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## *Pantomime Review*



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*How Your Parish Funds Will Be Spent  
Remembering David Rayner*

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## **GREAT SHELFORD PARISH COUNCIL**

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### **SUMMARY FROM THE UNADOPTED MINUTES OF THE MEETING ON 18 JANUARY 2023**

#### **PRESENTATION ON CAMBRIDGE BIOMEDICAL CAMPUS**

Dr Kristen-Anne Rutter provided a presentation on Cambridge Biomedical Campus (CBC) Limited and the spatial framework they are looking to work to. Cllr Disley asked how CBC's vision fitted in with proposals for the 'woodland area for White Hill'. Dr Rutter stated that she did not know anything about that area. Dr Rutter will forward the presentation and a map showing land ownership within the boundaries of the campus to the Clerk.

#### **WHEELSCAPE PRESENTATION**

Members of the Playscape Charity provided a presentation on the proposed Wheelscape for the Recreation Ground. It was agreed that the council should move forward with the project and that £12,000 (10% of the expected construction costs including professional fees) would be added to the budget for 2023/24.

#### **REPORTS FROM COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCIL MEMBERS**

Cllr Brown acknowledged the passing of District Councillor Loveluck and condolences will be passed to his colleagues.

#### **REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND WORKING GROUPS**

##### **Neighbourhood Plan**

An update from the Steering Group Chairman was circulated to members.

##### **TRAFFIC & TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE WORKING GROUP**

It was agreed to adopt the recommendations of the traffic consultant's report, which included budgeting an additional £690 for the investigation of one way systems in Woollards Lane and the High Street, £750 for drawings of a signalled proposal for Church Street, for the Parish Council to consult residents about the recommendations and findings of the consultant, to ask residents to submit records of road and pathway incidents including injuries where appropriate, and to liaise with local businesses and service providers. The Parish Council approved the objective: 'To preserve and improve Great Shelford's character as a vibrant and pleasant destination village and acknowledge that addressing the

modern stresses placed on our aged roadways is fundamental to preserving and improving the village character and locality.’ This objective could potentially underpin a range of policies and documents e.g. Planning, Highways and the Neighbourhood Plan. The working group was asked to draft an outline transport improvement policy and it was agreed that the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group should be updated regarding the importance of this issue for our parish.

## **COUNCIL ADMINISTRATION**

Following the resignation of Cllr Shelton, both the Cemetery and Allotments Committee and Highways Committee were short of a member. It was agreed that Cllr Mann should join the Cemetery and Allotments Committee.

Following comments made by Great Shelford Parish Council when considering the planning application for the care home on Station Road in respect to constructor car parking, communication has been received from the constructor for the project, Carter Lauren. They are aware that their constructor traffic could have a detrimental effect on the roads around the vicinity of the project and have made an offer of £5,000 to park on the Recreation Ground for the duration of the project. It was agreed that this offer should be accepted.

A questionnaire to find out what the community wants from the Memorial Hall was presented to members. Its aim is to create a feasibility report for potential work to be carried out on the Hall. It was agreed to look at costs to print and deliver the questionnaires and to bring these to the next meeting. It was also agreed to see whether the Parish Council could apply for funding for this work.

Angli-EAR have offered a contribution towards any new hedging put in along the back of the fence behind their office. Due to lack of maintenance in the past, the hedgerow had become overgrown and the work undertaken had left it looking underwhelming. It was agreed to look at what could be done in this area and discuss at a future meeting.

Progress had been made on items on the Business Plan:

- the CCTV has been installed and is awaiting the final handover
- a draft Action Plan will be circulated for the February meeting with a meeting of the Climate Emergency Working Group to be arranged prior to this
- advice continues to be sought from Miles Water Engineering about the riverbank
- the Quality Level of the Local Council Award Scheme has received by NALC and feedback should be received in February
- work is under way to plant some trees and shrubs in the village.

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## Community Matters

Great Shelford Warm Hub restarted on 9 January after a two week break for Christmas and New Year. The Hub continues to be quiet with numbers varying from no visitors to a maximum of seven. All dwellings in Great Shelford received a Christmas card with a note explaining the hub but the interest does not really appear to be there. Donations have been received from residents to help towards the running costs of the hub. Volunteers are a little concerned that the Memorial Hall (Wednesdays) is not a comfortable location and feel it is rather a waste of their time as no one attends. It was agreed to stop the Wednesday afternoon sessions and look at ways to increase communication with members of the community who are harder to reach.

The Community Awards 2023 have been launched with information on the website, social media, noticeboards and in the *Village News*. Though the nomination process has been simplified, no nominations had been received. Councillors were asked to spread the word.

## Finance

Following an onsite meeting with the Chairman and Clerk, the quotation from Brookfield Groundcare of £54 per square metre to carry out remedial work on the mounds in and around the Playscape had been revised to £44 per square metre with a total cost of £16,896 + VAT. This work would cover all mounds and the area in front of the bench to protect the grass from footfall which was taking the grass down to the root stock. £6,900 could be funded from the retention money for Duncan and Grove, with their agreement, and £5,000 from Carter Lauren could be offset against the costs, leaving £4,996.00 to be found by the council. It was agreed to employ Brookfield to carry out the remedial work to make the mounds both safe and durable.

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 MARCH

Planning Committee	6 March	7.30pm Memorial Hall
Highways Committee	6 March	(following prev. meeting) Memorial Hall
Full Council Meeting	15 March	7pm Pavilion
Annual Parish Meeting	29 March	6.15pm 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

22/05136/FUL	44 Orchard Road	Erection of new dwelling and associated highway access.
Application supported (but requested consideration of moving the new development forward on the plot to reduce impact on light to neighbours' property). A stringent traffic management proposal during construction was also requested.		

22/05182/HFUL	12 Ashen Green	Single storey front extension between house and garage.
Application supported.		

22/05195/HFUL	46 Hinton Way	Two storey side extension and roof extension with rear facing dormer windows.
Application supported.		

22/04754/HFUL	Old Pound Yard High Street	Detached single storey home office to front.
It was noted that the plans do not show all the trees on site and it is believed the building will impact on a mature tree. Revised plans requested.		

22/05026/HFUL	14 Elms Avenue	Two storey side extension, single storey front extension and home office and dropped kerb.
Refusal recommended There were concerns regarding overdevelopment of the site and lack of parking. If approved, traffic management during construction would need strict conditions.		

