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New Gardening Club
2024 Pantomime Auditions

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SUMMARY FROM THE UNADOPTED MINUTES OF THE MEETING ON 15 FEBRUARY 2023

PARISH COUNCILLOR CHANGES

Councillor Shareef has ceased to be a Parish Councillor.

Ms Angela Muttu was co-opted as a new Parish Councillor.

REPORTS FROM COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCIL MEMBERS

A report from the County Councillors had been received and circulated prior to the meeting. No report had been received from the District Councillors. During a general discussion about County Council matters it was agreed to send a letter to Councillor Milnes asking why some significant potholes are not patched.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND WORKING GROUPS

Communications Working Group

The group would like support from the Parish Council for

- a regular Councillor Surgery / Drop In to be held on the third Thursday of the month
- two events to be held this year – on May 6 for the Coronation and at the end of November for the Christmas Lights switch on

Better Ways For Busways! (BW4B!)

The Chairman asked members what their current views were on the BW4B! campaign and the fundraising / financial implications. After general discussion it was felt that the Parish Council's view is a little misaligned with the current stance the campaign group is taking. Great Shelford Parish Council fully support Stapleford Parish Council regarding the A1307 aligned route for a bus route rather than the route across the fields proposed by Greater Cambridge Partnership. It was agreed that the Council would take careful consideration of any future financial implications.

COUNCIL ADMINISTRATION

Councillor Muttu will join the Recreation & Pavilion Committee and the Communications Working Group. Councillor Mann will join the Finance & General Purposes Committee.

Correspondence received about the Nine Wells Woodland Management Plan was discussed by members, with Councillor Disley providing some background information. It was agreed that a response should be sent to note that the analysis of wildlife on site is old; the various documents give inconsistent information, and there needs to be clarification on the public access and the permissive footpaths from Granhams Road to Nine Wells, which seem to have been lost, omitted or changed on the images.

The Clerk provided a mockup of the Memorial Hall questionnaire. It was agreed to offer a prize draw of £50 to encourage participation.

The Management of Council Records Policy and the new Complaints Procedure were approved and adopted.

The Clerk noted progress on the Business Plan as follows:

- The CCTV has been handed over
- The Climate Emergency Working Group are working on a draft Action Plan
- Since there has been no feedback from Miles Water Engineering about the riverbank, other consultants are being sought
- The Quality Level of the Local Council Award Scheme is being reviewed by NALC (National Association of Local Councils)
- Hedgerow whips have been planted around the Stonehill Allotments along with a tree donated by South Cambridgeshire District Council

COMMUNITY MATTERS

The Great Shelford Warm Hub continues to be very quiet, with numbers varying from no visitors to a maximum of seven. Volunteer numbers are starting to dwindle as they feel their time can be better spent elsewhere, which is entirely understandable. Permission has been given to hold the hub at the Community Room at Acacia Court (Tuesdays and Thursdays) but volunteers would still be required. It was agreed to continue running the Hub until the end of March as it is, where volunteers allow, and look at something to fit the community for autumn 2023.

All categories for the Community Awards 2023 have received at least one nomination each. A panel consisting of Cllr Watson, Cllr Stanton, a representative of the sponsor and the Clerk will meet to discuss the nominations. The awards will be given out at the Annual Parish Meeting on Wednesday 29 March.

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PARISH COUNCIL & COMMITTEE MEETINGS IN APRIL

Cemetery & Allotments Committee	5 April	7pm	Pavilion
Planning Committee	17 April	7.30pm	Pavilion
Full Council Meeting	19 April	7pm	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

23/00046/HFUL	186 Cambridge Road	Flat roof dormer with rear facing windows to be replaced with non flat floor dormer with rear facing windows. Side garage roof to be extended forward to create a front car port.
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Application supported for roof and dormers but it was felt that the car port was not in keeping with the street scene.

23/00069/HFUL	27 Buristead Road	Single storey front extension.
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Application supported.

