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Christmas Events



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SUMMARY FROM THE UNADOPTED MINUTES OF THE MEETING ON 19 OCTOBER 2022

A minute's silence in remembrance of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, who passed away on 8 September 2022, was observed by all members and attendees. It was acknowledged by members that the Proclamation for King Charles III had been read by the Garter King at Arms on the morning of 10 September 2022 at Friary Court, St James' Palace, London

Timothy Mann was co-opted by unanimous vote as a Parish Councillor.

REPORTS FROM COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCIL MEMBERS

Liz Watts, CEO for South Cambridgeshire District Council spoke to members about her role in the organisation and how it was different from other district councils, being more rural and having no amenities such as car parks and leisure centres. There followed a general discussion about the role of the council and up and coming changes including the trial of a four day working week and working towards decriminalised parking.

Reports from County and District Councillors were available before the meeting. Cllr Fane noted that the proposed development of 39 retirement flats has been approved by the Planning Committee. The 39 retirement flats have been approved by the planning inspectorate and Great Shelford Parish Council should benefit from some S106 funding towards sports, indoor space and the cemetery.

A meeting has been held with District Councillors, Councillor Brown and members of different organisations to highlight why Mingle Lane is not a safe route for the Sawston Greenway.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND WORKING GROUPS

Cambridge Biomedical Campus Working Group

Mrs Annabel Sykes, an active member of the Biomedical Campus Working Group, summarised the reports from the group which had been circulated to members. She noted that several documents are to go to the planning authority in December, but only the draft Spatial Framework has been seen by the Parish Council Chairman and her as part of the liaison group. The Parish Council thanked Mrs Sykes for all the work she has done in putting the reports together

and for her tireless work behind the scenes on the implications of the proposed development.

East-West Railway (EWR) Local Liaison Group

Cllr Brown noted that he has been attending the EWR Local Liaison Group meetings. He stated that there was supposed to be an independent facilitator for these meetings and that there has been very little two way communication as promised. Many attendees are very frustrated with the situation. Cllr Brown requested that the Parish Council write to EWR Co with the other organisations to suggest it should be done better. It was agreed that a letter be sent from the Parish Council and a joint letter from the local councils/groups.

Traffic and Transport Infrastructure Working Group (TTIWG)

Cllr Disley provided an update from the TTIWG.

- A discussion report has been received from the traffic consultant. A small group of Councillors will meet with them before submission of a final report which will then be discussed with full council and taken forward with local residents for further consultation.
- A 'trial' of cones, combined with a message from the Headmaster aimed at deterring parents from parking illegally has proved quite successful in deterring parking on Church Street and will inform debate.
- An 'Our Streets' day is being held at the primary school on 18 November, aimed to help with overall community engagement. A response to the Greater Cambridge Partnership (GCP) New Road Classification survey has been submitted by the Parish Council.
- GCP appear to be wedded to initial Cambridge South-East Transport plans and to be intransigent when it comes to considering review in the light of socio/economic changes and environmental concerns. Better Ways for Busways are about to launch a website and campaign calling for review. We hope that full Department for Transport spending considerations will apply to this project.
- TTIWG are due to meet with an expert on level crossing issues on 20 October. The discussion will hopefully inform considerations relating to frequency of trains, use of land adjacent to crossings and technology that may be discussed with Network Rail that may benefit Great Shelford residents.
- Cllr Disley noted that TTIWG needs to start thinking about how the council will respond to the Cambridge congestion charge proposals and requested a steer from members. It was noted that there had been a question on the website to allow members to gather the feelings of residents. TTIWG will start looking at the response.

Communications Working Group

Cllr Bassett updated members on discussions held between the communications working group members and their ideas to improve communication with the Parish Council for residents. It was agreed that a oneoff event be created to engage with residents and reinstate and invigorate the email newsletter.

COUNCIL ADMINISTRATION MATTERS

- Following the last council meeting, Cambridge Water were requested again for the data earlier requested at their meeting in February. The last piece of information requested was data prior to December 2020. The response from Cambridge Water was ‘prior to December 2020 we did not take any samples at customer taps so these were the first available results.’ The Parish Council Chairman noted that he had agreed to be tested by the journalist who had written the initial article and has received the results, which show the perfluorooctanoic acids (PFOAs) are in their system but the levels are much lower compared than those seen in the USA. The Chairman and his wife were tested for three types: two are expected to be in everyone’s system and the third is either from ski wax or from contaminated water. The Chairman will share the results with the other members. It was agreed to continue to publish the letters between the Parish Council and Cambridge Water on the website, make a short statement about the work the Parish Council has carried out and close the item from the agenda.
- It was noted that civility means politeness and courtesy in behaviour, speech and in the written word. Examples of ways in which respect can be shown are by listening and paying attention to others, having consideration for other people’s feelings, following protocols and rules, showing appreciation and thanks and being kind. It was agreed to sign up to the National Civility and Respect Pledge which will demonstrate the council being committed to treating councillors, clerks, employees, members of the public, representatives of partner organisations, and volunteers, with civility and respect in their role.
- The proposed Community Engagement Policy was considered by members. It was agreed that the policy be approved as presented and adopted.
- Members noted that the council had been awarded the Foundation Level of the Local Council Award Scheme in August. It was agreed to go on to apply for the Quality Level of the scheme. Cllr Brown requested that a formal minute be made to thank the Clerk for the work put into getting the council to this stage of the award scheme.

- The Clerk noted that progress had been made on items on the Business Plan in that the council had been awarded the Foundation Level of the Local Council Award Scheme; the paving around the pavilion had been completed; CCTV quotations have been considered by the Recreation & Pavilion Committee and Briar Security will be visiting again to finalise the upgrade and

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installation; advice is being sought from Miles Water Engineering about the riverbank and work is underway to plant some trees and shrubs in the village with permission being sought from SCDC for tree planting.

