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

A representative of the Girl Guiding groups provided some information about how they currently use the space at the back of the Scout Hut and their concerns about the proposed Wheelscape.

The Clerk noted that since the last meeting Liz Watts, the CEO of South Cambridgeshire District Council (SCDC), has circulated the timeline for civil parking enforcement; SCDC have launched a new six free trees incentive which the Clerk has applied for; SCDC's Community Chest has been extended to help with the cost of living crisis and the Clerk is applying for funding to help with the Warm Hub. The report from the Clerk following attendance at the Society of Local Council Clerks was circulated to all members.

REPORTS FROM COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCIL MEMBERS

District Cllr Fane informed members that there is funding available to assist with the cost of living crisis and that a rough sleeping survey is being undertaken on 17 and 18 November. The Clerk raised concerns about the number of residents who have been contacting her with issues about the upkeep of their properties. A letter will be written by the Council to express their concerns on this.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND WORKING GROUPS

Cllr Price reported that residents had been saying what a good job the Community Payback team have done and thanks were expressed to Cllr Ashurst for finding the group.

Traffic & Transport Infrastructure Working Group

Members of the working group were not satisfied with the response from District Cllr Bridget Smith following the Parish Council's request for clarification about the route for Cambridge South-East Transport (CSET). It was decided to request more information on why the route across the country is better than the route running alongside the road.

An update on progress by the traffic consultant Intermodal was provided by Cllr Disley and Cllr Ashurst, who had met the consultant on 12 November. A draft report has been received along with drawings of proposals for Church Street. Cllr Disley summarised the report and the priorities noted by the consultant. It was agreed that a group of councillors and residents would look at the designs for Church Street, that Intermodal would be engaged to

undertake modelling one way systems in Woollards Lane and the High Street at an estimated cost of £7,000, and that the Parish Council would carry out consultations on Intermodal's proposals.

Neighbourhood Plan

An update from the Steering Group Chairman had been circulated. It was noted that with a grant from Locality and a contribution from Shelford of less than £3,000 to match that made by Stapleford, there may be enough money set aside to get the Plan through to being 'Made' during 2024.

Better Ways For Busways (BW4B)

It was noted that CSET is not on the Greater Cambridge Partnership (GCP) agenda for the forum in December, meaning it may be set back to April 2023. The Chairman provided an update on the campaign by BW4B, noting that there is a new website, a petition has been launched and signage which had been installed has been stolen or vandalised.

COUNCIL ADMINISTRATION MATTERS

The Traffic and Transport Infrastructure Working Group had put together a draft response to the GCP's *Making Connections* consultation and it was agreed that this should be sent to GCP.

Anglia Water has a consultation open on their proposal for a new reservoir to be built in the Fens. It was agreed that a letter be sent to welcome the reservoir as much needed for the area.

It was noted that the Combined Authority was running a consultation on their Alternative Fuel Strategy.

Documents had been received from the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Association of Local Councils (CAPALC) to approve the budget for 2023/24 and to amend the Articles of Association. It was resolved to agree to the budget and the amendments to the Articles.

The Clerk noted that progress had been made on items on the Business Plan as follows: the CCTV will be installed in January; a draft Action Plan will be circulated shortly from the Climate Emergency Working Group; advice continues to be sought from Miles Water Engineering about the riverbank; the Quality Level of the Local Council Award Scheme has been applied for, and work is under way to plant some trees and shrubs in the village with permission being sought from SCDC for tree planting.

COMMUNITY MATTERS

The Great Shelford Warm Hub launched on Monday 14 November. So far it has been quiet, but it is anticipated that as word spreads and the weather cools

down the Hub will become much busier. Tesco have been very supportive and already donated nearly £40 worth of items for refreshments.

Cllr Stanton informed the meeting that four companies had been approached to provide tenders for the Wheelscape Project, though only two had responded with some indication of design. It was agreed to ask for a fully costed design to be finalised and put into context with the location and for evidence of demand to be provided. This will then be taken to a village meeting.

Cllr Watson asked members what their feelings were about the service currently being received from the medical practice in the village. He noted that in recent times the parish council used to liaise on a regular basis with the medical practice, which is no longer happening since the merger into Granta. It was agreed to invite the CEO to a meeting and provide a list of points to address.