22/05550/PRIOR	London Road	Installation of an 18m high monopole and equipment cabinets
Refusal recommended. The proposed mast is in a Conservation Area and near a historic building and a resident had pointed out that the drawings supplied are incorrect. The Parish Council would like to suggest that the mast should be located on Freestones Corner among established trees, where it would be less visible.		



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22/05612/HFUL	3 Walnut Drive	Partial garage conversion.
Application supported.		

22/05614/HFUL	136 Cambridge Road	Demolition of garage, carport and single storey rear extension. Construction of two storey side extension and adjoined annexe, replacement of windows and provision of external insulation and rendering.
Application supported.		

## PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

I do not wish to tempt fate, but spring appears to be upon us, with snowdrops and daffodils making an appearance.

### Village Market

Thank you to everyone who popped along to the first Village Market on Saturday 28 January. Our stallholders had a great morning and a lot have booked to return again. Don't forget that we will be hosting the market on the fourth Saturday of each month in the Memorial Hall between 10am and 1pm. We hope you will continue to support our local artisans and crafters.

### New Bus Shelter

By the time you read this you will have seen our brand new bus shelter installed on Cambridge Road (end of Trinity Lane) as the first in a series of replacements as our shelters age and cost more to repair. We sincerely hope it will be a comfortable, dry space for you to wait for the bus.

### Memorial Hall

I mentioned in the last Village News that we will be sending out questionnaires to help gauge what we need to do with the Memorial Hall to meet your requirements. By the time this magazine hits your doormat, I hope our questionnaire will be in production ready for delivery. We really do need your help to understand what you want from the Hall so that we can have professionals draw up appropriate plans.

### Annual Parish Meeting

Due to unforeseen circumstances, we have postponed the Annual Parish Meeting which will now be held on **Wednesday 29 March 2023** in the Memorial Hall. We have asked Stephen Moir, Chief Executive of Cambridgeshire County Council and County Councillor Stephen Ferguson as Chair of the County

Council to come along and answer any questions residents may have about the services provided by the authority.

Please join us for refreshments from 6.30pm, along with a chance to meet some of our local organisations who do so much for the village. We will also be presenting our Community Awards for 2023.

### **2023/2024 Budget and Precept**

We have included in this edition of the Village News a detailed article about our budget and precept request for 2023/24. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Libby.

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*

## **LITTLE SHELFORD MEMORIAL HALL FILM EVENING**

### **Saturday 11 March**

There will be a Memorial Hall film evening with a showing of *Elvis* on Saturday 11 March. Doors open at 7.30 pm for an 8 pm start with a break for supper of fish and chips.

*Elvis* is a 2022 biographical drama film directed by Baz Luhrmann and follows the life of the American rock and roll singer and actor, Elvis Presley (Austin Butler), told from the perspective of his manager, Colonel Tom Parker (Tom Hanks). The film was a commercial success, grossing \$287.3 million worldwide on an \$85 million budget, as well as being the second highest grossing music biopic of all time behind *Bohemian Rhapsody* (2018). Butler has already won the Golden Globe Award for Best Actor for his portrayal of Elvis as well as being nominated for an Oscar.

**Tickets** (£15.00 per person) are available from Sarah Coppendale: (842498) [coppendales@btinternet.com](mailto:coppendales@btinternet.com) and Diana Haines (841415) [dianahaines42@icloud.com](mailto:dianahaines42@icloud.com)

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Great Shelford Parish Council has met on a number of occasions, both as committees and as full council, to consider the requests from all committees for the items to be included in 2023–24 budget. It is safe to say with the current cost of living crisis, discussions about the budget and precept have been much more difficult this year and it has taken some real soul searching to look at what should continue to be provided going forward and what projects should be started, continued or perhaps even discontinued.

Cost Centre	Income	Expenditure	Cost to Precept
Recreation Ground	£ 10,485.00	£ 24,720.00	£ 14,235.00
River Bank	£ -	£ 1,000.00	£ 1,000.00
Playscape/Wheelscape	£ -	£ 20,200.00	£ 20,200.00
Memorial Hall/Scout Hut	£ 23,164.00	£ 22,462.00	-£ 702.00
Memorial Hall Car Park	£ -	£ 3,450.00	£ 3,450.00
Grass Cutting	£ -	£ 4,600.00	£ 4,600.00
Pavilion Services	£ 2,500.00	£ 30,415.00	£ 27,915.00
Cemetery	£ 4,325.00	£ 7,385.00	£ 3,060.00
Allotments	£ 2,300.00	£ 4,450.00	£ 2,150.00
Highways	£ 5,100.00	£ 68,145.00	£ 63,045.00
Plants & Tools	£ -	£ 500.00	£ 500.00
Planning	£ -	£ 3,000.00	£ 3,000.00
Grants	£ -	£ 33,290.00	£ 33,290.00
Administration	£ 2,500.00	£ 132,257.00	£ 132,257.00
Highways Projects	£ -	£ 9,000.00	£ 9,000.00
	<b>£ 50,374.00</b>	<b>£ 364,874.00</b>	<b>£ 314,500.00</b>

Councillors considered very carefully if there were any services that they could cut from the budget, for example Christmas lights, hanging baskets and the maintenance of green areas in the village. After some discussion, it was felt that

whilst these areas of activity are not essential, they do add to the village's appearance and do bring some pleasure to residents. In order for us to be able to continue to provide them, £47,000 of current Earmarked Reserves has been released to support the budget for 2023–24.

In addition to the above, it was agreed to carry over a total of £23,600 from this financial year into our Earmarked Reserves, money which was budgeted but has not yet been spent yet on projects such as Clay Pit improvements, sports equipment replacement (e.g. goals), Heritage (maintenance of War Memorial) Freestones Corner, etc. The money will sit there until we are able to deliver the projects in the next year or so.

As stated, the Parish Council have committed £47,000 to be released from current Earmarked Reserves meaning that the budget for next year's expenditure is actually in excess of £411,000. In addition to the usual services and amenities the Parish Council provides, other projects to be delivered in 2023/24 include:

- consulting with the community on what they want from their Memorial Hall, allowing for a Feasibility Report to be created to guide designs for refurbishment or potential rebuilding of the hall
- installation of the Wheelscape (as part of the overall Recreation Ground Masterplan)
- increasing provision of events for residents
- trialling some highway initiatives to understand the implications before putting forward any proposals for major highway changes in the village
- investigations into a cemetery extension as our current site is becoming limited for space
- rolling programme of replacement for our bus shelters as our shelters become less structurally sound ... and much more.