FINANCE

- The Clerk provided an update showing the financial situation of the Council as at 30 September 2022. The money across the bank accounts, money owed from invoices and VAT refund for the council stood at £378,541.
- Before considering the following two items, the Clerk informed members that of the £30,000 budgeted as donations and grants towards events and organisations, only £1,509 was left in the budget for the year until 31 March 2023.
 - It was agreed to support Cambridgeshire Search and Rescue with a donation of £300 towards their work.
 - It was agreed to provide a grant of £1,250 towards the work undertaken by Relate Cambridgeshire. Councillors were aware that this would exceed their budget for the year.
- A request has been received from the Better Ways for Busways group to purchase vinyl banners to display around the village. It was agreed to purchase these.

MATTERS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

- Christmas social
- Village awards
- Fens Reservoir consultation

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 DECEMBER

Planning Committee	5 December 7.30pm Pavilion
Finance & General Purposes	14 December 7.00pm Pavilion
Planning Committee	19 December 7.30pm 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.

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

On behalf of Great Shelford Parish Council may I take this opportunity to wish you a very merry Christmas and a happy and healthy new year. We know it is going to be a tough one for many.

Warm Hub

After a few months of discussion with outside bodies we opened the doors to the Warm Hub on Monday 14 November. The hub is a warm safe place where any local resident can go along and spend some time in the warm. The hub will be held between these locations:



Day	Location	Times
Monday	Great Shelford Free Church	10:00 – 16:00
Tuesday	Great Shelford Free Church	10:00 – 16:00
Wednesday	Great Shelford Memorial Hall	09:00 – 15:00
Thursday	Great Shelford Free Church	10:00 – 16:00
Friday	Great Shelford Free Church	10:00 – 16:00

More information can be found on our website:

<https://www.greatshelfordparishcouncil.gov.uk/the-community/great-shelford-warm-hub/> If anyone has a little time to volunteer please contact Libby on clerk@greatshelfordparishcouncil.gov.uk. We know that not everyone has time to volunteer, but there are other ways you can help including donations towards refreshments and running costs, donations of games, puzzles, etc.

New Councillor

We are pleased to welcome Timothy Mann as our newest parish councillor who was co-opted at our meeting on 19 October.

Overgrown Vegetation

Now that the growing season is over we are conscious that there is vegetation bordering footpaths, roads, traffic lights and signage which may cause hazards to those using them. Please can we ask that you cast a critical eye at your boundaries from the perspective of a road and pavement user and make sure that the hedges are back in line with the boundary of your property and that there are no branches obscuring road signs or traffic lights, nor causing pedestrians to have to walk in the roadway.

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Community Awards

We are nearing the time again when we will be seeking your nominations for those residents you feel deserve recognition for what they do for our community. Please keep an eye on the website and Facebook page for more information as it becomes available. Awards will be presented at our Annual Village Meeting on Wednesday 8 March 2023.

Don't forget to get in touch with us should you have any relevant concerns. Our telephone number is 01223 61 66 22 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

**PLANNING APPLICATIONS
PARISH COUNCIL COMMENTS**

22/03780/HFUL	185 Cambridge Road	Single storey rear extension.
Application supported.		

22.04032/HFUL	8 Hills View	Two storey extension to side and loft conversion.
Application supported but there are concerns about the traffic for the development as the property is on a singletrack road.		

22/04303/REM	Land between Haverhill Road and Hinton Way	Additional access points, following outline planning permission for a retirement care village.
<p>The development is in Stapleford, but the proposed access on Hinton Way affects residents of Great Shelford. The Parish Council are not sure if the gate at Hinton Way is required as it contravenes the Department of Transport's Cycle Infrastructure Design of July 2020, causing a delay for cyclists to get through the gate off a busy highway. Members strongly objected to the barbed wire on top of the fence.</p>		

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NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN (PART 2)

RESULTS OF OUR INITIAL PUBLIC OPINION SURVEY

In September, the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group published a report on the outcomes of its initial public opinion survey. Conducted between April and June 2022, the survey sought to understand what matters to local people about issues over which a neighbourhood plan may have some influence. The detail of our findings can be read online at www.greatshelfordparishcouncil.gov.uk/sgsnplan and a hard copy of the report is available to view at Great Shelford Library.

The report paints a generalised picture of residents' views across five broad categories: 1. village identity 2. housing needs and design 3. environment 4. travel and transport 5. amenities. Last month's copy of *GSVN* focused on the first three of these, so here I will relay our findings across the remaining two categories.

Putting a story around our data can help to make it more digestible and, in some instances, it is worth going beyond the bounds of the survey to interpret why people might hold certain opinions. I have tried to make it clear, even if only implicitly, where I have done this.

Travel and transport

Perhaps it's just me, but conversations with residents frequently touch upon the challenges of local parking, roadworks or congestion. Maybe this is no great surprise, given neighbourhood plan survey results suggest that almost half of us make our most common weekly journeys (eg work commute, shopping, school run) by private car or motorbike. We justify this because of the distances involved and the convenience it offers over public transport, cycling or walking. However, such convenience comes at a price, with noted congestion flashpoints outside Great and Little Shelford Primary School and shops on Woollards Lane, comments about compromised pedestrian and cyclist safety and complaints about speeding and traffic noise. With such issues already causing headaches, we are understandably concerned about the impact that additional traffic from future residential expansion will have on our roads. There is a sense that the current public transport network needs significant improvements (to routes and reliability) if it is to persuade people out of their cars.

According to Cambridge City Council, as a compact and flat city, Cambridge has the highest level of cycling in the country, with one in three residents cycling to work. The proportion of our survey's respondents who make their most common weekly journey by bike is a little lower than this (although we don't know the specific purpose of this journey) at around one quarter, with health and environmental benefits being cited as the main reasons for adopting this travel mode. In Stapleford and Great Shelford, walking is nearly as popular as cycling.