Following the first ever Shelford Community Awards in 2022, the subject of Community Awards for 2023 was considered by members. It was noted that Redmayne, Arnold and Harris were keen to sponsor again to the sum of £350 maximum. It was agreed to simplify the nomination process, allowing nominations via the website or on paper, and for there to be three awards.

EMPLOYMENT

It was agreed to increase the Clerical Assistant's hours from 10 to 15 hours per week from 1 December 2022.

A job offer is to be made to a previously interviewed applicant for the role of Caretaker at 15 hours per week.

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 JANUARY

Planning Committee	9 January	7.30pm	Memorial Hall
Cemetery & Allotments Committee	11 January	7pm	Pavilion
Full Council Meeting	18 January	7pm	Pavilion
Planning Committee	23 January	7.30pm	Memorial Hall

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.

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PLANNING APPLICATIONS PARISH COUNCIL COMMENTS

CCC/22/072/FUL	Development on the A1307/Haverhill Road
<p>Councillors were unhappy with the developer's response to the Parish Council's concern about the increase in traffic and resolved that a letter should be sent to say that this is not acceptable. The developer needs to mitigate the issues which have been raised and to explain what the mitigation is.</p> <p>It was felt that it is too soon to approve this development as CSET has not been finalised and both projects are designed to work together.</p>	

Proposed Cancer Research Hospital	
<p>Councillors welcomed this much-needed development. However they felt that the building is more in keeping with the original buildings rather than fitting in with the newer Royal Papworth and Astra Zeneca buildings, and would like a more imaginative approach to the building.</p>	

22/04078/HFUL	191 Cambridge Road	Single storey extension to rear.
<p>Application supported, but Councillors would like to see an adequate Traffic Management Plan so that no damage is caused to verges.</p>		

22/04154/HFUL	4 Spinney Drive	Demolition of single storey side extension and conservatory. Two storey side extension with Juliet balconies and single storey front extension with garage to side and detached bin/bike store.
Application supported.		

22/04218/HFUL	17 Stonehill Road	Demolition of existing single storey rear building. Two storey side and rear extension and single storey front and rear extensions.
<p>The development should be reviewed by the Planning Officer due to concerns raised by the neighbour and boundary inaccuracies.</p>		

22/04245/HFUL	3 Granhams Close	Partial demolition of garden store room. Erection of single storey infill extension with part pitch roof and part flat roof. Front porch extension and creation of a driveway.
Application supported.		

LIBRARY NEWS

Hello, my name is Mel, and I would like to introduce myself as the new librarian at Great Shelford. It has been lovely meeting customers of the library and I am looking forward to meeting more of you during the coming months. Thank you for the warm welcome I have received.

We are hoping to run some exciting new groups and events this year and are starting a new Reading Group and a Lego Club from January. Please let me know if there are any other activities you would like to see taking place in the library.

STORY AND RHYME TIME Great Shelford Library's Story and Rhyme Time for ages 0–4years will be running from January on the first and third Tuesday each month (term time only). Sessions will run from 10.30–11am, there is no need to pre-book. We would love to hear from anyone interested in running a Rhyme and Story session. If you could commit to one Tuesday a month and enjoy telling children rhymes and stories, we would love to hear from you. Please call into the library if you would like more details.



ENGAGE TALK Our Engage Talks will continue, on the fourth Wednesday of each month. January's session is on 25 January at 2pm. There will be an informative talk about Cambridge's Business and IP Centre. The BIP is based in Central Cambridge Library and is aimed at supporting new or growing businesses in Cambridge and Peterborough. Please pre-book in the library or via Cambourne.referral@cambridgeshire.gov.uk. Donations of £2 appreciated.

LEGO CLUB This starts on Monday 17 January, 4.30–5.30pm, and is a fun hour for children to create with Lego. Parents must stay with their children who remain their responsibility. This is a free club; although donations of £2 are appreciated.

READING GROUP We are planning a new Reading Group which will start in January and meet once a month on Wednesday mornings, 10.30–11am; it will be a lovely opportunity to read and share different views on a chosen book. The first meeting will be on Wednesday 12 January. Please come into the library to get more details and register interest.

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Mel Abiss

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HAPPY – AND HOPEFUL – NEW YEAR

As I write this article it is December. The weather is cold and it's dark outside. The world is torn apart by the war in Ukraine, there is civil unrest and economically many businesses and households face a hard winter. It would be so easy to lose hope.