Following submission of our request to South Cambridgeshire District Council, they have confirmed our workings for the number of dwellings contributing to the precept. We can confirm that the increase as a whole is 12.10% or £16.55 to a Band D property equivalent charge in 2022/23 (for the year). To understand this a little better, this is the equivalent of £1.38 per month on a B and D property.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Libby by the usual methods. At an extra full council meeting held in January, Great Shelford Parish Council agreed to a precept request of £314,500. Following the meeting of the Parish Council on 15 February 2023, a full, signed copy of the budget will be available on the website:

[www.greatshelfordparishcouncil.gov.uk/finance-audit](http://www.greatshelfordparishcouncil.gov.uk/finance-audit)



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### Julie's Jottings

In conversation with a few people I asked what they thought Lent is about. One said it was about 'wilderness' and another quickly said, 'Wilderness – what a delight! – it would give me a chance to stop doing all the things that I have to do'. The conversation moved to thinking about how in the wilderness there is no scope for luxuries and life is pared down, not just in terms of liberty of thought and action, but also in terms of what is practically at hand to help. The news came on with images of the earthquake in Turkey and Syria. The losses and destruction there are massive and the inclement weather adds to the dismal landscape. This 'wilderness' is not welcome, and gives no respite to refresh the soul.

There may be useful insights to glean from giving something up in order to focus on holiness and service. Those who are able, and have relevant skills, may find purpose in dropping everything in order to help those impacted by the earthquake. Most of us don't have those skills and we would find ourselves just being in the way. The best thing we can do is to find out more and to support with money and prayer those who can help and those who most desperately need that help.

This conversation made me think of one more thing we could do in Lent, that would be worthwhile, which is to try to be more consciously aware and informed about global needs, especially when these end up, all but forgotten, beyond the headline news.

*Rev Julie Norris*

**Family Communion 5 March** at 10am. This is an intergenerational service. There is an interactive sermon, and activities. The theme for March is '**Beginning Again – Having Another Go!**'

On **Mothering Sunday 19 March** at 10am we will be celebrating the Mothering of the Church as well as thinking about what we have learnt from our own mothers.

**Out Door Church** for children, families and friends will meet for outside activities at the Free Church this month on **26 March at 3.30pm**



The three Erikson children will be baptized on 26 March.

## 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

**Pilgrim Group.** We have a Lent Course to study together. We will meet with others each Monday at 2pm in the Community Room.

The **Friendship Group** meets in the Community Room each Thursday afternoon at 2.30pm. The Group has got off to a good start and Rosey has planned a full and varied programme of activities and speakers.

**The Cambridgeshire Care Home** is the venue for a group from St Mary's planning on taking a service on Thursday 16 March at 10.30am. We will enjoy singing, listen to a reading and those who wish can receive Holy Communion.

**Gift Day.** The final Gift Day total for 2022 is £14,104, including the generous match funding donation of £7,052. Sincere and grateful thanks to everyone who has contributed.

**Website.** We continue to work on a major updating of our website, but are facing difficulties largely occasioned by the somewhat dated format. We would welcome help from anyone who might be more familiar with formatting. Please advise Julie if you believe you might be able to assist. Thank you.

*Thought for the month: No one has ever become poor by giving. Helen Keller*

### For more information about Great Shelford Parish Church

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## STAPLEFORD CHORAL SOCIETY

Stapleford Choral Society and the orchestra of the Academy of Great St Mary's have been busy preparing for their Spring Concert, which will include performances of Faure's *Requiem* and the Bach motet *Komm, Jesu, Komm*. The concert will take place at St Mary's Church, Sawston, on Saturday 1st April (7.30pm). Tickets will be £10, available on the door.

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## REST

For many people, myself included, the default answer to, 'How are you?' has changed from 'Fine' to 'Busy'. It seems almost to be a badge of honour to say how manically occupied we are most of the time. I would be the first to champion an active, connected way of life – in fact my last GSVN article on volunteering did just that – yet lately I have become conscious of a need to make a point of being *not* busy, but to rest. I find this hard. If I have a day in the calendar with no meetings, voluntary activities, visits, errands or urgent emails and paperwork, I feel guilty.

I am not alone in this; a recent study (*The Rest Test* – Claudia Hammond <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/books/NBK453237/>) confirmed that many of us feel this way. (It's intriguing to see the 'top twenty' resting activities in the study – I thought spending time alone just meant I was anti-social!) Resting is not doing nothing. It is a time to unwind, calm our minds and recharge our bodies. Like the invisible roots under the winter earth, rejuvenation is going on and this apparent absence of activity is in fact preparation for growth.

God is the originator of the concept of rest. Regardless of whether or not one takes literally the idea that God created the world in seven days, the principle remains that after finishing his creation work, God took a significant rest, blessing the time and making it a holy, special one. In giving Moses the ten commandments by which people should live, he reiterated the need to keep the Sabbath day holy.

We tend to think of the Sabbath as a Sunday and thus it was for many years. (Does anyone else remember stultifying Sunday afternoons as a child, when there was nothing to do?) Yet for anyone involved in church life, Sunday is often the busiest day of the week and so a different day off is better.

Jesus himself challenged the religious leaders of his day for being legalistic about Sabbath keeping, when they criticised him for carrying out healings and picking grain because he and his disciples were hungry. It's not about keeping the letter of the law, but the spirit of it.

The point is that we need the Sabbath or God would not have made it for us. Jesus said that it was 'made for man (or woman in my case)' and that He Himself is the Lord of the Sabbath. I love this prayer (below) by Pete Greig, and leave it with you, whatever time and way you choose to rest.

*Liz Jenkin, Elder*

*May this day bring Sabbath rest to my heart and my home.*

*May God's image in me be restored, and my imagination in God be re-stored.*

*May the gravity of material things be lightened, and the relativity of time slow down.*

*May I know grace to embrace my own finite smallness in the arms of God's infinite greatness.*

*May God's Word feed me and His Spirit lead me into the week and life to come.*

## **FREE CHURCH CALENDAR AND EVENTS**

**Sunday Services** 10.30am

**Café Church** Sunday 19 March at 10.30am.

Informal service where refreshments are served around tables.

