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Remembering Roger Pearce



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The lights go out in the Square and Compasses

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SUMMARY FROM THE UNADOPTED MINUTES OF THE FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES MEETING ON 14 DECEMBER 2022

Community Awards for 2023 It was noted that there are fewer awards this year. It was agreed to have a judging panel to include an outside organisation.

Bus Shelter It was agreed that fees for installation of a new bus shelter to be purchased by the Highways Committee should be covered.

Cemetery Initial investigations have been carried out on land around the Cemetery to find out if it is suitable for an extension to the Cemetery, bearing in mind the water table levels. The initial findings are favourable, meaning that further investigations are required. It was agreed that a detailed risk assessment should be carried out to enable discussions with landowners to be undertaken.

Security During a visit to the Pavilion and Memorial Hall to quote for CCTV, the supplier said that they could provide a system which would allow remote access to turn on/off the alarm at the Pavilion, and prevent hall hirers from entering the Memorial Hall via the kitchen, which is a health and safety issue. It was agreed that this should be installed.

Charges for Facilities The recommended charges for council facilities from 1 January 2023 were considered. There is no change on allotment fees or charges for Pavilion hire. Hire of the Memorial Hall has been brought in line with the Pavilion and Cemetery charges have increased by 2% rounded to the nearest £5. The cost of exclusive rights of burial and interment has been doubled for non-Shelford residents. Charges for the sports clubs have also been ratified.

Budget The proposed budget for 2023/24, as drawn up by the Responsible Finance Office, was considered at length by members and their amended proposed budget will be taken to Full Council in January 2023.

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 FEBRUARY

Planning Committee	6 February	7.30pm	Pavilion
Recreation & Pavilion Committee	8 February	7.00pm	Pavilion
Full Council Meeting	15 February	7.00pm	Pavilion
Planning Committee	20 February	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.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS PARISH COUNCIL COMMENTS

22/04752/HFUL	9 Walden Way	Single storey side and rear extension following demolition of existing rear single storey extension.
Application supported.		

22/04468/HFUL	18a Granhams Road	Conversion of front garden to permeable hard standing with dropped kerb.
Application supported.		

22/04360/HFUL	19A High Green	Swimming pond to rear.
Application supported. However, the applicant must decide if it is a pond or a pool and if it is a pond, they should not try to stop wildlife getting into it.		

22/04863/HFUL	23 Granta Terrace	Single storey rear extension.
Application supported.		

22/04967/FUL	Shelford Rugby Club	Construction of detached gym block.
Application supported.		

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PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Community Awards The 2023 Community Awards are now open for nominations. In a change to last year, we have awards available in three categories. These are *Young Person (under 18 years of age)*, *Good Neighbour (was unsung hero)*, *Outstanding Contribution – could be an individual, group or organisation*. We listened to your feedback from 2022 and have made the nomination process much easier with a very simple form online: <https://www.greatshelfordparishcouncil.gov.uk/community-awards-2023/>. The awards will be presented at our Annual Village Meeting on Wednesday 8 March in the Memorial Hall. A massive thank you to Redmayne, Arnold and Harris, who have kindly agreed to sponsor the awards for 2023.

Dog Fouling It is unfortunate that I have to write this, but we are seeing increasing instances of dog faeces being left on the Recreation Ground including on the football pitches. We are one of a few villages where dogs are allowed to run free on the Recreation Ground. Please can we remind residents to keep their dogs under control and make sure that they pick up after them.

Traffic Last year the Parish Council employed a traffic consultant to look at the village to see if there are ways we can improve traffic safety for pedestrians, cyclists and motor vehicle users. The brief we gave also asked for ways that we could make Woollards Lane and High Street, safe destinations for residents and others. We have now received their report and our next steps are to consult with residents. We will be sending out a short survey in the near future to understand your feelings on this matter. We would encourage as many as possible to fill this in, so that it may guide our decision making.

Memorial Hall We came to you in July last year asking you how you wanted to use the Memorial Hall. We now feel that we need to have a more in depth understanding of how the Hall can be best used and future proofed for generations to come. We need to ask you, again, to help us by completing a questionnaire which will guide our discussions with professionals who can draw up plans to improve our Memorial Hall

Village Market Before finishing this month, I just wanted to remind you that our new Village Market commenced on 28 January. The market will be held on the fourth Saturday of each month in the Memorial Hall between 10am and 1pm. We hope you will support our local artisans and crafters.