It reminds me of how Jesus's disciples must have felt after his brutal death on the cross. Having followed him for three years, witnessing amazing miracles and the healing of the blind, the lame and lepers, and seeing how he welcomed women and children, they believed Jesus was the king who would come and rescue them from oppression. But now he was dead, what were they to do? However, Jesus had not abandoned them. Three days after he was killed, he rose from the dead and appeared to the disciples and many others before he ascended into heaven. Jesus's last words to his disciples were, 'I am with you always.' They had faced a future without hope, but God had plans which would far exceed the disciples' expectations. With Jesus's resurrection they now knew that he would always be with them, to the point of death and beyond. As the thief who was crucified beside Jesus on the cross discovered when he confessed his wrongdoing, Jesus reassured him, 'today you will be with me in paradise.'

God who sent his son to earth as a vulnerable baby knows each of you and loves you.

As he had plans for the disciples, so he has plans for you. He is only a prayer away.

Quoted by King George VI in his 1939 war time Christmas broadcast to the British Empire, 'the Gate of the Year' poem by Minnie Louise Haskins speaks to everyone in all of life's difficult and dangerous situations:

And I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year, 'Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown.' And he replied: 'Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the hand of God. That shall be to you better than light and safer than a known way.'

I pray you will discover Christ's peace and hope for yourself as we enter a new year, and wish you every blessing.

Suzanne Watt, member Great Shelford Free Church

FREE CHURCH CALENDAR AND EVENTS

Sunday Services – every Sunday morning at 10.30am

Warm Hub – Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, 10am–4pm at Great Shelford Free Church. Wednesday 9am–3pm at Great Shelford Memorial Hall.

Community Café – Every Monday 10–12 noon. No need to book.
(Restarts on Monday 9 January 2023).

Little Steps Toddler Group – Every Wednesday, 10–1.30am in term time.
(Restarts on Wednesday 11 January 2023).

Tiny Toes Baby Group – Every Wednesday, 1.30–3pm in term time.
(Restarts on Wednesday 11 January 2023).



SHELFORD COUNTRY MARKET

December was quite a month: our craft producers had a most successful day at Mill Road Winter Fair and Wednesdays were very busy in the Memorial Hall. Producers had worked hard to maintain well-

stocked tables with an attractive craft display taking centre stage and a well laid out coffee area. In these days of gloomy news, I am sure producers and friends alike enjoyed the buzz and social side of the market.

The final market of 2022 was on 21 December and we were ready for our two week annual holiday! We will be ready to go again when we re-open at 9 am on Wednesday 11 January.

We look forward to seeing you in the Market in 2023 – a good place for a browse, chat and a coffee and home-made cookie on a Wednesday morning.

Best wishes for the New Year

Dorothy Doel

Market is in the Memorial Hall, Woollards Lane every Wednesday morning from 9 to 11.30am (except 4 January)

FEBRUARY ISSUE OF THE VILLAGE NEWS

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JULIE'S JOTTINGS

I must first of all say thank you to all who gave so generously in response to our recent Gift Day appeal.

The challenges of life as we begin the New Year are real. On a personal level there may be things that we want to be different this year from last. On a social level we may be asking how we can heal the wounded NHS, or the broken social care system, let alone the economy.

Recently I had to take someone for a hospital visit. We found that the car parking space was too small for the elderly passenger to get out. I had to hold up a stream of traffic to open the door wide enough. A kind person nipped out of their car and helped to get my elderly passenger out of the car and on to his feet. It was an unexpected kindness in a stressful day.

On the ward, the nurses and the medical team were wonderful. One nurse was a friend, and this was another unexpected good moment as we briefly caught up while she was answering questions about care and sorting out equipment. She told me that despite working with a wonderful team she felt exhausted because there just were not enough of them to do the job as she aimed to do it. Her heart went out to an elderly man who had just arrived on the ward after hours of waiting in A&E. I knew that she would make a difference for him.

Even though our New Year Resolutions usually don't last, the prospect of making a needed change or a new start is good for us and can work to shift blue moments in January, as well as start to move us into a better place. But it is not just at a personal level that we need to be intentional about making change. We build community, society and social institutions by our attitudes and intentions as well as our actions. It really does make a difference when someone is kind, or offers a fresh way of looking at things.

By Candlemas we will be midway between the winter solstice and the spring equinox. Brighter days are coming.