Amenities – shops

Survey results convey a sense that Great Shelford's commercial amenities are fading. Residents could be encouraged to use our local shops more if there was a wider range of outlets, less traffic congestion (presumably on Woollards Lane, since that is the main location of shops and the target of other comments about congestion) and improved local banking/cashpoint facilities. Free text comments indicated a demand for more and better eating experiences – both cafés and restaurants – in Great Shelford. If our villages offered more commercial, accessible and attractive shopping provision, would this reduce the need for travel to other commercial destinations? Might Great Shelford become a destination in itself, rather than just for local convenience shopping?

Amenities – countryside access

Given our rural setting, access to this land for leisure purposes may be considered an amenity in its own right. Some survey respondents were critical of the relative lack of paths and interconnected off road routes. It should be noted that much of our green belt and green fields are private land and, where paths do exist, they are often permissive and not public rights way, so the public do not have a legal right to use them. That said, the National Planning Policy Framework (2012; Section 13, para. 145) notes that: 'Once Green Belts have been defined, local planning authorities should plan positively to enhance their beneficial use, such as looking for opportunities to provide access; to provide opportunities for outdoor sport and recreation; to retain and enhance landscapes, visual amenity and biodiversity; or to improve damaged and derelict land.' Although largely outside the scope of neighbourhood planning, there is an opportunity here for change.

What this might mean for what we do next

Survey results are being used to inform the deliberations of the steering group and Parish Councils. There is certainly a trade-off to be made between what our neighbourhood plan covers and how quickly it can be produced, such that it has utility in the near term. There is little point in having an all singing, all dancing neighbourhood plan if it takes several years to produce and is

unavailable until the current period of high growth is over. This would truly be a missed opportunity to influence planning decisions affecting Stapleford and Great Shelford. However, neighbourhood plans can be expanded over time (and in any case need updating), so just because some issues are deprioritised now does not mean that they cannot be addressed in the future.

Some policies in our neighbourhood plan may, therefore, focus on:

- an appropriate mix of housing types, based on local housing needs (absolute numbers are set by the Local Plan)
- parameters for new development design, providing a set of simple requirements for the physical development of a site or area. This would give us greater certainty about the quality and design of a development and its environmental responsiveness
- identifying landscapes and views which make our area unique, then protecting and enhancing their special qualities and distinctive characteristics.

By the time you read this, the steering group will have started debating our neighbourhood plan's policies and the objectives they are intended to meet, with the support of planning expertise from Cambridgeshire ACRE. We will continue to share our work with you as it proceeds and there will be further engagement opportunities for residents.

*Jenny Flynn, Chair of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group;
Vice-Chair Stapleford Parish Council*

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Christmas News for children and families

On Sunday 4 December at 10am we hold a fun packed service for children, families and the family of the church. This is Toy Sunday when children are encouraged to bring a new, unwrapped toy to give to a child who might be celebrating Christmas without a present. These toys will be given to the Salvation Army to distribute to families in need. This service will also be a Christingle when the children will decorate an orange with treats as a symbol of God's love for them. The children will also be decorating a tree for the Christmas Tree Festival which takes place on 10–11 December.

On 18 December the Open Space for children and families will involve a Street Nativity where we will walk around the village imagining the scenes of the birth of Jesus. We will be singing carols and we hope that others will join in.

The children will play a key part in making the crib on Christmas Eve at 4pm and telling the story for children.

Julie's Jottings

I remember being surprised when I learnt that the word 'merry' in its older understanding didn't mean tipsy but joyous and making others happy. And 'Christmas Cheer' is not simply the jolliness of the season, but giving pleasure to others with delicious things to eat and drink. We get so much joy and pleasure seeing others flourishing and happy. When we receive from others, we allow them the joy of giving.

Last month we held our Church Gift Day and many people, from near and further afield, who love this church building gave gifts of money. The joy of this is both to support the present church with all the activities going on here and to ensure that this will continue into the future. Thank you. We will work hard together to honour this giving.

This month we are hoping to make joyful memories for children, young people and families to treasure, through our Christingle Service and the Open Space Activities shared with the Free Church, which this month involve a Street Nativity on 18 December. Our Christmas Tree Festival celebrates the creativity of many different groups in the village who are decorating trees. It brings joy to see their industriousness and imagination. There will be mince pies and other goodies on these days too.

There will of course also be the traditional Carol Services both in the village outside the Memorial Hall and in Church. Best of all will be the Midnight Mass

and Christmas Day services which remind us that this is a way of celebrating something precious and good which has been happening for 2,000 years. Have a Merry and Joyful Christmas. *Rev Julie Norris*

'Live simply that others may simply live'. Mahatma Gandhi

Reverse Advent Calendar. Some of us are going to be putting treats into the Food Box for each day of December, rather than eating our own treats.

Lights. We are wanting to play our part in supporting climate change, but we also want to make Christmas special. We have decided to light the outside of Church only for the week before Christmas.

REGULAR SERVICES

Prayer for the community is offered every Monday and Friday morning at 9.30 am in Church.

Sunday: 8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP 1662)
10.00 am Parish Communion
6.30pm. Sunday Zoom Evening Service

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Advent Compline and Reflection

Rosey Feuell is hosting some Advent Reflections, using Zoom. These will be on Tuesdays 29 November and December 6,13, 20 at 8.45pm.

Christmas Tree Festival Songs of Praise

Sunday 11 December 5pm at the Parish Church.

Festival of Lessons & Carols

Sunday 18 December 6.30pm followed by mulled wine & mince pies in the Parish Church.

Village Carols

Wednesday 21 December. Outside the Great Shelford Memorial Hall.

Christmas Eve Saturday 24 December

Crib Service 4pm Planned for children and the young at heart, a simple re-telling of the Christmas story with carols.

Midnight Mass and Parish Communion First service of Christmas 11pm Carols, sermon and Holy Communion.

Christmas Day Sunday 25 December

8.00am **Holy Communion (BCP 1662)** A 'said' traditional language service with a short sermon.