Don't forget to get in touch with us should you have any relevant concerns. Our telephone number is 01223 616622 and Libby is available during office hours (please leave a message outside these times, or email). Councillors' emails too can be found on the website. If you email a Councillor we ask that you copy in Libby.

Malcolm Watson, Chairman



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Reading Group Wednesday 8 February 10.30–11.30am. To book your place please come into the library or email (see below).

Half Term Lego Event Wednesday 15 February 2.00–3.30pm. Parents and carers must stay with their children who remain their responsibility. Free event, donations of £2.00 appreciated. Limited places, please pre-book in the library or via *email*.

Engage Talk Wednesday 22 February 2.00–3.30pm. *Shackleton's Epic Journey*. A donation of £2 is appreciated. Please stay for a drink after the talk. Please pre-book in the library or via email.

These events can be pre-booked at cambourne.referral@cambridgeshire.gov.uk.

February is LGBT+ History Month. Discover a rainbow of reading in our display of books by LGBT+ authors.

6–12 February is Children's Mental Health Week. Reading all sorts of books for pleasure can give children a great sense of wellbeing and we have lots they can choose from. We also have a special collection of books that support children with specific mental health problems, such as anxiety.

February is Valentine's Day month. Why not take a chance on a blind date with a book? Check out a mystery wrapped book from our display. Who knows, you might fall in love with it!

Finally, we would love to know about the books you have enjoyed so we can share with others. Please bring the book to the counter so we can put it on our readers' recommendation stand.

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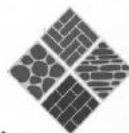
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SHELFORD SCHOOL



Whilst readers will be looking forward to spring, at the time of writing the school term has only just started and we are remembering with pleasure that the Shelford School Christmas celebrations were almost back to normal. Reception and Key Stage 1 children performed their Nativity play to proud parents and friends.

Meanwhile, pupils in Key Stage 2 led our annual Carol Service. This commenced with the traditional soloist verse of Once in Royal David's City (see photo).

The early days of this term included considering the gifts brought by the Three Kings and exploring the

symbolism behind these for Epiphany. We also looked at another meaning of the word *gifts*, as the talents and skills that we have, learning from the parable of the talents that we can use our skills to develop even further. This picked up on themes in a Growth Mindset morning. One of the key messages of Growth Mindset is that we can all improve, learn and make progress through our efforts. We should think 'I have not perfected this yet' rather than 'I cannot do this'.

We are always pleased to see the children getting involved in activities outside school and rarely more so than at this time of the year with the Little Shelford pantomime. Nearly 30 current or former pupils were in the cast this year, led by Archie Meikle's barnstorming performance as the Dame, and not forgetting many former pupils and parents in various preparatory or behind the scenes roles. You can read more about it in the next issue of the *Village News*, but I can say that the first night's performance was magnificent.

We have welcomed several new governors during the first half of this school year. Clare Mellor was elected by parents to be a new Parent Governor, whilst two other parents, Alice Walker and Douglas Leckie, have taken up roles as Foundation Governors associated with our two local parish churches. We have also been delighted to welcome Rev Julie Norris from neighbouring St Mary's. But having said thanks and farewell to several governors we are not quite at full strength. We are always pleased to hear of people who might be interested in helping the school in this way.

Peter Ede Governor



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GREAT SHELFORD PARISH CHURCH

Saint Mary the Virgin

Julie's Jottings

Lent is one of the themes at the Primary School at the moment. We can expect to see children experience for the first time some of the things we are more used to. They love pancakes to eat on Shrove Tuesday, they enjoy watching or tossing their own pancake. They learn why people have the shape of a cross drawn with ashes on their forehead on Ash Wednesday. They understand the trials of giving up something they really like for 40 days, and the delight at the end when treats are enjoyed once again. They also understand the importance of getting up from mistakes and starting again, because that is very often how we learn.

I have found a poem by Jan Richardson which helps me to engage with Lent despite its familiarity and generally being busy. It starts by focusing on Ash Wednesday when the Church remembers that we came from dust and will return. But it also recognises that the mark of ash can symbolise some of the experiences which have hurt us. Such experiences hurt and form our character and are part of the human experience from the beginning of time. In the poem, Ash Wednesday and Lent become opportunities to marvel at what can come out of the dust.