Rev. Julie Norris, Vicar of St Mary the Virgin

NEW YEAR SERVICES

On **Sunday 8 January** at **10am** we will hold a fun-packed service for children, families, and the family of the church. This is an **Epiphany Service** when children will be going on a journey like the Kings to meet Jesus. We will give a Kings' blessing for them to take with them when they leave church.

The **Young People's Group** will start up again on **Sunday 15 January** at **5pm**. The conversation is led by the young people on a topic which they have chosen. In January we are going to look at 'How do we make sense of the Bible today?' What can help us to understand what we read there?

A Service in **Cambridgeshire Care Home** will take place on **Thursday 19 January** at **10.30am**. A small team will bring music and prayer into the home. There will be Holy Communion for anyone who would like it, and conversations over tea or coffee.

On **Sunday 22 January** the Open Space for children and families will take place at the Free Church at **3.30pm**.



We will be celebrating **Candlemas** on **Sunday 29 January**. At the **10am** service we will be lighting candles and marking the end of the Christmas and Epiphany journey. It is inspiring to reflect on the wisdom and faithfulness that we see modelled by the biblical characters of Simeon and Anna. Our celebration will form part of a project that the church council at St Mary's has agreed to undertake to support the Anna Chaplaincy. This looks for ways to support the emotional and spiritual life of older people in our community. Anna Chaplains are there for people of strong, little or no faith at all. Come along to hear more.

Guest Priest **Rev Janet Parker** will be taking the New Year Services on **Sunday 1 January** at both **8am** and **10am**. Janet moved into the Deanery recently and this is the first time that she will have led services in St Mary's. We offer her a warm welcome.

REGULAR SERVICES

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

Sunday:	8am	Holy Communion (BCP 1662)
	10am	Parish Communion
	6.30pm	Sunday Zoom Evening Service

There will be an **Epiphany Coffee Morning** held in the Community Room from 9.30–12.00 on **Saturday 7 January**. This is a great opportunity to get out of the cold and share a convivial time with others from the village.

Pilgrim Group Meeting in the Community Room on Mondays at 2pm. In January we are going to spend some weeks looking at 'Living in Love and Faith'. This is a booklet which the national Church of England has asked local churches to consider. It looks at relationships and how we can live, work and love people who have different views to us.

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere.

Martin Luther King

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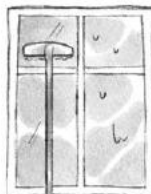
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NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN UPDATE

THE VALUE OF A GOOD LANDSCAPE CHARACTER ASSESSMENT

The Neighbourhood Plan (NP) steering group has recently met for the first time with its external support consultants from Cambridgeshire ACRE. Preparing a NP, which once approved attains the same legal status as a local plan, is not a simple matter, so it is par for the course to employ the assistance of planning consultants and grant funding is available towards this.

At our workshop it was very reassuring to hear Cambridgeshire ACRE praise the outcomes and interpretation of the initial public opinion survey we conducted in spring 2022. Combined with other data which we already have courtesy of work done by a previous iteration of the NP steering group from 2016–19, we are in a very good position to now start drafting a vision for our NP, plus policy themes and objectives.

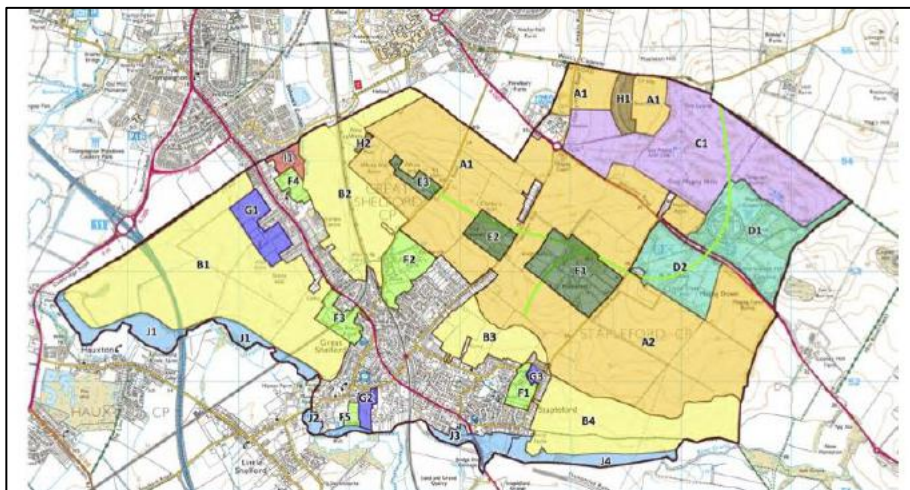
Perhaps the most significant piece of work that we ‘inherited’ from the previous steering group is a Landscape Character Assessment (LCA), which was commissioned from landscape planner Sophie O’Hara Smith. An LCA is a tool for identifying the patterns and individual combinations of features – such as hedgerows, field shapes, woodland, land use, patterns of settlements and dwellings – that make each type of landscape distinct and often special to those who live and work in it. These special qualities and distinctive characteristics can be protected, and potentially also enhanced, by planning policies created as part of the NP process.