10.00am **Parish Communion** Christmas morning with carols, sermon and Holy Communion.

6.30pm Zoom service for Christmas Day



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SHELFORD COUNTRY MARKET

The weeks pass by so quickly. Memories are short. We have almost forgotten how we celebrated the Platinum Jubilee in June, the very hot dry summer and all that has happened since September and now we are preparing for Christmas.

Looking ahead, the last market of the year will be on 21 December. We are set for well stocked stalls – baking, marmalades, jams, chutneys and local honey, plants and seasonal greenery and many different crafts. Everything you find will be home made or home grown or hand crafted and you could find some interesting Christmas gifts.

We have a bigger and better display table for our crafts so what will you see? Home made soaps and lotions from natural ingredients which smell divine, upcycled crafts that include candles, pin cushions and bird feeders created using preloved crockery, weatherproof and ready to hang. Jewellery and knitwear – jumpers, hats, gloves, scarves and socks. The list could go on! Better you come and look around – you may be surprised at what you find!

By ordering, particularly for baked goods, you help us to help you. Order at the market or email dorothy@woodlandsroad.plus.com or phone 843946.

Christmas table arrangements, made with seasonal plant materials, should be available on December 14 and 21.

To all our customers and friends, we send best wishes for the Christmas season and thanks for supporting us throughout the year. We shall look forward to seeing you when we reopen on 11 January 2023.

Dorothy Doel

Country Market is in the Memorial Hall, Woollards Lane every Wednesday (9 to 11.30am) except 28 December 2022 and 4 January 2023.



Great Shelford
Free Church

A WARM WELCOME

At the time of writing, final preparations are being made for the start of the village's Warm Hub, led by the Parish Council and held in the Memorial Hall on Wednesdays, with the other four weekdays in the Free Church.

A quick look at the government's deprivation index will inform you that Great Shelford is one of the most affluent villages in the country. Look beneath the surface though and you will find many folk for whom these difficult days are proving a real struggle financially. We are blessed with a comfortable building, a central location and good facilities, (including WiFi), so it seems the right thing to do to be generous with what we have rather than have it stand empty.

And yet, warmth is not only to do with thermostats, insulation and heating bills. It is our hope that those coming to the hub, will find a warm welcome in the metaphorical sense too. Conversation, laughter and a shared jigsaw puzzle can mean as much as the toasty temperature.

Jesus had a lot to say about hospitality; it is one of the key tenets of the Christian faith. It's not about inviting your friends and family around, lovely though that may be. He talks of inviting those who never usually get invited out, the misfits and the down and outs, those who can't invite us back. In so doing, Jesus likens it to giving him shelter, food, drink and company.

Like Cara Coffee next door, the hub is staffed by a mix of volunteers from the village's churches, along with other community spirited folk who want to give something back. I know first hand that volunteering does a great deal for the volunteer too: well documented are its effects on strengthening relationships and community ties, broadening interests, counteracting stress, anxiety and depression. It even helps you stay physically healthy; there is evidence that older volunteers tend to walk more, find it easier to cope with everyday tasks, are less likely to develop high blood pressure and have better thinking skills. So all of us in the hub stand to be blessed - in the words of St. Paul, 'God loves a cheerful giver', so it's a win win!

Liz Jenkin, Elder, Great Shelford Free Church



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Little Steps Toddler Group – every Wednesday, 10am - 11.30am (term time)

Tiny Toes Baby Group – every Wednesday, 1.30 - 3pm (term time)

Christmas Events

Community Carols at the Memorial Hall – 21 December, 6.30pm

Christmas Eve ‘Carols by Fairy Lights’ Service at 6.30pm, everyone welcome

Christmas Day Service – 10.30am

Stapleford Choral Society Christmas Concert

When: 7.30pm, 17 December 2022

Where: St Mary’s Church, Sawston

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Christmas Carols and Poems

6.30pm, Wednesday 21 December

Great Shelford Memorial Hall

SHELFORD SCHOOL

Our vision: *We live and work in harmony with love for one another, so we can achieve our potential within a community of lifelong learners.*

Kindness Week Staff have been busy planning and preparing for another exciting, engaging and action packed half term. Mid November saw the return of the school's annual 'Kindness Week'. The start of the week was marked by 'Odd Socks Day', which celebrates differences and uniqueness. The pupils arrived at school wearing odd socks of various colourful designs. Throughout the week the pupils explored messages that underpin both the Kindness Week and themes of Anti Bullying Week 2022 'Reach Out!' The pupils from Reception to Year 4 enjoyed special performances relating to these themes, whilst anti bullying workshops were held for Year 5 and Year 6 children.

Friendship Bench Project In memory of former head teacher, Ken Starling, this project has been carefully planned by the pupils through the School Council. Due to kind and generous donations to the Shelford School Support Fund <https://tinyurl.com/cvbst97n>, which has supported this project, the bench has been skilfully made by a local carpenter and then decorated with beautiful artwork designed by the pupils. The school recently welcomed back artist Miss Hutchings to help with the project. Miss Hutchings has previously helped

design and paint the hall doors, which tell our school's vision (as included above). This November, Miss Hutchings has been helping the pupils transfer the children's design ideas onto the friendship bench.

Remembrance Day The school recently marked Remembrance Day. The Year 6 class led the annual service in school. Poems, prayers and songs were all chosen that reflect the remembrance theme.

Additionally, the pupils were busy creating poppies to adorn various windows around school as a poignant reminder of this important day.



School trips An exciting part of the curriculum that is always welcomed by the pupils are the various school trips organised by the teaching staff. This half term it was Year 1 and Year 4's turn. Year 1 thoroughly enjoyed their trip to Pizza Express. This trip linked to their topic on exploring the local community. Within their Design and Technology module the pupils have been focusing on hygiene and where food comes from. Year 4 all had a great day out at the Verulamium Museum in St. Albans. The pupils learnt about the Roman way of life, linked to our topic - The Romans, who were they and how did they change Britain? This fascinating museum brings to life what the children have learnt in the classroom and helps stimulate discussions and questions about the topic.