**Open Space** Sunday 26 March, 3pm - 4.30pm.

Family Event held on the land behind Cara Coffee Shop.

**Community Café every Monday** 10am - 12 noon.

Please note that there will no Community Café on 3 or 10 March.

**Little Steps Toddler Group every Wednesday** 10am - 11.30am.

Term time only.

**Tiny Toes Baby Group every Wednesday** 1.30pm - 1 3pm.

Term time only.

As well as these regular activities, we will also be hosting a **Lent Lunch on Monday 27 March** 12 noon – 2pm. Lunch will be soup, roll, cheese with fruit. We will also be talking about the charity, Centre of Hope (donations towards this charity will be kindly accepted).

*Margaret Cletheroe, GSFC Administrator*

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New members welcome. Visitors pay £6.00.

March 16 NAFAS Demonstrator Wendy Goodliffe 'It's all a game'.

April 20 'Foam free flower arrangements' Demonstration and workshop.

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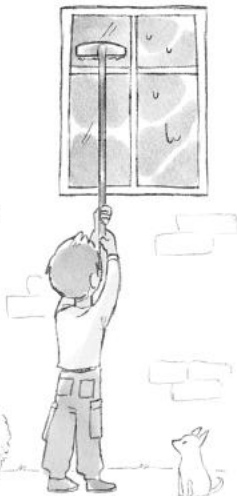
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## OBITUARY - DAVID RAYNER



The founder of Scotsdales Garden Centre, David Rayner, has died at the age of 94.

He was a farmer, entrepreneur and benefactor who gave generously to the village, often anonymously, often with flowers and plants. Many will remember the old greenhouses and shop he bought on Cambridge Road in 1968, which has flourished as a business ever since, as well as winning awards at the Chelsea Flower Show. In 2007 he established the Scotsdales' Charitable Foundation helping to raise funds for the Cambridge Cancer Centre.

Charlie Nightingale comments: 'I've known David for about 40 years and he has been a good friend. David was the kindest person you could meet. He had time for everybody; nobody passed him without having a chat.

In the past few years we spent a lot of time with him building the David Rayner building, the home of Cambridge Cancer Centre. This building named after him is a testament to his kindness. He made a donation of £100,000 and use of land at Scotsdales. It is used by many other groups as well now.

David's kindness touched so many people especially in Shelford and there are few groups that he hasn't helped in some way. David sponsored the roundabout at Shelford Bottom which is about to bloom again in the next few weeks. Scotsdales gave large contributions to many Shelford charities – children's playgrounds, Arthur Rank Hospice and Shelford Feast to name but a few. All through the kindness of a truly kind and generous man who many will miss.'

*Charlie Nightingale*

### ST ANDREWS

#### **Come and Sing Handel's 'Messiah'**

St Andrew's Church, Mingle Lane, Stapleford on Saturday 11 March for a prompt start at 2.30pm ending at 6.45pm to enjoy the soloists and Brian Watkins on the organ.

Tea will be served in the Johnson Hall at 3.30pm and we will enjoy a glass of wine at 5.15pm. Come and swell the Choir (all voices). We are using the Watkins Shaw edition. Please bring your own score and let John Bryden know you are coming for seating plans ([jobryd2@aol.com](mailto:jobryd2@aol.com)) or just come and listen!

Handel said he would be a year about it and make it the best of all his compositions according to Rev. Jennens, compiler of the text. In the event the bon viveur Handel, after completing the work in only 24 days, shut away and often refusing food and drink, said: 'I think God has visited me.'

*John Bryden*

## SHELFORD SCHOOL

We are now half way through the academic year and there is plenty going on at Shelford School! We have welcomed new members of staff - Mrs Hunt, Mrs Pickard and Ms Smith. We have enjoyed our traditional Candlemas service in St Mary's and the PTA hosted a fabulous ceilidh! Other headlines include...

**Choir.** In January, our (especially formed) Young Voices choir travelled to the London O2 Arena to sing with around 8,000 children from other schools around the country. They performed collectively to around 8,000 adults and we have heard reports of the wonderful time they all had! Thank you to Mrs. Alderson for planning and leading the whole experience.

We have also been delighted to hear that the school choir will soon be re-starting, led by the wonderful Mrs Barlow. It will be a joy to hear the voices of Shelford School Choir singing at our events and in the community again!

**Inspiring Visitor.** Adrian Hall, an explorer and expedition leader who has climbed mountains in many remote areas around the world, visited school to meet Year 3. The children worked outdoors in the cold weather, learning about the 4 points of a compass, how to measure a distance of 10 metres using strides and completing an orienteering activity. Back in the classroom, Adrian showed some of the equipment he finds essential to climb a mountain including duct tape to mend tears, crampons with fierce spikes and food that won't perish or be squashed. It was a fascinating talk and prepared the class to write mountain adventure stories. Thanks to the PTA for facilitating this.

**Arts days.** On 9 and 10 February we hosted two days of exciting art activities: an Indian dance workshop for EYFS and KS1 provided by 'Primary Workshops for Schools' and acrylic painting on canvas boards for KS2, also with an Indian theme, facilitated by visiting artist, Heidi Street-Ward.

**Competitions.** A number of children have represented the school recently; Year 4 pupils went to a Maths Challenge, some Year 5s attended the Friendship Games and Years 3&4 participated in Indoor athletics. Well done to all involved!

**Whole School Attendance Award.** We have received an award for our Autumn Term attendance, placing us in the top 10% of primary schools for attendance. We thank families for their continued support in attending school every day that school is available.

**Coming up** PTA bike sale, March 11. Contact [shelford.bike.sale@gmail.com](mailto:shelford.bike.sale@gmail.com) to sell a bike and support the school.

*Anna Caroe, Chair of Governors*

## LIBRARY NEWS MARCH

Spring into some new reading at Great Shelford Library! Drop in to see what's new in our displays, ask staff for recommendations or suggest your own favourite titles for us to share with other readers.

March is Women's History Month, which includes International Women's Day, so we'll be highlighting some of our best titles by and about women around the world.