Our initial public opinion survey clearly showed the high value placed by residents on our landscape setting, so it is critical that this is reflected in our NP. Our landscape is the backbone of our rural, village identity; it helps to protect us and separate us from the urban sprawl of Cambridge; living in a green setting makes us feel better and we’d like more of it and wider access to it; and finally, in the face of increasing development and climate change pressures, we want to protect it for wildlife and future generations.

Stapleford and Great Shelford’s LCA divides our NP area into 10 different character types and provides recommendations for how we can protect and enhance each of them.

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|-----------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|
| A Arable chalkland hills | F Enclosed farmland pastures |
| B Arable lowland | G Sports fields |
| C Golf courses | H Woodlands |
| D Historic country parks | I Campsites |
| E Settled wooded hilltop estates | J Water meadows & riverside pastures |

The following graphic is rather too detailed to read in this format, but it gives you an idea of how these character types map to areas with which you will be familiar.



Landscape character types and areas in Stapleford and Great Shelford

It's too soon to say which aspects of Stapleford and Great Shelford's LCA will be translated into policies in our NP but work on this will start early in the new year. In the meantime, here are some examples of what other NPs have done:

- 'Development will be supported where it...safeguards open countryside and cherished public views from inside and outside of the parish as defined in the LCA' (Whiteshill and Ruscombe NP, adopted 2016)
- 'Development proposals will only be supported if they do not jeopardise the status of Long Compton's dark skies site. Any applications for new development that requires a lighting scheme should show how the status of dark skies will be protected' (Long Compton NP, adopted 2016).

I look forward to continuing to report on the NP's progress through 2023.

Our Landscape Character Assessment is currently hosted on Stapleford Parish Council's website and is available for all to view at

<https://staplefordparishcouncil.gov.uk/landscape-character-assessment/>.

Jenny Flynn

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Date	Event	Time	Place
11	Country Market	9–11.30am	Memorial Hall
18	Country Market	9–11.30am	Memorial Hall
24	Friends of Library AGM	7.30pm	Library
25	Country Market	9–11.30am	Memorial Hall
25	Engage Talk	2–2.30pm	Library
28	Village Market	10am–1pm	Memorial Hall
2 Feb.	Friendship Group	2.30–4pm	St Mary's Community Room

	<p>BIN COLLECTIONS</p> <p>Black bins Wednesday 11, Tuesday 24 January</p> <p>Blue bin only Thursday 5 January, Tuesday 31 January</p> <p>Blue and Green bins Tuesday 17 January</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 Priority Post Boxes is 5pm (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>



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December Report We sang Christmas songs, accompanied by Shirley on her Appalachian Dulcimer. What fun it was to sing many of our favourite tunes by numbers with the hand bells.

Thank you Shirley; what a joyous, early beginning to our Christmas festivities in December. Thank you Sue for all the hard work

and creative effort you put into the task of making colourful decorations for our tree and the Village Christmas Tree Festival. Thank you also to all the committee for our delicious Christmas nibbles and to Vanda for making the hot mulled wine, and organising a super table full of raffle prizes for eleven lucky lady winners.

Finally, I would like to thank you all for making this past year of WI activities full of fun and learning and fellowship.

2023 Meeting

We meet on the first Thursday in the month and would welcome new visitors to our community hall at St Mary's Church Hall. Visitors are charged a fee of £4.00 for a session, which includes refreshments.

The first meeting in 2023 will be 5 January. Our speaker that occasion will be Quintus Benziger whose topic will be 'Songs Through the Ages.'

Rosemary Livings President WI.

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Luckily, just before the snow (but not before the ice!) Year 4 had a wonderful trip to the Great Shelford allotments to plant some bulbs. The intrepid class wrapped up warmly, and trekked across the fields to the allotments, where after all their hard work, they enjoyed some delicious hot chocolate before heading back to school.