Christmas The school community is now looking towards the Christmas period and the return of the events that were traditionally held annually prior to Covid. Many Shelford families have yet to experience these as their children started school during Covid restrictions. It's wonderful to be able to organise these events once again and helps build our school community, part of the school's vision. December will see the return of the Carols by Candlelight service, led by pupils in Years 3-6. The Reception class and Key Stage 1 classes are starting to prepare for the Nativity play, always a highlight in the school calendar.

On the last day of term, 21 December, Shelford Christmas Day will be held. This fun day includes a Christmas Service in the school followed by Christmas dinner for all the pupils. I'm sure the pupils will be getting their Christmas jumpers ready!

Liz Carrothers, Foundation Governor

SAWSTON GREENWAY

The public engagement programme for the Sawston Greenway has begun with people encouraged to share their views with the Greater Cambridge Partnership on the proposed designs.

The Sawston Greenway will aim to follow off road paths to provide safer and better routes for people walking, cycling and, where appropriate, horse riding between Sawston, Stapleford, Great Shelford and Addenbrooke's/Biomedical Campus.

Engagement on the Greenway closes at midday on Friday 9 December.

Visit <https://tinyurl.com/3z3hjzmv> to give your feedback.

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SHELFORD FEAST



July seems a long time ago, but we hope you still remember with pleasure the successful events we held in and around the grand marqu e.

The aim of the Shelford Feast is both to entertain and to contribute to the many good causes in the village. So it is a great pleasure, especially after several difficult years, to be able to give grants totalling  8,000 to twenty five different groups. It's also worth adding that over the last couple of years we have loaned out our card readers to several local bodies, we have donated food to the Scouts for their summer camp, we provided and helped erect the fencing around the Playscape grass mounds and our work on recreation ground services has benefited the village in general and the Fun Run in particular.

Three Good Causes have benefited from a thousand pounds each – the Sick Children's Trust (<https://www.sickchildrenstrust.org>) which provides parents of sick children with a place to stay and someone to talk to while their child is in hospital – and who provided us with first aid cover during the Feast; Shelford School, always our first priority; and the Mobile Warden scheme, helping older people in their own homes. 23 other Good Causes were awarded an average of  250 each.

The Shelford Feast has raised  350,000 for local Good Causes and The Bunch are already well on the way to organise the 2023 Feast! Look out for news in the new year about planned events.

We know that it is only with the support of the community that we can raise funds and give back to those in need, so THANK YOU for your help.

Volunteers are always needed during Feast Week, which is from July 2 to 8, 2023. Put it in your diary now!

Duncan Grey



FESTIVE MINDFUL EMBROIDERY



Free embroidery workshop at Great Shelford Library with Sew Positive.

Escape the bustle and rush with a free festive mindful embroidery workshop at Great Shelford Library on Wednesday 7 December 2-4pm.

There are limited places and booking is essential.

Book online at <https://linktr.ee/SewPositive>

Volunteers from local mental health charity, Sew Positive, will teach you to make a small craft item for yourself or as a gift, using embroidery and slow stitching - which is also excellent for calming the mind.

This event is open to all and you don't need any sewing skills, but if you know how to embroider, come along and share your skills! We will provide materials, but do bring any embroidery supplies if you have them.

This is a free community event, with thanks to support from South Cambridgeshire District Council, the Cole Trust and Cambridgeshire Libraries. Children of any age are welcome with an adult also doing the workshop.

W.I. NOVEMBER MEETING

MEDICAL DETECTION DOGS

Buddy, a fourteen year old dog, and Geoff Lambert came to visit us in November. Medical Detection Dogs is a charity that trains dogs to assist individuals to manage many life threatening conditions. With their amazing sense of smell, dogs are able to identify minute odour changes prior to a medical emergency, enabling the person to take appropriate action, before they could potentially come to harm. These dogs are also trained to warn the person, get help or fetch vital medical supplies if needed. This early warning system reduces significantly the number of paramedics, call outs and hospital admissions. Once fully trained, a task that can take up to eighteen months, these dogs give greater independence and confidence to people and their families enabling them to lead more normal and happier and independent lives. By recycling our INK JETS money can be raised to further this cause.

Our next meeting will be our Christmas party, when we will enjoy Christmas crafts, refreshments and musical songs with hand bells and songs with guitar. We look forward to our New Year meeting to be held on January 5 in the hall behind St Mary's church, when we will welcome our speaker, Quintus Benziger talking about songs through the ages. *Rosemary Livings, President*

DIARY DECEMBER 2022

Date	Event	Time	Place
1	Winter Mini Reading Challenge p39	Opening hours	Library
1,8,15	Dr Bike (2G3S) p29	3-6pm	Stapleford Slaughterhouse
3	Nachingwea Link Christmas Fair p47	9.30-1pm	Memorial Hall
7	Festive Mindful Embroidery p25	2-4pm	Library
17	Granary Christmas Market p50	11am-4pm	Stapleford Granary
17	Stapleford Choral Society p20	7.30pm	St Mary's, Sawston
21	Christmas Carols and Poems p20	6.30pm	Memorial Hall

	<p>BIN COLLECTIONS</p> <p>Black bins Tuesday 13, Thursday 29 December</p> <p>Blue and green bins Tuesday 6 & 20 December</p>
	<p>POST BOXES</p> <p>Coppice Avenue, Mill Court (Hinton Way), Library, Old Vicarage, Church Street, High Green bus stop, Stonehill Road, Macaulay Avenue.</p> <p>The latest collection from the Post Office is currently 4.45pm Monday to Friday, 11.30am Saturday.</p>
 	<p>POST OFFICE</p> <p>The Post Office is at Kash Stores, 35 Hinton Way.</p> <p>Open Monday–Friday 9am–5.30pm, Saturday 9am–1pm.</p> <p>Items that Royal Mail is unable to deliver (too big, signature required, etc) will be returned to the Royal Mail Depot in Clifton Road for collection, or redelivery arrangements made.</p>
	<p>LIBRARY</p> <p>Monday 3–7, Tuesday 10–1 & 2–5, Wednesday 10–1, Friday 10–1 & 2–6, Saturday 10–1.</p> <p>Closed between Christmas and New Year from 1pm on 24 December 2022 to 10am on 4 January 2023.</p>

CSET BUSWAYS

Better Ways 4 Busways (BW4B!)