23/00187/HFUL	Owl House 13 The Hectare	Retrospective erection of a cycle shelter at the front of the property.
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Request to the Planning Officer to visit the site to ensure the shed is as applied for, as the measurements appear to be incorrect. The current location obstructs the line of sight briefly and the proposals for shielding it would overhang the road.

23/00337/HFUL	3 Shelford Park Avenue	Demolition of existing garage and the construction of a two storey side/rear extension.
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Application supported, but there should be a traffic management plan.

23/00389/HFUL	17 Westfield Road	Single storey rear extension, erection of front porch and conversion of rear flat roof to dual pitched roof.
Application objected to. Request to the Planning Officer to visit the site as the size is larger than the previous application. Neighbours are concerned about loss of light to solar panels.		

23/00416/FUL	1 Tunwells Lane	Demolition of existing bungalow and erection of new dwelling.
Application supported, but there should be a traffic management plan.		

SHELFORD PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

The clocks have sprung forward an hour and your Parish Council has a spring in its step as it looks forward to the next financial year.

New Councillors

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome two new councillors to our team: Angela Mutty and Naomi Neil. We look forward to working with them for a long time to come.

Village Events

We have agreed to hold some more village events this year, the first being a Family Fun Day on Sunday 7 May to coincide with the nationwide events to mark the coronation of the King. Included in the line up of events for the day is our inaugural charity duck race. We are fortunate that we have several local groups and organisations who have expressed an interest in helping with the event. Please keep an eye on our usual channels for more information about this event and others during the year.

Mounds on the Recreation Ground

We would like to express our thanks to residents for their patience when using the play area, as we sought a solution to the issues we have experienced with the mounds. Discussions with the original contractor are ongoing and we have instructed Brookfield Groundcare to undertake the extensive repairs needed.

Unfortunately, the cold and wet weather in March so far has delayed this slightly and work will start shortly after the Easter break. We hope the weather will be warmer and slightly drier to allow grass seed to germinate and establish on the mounds.

In the meantime, we are aware that our temporary fencing did not work as originally anticipated and we have now in place barrier netting on pins around the mound most affected by erosion (and tiny hands). We ask your support to encourage anyone to remain out of the area cordoned off (the community were extremely respectful when we did this around the paving last year).

When the mounds have been repaired, there will be a period of time when each one is cordoned off, as this one has been, to give our mounds the best chance to bed in and for the grass to grow. We feel this is the best solution to avoid having to close large sections of the play area, which is the last thing we want to do.

Memorial Hall

Our paper based survey for the requirements of the Memorial Hall should have been delivered to every home in the village. Spare copies are available at the Memorial Hall, the Pavilion and the library. Alternatively, please visit the website <https://www.greatshelfordparishcouncil.gov.uk/mh-refurb-project/> to fill it out online. **The deadline for completion is Friday 14 April.** We really do need your help to understand what you want from the Hall so that we can have professionals draw up appropriate plans.

Don't forget to get in touch with us should you have any relevant concerns. Our telephone number is 01223 616622 and Libby will be available to help during office hours (please leave a message outside of these times or email). Councillors 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

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What can you remember about trips to the seaside when you were a child? Did you jump the relentless waves in Worthing, or build sandcastles on a wide sky Blackpool beach? Did you skim stones and catch scuttling crabs in Cromer, or wander along the shore at St Ives, watching ruddy turnstones turning stones? Our primary school once made a day trip to Morecambe Bay, but unfortunately, the most memorable event was when Julian Rawsthorne's jam jar overturned on the journey home, disgorging a stream of small fish that swam down the coach! What will my grandchildren's seaside memories be?

On the evening of Saturday March 4 in New York, agreement was reached, after ten years of negotiations, on the United Nations High Seas Treaty. This will place 30 per cent of the world's international waters into protected areas by 2030. Environmental groups say it will help reverse biodiversity losses and ensure sustainable development; desperately needed measures after the latest assessment of marine species found that nearly ten per cent were found to be at risk of extinction (International Union for Conservation of Nature).