There was excitement in the air as the Year 5 class headed off on their residential trip to Burwell House. What an exciting time they will be having! We can't wait to hear all about it.

The school is now looking forward to Christmas, with its annual Carols by Candlelight service, lead by Year 3, and its Nativity performance for the children from Reception to Year 2. The children

will be looking forward to the Shelford Christmas Day where they can enjoy a delicious Christmas lunch, looking all festive in their Christmas jumpers!

On Friday 25th November, we held the 'Our Streets Day'. We enjoyed hands on workshops about what makes a safe street. It was fascinating to see the children engage with these activities.

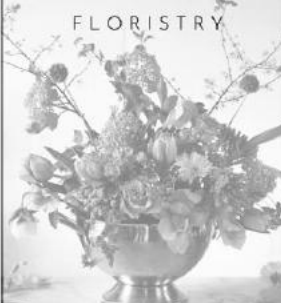
In the new year we will be welcoming to our teaching team, Mrs Hunt, our new Year 4 class teacher, and Ms Pickard, our new inclusion lead.



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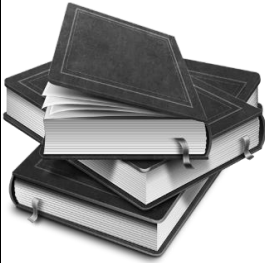
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- Eat a largely plant-based diet, with healthy portions and no waste (contact COFCO for vegetable boxes, reduce packaging by using Green Weigh and local greengrocers).
- Buy no more than three new items of clothing per year.
- Keep electrical products for at least seven years (and repair/recycle the old ones at a Repair Café).
- Take no more than one short haul flight every three years and one long haul flight every eight years.
- Get rid of personal motor vehicles if you can – and if not keep hold of your existing vehicle for longer (use the bus, share lifts or hire a car if you only need occasional use).
- Make at least one life shift to nudge the system, like moving to a green energy, insulating your home or changing your pension supplier.

In past columns and in our newsletters we have suggested all sorts of ways to reduce your own impact on the environment (i.e. your carbon footprint). See our website for these suggestions. Even taking a small step will help.

Dr Bike, our bike repair shed in the Stapleford Slaughterhouse, was very busy before Christmas, and I hope if you've visited you have been enjoying riding your revamped bike. Do consider whether you can offer occasional help, to enable the repair sessions to continue.

Re-imagining Our Future ... Together, Sunday 15 January, 3–6pm.

We've been liaising with Eco Whittlesford <https://www.ecowhittlesford.org.uk> and the Haslingfield and Harlton Eco Group <https://www.hheco.co.uk> to organise a family-friendly event aimed at bringing together people from neighbouring villages.

The purpose of the event is to enable our communities to inspire each other, to learn from what we are all doing and to explore opportunities for synergy. We are aiming for 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. There will be displays from groups around Cambridge. The event is at Whittlesford Memorial Hall, free tickets via Eventbrite on our Facebook page, or see the poster on the back cover.

If you haven't heard of an 'Imaginarium' before, Rob Hopkins gave an excellent talk last year to Transition Cambridge on the importance of working towards a better future, by first imagining what it should look like. Here is the link: [youtube.com/watch?v=OLP51zazIto](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OLP51zazIto). Rob has been very involved in the Transition Town movement, and you may have heard of the scheme in Totnes which has a local 'Totnes Pound' to help local money be spent locally. He has a positive view of what people can do when they get together and imagine what kind of world they want to live in, which starts the thinking of how to get there – things don't have to be the same old same old just because they've always been done that way. If people have the time and space to let their imaginations start, and see examples of what can be done, then things can begin – our Bike Shed is a start!

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Cambridge South East Transport (CSET) has been delayed again with Greater Cambridge Partnership (GCP) officers now saying that they will submit a Transport and Works Act Order (TWAo) to the Government in the first quarter of the next financial year (i.e. April-June).

We will then need to object to the TWAo, drawing on our expertise and resources to set out our carefully researched reasons. We need to object at this stage if we are to be permitted to make representations at the subsequent public enquiry. Whilst we can still be focusing our campaign and raising the necessary funds, the time for significant action is advancing.