Rev Julie Norris

What God can do with dust By Jan Richardson

This is the day
we freely say
we are scorched.

This is the hour
we are marked
by what has made it
through the burning.

This is the moment
we ask for the blessing
that lives within
the ancient ashes,
that makes its home
inside the soil of
this sacred earth.

So let us be marked
not for sorrow.
And let us be marked
not for shame.
Let us be marked
not for false humility
or for thinking
we are less
than we are

but for claiming
what God can do
within the dust,
within the dirt,
within the stuff
of which the world
is made
and the stars that
blaze
in our bones
and the galaxies that
spiral
inside the smudge
we bear.

FEBRUARY SERVICES AND EVENTS

On **Thursday 2 February** our Lay Minister, Rosey Fuell is restarting the **Friendship Group** at 2.30pm in the Community Room. This group is open to any village member and is a social gathering for the village community.

Saturday 4 February is the date of our next **Coffee Morning** in the Community Room. Do come along for a drink and a snack and a friendly chat, 10.30 to noon.

On **Sunday 5 February** at 10am there will be a Family and Communion Service called 'Light for our Street' focussing on how to make life where we live more bright and flavoured with goodness. The Bible story will be told interactively and there will be an activity and reflection on the theme.

The **Young People's Group** will meet on **Sunday 19 February** at 5pm. This is currently a small but growing group aged from 12 upwards. We meet to talk about things that matter to young people. This month we are looking at climate issues. Come and join us.

There will be two services on **Ash Wednesday (22 February)** – a Holy Communion (BCP) at 10.30am and a Eucharist at 7.30pm. In both services there will be an opportunity for ashes to be placed on the forehead to mark the beginning of Lent and the start of a reflective journey towards Holy Week.

The Aitches will perform live on **Saturday 25 February** at 7.30pm. The Aitches are a five piece band who originate from Bottisham Village College. They have been together for over three years. They will be playing some songs you will know, and some you won't, but here is a taster: *Mr Blue Sky, Purple Rain, Hey Jude, I'm Still Standing, Nothing's Going to Stop Us*, and many more. Please come along and support these young people in a unique event at St Mary's. Tickets £10.00; children under 16 £5.00, available from Kim Lane 07825 769779 or e-mail kimberley.lane@ntlworld.com. All proceeds will go to the Church Organ Restoration Fund.

On **February 26** the **Outdoor Church for Families** will have a Lent theme and will take place at St Mary's at 3.30pm.

The **Pilgrim Group** will be starting a Course for Lent on **February 27** in the Community Room. Newcomers are welcome to join the Group.

Regular Services

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

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

May They Rest in Peace.

On 17 January the funeral took place of Catherine Elizabeth Wilson. On January 30 there will be a village Memorial Service when we will give thanks for her life and her ashes will be laid to rest in St. Mary the Virgin Churchyard. On 20 January the ashes of Barbara King were interred in St. Mary the Virgin Churchyard.

Our sympathy and condolences are with Catherine's and Barbara's families.

Thought for the month: To ease another's heartache is to forget one's own.
Abraham Lincoln

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WI



We were entertained at very short notice in January by Marion Leeper, who lived a charmed life as the only child of a diplomat and his wife in Europe after the First World War.

Growing up with several nannies, Marion learned to speak a number of languages and attended boarding and International schools. She loved to read and was told stories by her mother, who embellished her passion for reading with poetry and drama. She was a very charming and entertaining lady.

We are always pleased to welcome guests at our evening meetings held on the first Thursday of the month, when we offer friendship and refreshments for an initial sum of £4.00. Our next meeting will be held on Thursday 9 February when we will welcome Fran Saltmarsh, who will be exhibiting her collection of Georgian costumes.

Rosemary Livings, President



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It's February, another month, another village magazine. Sometimes I am amazed at how quickly the time to write for this comes around!

I wonder how you measure the passing of time. Perhaps in years, months, or weeks? For example, 'It's been almost three years since Covid first sent the country into lockdown.' (That's an amazing fact in itself. Does it seem that long ago to you? Or less? Or much more?) Or maybe you measure time passing in smaller units, such as days, hours or minutes. My grandchildren often count the passing of time in 'sleeps', for example, 'How many sleeps is it until my birthday?' But however you count the passing of time, its passing affects every one of us.