This includes the global puffin population, ten per cent of which lives in the UK. These delightful birds are highly threatened by climate change; their lives out at sea make them particularly susceptible to pollution, such as oil spills; their cliff nesting sites are vulnerable to violent storms and their staple diet of sand eels is in steep decline, due to rising sea temperatures.

If we believe that God created the world and gave human beings charge of it, what is the Christian response? The story of Genesis (however we view it) tells us that God made us to 'rule over' the world (Genesis 1:26) but in the very next chapter, we discover what ruling means; humankind's responsibility toward God's creation is 'to work it and take care of it' (Genesis 2:15): not ownership and control, but rather stewardship and caretaking.

We all want our children and grandchildren to visit the seaside; to dig sandcastles and jump the waves, to collect shells and skim stones, to breathe fresh air and watch the ruddy turnstones turning stones. Stewardship is a key belief of every religion and humanism, but the ways that I travel, the food choices I make, and the products I waste are wasting the planet.

It is more than time for me to put my beliefs into practice.

Penny Kite

FREE CHURCH CALENDAR

REGULAR EVENTS

Sunday Services: 10:30am.

Café Church Sunday 16 April at 10.30am.

Informal service where refreshments are served around tables.

Open Space Sunday 23 April, 3–4.30pm.

Outdoor Family Event held in St Mary's Churchyard (see page 19).

Community Café every Monday, 10am–12 noon.

Please note that there will be no Community Café on 10 April.

Little Steps Toddler Group every Wednesday, 10–11.30am.

Term time only.

Tiny Toes Baby Group every Wednesday, 1.30–3pm. Term time only.

EASTER EVENTS

Bible Reading and Prayer Event: We will be reading through the accounts of Holy Week and praying together. All welcome.

Monday 3 April, 2–3.30pm, (Matthew 21 – 28)

Tuesday 4 April, 10.30–12 noon, (Mark 11 – 16)
and 7.30–9pm, (Luke 19 – 24)

Wednesday 5 April, 10.30–12 noon, (John 12 – 21)

Easter Gardens of Hope

Family event outside at the front of the church. Come join us to create a miniature garden of hope.

Wednesday 5 April, 4 half hour slots: 2pm, 2.30pm, 3pm and 3.30pm.

Please book a slot in advance on our website www.shelfordfreechurch.org.uk,
or telephone the office on 01223 842181 or
email administrator@shelfordfreechurch.org.uk

Maundy Thursday Reflective Evening Service and Communion

Thursday 6 April, 7pm in the main church building

Coffee and Reflect at Cara Coffee

Friday 7 April, 10.30–12 noon.

Come to Cara Coffee for a coffee and receive a FREE hot cross bun. At 12 noon, there will be a time of reflection and prayer in the garden behind the coffee shop to which all are welcome.

Margaret Cletheroe, GSFC Administrator

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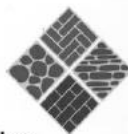
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SHELFORD SCHOOL

After a well earned half term break, staff and pupils have returned to school for the second half of the spring term with lots of exciting learning opportunities to enjoy.

World Book Day

On Thursday 2 March children and staff enjoyed World Book Day in a celebration of stories and characters. Parents and carers were able to watch the parade at the start of the day where there was a fantastic selection of costumes on show. Children also thoroughly enjoyed the many story sharing opportunities that were provided throughout the day, even including a teacher swap where classes enjoyed a story with a different teacher. Staff delighted pupils with another well organised wardrobe showcase where they dressed up as a variety of Mr Men and Little Miss characters! The week concluded with children enjoying the opportunity to donate and buy books in the PTA organised second hand book sale.

Urban Strides

Children from Years 4, 5, and 6 thoroughly enjoyed an assembly and dance workshops from Andy Instone and his street dance crew, Urban Strides. Andy shared his personal story of hard work and perseverance which has enabled him to achieve him the successful dance career he has today, dancing with his own dance crews and enjoying performing in over 200 stadia worldwide, including alongside such names as Rhianna! These workshops emphasised the positive messages the children have been working on through developing their understanding of growth mindset. They were encouraged to accept a challenge, grab an opportunity and practise to make progress.