With that in mind, we are seeking volunteers to assist with delivering leaflets which will be going out to all affected villages; whatever and wherever you can help, would be much appreciated. We would also particularly value the assistance of someone who could manage email notifications via Mailchimp. Please contact me ASAP!

Petition

Cambridge Past Present & Future (CPPF) has launched a CSET petition, calling on the GCP and Cambridgeshire County Council to listen to public opinion, save our green belt, protect the Gog Magog hills, and choose a better solution to a busway through open countryside. You can access the petition from www.cambridgeppf.org/south-east-cambridge-busway. This petition will be presented to the GCP Board at their meeting in the New Year. Your support counts, so please sign up!

BW4B! website

The Better Ways 4 Busways! website now provides a brilliant description of the better way of providing bus links without the damage of the GCP's road to our countryside. Visit www.bw4b.org for more information. One of the most helpful aspects of our website is its interactive maps, enabling residents in all local villages to view the impact of the busway on our immediate environment. Do please take a look.

Thank you for all your continued support.

Howard Kettel

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PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

On behalf of Great Shelford Parish Council (GSPC) may I take this opportunity to wish you a very happy New Year.

VILLAGE MARKET

GSPC has been working with local producers to bring back the Farmers' market which was held in the Memorial Hall once a month. This market, now 'rebranded' as the Village Market will be starting again on 28 January 2023. Please do support our local artisans and crafters. There is also a short survey to find out what you would like to see at a market, it will take no more than 3 minutes to complete, available at <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/YRYSBWR>.

COMMUNITY AWARDS

Community awards are now open for nominations. In a change to last year, we have three awards available. These are:

Young person (under 18 years of age) Anyone under 18 who has overcome personal difficulty or made a stand to improve their life or the lives of others.

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Awards will be presented at our Annual Village Meeting on Wednesday 8 March 2023. A massive thank you to Redmayne, Arnold and Harris who have agreed to kindly sponsor the awards for 2023.

WARM HUB

After a short Christmas break, the Warm Hub is available again from 9 January 2023. The hub is a warm safe place where any local resident can go along and spend some time in the warm. For details of times and places see p10.

More information can also 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.

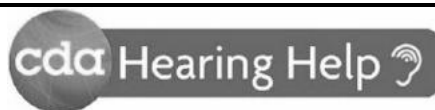
SUSTAINABLE TRAVEL ZONE CONSULTATION'

Finally, I want to make you aware of Great Shelford Parish Council's response to this consultation, which was run at the end of 2022 by Greater Cambridge Partnership on the future of travel and traffic in Cambridge City. You can read our contribution at https://www.greatshelfordparishcouncil.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/sites/105/2022/11/20221117_MakingConnectionsConsultation.pdf

CONTACT

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 as well.

Malcolm Watson, Chairman



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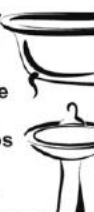
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OLD NEWS

Extracts from The Great Shelford Chronicle 1774-1868

*Compiled and re-published by Anne George, Glynis Trundle,
Margaret Ward and Alan Bullwinkle, 1993*

13 January 1849

PARISH FEUDS – A man called Pratt, who formerly resided at Gt Shelford, went to Australia some years ago and left two children who, being incapable of earning their own living, would have become chargeable to the Parish, if they had not been taken under the care of a man named Scott, their brother-in-law, who married Pratt's daughter.

Scott entered upon a rood of land, which Pratt rented from the Charity Feofees, and continued in occupation until Michaelmas, when he became backward in his rent. The Feofees then let the land to a man named Docherel, who took possession and planted some young cabbages. Scott imagining his title to be good, entered and destroyed the cabbages, and Docherel summoned him before the Magistrates for trespass. The case was dismissed by the bench (Lord Godolphin and the late George Tisher Esq.) on the ground that the case was one involving a disputed title to possession: and the Feofees then let the land to a man named Ellam, ante-dating his tenancy to cover Docherel's occupancy. Ellam took possession, and Scott summoned him for trespass in the County Court, where the case was dismissed, the judge having no jurisdiction. Scott (by his agent one of the children of Pratt Snr.) then went out and destroyed Ellam's plantings, in the shape of some more young cabbages.

Ellam summoned Pratt before the Magistrates on Saturday last, and obtained a conviction, the Magistrate on this occasion not hesitating to decide on the question of title, and the evidence of the Feofees being given in Ellam's favour. Scott had to pay 19s to free his daughter-in-law and this case which involves the letting of a rood of land for 6s a year, is not yet ended. Scott stated that he had been unable to obtain work in the Parish though he had relieved it of the burden of supporting the two children before mentioned, and said that he left a crop of rye on the land when the Feofees took it out of his possession and for this he had not been able to obtain any return.