For some of us there never seems to be enough time. Life is really busy and we have so many things to do, we find ourselves forever rushing from one thing to another and watching the clock as the hands seem to fly around. For others, time might drag past. The days seem long and empty and the hands on the clock seem to move extraordinarily slowly.

However fast or slowly time seems to travel, as inhabitants of this planet we are both constrained and ordered by it. Our time is measured by the movements of the moon around the earth and the earth around the sun. These fixed orbits govern our days and nights and yet for every one of us our time on this planet is also limited.

When I was growing up there were two phrases I heard often. One was, 'Don't put off until tomorrow what you can do today.' The other was, 'Time is precious – don't waste it!' These phrases have stuck with me and I would urge you to take note because time is indeed precious and none of us know how much time we have.

At Great Shelford Free Church our verse for the year is from Hosea 'It is time to seek the Lord until he comes and showers righteousness on you.' This verse is an encouragement and a challenge to us to take time out in the midst of our busy lives; to take time to seek God; to take time to spend with Him. I would love this to be an encouragement for you too. When we take time to seek the Lord, he will be found by us and his presence is a blessing, whether our lives are incredibly busy or extremely quiet. Whatever your circumstances, I hope that your time will be blessed in the days and weeks ahead.

Diana Parr, Acting Pastor

FREE CHURCH CALENDAR AND EVENTS

Sunday Services: Every Sunday at 10.30am

Café Church: Sunday 19 February at 10.30am

Warm Hub: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, 10am–4pm.
(On Wednesdays, Warm Hub is held at Great Shelford Memorial Hall, 9am–3pm)

Community Café: every Monday, 10am–12 noon

Little Steps Toddler Group: every Wednesday morning, 10–11.30am

Tiny Toes Baby Group: every Wednesday afternoon, 1.30–3pm

FUTURE EVENTS

Family Film Event during February half term.

Lent Lunch towards the end of February.

Please keep an eye on our website (www.shelfordfreechurch.org.uk) for more details of these events closer to the time.

SHELFORD COUNTRY MARKET



We reopened the doors on 11 January after our New Year break. It was a miserable grey dark morning with no early morning queue.

However, as the minutes ticked by, we were pleased to see our regular customers arriving.

It wasn't long before the coffee tables filled up

and the Memorial Hall looked not only a busy market but a friends' meeting place, a warm hub and at the end a satisfying morning for market producers.

Although this is the quiet season for the garden section, the craft tables are well stocked: hand knitted woollies for all ages, homemade soaps and creams, greetings cards and lots more. Our bakers are back with a fine selection of home baking: interesting breads, cakes, cookies, crumbles, quiches etc and further along the display tables are the preserves.

Keep coming to the Market, plenty to tempt you and stay on for a chat, a hot cuppa and cookie.

Dorothy Doel

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ROGER PEARCE

Apparently, after the ITV programme covering the FIFA World Cup Final last year there was a tribute to one of their 'backroom' staff members who died in Qatar.

That staffer was Roger Pearce, ITV Technical Director, Sport. Search 'Roger Pearce' on the internet and tributes from throughout that industry will be in abundance.

As a boy, Roger and his family lived in Macaulay. He was a few months younger than me but we went through the village primary school, then Sawston Village College at pretty much the same time. We also shared time in the 1st Shelford Cub pack.

Below is a photograph of that motley crew taken in the mid-1960s.

Roger is in the middle on the back row. An imposing figure, even then.

I am far left, back row; my brother David is third from the left, front row and the only other name I know is Trevor (Jethro) Scotcher who is far right, front row. Hopefully there will be readers with better memories than I, to fill in some of the other names.



The tributes and obituaries painted a picture of Roger as a well-loved and hugely respected character. Nothing different to the comments of friends who had stayed in touch with him, albeit briefly in some cases, over the years.

I'd be happy with a fraction of that respect when I've gone.

Steve King

SHELFORD PUBS

In mid January we heard that the Square and Compasses was to close. This was a significant blow not only to its regular customers but to the village as a whole. It seems that the rent demanded by Greene King and calculated as percentage of the property value was out of proportion to the income and Bill, who has worked so hard over many years, has called it a day. We hope that Bill will be able to retire to the village, where he has been a considerable asset. Details of re-opening of The Square are not known at this time.