Shelford STEM Week

As part of their celebration of British Science Week, children enjoyed a series of assemblies and workshops. This started with local science author, Isabel Thomas delivering assemblies and workshops to promote questions and exploration to develop inquisitive minds. Isabel has written titles including 'The Bedtime Book of Impossible Questions', 'The Moth' and 'Full of Life'. The workshops children enjoyed spanned a huge variety of topics from biodiversity to adaptation to inheritance! Children also enjoyed a visit from Cambridge Science Centre who delivered a whole school show about the 'Balance of Biodiversity'.

School Council

School Council have also been busy recently as Councillors launched a new challenge relating to courageous advocacy. In discussions, children are exploring how they can stand up for what they believe in school, the

community, Cambridgeshire, the UK and the world. Classes are invited to contribute ideas which will inform next steps of the process in coming meetings.

Rainbow Preschool Open Day

On Saturday 25 March parents and carers were invited by staff to see the wonderful activities children enjoy every week at Rainbow Preschool. This gave children who already attend, the chance to show families what fun they have during each session and gave new families the chance to visit as well.

Rainbow Preschool and Shelford School PTA Easter Egg Hunt

Rainbow Preschool worked with the PTA to organise this year's Easter Egg Hunt held on Sunday 26 March. The egg hunt and the pop up café provide a fun family morning and children were delighted to receive an Easter egg. Rainbow Preschool and the PTA are very grateful to Tesco, Day's Bakery, Waitrose and the Coop, all of whom offered donations to support the event.

Anna Caroe, Chair of Governors

GRANTA MEDICAL PRACTICES

From 1 April 2023, Royston Health Centre (RHC) will be part of Granta Medical Practices (GMP). The practices are coming together to build on the existing practice strengths, pooling clinical and administrative teams to offer greater resilience and a wider choice of services for our patients. The aim of this is to provide a more stable model for delivering care within Royston and the surrounding villages. Both GMP and RHC have been sharing their values and commitment to high quality clinical care over the past year and a full merger helps provide improved access and choice for our patients.

The same doctors, practice nurses and staff will still be at RHC and you will still be able to see your chosen doctor as usual. For GMP patients, you will now have another surgery to choose from, should you wish to.

For the most part, patients of GMP and RHC should not notice any difference. There will be a slight delay in merging the computer systems (currently estimated around the end of April) but after that any GMP patient may be seen at a GMP surgery of their choice. If there are any specific changes or additions to services we will of course let you know.

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Julie's Jottings:

The date of Easter Day is determined by the moon. It is the first Sunday after the first full moon on or after the spring equinox. Spring has arrived and the world is coming into new life all around. In the church it is a time to renew faith and recommit to a life of service to God and others. Holy Week, the week before Easter, enables us to rethink our priorities, to face our own and humanity's frailty and failures.

The Easter story is one of hope and resilience, in the face of Good Friday where injustice seemed to prevail and goodness was cheated out of life. That was not the end of the story. Injustice, cruelty, brutality, violence, betrayal do their worst still in our world and yet Easter prompts us to align not with despair, but with hope, which seeks out love and truth and transformation for good. Human life can rise up and love and truth speak louder than Good Friday's tragedy and this true life cannot be extinguished. Easter reminds us that whatever has gone before, we can seek our own change, we can align ourselves again with what is good and beautiful and true. We too can rise up and learn and live again.

Rev Julie Norris

Holy Week and Easter, April 2 – 9

It is worth spending time in Holy Week to reflect on the resonances between Jesus' experience and contemporary stories of injustice and inhumanity to see what lessons we can learn.

We start with **Palm Sunday, 2 April**, when Jesus entered Jerusalem and the people asked him to save them. At St Mary's **10am Family and Communion Service** the children will process with a donkey (though not a real one) and we reflect on how cries of hope and joy can turn to shouts of spite.

On Monday 3 April, Tuesday 4 April and Wednesday 5 April there will be short **Reflection Services at 6.30pm** in St Mary's which will be led by members of the Ministry Team. There are so many resonances between the tragic events of Holy Week and today, human nature makes the same kinds of mistakes. How can we learn and live better?