Looking for some good company or things to do? The library is a great place to meet up with people and try something new. What's on this month:

**Reading Group** Wednesday 8 March 10.30am–11.30am. Please come into the library to book your place. Alternatively get in contact via [Cambourne.referral@cambridgeshire.gov.uk](mailto:Cambourne.referral@cambridgeshire.gov.uk)

**Lego Club** Monday 20 March 4.30pm–5.30pm. Free event, donations of £1.00 appreciated. No need to book just come along. Parents and carers must stay with their children who remain their responsibility.

**Engage Talk** Wednesday 22 March 2pm–3.30pm. A talk by Helen Harwood on Great Shelford's history. A donation of £2 is appreciated. Do stay for a drink after the talk. Pre-book in the library or via [Cambourne.referral@cambridgeshire.gov.uk](mailto:Cambourne.referral@cambridgeshire.gov.uk)

**Festival of Stories, Bee Storytime** Thursday 2 March 10–11am. For families of children aged 0-5. Please book via the Festival's Eventbrite page. For details, please visit [www.bit.ly/FestivalOfStories](http://www.bit.ly/FestivalOfStories)

Are you a new arrival to the UK and Cambridgeshire, or do you know someone who is? Cambridgeshire Libraries website has a page with lots of useful information and support. Search for 'Libraries of Sanctuary – Cambridgeshire County Council' to find out about housing, internet access, learning English and more.

We now have the Cambridgeshire Guide to Independent Living 2023 in the library, so come and pick up a copy if this sounds useful for you. The library is a great place for anyone looking for information on all kinds of local services, events and activities – we'll be pleased to help you.

*Mel Abbiss*

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11	Little Shelford Film evening	7.30	LS Memorial Hall
11	Handel's Messiah	2.30	St Andrew's
11	Bike Sale	8.00	GS Memorial Hall
16	Cambridge Flower Club	6.45	Whittlesford Mem Hall
18	2G3S Nature Walk	2.00	Dernford Reservoir
20	2G3S Social Cycle Ride	10.00	Stapleford Pavilion
22	Engage Talk: Shelford History	2.00	Shelford Library
29	Annual Parish Meeting	6.15	GS Memorial Hall
<p>Wednesdays: Country Market 9am–11.30am</p> <p>Thursdays: Dr Bike at Stapleford Slaughterhouse 3pm–5.30pm</p>			

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'Ever since our initial public meeting in July 2018 at which we outlined the need for further affordable housing in Great Shelford, we have been working closely with villagers and both parish and district councillors to bring this project to fruition. And I would particularly like to thank the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority for their generous grant of just over £1m towards the development cost,' said Sarah Rann, Chair of trustees.



Alongside the new development the charity has planted some 250 native trees and laid out allotments, a community garden, footpaths and benches, providing enhanced public access to the eight acres of land it owns on the edge of the village.

The new development brings to 53 the total number of almshouse homes managed by Great Shelford Parochial Charities, providing affordable accommodation for villagers on low incomes and in housing need.

The trustees plan to hold a formal opening later in the year.

Further information about the Parochial Charities can be found at [gspc.org.uk](http://gspc.org.uk)

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*Sandra East*

## SHELFORD COUNTRY MARKET



As I write this I am sure all readers will be looking forward to warmer mornings but looking around there are many signs of spring.

Yesterday's market was no exception. It was an icy cold morning but as we were setting up the market stalls there were freshly picked snowdrops to be seen in the plant section and then daffodils appeared on the coffee tables. My spirits were raised even further when at nine o'clock we had a queue of customers waiting to come in. The market was soon buzzing at the stalls and coffee stop. Keep coming and bring your friends along.

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*Dorothy Doel*

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## LITTLE SHELFORD PANTOMIME JACK(IE) AND THE BEANSTALK REVIEW

The directorial dream team of Dick Wallin and Heidi Meikle straightened the tabs, finessed the flats and cleared the apron ready for another week of panto mischief in Little Shelford.



The curtain rose on 2023 to see our eponymous hero(ine), played with thigh-slapping dynamism by Lucy Christelow, engaged in a chat show of her own devising – Jack and the Beans Talk. Libby Ahluwalia's marvellous script deposited us right at the pun-ishing level the audience needed, and deserved.

Jackie, her brother Arthur (an excellent Alex Cousins who was also a dab hand at guitar) and Jackie's friend Reginald (a barnstorming performance of lovelorn winsomeness and understated comic timing by the delightful Rehan Fernando) conspired to keep the existence of a kleptomaniac giant living in the clouds

from the local royalty, for fear of driving them to America. Reginald had his eyes firmly set on Princess Caroline - Alexa Bendelack with a diamond performance in more ways than one, the anticipation of Neil's Sweet Caroline hung in the air (like many of the sweets tossed to the audience) until the final scenes.

The giant, aptly named Hugh Mungus, partially in order to deliver Disney's crowd pleaser We Don't Talk About Hugh No, and partially because, in Charlie Fulton, it was a towering performance, had a rather more mercenary approach to his covetousness. His gremlins gleefully redistributed the wealth of the kingdom back into his pockets. Social satire bit early as the king and queen (regally portrayed by Zosia Zmija and Rafa Wilkinson) bemoaned the rising cost of living and used their henchmen (a terrifying tattooed triumvirate of Bea White, Emi Munoz and Bella Seymour) to extract extra taxes from our motley collection of villagers,



despite themselves having a goose who laid golden eggs (Imsy Butler-Burd doing her own version of quantitative easing every time one dropped). Special mention to the farmers, the butcher with his disappearing sausages, the greengrocer, ice cream seller, town crier, postman, brewer, florist, and, in a surprising character twist for Jack and the Beanstalk, Worzel Gummidge and Aunt Sally (a straw-stuffed Anni Sainson and Scarlett Wilkinson).

It was up to our heroes to save the day, both romantically and anti-austerity-ly, and luckily they had help in the shape of Dame Dolly, Fairy Godmother and Cow Pat. Archie Meikle was a triumph, bestriding the stage in wig and heels and, once he'd made room in his palm by disposing of the magic beans, he soon refilled the gap by having the audience eating out of it - there truly was nothing like this dame. Fairy Godmother Ellen Arthur moved the story along wand-erfully, and Phoebe Riordan was very a-moo-sing, channelling her inner Nessa from Gavin & Stacey, as the all-dancing, audience-milking cow from the Valleys. Hugh Mungus and his wife (an excellent Sally Hudson) didn't stand a chance.

