdon.org.uk/>. Both are available for nonjudgmental support when you need it.

Shopping bus – last service on Monday 26 September

Over the last couple of months we have been trialling the shopping bus on a Monday to see if there was any greater uptake. Unfortunately, this has not happened and CL Travel have contacted Libby to say that with them not carrying any more than one person per day, it is simply not viable for them to continue. It is, therefore, with regret that the bus will no longer be running after 26 September. We must take this opportunity to thank CL Travel for the service they have provided including during lockdown.

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' email addresses can be found on the website. If you email a Councillor, please copy in Libby.

Malcolm Watson, Chairman

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SHELFORD SCHOOL

As the first significant, sustained splashes of rain began to fall, it seemed to signal the start of the new academic year. At the very cusp of early autumn, we were delighted to throw the school doors back open. We welcome this new academic year ahead with fresh enthusiasm and energy, not just for the return to ‘normal’, but also for the opportunities to return to vibrant and creative working in partnership.

Welcoming pupils on Monday 5 September, the school was filled with stories of long, lazy summer days and adventures away. Meanwhile, whilst many pupils were returning to school, we were delighted to welcome families new to the community – especially our new Reception class. Additionally, positive tales are gradually reaching us about those that have flown the nest onwards into Year 7!

The school community were deeply saddened to learn of the passing of our Late Lady Sovereign Queen Elizabeth II. We marked this moment with a special reflective service, a video summary of which can be found on our website.

This half term, pupils explore topics relating to the ‘thread’ of identity. We explore what identity means and celebrate the elements that make us unique, yet understand we are all equal and welcome in our school community. Our Year 3 class are exploring the identity of our country, through their topic, ‘What occurred in 1066?’ To enter this topic with a bang, pupils created their own swords and shields, before re-enacting the Battle of Hastings (*below*), understanding the impact this had on the identity of Britain.



We go forth into this academic year with renewed vigour, in anticipation of the exciting opportunities ahead.

Chris Grey Head, Great and Little Shelford CE (A) Primary School

ANTHONY BROWNE MP

When I ran to be the Member of Parliament for South Cambridgeshire, I committed to working to improve public transport for my constituents. A large proportion of residents commute to London and Cambridge for work.

We all know how congested busy Cambridge's roads can become on workdays. As such, I fully appreciate how challenging the rail strikes will have been for the people of Great Shelford. I am firmly of the view that both sides ought to come to the table to reach a solution that puts commuters and travellers first.

In the last month, I have received a large amount of correspondence from the people of Great Shelford. Some of these have been about passport application delays. I have stressed my dissatisfaction at this matter to colleagues. This is the first summer since Pandemic restrictions have been lifted and I fully appreciate that families looking forward to summer holidays have been left deeply frustrated. I will continue to press for these issues to be resolved and my office will continue to work on individual cases. Of course, if you are experiencing problems with passport applications and are yet to be in touch, I would encourage you to reach out to my office.

Thanks to recent heatwaves, South Cambridgeshire faces a rainfall deficit equivalent to three months' worth of rain. There is no getting around the fact that South Cambridgeshire is running out of water, something I know many of you see in the local village ponds, chalk streams and nature reserves. I have long campaigned to protect our local waterways and now I'm asking for your help to flood the internet with snaps of our beleaguered waterways as a call to action on this looming environmental disaster. To continue that campaign and raise awareness across the area, I am asking everyone to raise awareness of the crisis in our local waterways by crowd sourcing evidence of the problem. Share your photos and accounts of our dried up rivers and ponds with me via email at anthony.browne.mp@parliament.uk, or tag me in them on social media.

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READER'S LETTER

In their report (*GSVN September, page 2*) the Traffic and Transport Infrastructure Working Group (TTIWG) states that 'The local police constable has been invited to visit Church Street ...'

My question is: does Great Shelford still have a police constable? I am sure TTIWG will find that Cambridgeshire Police no longer have individual constables who patrol beats around our village, or any other village for that matter. In fact, they can rarely dispatch an officer to deal with local crime incidents such as stolen bicycles, acts of vandalism or indeed assaults. So I really do not think that Cambs Police will be able to spare an officer to observe and comment on traffic movements!

For a moment I thought the report was on the wrong page and should have been on the Old News (page 40) listing village happenings in 1851!