More than 32 pubs in England and Wales closed each month in 2022, data reveals. More than 32 pubs closed in England and Wales each month in 2022 as rocketing energy bills and staffing pressures forced businesses to shut for the final time. Of course pubs have always closed, moved or changed their names. We remember that the Navigator in Little Shelford was previously The Plough and The Square and Compasses was simply The Compasses in the nineteenth century. But if I asked you to name as many pubs as you could from Great Shelford, how many could you manage? Try it now before you read on!

We start with The Plough and the Square and Compasses. The Compasses is first mentioned in 1816 but almost certainly is earlier than that. Add The Railway Tavern on Station Road, built at the time of the railway line and closed in the late 1990s. And do you remember the De Freville Arms (1856) on the corner of Granham's Road? You may even realise that Peacocks took its name from The Peacock. But you'd have to be a very early resident to remember The Road and Rail on Freestone's corner. So that's six names.

Then we must add those pubs mentioned in The Great Shelford Chronicle over the years. The Black Swan was mentioned in 1791 and 1837; The George and Dragon still exists as The Old Thatch, next to the church (1803 and 1814); The Carpenter's Arms (1827); The Red Lion (1842) was north of De Freville farm; The Greyhound Inn was on Cambridge Road (1854); and finally add a beer house in Woollards Lane near what is now Spinney Drive.

I count twelve pubs – though not all at the same time! And now, for what we hope is a very short time before reopening, we are down to one. Even if you are not a regular drinker, that is sad.

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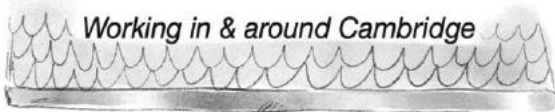
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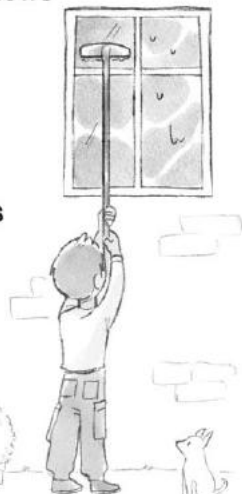
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11	2G3S Repair Cafe	2–4.30pm	Free Church
15	Country Market	9–11.30am	Memorial Hall
15	Half Term Lego Event	2–3.30pm	Library
22	Country Market	9–11.30am	Memorial Hall
22	Engage Talk	2–2.30pm	Library
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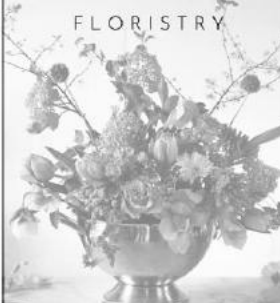
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NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN UPDATE

Work on Stapleford and Great Shelford's Neighbourhood Plan (NP) continues apace, with the steering group holding its first workshop in December with consultants from Cambs ACRE, who are providing valuable expert support through this complex process. We reviewed the policy background to neighbourhood planning and then discussed the various strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats facing our NP area. Our consultants have since helped us to translate these into key themes that we could pursue in our NP and the planning policies they could give rise to. Given the external growth pressures that our area faces, we cannot possibly pursue all these within a timeframe that would make having a NP useful, so the steering group will whittle them down to a set of achievable and meaningful objectives, held together by an overarching vision (see below), over the next couple of months.

Retracing our steps

Although I've been writing regular monthly updates for Stapleford and Great Shelford village magazines for over a year now, it's worth briefly reminding readers what a NP is and what we hope to achieve by it. Our NP is a document that will set out what's important to our community when it comes to planning matters. So, for example:

- what sort of housing gets built, where and what it looks like
- how our green spaces are used
- the kinds of amenities that are developed
- where and how our natural environment needs protecting.

It's being written by and based on the views of the local community – the people who know and love the area – not the local planning authority. A steering group of Stapleford and Great Shelford residents and Parish Councillors are leading the charge and there have been face-to-face and online opportunities for others to contribute, with more such opportunities to come. The ultimate output of our work will be a set of planning policies specific to our area which will be used to help decide planning applications for things like new homes and developments of amenities like shops, playgrounds or offices. You can read more about our NP at greatshelfordparishcouncil.gov.uk/sgsnplan.