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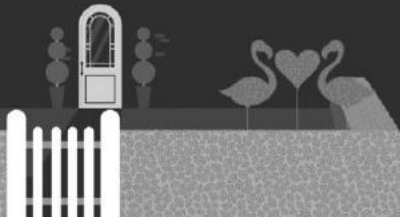
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Next in our Meet the Committee series, Ifthinan Shareef, our Ladies' Captain.



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

A: My name is Ifthinan (Ifthi for short) and I'm from the Maldives, where I grew up. I moved to the UK in 2008 for sixth form. I completed my undergraduate and post-graduate studies and have lived in Great Shelford since.

Q: How long have you been playing tennis?

A: I first started playing aged 7 in the Maldives. I played at the local club in the capital (Malé), up until I moved to the UK. I played competitively in the Maldives and competed in some tournaments in Sri Lanka, Malaysia and Singapore. Before my move to the UK, I also spent a few months in Chandigarh, India at a tennis camp and competed in a few tournaments.

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

A: I fell in love with the club the minute I became a member. In a matter of weeks, I was already part of the ladies' team practices. In a few months, I was a part of the ladies team for the summer and winter league matches. Shortly after I joined, our ladies captain at the time was stepping down. With a few encouraging conversations from my friends at the club, I was part of the committee. Being able to give back to a sport that has been a part of my life for so long meant so much to me. And to be able to do that at Great Shelford Tennis Club makes it that much more special to me.

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

A: Seeing parents encourage their children to enjoy the sport rather than focusing only on the outcome makes me happy.

Q: What's your guilty pleasure?

A: I love cake and a cup of coffee. Also, I strongly believe that with a bar of chocolate, you can pretty much fix any problems that life throws your way.

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

A: My favourite tennis player is Roger Federer (I know, he is retired) and I don't think that will ever change. If you ever see me walk around the village with my headphones in and looking serious, chances are I am listening to a Disney classic.

Angharad Harris

WHAT'S ON IN JANUARY

A round up of what's on at some of the venues near us. For more information, times, ticket prices and bookings, please contact the organisation. This information has been taken from websites, can be subject to change and the event may already be booked.

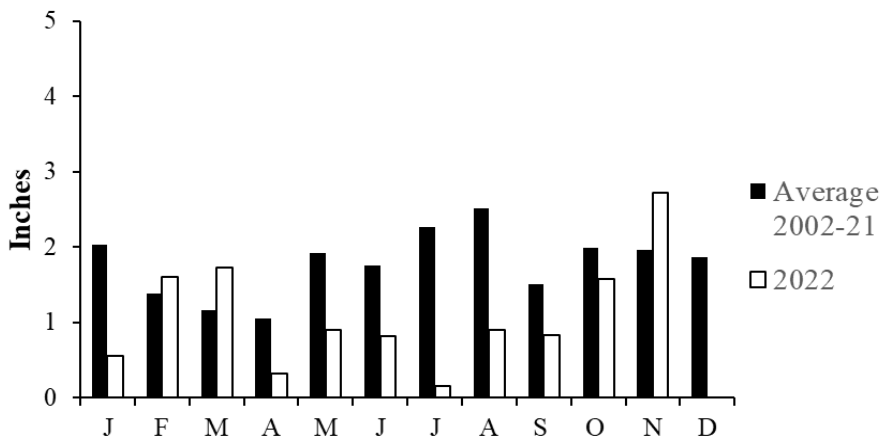
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29	10.30 & 12.00	The Hare and The Hedgehog – <i>Storytelling Sunday</i>
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Great Shelford Village Rainfall 2022



From data supplied by Angus Campbell

HOW TO CONTACT GREAT SHELFORD VILLAGE NEWS

We are pleased to receive articles, letters and notices for community events for consideration. Please send by email (preferably as a Word document), or send paper items, with contact details, to Judith Wilson, 11 Elms Avenue, Great Shelford, CB22 5LN. The copy date is usually the second Friday of the month. See the *Next Issue* box for next month's date.

For guidance, please note that an article of around 400 words, without a photograph, will fill a full page. Notices for events work best as a half page (half A5) in landscape format.

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