John Wakefield

PARISH COUNCIL REPLY

Great Shelford Parish Council can confirm that Great Shelford does not have a designated Police Constable but is covered by our Neighbourhood Team, see link <https://www.cambs.police.uk/police-forces/cambridgeshire-constabulary/areas/campaigns/nhp/neighbourhood-policing/South-Cambridgeshire/>.

Two Parish Councillors did meet with two Police Constables on 5 July on Church Street and discussed the issues the Parish Council and residents have observed, and possible solutions.

The reality is that to have a dedicated Police Constable is not going to happen, the Police now are focused on using technology to make decisions on priorities and we as a community need to embrace the new systems to identify problems in the village by reporting issues online.

Clerk

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Lauren Watchorn

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Flu Clinics 2022 – Reminder

Have you booked your flu jab appointment yet? If not, but you are eligible, ring 0300 234 5555 now to book your appointment. The flu clinic dates are:

- 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
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20 October Alan Smith 'Autumn Glory'

17 November Gill McGregor 'Festive Flowers and Fun'

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Freda Orgee

GREAT SHELFORD PARISH CHURCH

We give thanks for the life of our beloved Queen Elizabeth.
God bless our new King Charles III and the life of our nation.



Julie Norris is our new Vicar

Known to many in our church for several years, Julie has served as Associate Priest since the departure of Rev Simon Talbott. We are blessed and thankful that she has now officially become our new Vicar.

News for children and families

We have been looking at new ways to include children in our first Sunday of the month Worship. On **4 October** we will have fun with our **Harvest Festival at 10am**. There are activities, hymns to sing which the children already know and some will be involved in saying words at the Holy Communion. Children are welcome and we don't want them to be silent! We also welcome those who are older, whether you are on your own, or with a family. There will be something here for you as we celebrate the gifts given to us in the natural world and the food that we have. After the service we will have a **Shared Harvest Meal**. You are invited to bring and share and there will be food enough for all. There will be donation bowls to give money to the Food Bank in Cambridge and some tins will go our Friendship Food Box.

News for young people

One of our youngsters has asked us for a monthly service and discussion group. The topics for discussion will be decided by those who come along. There will be refreshments too. We had to postpone last month's meeting because of special services to remember Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II. So, the first service and discussion will be on **Sunday 23 October at 5pm in St Mary's Church**. The discussion this month will be 'Is the Christian Faith relevant in modern times'. For more details, contact Rowan.staines@gmail.com or revjulienorris@gmail.com or, better still, come along and join the group!

Open Space

For children, families and those who enjoy being outside: join in an exciting new joint venture with the Free Church. This started last month when families met outside the Free Church. On **23 October, from 3–4.30pm, Open Space will take place at St Mary's in the Church Yard**. There are plans for a number of activities all with a harvest theme. For more details, contact Gillian Pett at gillian.pett29@gmail.com or diana@shelfordfreechurch.org.uk.

Julie's jottings

By the time that this edition arrives with you, I will have been collated as Vicar of Great Shelford Benefice and officially become the parish vicar. This will be a privilege. I am looking forward to being there to mark with you the seasons of the year, the festivals, weddings and other special occasions, as well as sorrowful times when we will honour together the lives of those who have died.

St Mary's is made up of a wonderful group of people, who have both experience and compassion to be shared with the wider community. This is a Church with an identity which begins with the sacrament of Holy Communion, then extends this into our service in the wider world. We taste God's love and are empowered to take that love into what we do next. Our communion with each other is inclusive.

During October we will be focusing on the gifts that we have received and the gifts that we can share. On the first Sunday we will be celebrating the Harvest Festival with a Family Communion Service. On the Second Sunday we will be considering the gifts that we have which can serve the common good. As part of this we will be looking at our financial resources and what it costs to keep the church going.

Revd Dr Julie Norris

You will receive a warm welcome any Sunday at any of the following services. These are all at St. Mary's Church except for the Zoom services.

Here are brief explanations of each service:

- 8am **Holy Communion Book of Common Prayer (1662).** This is a spoken traditional language Communion with a short sermon.
- 10am On the **First Sunday of the Month for Family and Holy Communion** we bring the altar into the nave. Children and young people are involved in the activities during the service. We sing hymns used in schools and known by the children.
- 10am **Parish Communion on other Sundays.** This is a contemporary sung service of Holy Communion, with choir, children's activity and a sermon.
- 6.30pm **Zoom Service.** We continue our weekly Zoom Service for those who cannot get to church, or want to join us from around the world. This is a time of reflection following a variety of different styles; email revjulienorris@gmail.com to request the link.