Vision + action = change

I mentioned earlier that we are now developing the vision and objectives for our NP, and in time these will also be shared with the local community. But why are we spending time on this? In a nutshell, the vision articulates where we want to be or what we want to be like, whilst the objectives show the actions required to get there. They work in tandem: a vision without actions is just a dream, and actions without a vision are, well, mere faffing about.

In NP terms, our vision will be a statement of what our villages aspire to be like at the end of the NP period and it is the basis on which our objectives and policies will be formulated. It must be forward looking, strategic, descriptive, consider the land use and development challenges we face, but remain uncluttered by detail. It must also clearly reflect the planning related priorities of residents and we have a good understanding of what they are following our initial public consultation in April-June 2022.

Here are a couple of NP vision statements adopted by nearby communities:

Foxton: ‘To retain and enhance the unique rural character and community spirit of Foxton. This will be achieved through positive enhancement of the parish’s special landscape character, biodiversity, green spaces, historical character and assets, and local distinctiveness. Foxton’s built fabric, both existing and additional modest housing growth, and appropriate new employment, will incorporate sustainability features. Foxton’s vibrant community will be served by a range of quality facilities, and sustainability will be at the heart of tackling current and proposed transport issues.’

Fulbourn: ‘In the period to 2031 Fulbourn village will continue to be a vibrant, sustainable and thriving local community with its own distinctive characteristics, separate from Cambridge yet complementary and benefiting from its proximity. It will have a locally distinctive built and natural environment and a wide provision of local services, supported by the local community. New developments will provide suitable housing, employment, leisure facilities and local services whilst protecting and enhancing its natural and built assets for future generations.’

It is no great surprise that there is some overlap between the aspirations of these villages, given their South Cambridgeshire rural settings and proximity to the city. Stapleford and Great Shelford’s NP vision may end up being not a million miles away from these. After all, our initial public opinion survey highlighted some similar concerns amongst our residents: maintaining our village character and community feel; prioritising starter and affordable homes; protecting important views, greenbelt and biodiversity; addressing travel and transport issues; improving local shops, services and countryside access.

It will be interesting to see how the direction of travel pans out over the next few months and I look forward to continuing to report on it.

Jenny Flynn

Vice-Chair Stapleford Parish Council;

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13 February 1847

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3 February 1855

CAUTION TO HOUSEHOLDERS – An expert and cunning imposter, very respectably dressed, went on Monday last to a poor old widow named Moore, stating that he was a foreman for a builder and that he wanted board and lodging for a time. The old lady, being glad to get a lodger, offered to lodge him and find him with a breakfast every morning for 7s a week, and this was agreed to. After bargaining with the old lady he borrowed 4s on the pretence that he could not get change for a £5 note and then went away, taking the 4s, and has not since been heard of. The police are on the search for the impudent thief and it is hoped he will not escape detection.

16 February 1856

REMITTANCE FROM ABROAD – Within the last few weeks, two young soldiers in the Crimea, William Wright and Daniel Thorn, who have escaped the awful vicissitudes of war, remitted £3 each to their friends in this, their native village. The above sums are amounts that they have amassed since they have been soldiers in the Crimea. James Britten, a married man, who emigrated from Shelford about three years since to Australia, has sent to his wife's friends at Stapleford £10 and the same amount to his relatives at Shelford. We hear also of many other acts of generosity having been displayed by emigrants to their friends at Shelford and Stapleford.

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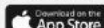
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TENNIS CLUB

MEET YOUR COMMITTEE

Before diving into this month's 'Meet your Committee' instalment, the committee has some news and announcements to make. Firstly, congratulations go to Mel Boyle, who represented Cambridgeshire in the Ladies County Over 50s team in January. Secondly, thank you to everyone who responded to our membership survey in the last quarter of 2022. We received nearly 100 responses and are analysing them for presentation at the AGM later this year. We'll use what we learn to get started on a medium term plan for the club.

Up next in our Meet the Committee series, John Coleman, our Facilities Manager.



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

A: I'm John. I was born in Liverpool and lived there until I was 18 when I moved to University in Birmingham. I subsequently worked in construction management on various projects around the UK including Swansea, Newcastle upon Tyne and The Shetlands with a couple of overseas postings in between to Malawi and Costa Rica. I settled in the Cambridge area in 1984 and continued to work on construction projects in the East Anglia region (apart from an 18month project in Jamaica) until I retired at the end of 2016.