Once the magic beans had done what magic beans do the audience marvelled at the bling in evidence festooned around the giant's kitchen, kept spick and span by his poor maids, Nellie and Ellie. An imperious Aga (built by Phil Chatwin over several weeks – the ultimate slow cooker) dominated the set and was used to great comic effect.

The fluorescent scene was out of this world, with a dayglow astronaut striding amongst the Millennium Falcon, butterflies, birds and galaxies, all assembled by Nikki Wilkinson and her luminaries.

Needless to say, mischief was overcome, scores were settled amicably, moral compasses reset, and all to the backdrop of tinkling ivories (a flurry of Greg Morris' fingers), raised singing voices (choruses A and B beautifully complementing the principals) and choreography ably en pointe under the watchful eyes of Cheryl Smythe and Emma Christelow. Frances Richardson's finessed flats were anything but, creating a vivid eye-popping backdrop, full of charm and chiaroscuro in equal effect. Charlotte Chatwin and her team sowed harmony in the wardrobe department, the make-up was lavishly lacquered by Beckie Whitehouse and helpers to tiny faces, and props and scenery, marshalled by Steve Henry and his stagehands were a constant source of delight. Sarah Cappendale brought a steady hand once more to organising the chaos.

Congratulations to all involved and roll on next year!

*Pete Wilkinson*

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**Future dates** - at our planning meeting in February we will have planned plenty of nature walks, cycle rides, and talks or films. Please check our Facebook page or website for more info. Our book group also continues to meet regularly. Dates so far:

**Nature walk**, 18 March, 2pm to 4pm. Join John O'Boyle, a naturalist, for an informal local nature walk around Dernford Reservoir. The reservoir area has public access following amelioration of the former gravel quarry. There is a meadow flora around the reservoir and some interesting bird life. Meet at the car park next to the reservoir off Cambridge Road just south of the village. Sturdy footwear is advised and appropriate attire for the weather conditions. Binoculars would be useful. Our nature walks are intended to raise awareness of our local wildlife sites and share knowledge of the local fauna and flora. Participants are welcome to share their knowledge. All walks are at attendees' own risk.

**Social cycle ride**, 20 March, 10am to 1pm. Start from Stapleford Pavilion. Join us for a leisurely ride on quiet roads and traffic free paths of around 20 miles, to include a coffee stop. Booking essential: [greener@sawston.org](mailto:greener@sawston.org)

**Energy saving** - with the cost of energy these days and the need to use less fossil fuel, we finally got around to borrowing a thermal imaging camera from Cambridge Carbon Footprint (the group that also co-ordinate the local Repair Cafes). It was very easy to use, after a short online training session and has confirmed some of our suspicions about our own house:

- the hatch to the loft needs insulation board putting on the back of it
- the back door, (a 30 year old UPC double glazed unit), leaks heat to the outside, particularly round the edges where it joins the walls
- the front of the house, which is solid not cavity, leaks heat, so we will be investigating exterior wall insulation
- our comfort will be increased if we carry out some cheap quick tasks, such as reflective foil behind the radiators and using draught excluder strips around doors

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*Helen Hale*

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## NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

### MARCH UPDATE – BUILDING THE EVIDENCE BASE

Back in January, I wrote about one of the main sources of evidence upon which any Neighbourhood Plan (NP) is based: the Landscape Character Assessment. This identifies 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 distinctive and often special to those who live and work in it. These qualities and characteristics can be protected and potentially also enhanced by planning policies created as part of the NP process.

I'm pleased to say that draft versions of two other major contributors to our evidence base also now exist: a Housing Needs Assessment and a Design Guide.

#### **Housing Needs Assessment**

The number of homes needed for our area is set at a strategic level by the Local Plan Authority (LPA). It is perfectly permissible for NPs to recommend that more housing is needed than that identified by the LPA and even to allocate specific sites for housing. However, *this is not something which our NP can do*: (a) we do not have any brownfield sites within the existing village envelope to accommodate development, and (b) the villages are surrounded by greenbelt and NPs are not permitted to allocate land in the greenbelt because this is contrary to existing strategic planning policy.

That said, 'housing need' encompasses far more than just the number of houses. NPs must also understand the specific housing requirements of their area, including the type, size and tenure of housing and demand for affordable and specialist housing. To do this, NP housing policies are normally underpinned by a detailed Housing Needs Assessment, which draws upon extensive secondary data from a wide range of sources. Stapleford and Great Shelford's NP steering group has just received the first draft of its Housing Needs Assessment, completed for us by government contractor AECOM and grant funded. It's a very interesting read for data nerds!

#### **Design Guide**

In addition to specifying what kind of housing our area needs, our NP can also influence what that housing will look like. We know from our initial public survey in 2022 that this is something which is important to residents. Many people told us, for example, that new builds should be sympathetic to the rural vernacular and that they should incorporate progressive clean and green technologies.

To ensure that new housing is appropriately designed, many NPs commission a Design Guide and we have done the same. Our Design Guide looks at how

buildings, streets, spaces, landscape and materials combine to create specific areas within our villages with distinctive identities and characteristics and sets out how new developments should enhance rather than detract from them. It achieves a pretty granular level of detail.

A Design Guide was commissioned in 2019 by an earlier iteration of the NP steering group and is accessible via

<https://staplefordparishcouncil.gov.uk/planning/>. Please note that independent of the NP this document has no statutory role in planning decisions and is in the process of being updated, with an expected delivery date any day now.

### **Next steps**

By the time I write my next update, the steering group will have firmed up the vision and objectives for Stapleford and Great Shelford's NP. We will also have been busy planning a second period of community engagement during which we will be inviting comments on our plans and sharing some of our evidence base. Materials and feedback channels will be available online and pop-up events in Great Shelford and Stapleford are being scheduled.

**Jenny Flynn**

*Vice-Chair Stapleford Parish Council;*

*Chair of Stapleford and Great Shelford Neighbourhood Plan steering group*

## **WI**



To our eyes, used to the simple jeans and tee shirts of our modern times, the costumes of the Elizabethans and Georgians, with their powdered wigs, satin Louis-heeled shoes covered in paste diamonds, and men wearing false padding to emphasise their virility, look outrageous. The upper classes of those times dressed to impress and were influenced by the wonderful

paintings, crewel work, clocks, watches and sumptuous fabrics that were beginning to arrive from all over the world and which would have dazzled and shone in the candlelight of those glorious Georgian palaces and homes.