On 16 October we have a guest Priest to preach and lead the worship at both the 8am BCP service and 10am Parish Communion. **Rev Prof Alasdair Coles** is both a priest and a neurologist at Addenbrooke's Hospital. He has been a frequent visitor to the Church during the vacancy, for which St Mary's congregation are very grateful.

From the Registers:

Funerals: 27 June 2022 Terence Radford

Terry's funeral service was in June, but was accidentally omitted from the July News. We continue to remember him and his family in our prayers this month.

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 or two. This is a friendship box. Those who give and those who receive wish each other well. We all benefit from this friendship.

Pilgrim Group: The Group meets on Monday afternoons at 2pm in the Community Room at St Mary's Church. We reflect on how aspects of our lives are affected by the Christian gospel. St Luke's gospel is currently the focus of our attention. We welcome newcomers to join us. Please come along.

We thank God for the life of the Queen and for her service to the nation, her care for her people, for her faith and dedication to duty. May her example continue to inspire us.

We pray for our new King; bless and guide him as his reign begins. Help us to work together so that truth, justice, harmony and fairness will flourish.

For more information about Great Shelford Parish Church

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THE SERVANT KING

His Majesty King Charles must still be adjusting to his sudden change of role and lifestyle; one that he has been preparing for all his life and to which he has risen magnificently, but which presents him with a new lifetime challenge. Our new Prime Minister, Liz Truss has also taken on a job that, let's face it, not many of us would be up to. Behind it all, the late Queen Elizabeth has taken her step into eternity, after a lifetime of selfless service that has been described as incomparable.

But how much has changed, for the rest of us? The machinery of state rolls on, regardless of who is at the helm. His Majesty has made this clear in all his statements as king. He is committed, as his mother was, to being a constitutional head of state, with all that this represents. And what it represents is service and stability, supported by a family trained from birth to live a very different life than others live, providing a focus and ceremonial structure in a society that, frankly, can have very different agendas, but can be brought together powerfully by a sense of shared values and emotion.

I was always taught to respect Queen Elizabeth, in whose coronation year I was born, but came to admire her more when I came to share her faith in Christ and became aware of its depth and devotion, which guided her whole life. Jesus Christ demonstrates both God and man, in one person. On one hand he shows us who God really is, a patient, sacrificial, loving, forgiving Father. On the other, by his example as a man and through His Holy Spirit in His followers' lives, he shows us what being fully human really is, rather than letting us rely only on ourselves and make a mess of it.

'Your throne is God's throne, ever and always; the sceptre of your royal rule measures right living. You love the right and hate the wrong. And that is why God, your very own God, poured fragrant oil on your head, marking you out as king.' Psalm 45 vv6-7 (The Message)

May our new king be blessed by The Servant King, as his mother was. And may Liz Truss's government lead us towards justice and demonstrate Jesus's heart for the poor and marginalised.

Lou Everard

FREE CHURCH ACTIVITIES

Sunday Services – every Sunday morning at 10.30am.

Café Church – an informal service which will be on Sunday 16 October at 10.30am.

Community Café – every Monday 9.30–12 noon. No need to book.

Little Steps Toddler Group – every Wednesday, 10am–11.30am. Please contact administrator@shelfordfreechurch.org.uk to book a place.

Tiny Toes Baby Group – every Wednesday, 1.30pm–3pm. Contact administrator as above to book a place.

Finally, there is going to be an **All Hallows' Eve Festival** on Monday 31 October, 5.30pm–7.30pm. This is a great fun event for families, with a BBQ, games, crafts and light trail. To book a place, please visit www.shelfordfreechurch.org.uk.

Great Shelford Free Church and St. Mary's Church Great Shelford are pleased to announce a new collaborative venture.

Open Space

A place for families to have fun and explore faith together outdoors.

There will be activities to do, things to discover, games to play and the opportunity to share and grow faith with one another. Refreshments will be provided.

The next event will take place on 23 October from 3.00–4.30pm in St. Mary's churchyard.

If you're a family with school age children come and join us and find out more.

CAMBRIDGE CAKE CREATORS

Thursday 20 October at 7.30pm at Stapleford Pavilion.