Q: How long have you been playing tennis?

A: Both my parents played tennis (in fact they met at a Tennis Club in Liverpool) so as soon as I was steady enough on my feet, I was given a tennis racquet to wield! My sister also played so when we were packing to go on holiday, we always included the racquet bag (wooden racquets then of course) and on arrival at our destination would seek out the local courts for a game of doubles. I played until I was 18 but then other priorities came about and basically I didn't play regularly again until I joined Great Shelford Tennis Club when I was about 50!

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

A: I had been a member at the Club for a while and having retired I thought I could put something back into the Club, which is run entirely by volunteers. I

am reasonably practically minded so towards the end of 2018, I offered to be the Facilities Manager.

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

A: I enjoy playing other sports – badminton, squash, table tennis, golf, football (gently) and I also like walking and travelling around the UK and overseas, to explore.

I also hope to be able to continue to play tennis for some years yet until once again I am no longer steady enough on my feet to wield a tennis racquet!

Q: What's your guilty pleasure?

A: Motorcycles ... I have a couple of classic 1970s Japanese superbikes together with a modern one which I love to tinker with and ride.

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

A: I am a Dire Straits/Mark Knopfler fan.

Angharad Harris

EXERCISE CLASSES FOR PEOPLE WITH PARKINSON'S DISEASE



Parkinson's Disease is the fastest growing neurological condition in the world and its symptoms can include tremor, rigidity, stiffness and slowness of movement, poor balance and poor coordination. Unfortunately, there is no known cure at present, but exercise can really help address the symptoms

and is as important as taking any prescribed medication.

Specialised exercise classes are held in Sawston on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday afternoons. Tuesday and Wednesday classes are based on the Parkinson's Warrior regime and Friday is Nordic Walking for People with Parkinson's (or Smoveys – an upper body workout using special weighted rings – as an indoor alternative).

All classes are led by our award winning instructor, Paul Goddard, who has many years' experience as a neurological disease exercise instructor, and are fun, enjoyable and motivational.

If you, or anyone you know, has Parkinson's Disease and would be interested in attending, please contact Deb Liddington on 0774 332 4288 or email debliddington@btinternet.com for further information.

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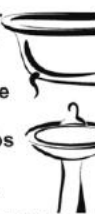
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Dr Bike ‘Making your bike better’ is run by volunteers at the Slaughterhouse in Church Street, Stapleford and will now run until at least Easter. Sessions are on Thursdays from 3pm to 5.30pm.

In our first sessions, until just before Christmas, we fixed numerous bikes, some only needing minor adjustments to get them into fine fettle, but common faults were worn or corroded brake or gear cables, or just lack of lubrication. We can show you the required 22-point check, for your or your children’s bikes and usually fix any issues. That knowledge should help you in the future. We even have a supply of minor parts that are often all that’s needed to make your bike better.

We have a band of experienced amateur bike fixers, but also need more helpers to build up a team so we can run into the summer. For each session we need one experienced person capable of understanding and fixing those difficult to find issues, but we also need volunteers for minor fixes or adjustments - all that is needed is a little DIY skill, the right tool (which we have), those few spares and our printed check sheet. If you have those sorts of DIY mechanic skills and can spare a Thursday afternoon just once a month, we need you.

For those of you with a bike that isn’t quite right, or a child’s bike that has seen better days, please bring it along and we’ll do our best to make it better. All we ask is that you follow our 22-point check, to see how best you can maintain your bike, and that if adjustments or minor repairs are needed that you leave us a donation to help maintain our stock of minor parts and consumables. We want to continue to run this service for those who live in our local villages, but this needs both customers and volunteer helpers.

This scheme is supported by 2G3S (Green Groups in Stapleford, Shelford and Sawston), as well as the local Repair Café organisation. We can be contacted via drbikestapleford@gmail.com.

Dates coming up

Repair Café at Great Shelford Free Church, on Saturday 11 February from 2pm to 4.30pm. We are grateful to the church for providing the venue for our event. Bring along your broken item and a skilled volunteer will help you fix it! We can tackle a wide variety of repairs including clothes and fabrics, electrical items, jewellery and other items. We may be able to accept some items on the day, but for electrical repairs in particular, it is better to book in advance. (Please note that we will not be able to replace cracked screens on ‘phones or tablets).