The GCP (Greater Cambridge Partnership) are pressing on with their CSET busway following their recent consultation over the Rangeford retirement village re-route and we are expecting them to finally approve it at their December Executive Board Meeting. This will kick start the process of them applying for a Transport and Works Act Order (TWAo), with all the compulsory purchase rights that this would bring, plus irreversible damage to our green belt and development frenzy around busway stop locations.



The Better Ways 4 Busways! website now provides a brilliant description of the better way of providing bus links without the damage to our countryside of the GCP's road. Here is the QR code which takes you directly to the BW4B website, or alternatively visit www.bw4b.org. It has proved popular, with well over 1000 hits in the last few days.

One of the most helpful aspects of our website is its interactive maps, enabling residents in Stapleford and surrounding villages to view the impact of the busway on their immediate environment.

You will no doubt have seen the banners we erected in the village, some of which were vandalised almost immediately. Look out for more posters and flyers delivered to every home. We are also organising a petition to be presented to the GCP, so will again be looking for significant public support. We would really value some limited admin support and help with delivering flyers. Do get in touch if you can assist.

Fundraising has already started in anticipation of the GCP's TWAo application early next year and will be used to support our case at the public inquiry. The Secretary of State has the power to make (potentially with amendments) or reject TWAo applications, considering them carefully and without bias and assessing all comments. We are confident that we have a strong case to put forward. Please visit the website or email hello@bw4b.org!

Howard Kettel

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2G3S

At our planning meeting in November we began to plan for 2023. We hope to continue the repair cafés, nature walks and conversation evenings and to try and work with other local organisations towards improving our local environment and raising awareness of how people can help minimise their impact on nature and the climate.

Dr Bike comes to Stapleford

A small group of volunteers is using the Old Slaughterhouse, next to the Three Horseshoes pub in Church Street, as a community bike repair shed. We will do, for free, 'Dr Bike' type safety checks, together with adjustments and minor repairs for a donation. This is an initiative by members of 2G3S, with support from local Cycling UK members and the local Repair Café organisation. Stapleford Parish Council have kindly allowed the use of their Grade 2 listed building for this purpose. In the first instance sessions will run every Thursday between 3pm and 6pm until 15 December. We expect to continue in the New Year, but it will depend on demand and volunteers. Drag that bike out of your shed or garage, bring it to us and hopefully we can show you how we make it easier and safer to ride. Whether you ride regularly or irregularly, we will try to improve your bike with our simple checks and service.



We cannot do major work, but normally it is only a series of simple things that are needed to make a bike serviceable and easier to ride. For those with a little skill we can easily show you how to do those important basic 'Dr Bike' checks, with help from those with decades of

fiddling with cycles. Please do bring your bike along, and at the least we can pump up your tyres, adjust your brakes and do a little lubrication, making your bike easier and more pleasant to ride (we don't have the skills to deal with hydraulic brake or electric bike issues). You will also get an opportunity to see inside this historic little local building. To contact us, email

drbikestapleford@gmail.com or fill in the form at <https://tinyurl.com/2yx7kyzw> or just come and pay us a visit when we are open. With a little more volunteer help, even just once each month, we hope to extend our service in the New Year.

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Reimagining Our Future... Together, Sunday 15 January, 3pm to 6pm

We have been liaising with Haslingfield and Harlton Eco Group and Eco Whittlesford to organise a family friendly event the purpose of which is to bring our communities together to help inspire each other, learn from what we are all doing and explore opportunities for synergy. We are aiming it to be a fun afternoon with films; an 'imaginarium' arts/craft exercise based on the work of Rob Hopkins; games for kids; and a Veganuary-inspired Feast. This will be held at Whittlesford Memorial Hall, free tickets via Eventbrite on our Facebook page soon.

Other news

Don't forget that Cambridge Carbon Footprint are lending out thermal imaging cameras, so (after a little online training) you can see where you are losing heat out of your home and take steps to correct it. It may be just a small matter of draught strips or a draught excluder (remember 'sausage dogs'? – I still use one at the door between our kitchen and the conservatory). Book a training session on their website. Some 2G3S members are shortly to do the training so they can see what's happening in their own homes and may be able to help other people in the future.

Even though the summer has gone and we now have rain, the water level in our chalk aquifer is still low and it will take a whole wet winter to top it up to where it should be. It's still important to save water in and around your home.

The news from the UN about the inability of nations to make radical enough plans to limit global temperature rise to 1.5C makes very uncomfortable reading and it is easy to want to just give up, but every little thing we can all do to save carbon, water, food waste and unnecessary consumerism will help if enough of us do it. At this time of year, don't buy more than you need at Christmas, it's a waste of resources and money. As I write this, we don't know what COP27 will have achieved, but it's important to keep climate change in people's minds. Governments at all levels, businesses and individuals all have to play their part to create a future that we want for our grandchildren, all over the world.

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

CAMBRIDGE FLOWER CLUB

FLOWER ARRANGING WITH THE SHELFORD GIRL GUIDES

When Katherine Kear, our NAFAS Chair wrote in a newsletter that we needed to reach out to young girls to experience and learn flower arranging she referred to how doing a 'badge' in flower arranging as a Guide herself led to a lifelong interest.



We invited the Shelford Guides to a workshop and had an enthusiastic response.