At our October meeting we will be welcoming Estelle Mann, who will be giving a demo on stencilling.

We are a friendly group and all abilities are welcome to join us, you only need to have an interest in baking. **Cost: £10, which includes coffee and cake.** For more information, email vanda.butler@googlemail.com or ring Vanda on 01223 561053.

Vanda Butler

PAROCHIAL CHARITIES NEWS



The new almshouse development is nearing completion and should be ready for occupation early next year. The 21 new homes are grouped in three terraces surrounding a central landscaped green. After much discussion, we have assigned each terrace a name memorialising a local figure who cared for the well being of Shelford people.

Martin Terrace

Great Shelford was amongst the many villages in the area to benefit from the generosity of **Lettice Martin**. Upon her death in 1562, this wealthy landowner of Chrishall, some eight miles south of Shelford, left money to found charities for the poor across 36 parishes. In 1890, Great Shelford's Lettice Martin's Charity merged with two other local charities to form The Parochial Charities.

Pearson Terrace

In addition to housing, the charity in its early years provided other benefits to those in need, most notably the provision of coal but also nursing aid and equipment. Our records show that between 1893 and 1895 - and soon after its foundation - the Parochial Charities paid for nursing duties provided by Elizabeth Pearson, a widow living in Abberley Wood.

Oliver Terrace

Before the health centre opened in 1980, the village surgery was located on the corner of Tunwells Lane and Station Road. And it was here that Dr Hugh Oliver MBE practised, firstly as a locum in the late 1950s and latterly - from 1976 to 1988 - as a much loved village GP. In between, he served as Medical Superintendent at the Mengo Hospital in Kampala, Uganda. Dr Oliver was for many years a trustee of The Parochial Charities, only stepping down in 2014. He died in 2017 aged 87.

Brian Connellan, Trustee

LITTLE SHELFORD MEMORIAL HALL FILM EVENING

There will be a Memorial Hall film evening with a showing of **‘Where the Crawdads Sing’** on Saturday 12 November. Doors open at 7.30pm for an 8pm start, with a break for supper of pizza and salad.

‘Where the Crawdads Sing’ is a 2022 American mystery thriller drama film based on the 2018 novel of the same name by Delia Owens. The story follows an abandoned yet defiant girl, Kya, who raises herself to adulthood in a North Carolina marshland, becoming a naturalist in the process. When the town’s hotshot is found dead, she is the prime suspect and is tried for murder. The film became a box office success, grossing over \$116 million worldwide on a \$24 million budget.

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

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Sarah Coppendale



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OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOX APPEAL



It is this time of the year again. Thank you for all the support over the last few years especially last year with the difficulties. Last year 10.5 million boxes were sent around the world. This year two thirds of the boxes packed in the UK are going to Ukraine and the countries around who are supporting the refugees.

This message is to encourage you to get involved again and fill a shoebox – or it could be your first time. It is a way of showing God's love. Each box may be the only gift a child will receive, so items

are often treasured for years after and even into adulthood. Adding a photo or short message in the box means so much (no address).

There are various ways to get involved:

- 1 Fill a whole shoebox with the suggested items.
- 2 Donate one or more items (these can be dropped off at the Free Church).
- 3 Make a donation which can be used to buy items or for transport costs.
- 4 Pack an 'on line box' for £20 (you can choose the gifts via the website).

Suggested items are stationery, toiletries (not toothpaste or liquids), toys, jewellery items, hats, gloves, scarves, paper, balls or socks. There is a long list on the website – see below – along with items to avoid.

AGE GROUPS 2–4 years, 5–8 years, 9–14 years (boys or girls)

Covered shoeboxes can be used or you can pick up a preprinted flat pack box from the church or from Tucker Gardner, along with an information leaflet.

Collection week is November 14 to 21, when you can drop off filled boxes or items at the **Free Church or Tucker Gardner**.

There will be a shoebox filling party on **Saturday 19 November** at the Free Church, along with a cake sale.

Below is a link for the charity with all the information you will need.

<https://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/>

I am a year round volunteer for Operation Christmas Child and a member of Great Shelford Free Church. Please do get in touch if you need help or further information (email. jane.furlow@gmail.com, tel 01223 893232 / 07745046921/842181.