You will be able to book your item in via the booking link on the Cambridge Carbon Footprint web page cambridgecarbonfootprint.org/events/great-

shelford-repair-cafe-3/. Bookings will remain open until Tuesday 7 February, but may close earlier if we become fully booked. If you have any questions, please email *southcampsrepaircafe@gmail.com*. It's a free event but donations are very welcome. The repairers are brilliant and can fix a lot of things but there are no guarantees. Tea and cake will be available, of course!

Planning meeting is on Monday 20 February at Cox's Close in Stapleford, 8pm.

Book Club Our next meeting is on Thursday 23 February at 7.30pm, at the Rose pub in Stapleford. The book is George Monbiot's *Regenesi: Feed the World Without Devouring the Planet*. You may have seen George Monbiot at the recent Cambridge Literary Festival. Come along and listen to the discussion even if you don't read the book, or read the book even if you don't come to the meeting.

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

Helen Hale

WHAT'S ON IN FEBRUARY

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.

CAMBRIDGE ARTS THEATRE	
31 Jan – 4 Feb	The Mirror Crack'd (<i>Jane Marple murder mystery starring Susie Blake</i>)
5	Dan Forshaw: Our Music in Paris (<i>Jazz</i>)
7 – 11	Relatively Speaking (<i>Alan Ackbourn comedy with Lisa Goddard</i>)
14 – 26	Six (<i>Musical based on the wives of Henry VIII</i>)
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1 – 4 (11pm)	Footlights Presents: Sorry Sorry Sorry Very Sorry
7 – 11	Sunday in the Park with George (<i>Sondheim musical</i>)
14 – 18	The Hollow (<i>Agatha Christie murder mystery</i>)
15 – 17	Second Generation - return of the Lemon and Herb
21 - 25	Footlights Spring Review
24 – 25	CUMTS Gala 2023: Livin' it up on top
28 – 4 March	Twelfth Night
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CAMBRIDGE CORN EXCHANGE

3	Fisherman's Friends
10	The Musical Box – the Lion Lies Down on Broadway
12	John Cale
13	The Classic Rock Show
14	Armenian State Symphony Orchestra
23	Suzanne Vega
https://www.cambridgelive.org.uk	

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4	7.45pm	Tabea Debus & The Cedar Consort <i>Music by Bach, Handel and Telemann</i>
10	7.45 pm	Madison Violet <i>Canadian singer-songwriters</i>
12	10.30am 12.00noon	Storytelling Sunday <i>The many-legged musicians of Bremen (Age 6+)</i>
24	7.45pm	Norma Winstone, Nikki Iles & Mark Lockheart <i>Jazz classics and originals</i>
25	7.45pm	Rachmaninov – A Heart in Exile <i>Rachmaninov's life through words and music</i>
www.staplefordgranary.org.uk		

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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.

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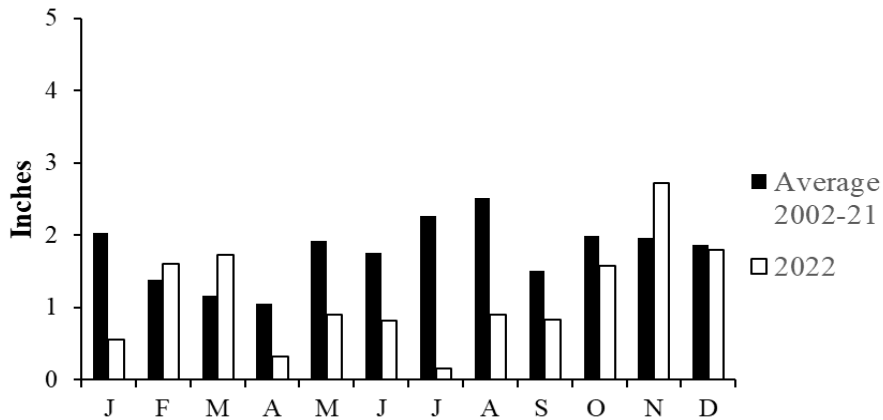
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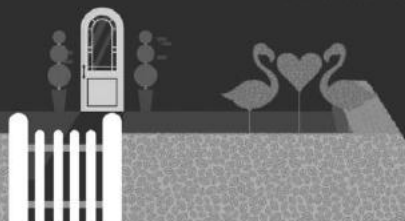
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