Using a seasonal theme with pumpkins, an initial demonstration set fifteen of them off on an hour of feverish choosing, cutting and arranging of foliage and many flowers to quite spectacular effects.

The uniformly positive feedback

included:

'This activity was a blast, it was so fun and all the flowers were so pretty. I loved the way that they used the pumpkins especially in this spooky season.'

'I think it's great to learn where to put each thing to make it work and look nice. Lovely experience. I loved the squishy oasis.'

'Thank you'.



'It was great fun because I got to learn lots of flower names and experiment with colour.'

'I loved it and the pumpkins look amazing.'

An invitation for the participants to join one of our future meetings will hopefully stimulate a future NAFAS demonstrator!

Siân Jones, Assistant Secretary, Cambridge Flower Club

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OLD NEWS

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THE SHELFORD ARSONIST OF 1833 (PART 2)

There had been several suspicious fires over the years but 1833 saw the worst, with at least seven between February and June, many of them at the property of Mr William Headly (see details in November's GSVN).

Now suspicion landed on John Stallan who was seen near the premises of William Deans when a fire was found. Charged with arson, he was examined at length and witnesses were called. John Deans told of smoke coming from a pile of straw and Sarah Deans saw her husband William Deans pull a smoking bundle of rags from the straw, which were in due course linked to John Stallan's house.

Stallan denied being responsible, suggesting that his wife may have set fire to the straw, but as it is clear that being only four feet tall she could not have reached up to where the rags were found, it is John, agricultural labourer aged 33, who is charged with arson and in August found guilty.

'Prisoner at the bar, John Stallan, you have been convicted, after a fair and impartial trial, of having unlawfully, maliciously, feloniously set on fire an out building belonging to William Deans. The legislature has very properly fixed the punishment of death upon such offences as yours

I am afraid that your mind is ill prepared for that awful change that awaits you; take, therefore, I earnestly entreat you, what will be afforded you in the gaol, and further more seek that mercy at the hands of your almighty redeemer, which cannot be afforded you in this world.

It also remains for me to order that you be taken hence to the place whence you came, that you be there hanged by the neck until you are dead, and the Lord have mercy on your soul.'

Later in August the Chronicle reports that Stallan 'retracted his former strong protestations of innocence, and confessed that he had wilfully occasioned fires (12 in number) at Great Shelford ... in 9 of whom the premises were burnt. The culprit states that he had no malice or ill will against any of the persons whose property he set on fire, and that his only object was to occasion the necessity for working the engine, for which, as one of the assistants, he received 6 shillings and 6 pence each time.'

EXECUTION ... a large concourse of persons assembled in the neighbourhood of the county gaol The conduct of the culprit ... had been uniformly becoming. He ate heartily on the previous day and rested well

throughout the night. At 9 o'clock on Saturday morning he received the sacrament'

Speaking to his fellow prisoners, he said, 'strongly urging them to quit their evil courses, and take warning of his own fate, which furnished them with proof of what a simple life may lead them to ... the address appeared to move deeply many of the prisoners.'

'With the exception of repeating the prayers and thanking the chaplain for his kind attention, the wretched man did not attempt to speak a single word after he left his cell. Shortly after one o'clock the body was removed from the castle in a titled cart to Shelford, the village in which the culprit had long lived, and where he occasioned so much alarm and destruction, having ... confessed to be the perpetrator of twelve fires.'

John Stallan died at mid day on Saturday December 7 1833.

It is noted that an uneducated farm labourer like Stallan would have had a weekly wage of only 7 shillings, while assisting with the fire engine would have paid much the same. But there was both excitement in being around fires and in some cases a feeling of satisfaction and revenge in pushing back at property owners in a hierarchical society with little chance of escape.

For his wife we should have great sympathy. Briefly blamed for the fires by her own husband, she would after his death have to look after two young children and the shame of being the widow of a hanged man. She continued to live in Shelford and died in 1848 aged 53.

The last public execution (John Green from Whittlesey, who murdered his wife) was held at the County Gaol on Castle Hill in 1864.

Helen Harwood reflects sympathetically on Stallan's character:

"Stallan himself seems to have been a well-respected man, who turned aside from his normal deferential habit to become an arsonist. All his fires damaged property and produce but avoided people (as was commonly the case). Stallan's transformation, once arrested and in prison, back to a frightened and contrite religious man suggest someone who was neither bold, nor openly rebellious. I see him as a man driven by resentment out of his normal behaviour. His six months in prison and the accompanying terror, ground him back down into a man who accepted the unjust social order."

For more background on John Stallan (or Stallon) read Helen Harwood's story at <https://tinyurl.com/yh3h5375>

READER'S LETTER

CAR PARKING AND ANGLI-EAR

We were saddened to read of the letter published in the October edition of the Great Shelford Village News in relation to a parking fine issued in the angli-EAR Hearing carpark.

Introducing the parking system was in consideration of the best interests of the village and our clients. Before implementing the system, we spent a year informing people parking illegally that the car park is private, but unfortunately our clients were still unable to find parking spaces for their appointment so we had to take the decision to ask Parking Eye to manage the car park on our behalf. We have 17 parking spaces in our private car park, but these are very often full. We employ 12 members of staff who use the spaces, which leaves only a few reserved for clients and other visitors such as suppliers and other professionals.

It was never our intention to implement parking restrictions when we are closed in the evening or at weekends, but again unfortunately we were experiencing significant anti social behaviour and flytipping in the car park at evenings and weekends for which we received complaints from villagers. After consideration we did not feel offering an accessible space for this type of behaviour out of hours was in the best interests of the village, nor for our residential neighbours with whom we share the car park. Installing the Parking Eye system to also include out of hours management of the car park was not something we wanted to do, but was implemented from necessity when the clinic is closed.

angli-EAR Hearing does not earn any income from the parking system whatsoever; Parking Eye manages the Car Park and collects any fines. The system is purely in place for our clients and to discourage inappropriate behaviour in the village.