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Families with children can come to our free Storytime sessions for children aged 0-4 years (10.30am on the first and third Tuesday each month during term time). Colouring pictures, stickers and certificates are also available for children in the library and there's an accessible customer toilet with baby change facilities.

If you're looking to learn, joining the library gives you free access to online dictionaries, family histories, biographies, newspaper cuttings, maps, plans and much more.

Would be entrepreneurs can get a helping hand with advice on starting businesses through the Business and IP Centre. The resources will allow you to research your market, identify opportunities and make well informed decisions when developing your business plans.

Here are three events which are coming up at the library during October:

During the week commencing 3 October, the Friends of Great Shelford Library will be holding their **Annual Book Sale** at the library to celebrate Libraries Week, with proceeds being used to help the library. Their lovely blue tote bags will also be on sale so do come and fill them up!

During Libraries Week, there will also be a **Sensory Storytime** held at Great Shelford Library on Thursday 6 October at 2pm. Please contact us to book a place as numbers will be limited.

Our October Engage talk will feature **Tony Kirby** on the **History of the British Seaside**. This will be on 26 October at 2pm. Please contact the library to book a place. There's no charge for the talk but if you stay for refreshments a donation of £2 would be appreciated.

For more information about what's on offer at libraries in Cambridgeshire visit: <https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/libraries-leisure-culture/libraries>

Contact details: Telephone: 0345 045 5225.

Email: Cambourne.referral@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

VILLAGE LIBRARIAN RETIRES



On Saturday 10 September, Rosemary Humby, Great Shelford Village Librarian, retired after 13 years of exemplary service to the community.

She is shown on the right in the photograph with Frances Richardson, renowned village artist, with a painting of the library, commissioned by the Friend's Group as a farewell present for Rosemary. A small group of well-wishers gathered in Great Shelford Library for Rosemary's last session. Helen Harwood, Chairman of the Friends group, said farewell to Rosemary on behalf of all library users, volunteers and Friends and presented her with cards, gifts and the painting.

Rosemary has seen the local library through funding crises and Covid closures, remaining always patient, ever helpful and committed to the library and those who use and enjoy it. She will be much missed.

Sarah Coppendale

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SHELFORD FUN RUN – THE RESULTS



The kids led the way with brother and sister combo, George and Jasmine Christmas (see photo on left), storming home for first male and female, and at just 15 and 12 years old respectively we are clearly witnessing the stars of the future! George also made it our fastest chip timed finish to date.

Scotsdales and Noel Young kindly donated prizes for the winners and all our wonderful sponsors gave out goodies at the end for all the runners. Our chip timing team was particularly impressed that so many six year olds were running. You were all an inspiration!

Full results can be found at www.shelfordfunrun.co.uk, but the category winners were:

Male U18	George Christmas	16.12.6
Male Senior	Matthew Slater	16.16.1
Male U11	Joseph Button	22.27.5
Female U18	Jasmine Christmas	18.59.7
Female Senior	Gemma Sandells	20.59.1
Female U11	Amelie Crawford	23.11.08

Thank you all...

We could not run this event without all the volunteers on the day, helping set up the race funnel, giving out race bibs, marshalling the run, plus the generous support of our sponsors: Bidwells, Level Up Gym Shelford, Wrenbridge, PillSorted, Gymbos, Zara, Day Accountants and AngliEar Hearing & Tinnitus Solutions. Also, our heartfelt thanks to Cara coffee and their volunteers who opened up on the Sunday just to serve drinks and cake and take donations for the cause.

Sadly, we had to say goodbye to a wonderful committee member, Susanna Repo, who has relocated with her family to Finland and who used to lead on the accounts. I am a bit slower than her, so we will announce the total next month, but with all our new sponsors and nearly 350 runners entered it's looking good!

Wheelscape and Playscape mini update

We've been beaver away preparing documents to go out to tender to choose a skate park contractor for this next phase. Plus, the popularity of the mounds, combined with the sandy soil and the extremely dry weather, has meant some have suffered some erosion (and excavations by little hands!) and are in need of some TLC. The Parish Council are organising repairs, but in the meantime have cordoned them off for safety. Likewise, you may have noticed one of the hammocks has vanished. Don't worry, it's just waiting for a new fixing bracket.

Eleanor McCrone info@shelfordplayscape.org

2G3S

What we've been up to

The talk on 5 September, '**Heat Pumps Explained**' by Warren Pope, from Peterborough Environment City Trust, gave a wealth of information and links to companies supplying equipment.