The Easter Triduum – the three days from Maundy Thursday to Easter – are ones of intense prayer and reflection.

Maundy Thursday, 6 April starting at 7.30pm, a service of Holy Communion which first remembers with joy the last supper Jesus shared with his disciples. During the meal he washed the feet of his friends as if he were their servant and he invited them to be servants too. This service reminds Christians of the first Eucharist and calls us to reflect on how we might serve the common good. The service ends with Lamentations as we remember how Jesus went from the Upper Room into the garden where he was arrested, so we strip the altar and remove hangings and pictures and ornaments from the church. Some of the consecrated host from the communion is saved to the altar of repose where it remains until the following day. After a short vigil, compline is said and then silence is kept.

Good Friday, 7 April at 10am in the Community Room, there will be a family workshop exploring the meaning of Good Friday. We will be making the Easter Garden for church and making and eating hot cross buns.

Good Friday, 7 April at 2pm in the church, the Stations of the Cross service will take place. We will move around the Church to pause at each of the Stations of the Cross to meditate on short readings, the choir and congregation will sing and listen to music.

Saturday 8 April we start the **Easter Fire** and the first service of **Easter at 8pm**. The Paschal Candle is marked with the nails of crucifixion as we quietly reflect on Christ's death. From a fire in the church porch the Paschal Candle is lit and then brought into church as a mark of Easter. People can renew their baptismal vows and we start again, hope again, live again.

Easter Morning at 8am there is a quite traditional **Holy Communion of Easter** followed at **10am with sung Communion to which families are welcome** and there will be an Easter Egg hunt.

The Zoom service on Easter Day starts at 6.30pm and will mark the end of the week. It is a quieter, reflective service and great for people who haven't been able to get to the in-person church services. This is a time to sing and meet friends without leaving your own home. For the Zoom link email: revjulienorris@gmail.com or look in the weekly pew sheet.

What else is happening in April?

Harriet Applegate-Trick has been producing posters for the Church and Village for many years and a selection of these are going to be on display at a **Poster Exhibition on Saturday 1 April in the Church**. At the same time there will be an opportunity for refreshments at **The First Saturday of the Month Coffee Morning** which takes place **10am–12noon** in the Community Room.

16 April, 8am and 10am – Reverend Janet Parker will lead worship.

The Young People Group will meet on 16 April at 5pm in the Community Room for their discussion group.

23 April, we will be continuing to reflect on the Easter themes **at 8am traditional BCP Worship and 10am Parish Communion** and Reverend Adrian Daffern will preach the sermon at the 10am service.

23 April afternoon we will host **the Open Space** activities for children and families, **3–4.30pm**.

30 April we celebrate the **4th Sunday of Easter at the 8am and 10am service** and at the **6.30pm Zoom service**.

Do pay us a visit

We are seeking to make the church a place to drop into for solace and space during the week. You are welcome to come in and look around at the historical features of a building, some dating from Saxon times. We have historic information to read and photographs of the church interior to view. There is an area where children can come and read some books, a space to light a candle and leave a prayer request. There are books on how to pray. There is also a book stall where people can bring books and buy books at a small charge or donation.

Flower Festival

This is an advanced notice that on the weekend of **9 and 10 September**, St Mary's will be holding **a flower festival**. If you would like to offer to do a flower arrangement, then please let us know. We would like children to arrange flowers in jars and welcome anyone to produce an arrangement in a cup and saucer. If you would like to offer to do a larger flower arrangement then please let us know. We are letting people know in advance so that flowers can be grown and planning can begin.

***Thought for the month:** Love is not love which alters when it alteration finds.*

Shakespeare

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Church on **THURSDAYS** from 2.30–4pm
Every week in term time from 20th April – 6th July

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*For more information, please just come along, or contact:
Rosey Feuall, Lay Minister at Great Shelford St Mary's
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SHELFORD FEAST

The Shelford Feast is back! We're delighted to announce the return of Great Shelford's annual week of live music, comedy, food and drink, running from 1–8 July and raising money for local good causes.