Fran Saltmarsh is an excellent speaker who impressed us with her coloured slides, demonstrating the magnificent silks, satins and elaborate designs of those times. We had almost a full house for this, our February meeting, but potential new members are always welcome to attend on the first Thursday of the month, at the little Hall beside St Mary's Church.

*Rosemary Livings, President*

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## ANTHONY BROWNE

The week of writing, I attended President Zelensky's address to both Houses of Parliament. It was a moment comparable to the most historic occasions in Westminster Hall's storied history.

It is a building that has hosted such freedom fighters as Nelson Mandela, Winston Churchill and, indeed William Wallace. President Zelensky and the Ukrainian people's courage is a reminder that struggles against tyranny are not consigned to history.

It was an honour to hear President Zelensky's speech. I am confident that the bravery of the Ukrainians will win through. Listening to President Zelensky, I was moved to think of the immense generosity of my own constituents. The people in South Cambridgeshire signed up to the Homes for Ukraine scheme in their droves.

In perhaps more prosaic matters, I also spoke this week in the House of Commons on our research and development policy. South Cambridgeshire is a life science superpower, and the R&D tax credits regime is absolutely crucial to our cutting-edge industries.

I know our Government is committed to tackling fraud in this sector and, as a taxpayer, so am I. Nonetheless, it is of paramount importance that we do not throw the baby out with the bathwater so to speak. We need to support our leading industries, so I was delighted when the Chancellor recommitted to the science and technology industry in response to my question.

Lastly, I have continued to work on opposing the inappropriate plans for a congestion charge in Cambridge. The plan will unfairly penalise drivers who have no realistic alternative to driving through the new charging zone, imposing up to £1300 in extra taxes each year on local shift workers, working parents, tradespeople, the frail, the vulnerable and their carers.

It effectively imposes a charge to use our city's hospitals, including Addenbrooke's and Royal Papworth. This will cause an additional difficulty for those who have long term or regular treatment. People undergoing treatment often have other significant financial challenges without worrying about an additional payment to the combined authority.

Lastly, the Greater Cambridge Partnership's own analysis shows a potential fifteen percent traffic increase in local villages. This would cause a significant impact to the tranquil life that my constituents have chosen.

*Anthony Browne*

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**24 March 1849**

**ACCIDENT** – An alarming accident (and which in its effects might have been calamitous) happened on Saturday evening last, on the road between Gt. Shelford and Trumpington, at a short distance from the house of Mr. William Moore, Greyhound Inn, Gt. Shelford. As Mr. W. Trigg, corn merchant of Lt. Shelford, was returning in his gig from Cambridge market accompanied by his sister, Miss Trigg, between 8 and 9 o'clock in the evening, and had nearly reached The Greyhound, they were met by three people on horses riding at full speed.

Mr. Trigg, although driving on the proper side of the road, was run against by one of them, when the gig shaft running into the chest of the horse killed it instantly. It appeared that the parties were some University gentlemen who had been to the Walden Fair, and after copious libations were thus recklessly returning to Cambridge.

The horse killed had been hired from Mr. Hunn and is said to be the third that gentleman has had killed in a somewhat similar manner this winter. Strange to say, although both shafts of the gig were broken, and Mr. Trigg, his sister and the gentlemen were all hurled to the ground together, providentially none of them received any serious injury, Miss Trigg alone being slightly bruised.

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As you will realise, the responsibility falls on the shoulders of the Branch Committee and members therefore we are in need of volunteers who can spare an hour or two from all areas, especially at Poppy Appeal time in October, to help make sure that our ex-servicemen and women have a standard of life that befits someone who has signed up to defend our country,

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

A: My name is Richard (Rik for short) and I'm from not far away, in Kent. I never quite escaped academia, ending up a professor of neuroscience in Cambridge and have lived in Great Shelford since 2004.

**Q: How long have you been playing tennis?**

A: I first started playing about ten years ago, in my early 40s. As a kid, I only really played squash, taking many years to finally beat my dad.

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

A: A few years after joining the club, I was approached by the then Chairman, who asked if I would consider being the Facilities Manager. I was flattered, and did the job for a few years, but soon realised I wasn't really suited for this role, since I have zero practical skills (in contrast to our current Facilities Manager, John Coleman!). So, when the Men's Captain role became vacant, I switched; not because I am a particularly good tennis player, but because I can just about handle spreadsheets!

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

A: If you come and join the club, don't be afraid to approach me (or Ifthi, the Ladies' Captain) about playing matches. We have a large number of teams, from the very good (our first men's team often wins the Cambridgeshire league) to advanced beginners. Matches against other clubs are nearly always fun and good natured, and you'll soon make more friends in other clubs too!

**Q: What's your guilty pleasure?**

A: I shouldn't admit this, but I actually prefer watching and playing football to tennis (not that I'm any better at football).

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

A: I get very cross when I am not playing well, but only with myself, so if you're partnering me, please don't think I am cross with you!

## GREAT SHELFORD CRICKET CLUB

Despite the cold weather, spring is on the way and we are looking ahead to the summer cricket season. We will once again be running the popular All Stars and Dynamos programmes for children aged 5–11 on Tuesdays and Fridays after school starting in May. Bookings for children new to these will open on March 1.

This year there will be a new group for children in school years 1 and 2 who want an extra weekly opportunity to practice their cricket skills. In addition, the club is entering mixed teams at the Under 9, Under 10, Under 11 and Under 13 level into the Cambridgeshire league as well as a girl's Under 11 team who will play in some tournaments.

After gaining promotion the senior team will be playing in the Junior League 2 South this year, with matches every Saturday as well as occasional evening friendlies. The fixture list is slightly lopsided with mostly home matches in May and June, and predominantly away in July and August. Details in future issues of the *News*.

To find out more please visit the club website <https://gtshelford.play-cricket.com/home> where there is more information for those who are new to cricket as well as those who are wanting to join a league team. All are welcome!

*Peter Ede (Chair) and Julia Creed (Junior Co-ordinator)*

## GREAT SHELFORD BOWLS CLUB



April will see the start of the 2023 Bowls Season with an Open Day and coffee morning on Saturday 22 April when everyone can come along, starting at 10.30am.