We do our best to support local villages by advertising in village magazines, sponsoring local events such as the Feast and Fun Run, holding Open Days and talks to community groups to raise awareness of the importance of healthy hearing and raising money for local and national causes. We encourage our clients to visit local businesses when they attend an appointment and we support this by allowing them to use the car park for the duration of their stay for local shopping, not just for their appointment time. There are two other car parks in the village provided by the Parish Council and we engaged with the Parish Council to make them aware of the challenges we were faced with and inform them we were needing to take this action.

Unfortunately, as so often is the case, it is the actions of the few that ruin it for the many.

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WELCOME TO OUR NEW LIBRARIAN

Melanie Abbiss (Mel) has joined Great Shelford Library, working the same library opening hours that Rosemary did. She is training alongside another librarian as she is new to library work. Please make her welcome as you use or work in the library.

WINTER MINI READING CHALLENGE

The Winter Mini Challenge is coming soon and will run from 1 December 2022 until 20 February 2023. It encourages children to keep up their reading habits over the winter holidays, through a free-to-access website featuring rewards for reading and reviewing books.

Families will also be able to download exciting Science Museum Group resources on the website and as ever, there will be book reviews, reading activities, competitions and games for children to enjoy online.



FREE CHARITY WORKSHOP

Sew Positive, is running a free community event, 'Festive Mindful Embroidery' at Great Shelford Library on Wednesday 7 December, 2-4pm. There are limited places so booking is essential (<https://linktr.ee/SewPositive>).

CHRISTMAS/NEW YEAR CLOSURE

Great Shelford Library will be closed from 1pm on 24 December 2022 to 10am on 4 January 2023.

We would like to wish all our customers best wishes for the festive period.



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On the afternoon of 21 October, the Great Shelford Mobile Warden Scheme held an afternoon tea party for members, associate members, past employees and volunteers. This event, which helped mark the 25th Anniversary of the Scheme (which occurred during lockdown), was held in the Great Shelford Free Church hall and included tea, cake, singing and a quiz. A great afternoon was had by all. Our wonderful volunteer, Denise Newman led the singing which included favourite songs such as: When You're Smiling, Lambeth Walk, Don't Dilly Dally as well as Julie Andrew's entertaining new version of These Are A Few of My Favourite Things.



We also said a fond farewell to Denise who has decided to retire after many years as a dedicated volunteer with the Scheme. We wish Denise good health and happiness for the future.

To quote one member 'It was such a happy occasion. A chance to meet up with old friends, as

well as an opportunity to make new ones. What could be better.'

The Great Shelford Mobile Warden Scheme helps reduce isolation for the elderly members of the Great Shelford Community. We offer a daily phone call, two visits each week for a coffee and a chat, we can pick up some shopping locally, collect prescriptions and help members get in contact with other services in the village such as the district nurse and help to find a mobile hair dresser or cleaner.

If you would like to know more about the Scheme or are interested in becoming a volunteer, please contact Jenny David on 07764615524 or email

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Please find below details of when our surgeries will be open over the Christmas and New Year break.

Make sure that you order your repeat prescriptions in plenty of time to ensure that you do not run out of your medication over the holidays. The table below shows you when you will be able to collect your prescriptions, depending on the date you place your order.

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Tues 27.12.2022 (Bank Holiday)	Closed	Tues 03.01.2023
Wed 28.12.2022	Open as usual	Tues 03.01.2023
Thurs 29.12.2022	Open as usual	Wed 04.01.2023
Fri 30.12.2022	Open as usual	Thurs 05.01.2023
Sat 31.12.2022 (New Year's Eve)	Open (pre-booked appointments only)	Fri 06.01.2023
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Sandra East, Head of Patient Services. Email: sandra.east@nhs.net

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The recent member survey is now closed and we've had a brilliant response, thank you to everyone who responded. We will review the results and report back as soon as possible. This month in our Meet the Committee series, **Rebecca Stacey**, Membership Secretary.



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

A: I'm Rebecca. Born in Norfolk, studied in Sheffield, then after a short period in London, moved to Cambridge just over 20 years ago and landed in Great Shelford back in 2013.

Q: How long have you been playing tennis?

A: It may be surprising to some to learn that I've played tennis since I was about 6! I'm constantly wondering why I still hit so many dodgy shots! Both my parents played so I used to hang out at the local tennis club a lot when I was growing up in South Norfolk.

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

A: I've enjoyed playing tennis for a number of years so I was happy to take the opportunity to help with the running of the club for a spell. The club relies on volunteers like the Committee Members and Team Captains. I've been Membership Secretary for about a year and had a previous stint as Tournament Secretary before having children.

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

A: As Membership Secretary, I receive the enquiries from prospective new members when the online enquiry form is completed

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Q: What's your guilty pleasure?

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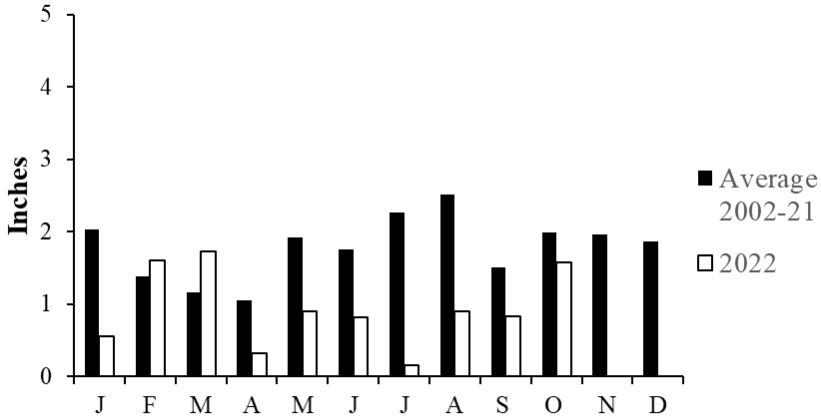
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