Basically, he stressed that if you decide to go for a heat pump, use a MCS certified installer and ensure their proposals meet the design spec MIS 3005 – that is a guarantee that their proposals will keep you warm and work well. He gave us details about costs, longevity and space needed outside and inside the house for equipment. He suggested alternative low energy heating solutions, such as Warmstone,

Laminaheat and infrared heaters. He also discussed hybrid systems, such as a heat pump, topped up with another energy source for very cold weather.

He advised that as the cost of electricity is high and very volatile at present, it may be best to wait a while before installing a pump system, but that in the meantime it makes sense to insulate your home (borrow an infrared camera from Cambridge Carbon Footprint to check where the cold spots are in your house) and to install solar PV if you can. That way you will save money on your energy bills and reduce carbon emissions, whatever energy source you use. Then if the electricity prices settle, you can decide about a heat pump.



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Monday 3 October – Low Cost Energy Saving Measures’ Our conversation evening will complement the one on heat pumps and is by Bart Hommels, who has retrofitted his own home and featured in Cambridge’s Open Eco Homes. It will be at 8pm at the Cox’s Close Community Room in Stapleford, just off Church Street, or by Zoom if you prefer (contact details below).

Saturday 15 October – the nature walk with John O’Boyle is at Dernford Lake, from 2-4pm. See our website for more details. These walks are intended to raise awareness of our local wildlife sites and are open to all.

Monday 17 October – social cycle ride 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.

Wednesday 2 November – 2G3S planning meeting for 2023 talks and activities. Please bring along your suggestions.

Other News

You will recall the climate conference Cop26 hosted in Glasgow last November – lots of fine words but not much action. Instead of insulating homes and speeding up renewables, our government seems hell bent on increasing oil exploration, which will not provide any more energy for about 30 years and will increase climate change.

The next climate Cop, number 27, is in Egypt this year. Developed countries need to commit more to helping less developed countries deal with the floods, droughts, and other climate disasters that they suffer – we have all been moved by the plight of people in Pakistan who have lost everything, again.

Around the same time there is Cop15 for biodiversity, where it is hoped that all countries will sign up to measures to reverse the loss of species, e.g. to protect 30% of the landscape by 2030. As with mitigating climate change, developing countries will need support from the richer countries to enable improvements to be made.

If you are interested in green matters and the environment at all levels (individual, local, national and international), email 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).

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INITIAL PUBLIC OPINION SURVEY RESULTS

At the time of writing, the neighbourhood plan steering group is preparing to publish a report on the outcomes of its initial public opinion survey. Conducted between April and June 2022, our survey sought to understand what matters to local people about issues over which a neighbourhood plan may have some influence.

Broadly speaking, residents' concerns could be described by five main themes, although we recognise the interdependence of many issues. Below, each category is illustrated by a handful of examples:

- 1** Changing village identity – expansion of Greater Cambridge; loss of village character and community feel.
- 2** Housing design and unmet needs – new build design should complement existing vernacular; lack of small, starter and affordable homes.
- 3** Environmental degradation – loss of green belt and biodiversity; protection of important views; planning conditions to protect and enhance wildlife.
- 4** Travel and transport woes – growing congestion; poor public transport; reliance on cars.
- 5** Inadequate amenities – demand for better local shops and services; improved countryside access.

The outcomes of community engagement will be combined with other information (such as a local housing needs analysis, landscape character assessment and local plan data) to create a large evidence base to underpin development of our neighbourhood planning policies. These are the most important outcomes of any neighbourhood plan because they form part of the statutory development plan against which planning applications are assessed.

The full report is available in hard copy at Great Shelford Library and online at www.greatshelfordparishcouncil.gov.uk/sgsnplan.

The steering group and Parish Councils would like to thank everyone who has supported the development of our neighbourhood plan so far. There will be further opportunities to participate as the process moves forward.

*Cllr Jenny Flynn Chair of the neighbourhood plan steering group
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OUR SUMMER OUTING (16 AUGUST)

What a wonderful gentle way to spend a balmy summer afternoon, gliding along the River Cam in glorious warm sunshine.