We should like to welcome all those who would like to have a go at bowls, both new players and those who have not played for a while. If you cannot make the

Saturday, come along on Sunday 23 April at the same time, when we will be having a practice day.

Do come and try your hand. You may find that you enjoy the friendly atmosphere and would like to join the club.

For further information and if you are interested in joining us please contact either Gill Taylor (Secretary) 07581 279420 or Graham White (Chairman) 07740 031713.

## WHAT'S ON IN MARCH

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	
1–5	Mog the Forgetful Cat
6–11	Wish You Were Dead
12–19	Cambridge Footlights
13– 18	The Shawshank Redemption
21–25	Abigail's Party
Telephone: 01223 503333 Web: <a href="http://www.cambridgeartstheatre.com">www.cambridgeartstheatre.com</a>	

SAWSTON CINEMA	
30	Life of Pi
Telephone: 01223 712825 Web: <a href="http://sawstoncinema.org.uk/">http://sawstoncinema.org.uk/</a>	

CAMBRIDGE CORN EXCHANGE	
3	Sara Pascoe
4	KT Tunstall
6	The Levellers Acoustic Tour
24	Prue Leith: Nothing in Moderation
<a href="https://www.cambridgelive.org.uk">https://www.cambridgelive.org.uk</a>	

STAPLEFORD GRANARY		
10	7.45pm	Fretwork (music by Byrd and Weelkes)
12	10.30 pm 12.00noon	Storytelling Sunday: Curious about Peter and the Wolf?
19	10.30am 12.00noon	Storytelling Sunday <i>The Princess and The Pea</i>
24	7.45pm	Fara: music for 3 fiddles, vocals and piano, inspired by the Orkney landscape
26	12.00pm	Jonathan Aasgaard cello and Ian Buckle piano <i>Rachmaninov's triumphant cello sonata</i>
<a href="http://www.staplefordgranary.org.uk">www.staplefordgranary.org.uk</a>		



## 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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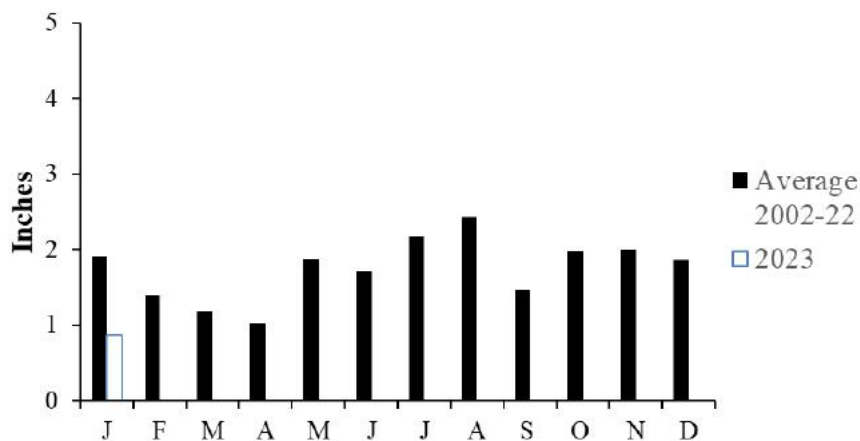
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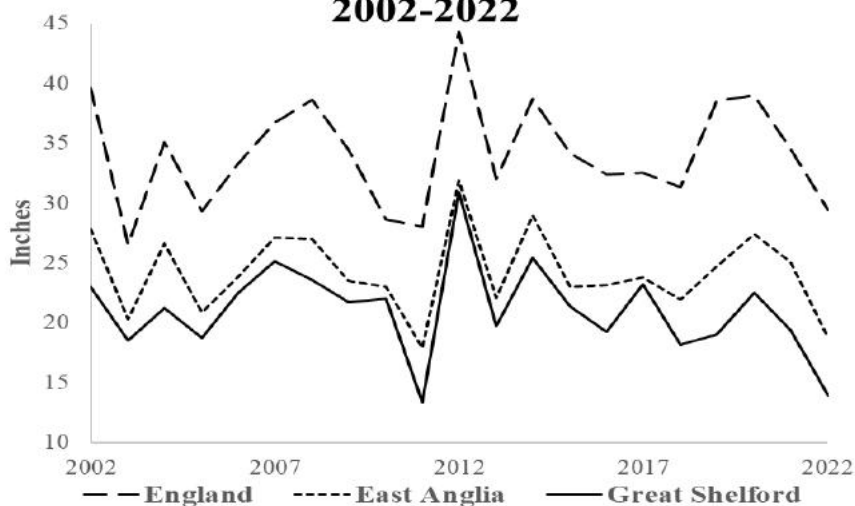
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## Great Shelford Village Rainfall 2023



*From data supplied by Angus Campbell*

## Annual rainfall 2002-2022



Regional data: [www.metoffice.gov.uk/research/climate/maps-and-data/uk-and-regional-series](http://www.metoffice.gov.uk/research/climate/maps-and-data/uk-and-regional-series)

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# 2023/24 Budget and Precept



What does Great Shelford Parish Council provide for its community, and how is the precept spent?



- Employment of staff, Health & Safety, Insurance, and other legal duties
- Organising and helping with events
- Working with other tiers of government and local organisations
- Strategic planning and meetings



- Maintenance of public open spaces
- Cutting of grass verges (for CCC\* and SCDC\*\*)
- Maintenance of trees and hedgerows
- Provision of Allotments



- Grant funding to groups and local organisations



- Maintenance of Playspace



- Maintenance of bus shelters, benches, and other street furniture
- Regular litter picking and other aspects of maintenance with our Ranger



- Maintenance of our cemetery (Cambridge Rd)



- Maintenance of parish council owned buildings: Memorial Hall (new to us in 2022) and the Pavilion

...and much more!

Great Shelford's precept has been set at £314,500 for the financial year April 2023-March 2024.

This will be included in the council tax payments collected by SCDC. This is an increase of £35,188 on the 2022/23 precept which in real terms is an annual increase of £16.55 or 12.10% on a Band D Property or £1.38 per month.

Visit our website [www.greatshelfordparishcouncil.gov.uk](http://www.greatshelfordparishcouncil.gov.uk) for more information on the finances for the council and our plans for the next year.

What does £1.38 buy you?

2 pints of milk from Waitrose