This year, we're thrilled to have some amazing music events, from Trevor Nelson and Judge Jules, to classical music and jazz at the Granary. Then there are our ever popular dance, quiz and comedy nights and of course Feast Day itself, with stalls, music and plenty of local food and drink. You can find out more and buy tickets from www.shelfordfeast.co.uk or follow us on Facebook.

The Feast is run entirely by volunteers, it can't happen without all those who help before, during and afterwards. If you can help, from setting up to serving food or helping behind the bar, please email support@shelfordfeast.co.uk

Duncan Grey

Open Space

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



Sunday 23rd April
3pm – 4:15pm in St Mary's Churchyard

Exploring faith through St George's activities

Open Space is a collaborative venture between Great Shelford Free Church and St Mary's Church, Great Shelford.

There will be activities to do, things to discover, games to play and the opportunity to share and grow in faith with one another. If you are a family with children, come along and join us and find out more.

Refreshments provided.

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Sunday 25th June – St Mary's Churchyard
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NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN APRIL UPDATE

A BIG STEP FORWARD BUT WHAT DO YOU THINK?

I feel like I've been heralding the imminent arrival of Stapleford and Great Shelford Neighbourhood Plan's draft vision and objectives for quite some time, so I am very pleased to present them here, together with details of how you can let us know what you think.

Why do we need a vision and objectives?

Combining feedback from our 2022 opinion survey of residents with other available evidence and data that we have commissioned especially for our Neighbourhood Plan (NP), the steering group has drafted a vision and ten objectives to clarify what our NP should focus on achieving. Whilst our vision says where we want to be and what we want to be like in 2040, our objectives show the actions required to get there. They work together to create change.

Our draft vision

'In 2040, Stapleford and Great Shelford will be thriving, rural villages distinct from Cambridge, where people want to live, work, shop and play. We value and want to protect our landscape setting, improve its biodiversity and reduce our contribution to climate change. Reflecting this, modest new development, which is sensitively and sustainably designed, will focus on addressing identified housing needs within our community. Where appropriate, it will also support the creation of new amenities and infrastructure to meet the needs of our population. Part of this infrastructure will be a safe and sustainable travel network supporting everyday journeys and healthy recreation.'

Our draft objectives

Separating the complex planning environment and our community's aspirations into individual objectives is a little artificial because in real life many issues are interdependent. However, 'the whole of our NP is greater than the sum of the parts' and I encourage you to view the draft objectives in this context. Please also bear in mind that our NP *fills the gaps* in existing planning policy; it cannot reinvent the wheel. If you think that something important is missing, it could well be that it is dealt with by current planning policy.

No.	Broad theme	Draft objective
1	Housing needs	New residential development proposals will contribute to addressing existing and future housing needs in Stapleford and Great Shelford in terms of affordability, size, accessibility and tenure.
2	The built environment	New development will be designed to a high standard and in its built form will reinforce the distinctive rural look, feel and quality of the two villages.

3	Climate change	New development will be designed to be (a) compatible with, and belong in, a net zero emissions future, and (b) resilient to the effects of climate change.
4	Biodiversity	We will protect and enhance specific features and sites of ecological value identified in the Landscape Character Assessment for our Plan area. More broadly, we will deliver biodiversity enhancements at all development sites within the Plan area.
5	Our rural setting and landscape	New development will actively minimise its impact on the landscape character of the Plan area, recognising the value of long views and vistas into and out of the rural setting of the villages, the open spaces within it and, critically, the separation of the villages from the urbanised Greater Cambridge area.
6	Community amenities and infrastructure	We will ensure that development addresses its associated demands on, and existing shortfalls in, our community's amenity and infrastructure needs, specifically in healthcare, primary school education, transport, open spaces and play spaces.
7	Active travel	Residents travelling in and out of the Plan area, and people travelling through the Plan area, will find it increasingly easier to choose active travel modes to reach their destinations, whether for work or leisure purposes. The safety of non motorised users will be prioritised over the needs of motorised users throughout the Plan area.
8	Managing the impacts of traffic movement	The adverse effects of increased road traffic movements from new development on our community's quality of life (and apparent in, for example, air pollution, noise, vibration, road safety, accessibility and street scene environment) will be identified and appropriately mitigated.
9	Countryside access	Existing routes for non motorised users into the much valued countryside in our Plan area will be protected and maintained. New routes for non motorised users from our villages into our countryside will be opened up.
10	Countryside enhancement	The Countryside Enhancement Strategy set out in the Landscape Character Assessment for the Plan area will be implemented. These landscape, biodiversity and public access improvements will complement the existing landscape character of the area and protect and enhance the setting of Cambridge.