We began our trip with our boatman, Peter, by climbing aboard ROSIE, our long narrow boat – this trip had been postponed due to the pandemic. We met at the Plough at Fen Ditton, which is situated just outside the city boundary of Cambridge and sat poised with cameras at the ready to film the wildlife along the river bank, or sat back to relax and listen to Peter give his knowledgeable talk of the history of that area.

There were ten of us from the Shelfords and we were delighted to welcome three ladies from the Queen Edith's WI. Peter handed us some little black sunflower seeds, a favourite food for the swans, moorhens, cormorants and herons that we saw as we glided along on our solar electric and almost silent boat. Sadly, we did not see the kingfishers that day.

We were able to observe the new exhibition of the solar system on show in the fields beyond as we travelled towards Jesus Lock. As we approached Stourbridge common, we saw the Red Poll cattle, an ancient breed huddled together as they tried to keep cool in the shade of an enormous chestnut tree on this sultry afternoon. Peter pointed out the Split Bridge (pedestrian and cycle) and here we could see the Cambridge Museum of Technology, with its tall towers, a magnificent brick built construction of Victorian technology, open to the public and well worth a visit.

We glided past the boathouses belonging to the colleges of Kings, Selwyn and Churchill, looking quite deserted at this time of the year when the students are away, with only a few people around probably doing essential maintenance work. The huge yellow weedcutters were at work, an important job at this time of the year to keep the water clear of invasive plants and weeds.

It was lovely too to see the young boys fishing along the banks, proudly yelling out their catches of the day to us as they munched their sandwiches by this ancient waterway, which winds its way towards Ely and the fens beyond. We passed under the Fen Ditton Bridge and Peter informed us there had been a Summer Fayre held near here for over 800 Years.

As a result of this summer's drought we could see that the river level was down by about four inches. We passed by the Fort St George Pub used by the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge and saw the Green Dragon Pub where JRR Tolkien had drunk – this was his local. Garlic Row got its name from where

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goods would be uploaded for many of the Cambridge colleges and restaurants in the past. Many of the boats moored alongside the river looked abandoned and neglected, but it was good to see so many entrepreneurial spirits growing tubs of tomatoes and colourful flowers and traders selling coal, wood and coke ready for the colder months of the year.

We so enjoyed our cream tea, with delicious scones baked by Peter's wife and our trip ended back at the Plough one and a half hours later, where we had another cooling drink before our short journey home. Thank you Vanda, for organising a perfect summer day outing.

SEPTEMBER MEETING

The words amazing, exquisite, were so appropriate for our meeting in September, when we welcomed Margaret to our first gathering after the summer break. Margaret belongs to the Guild of Quilters and her thirty or so examples of such precise and precious pieces from many parts of the world, were a real privilege to behold. Many of her patchwork, beaded and decorated treasures were entirely unique and could never be replicated anywhere.

Friends and visitors are always welcome to our meetings, which take place in St. Mary's Church Hall on the first Thursday of the month at 7.30pm. We would love to welcome you.

Rosemary Livings, President

OLD NEWS

Extracts from the Great Shelford Chronicle 1774–1868

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18 October 1862

ASSAULT – Richard Brand of Great Shelford was charged with assaulting Joseph Rawlinson of Stapleford, a servant lad in the employ of the Rev Mr Hawthorn, on September 17th. It appeared that the complainant saw Brand's turkeys in his master's garden and drove them out, setting a dog on them. It would seem that the dog killed one of the turkeys and injured another. This rather exasperated Brand, who, next time he met Rawlinson, used a whip to him pretty freely. Brand admitted the assault, but alleged he was provoked to it, as he would not have taken 50s for the turkey. It took the first prize at the Crystal Palace Show. The evidence of Rawlinson and another witness was that the dog did neither hurt nor kill the turkeys and that the little lad who swore it did must have committed perjury. The defendant lashed Rawlinson five or six times with the whip. The magistrates said the case was one of the grossest provocation, and inflicted a penalty of one penny, and divided the costs between the parties.

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TENNIS CLUB

The tenth of September saw a gathering of players and spectators for Finals Day at the tennis club, accompanied by a barbecue. The weather was kind with only a few short and light showers over the course of the afternoon and lots of warm, sunny spells to keep our spectators happy.

The standard of play was excellent across the board, with the men's singles, men's doubles and ladies' doubles all going to three sets. We are delighted to announce that the winners were:

Ladies' Singles: Kate Barker

Ladies' Plate: Carlotta Rosella

Men's Singles: Matt Sanders

Men's Plate: Abrial Jerram

Ladies' Doubles: Keri Tobin and Angharad Harris

Men's Doubles: Jamie Blundell and Jimmy Morris

Mixed Doubles: Jamie Blundell and Ifthi Shareef

Congratulations to all our winners and finalists! Thank you to everyone who helped out on the day and particularly to Tournament Secretary, Marcus for organising such a great event. Let's meet him in this month's instalment of 'Meet your Committee'.



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

A: My name is Marcus Forgham and I was born in Hong Kong, but brought up a 'Shropshire Lad'. After living and working in London, I gravitated towards Cambridge and moved to Great Shelford five years ago.

Q: How long have you been playing tennis?

A: I first played with my parents' Lilywhites wooden racket about 50 years ago but started playing team tennis whilst at Leicester Polytechnic and have never looked back.

Q: Why did you join the tennis club committee?

A: I wanted to give something back to the club. My three aims are to maximise participation, make sure tennis is fun and play the beautiful game – one day I will have a backhand like Roger Federer!

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

A: That I'm quite a private person

Q: What's your guilty pleasure?

A: Reading crime fiction.

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

A: I did white water kayak slalom back in the day.

Angharad Harris

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At the end of season dinner at the Square & Compasses, Fazal Lee was a clear choice as player of the season. He took nearly a quarter of the team's wickets at an average of about 11, and was also very economical. Jonathan Ede and Theo Ball received batting and bowling awards and Henry Wilson was Young Player of the Year. Jeff Wilson received the Terry Radford award; Terry was a stalwart supporter of the club who sadly died earlier this year.

We are grateful to the Parish Council for their support, and are pleased to see the paving work which has smartened up the area around the pavilion. We also wish to thank Paul Ellum for his many years of hard work as our groundsman; his pitches on the rec have attracted many favourable comments from visiting players and he will be a hard act to follow.

Peter Ede (Chair)

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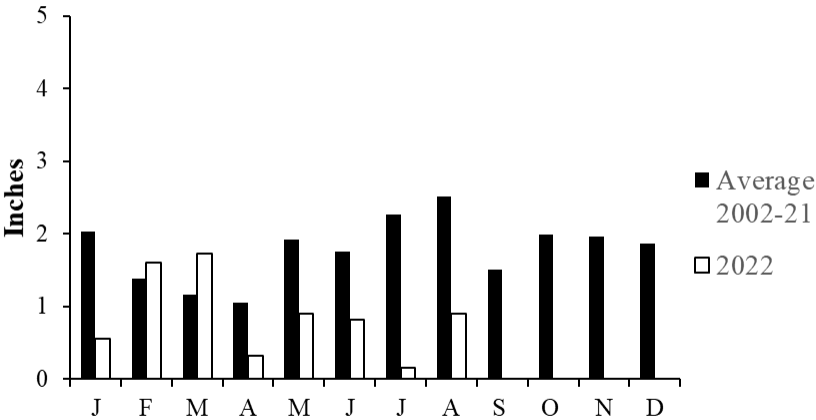
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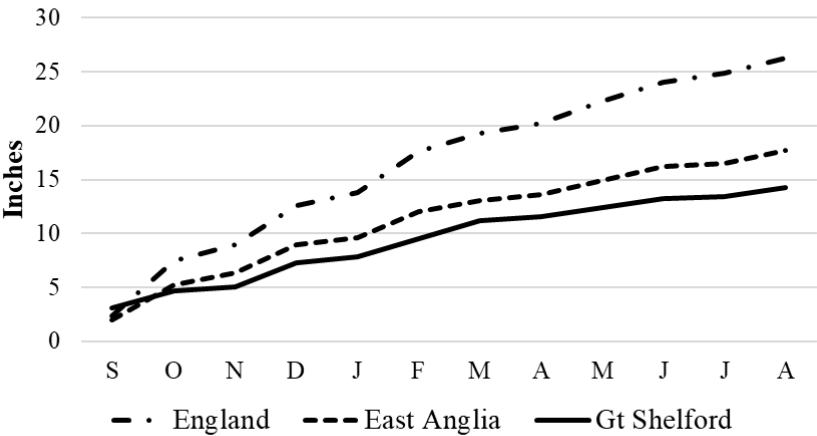
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