There is no room to explain each objective here, but this is precisely what we do in our upcoming consultation paper as context to the questions it poses.

A second phase of community consultation

A considerable amount of consultation with residents and a review of a broad evidence base have gone into creating our draft vision and objectives. But have we got them right? To answer this, we have set out several questions in a 'Mid term community consultation' paper that we are inviting responses to. We need to know:

- if the draft vision outlines, in broad terms, what you want our villages to be like in 2040 at the end of the NP period
- if the draft objectives adequately set out what needs to be done to achieve this vision.

We have also included some other questions where it would be helpful to know how strongly you agree or disagree with a particular idea.

At the time of writing (early March), the consultation paper and supporting materials are still in production, but we will use social media and other means to let you know when you can access them, hopefully from the beginning of April.

As with all other materials relating to our NP, the survey will be hosted at www.greatshelfordparishcouncil.gov.uk/SGSNPlan. We will also be holding several in person events and exhibitions in Stapleford and Great Shelford throughout April where you can view consultation materials, discuss the NP with members of the steering group, contribute your views and pick up a hard copy of the survey. Dates will be advertised locally and via the Parish Councils.

We hope to see as many people at our events as possible, although you do not need to attend to complete the survey. We will be very grateful for your participation in whatever form you choose.

Next steps

Once we are clear about our NP's vision and objectives, we can start to develop the planning policies that will contribute towards achieving each objective and will be used by South Cambridgeshire District Council to determine planning applications in our area.

Jenny Flynn

Chair of the Neighbourhood Plan steering group

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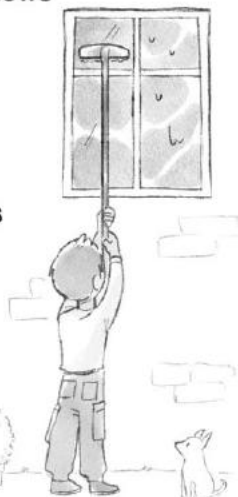
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For children.

We're looking forward to holding three events at Great Shelford Library during the Easter holidays. Pre booking and payment is required. Please call in to the library to book a place.

Spring Craft: Thursday 6 April, 2–3.30pm. £2 per child. Ages 3+.

Lego/Duplo, Wednesday 5 April, 2–3.30pm. £2 per child. Ages 2+

Lego/Duplo, Wednesday 12 April, 2–3.30pm. £2 per child. Ages 2+

For adults

In April we will be hosting our regular Reading Group and Engage talk.

Reading Group Wednesday 12 April 10.30–11.30am. Please come into library to book your place. Alternatively contact us via email – see below.

Engage Talk Wednesday 26 April 2–3.30pm. An inspiring talk by Cambridgeshire Air Ambulance. A donation of £2 is appreciated. You are welcome to stay for a drink after the talk. Please pre book in the library or via email.

We are also hoping to start a '**Knit and Natter**' group in the library. Please come in to let us know if you would be interested.

Next month, 3 May

See the back cover of this magazine for details of another event, a chance to meet historian Matthew Evans and hear about his book *Shadowlands*.

Please do keep an eye on our notice boards and Facebook pages – Cambridgeshire Libraries or Cambridgeshire Libraries Families – for other exciting events.

Opening hours: – see page 28

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Mel Abbiss

NEW GARDENING GROUP

SOUTH CAMBS ORGANIC GARDENERS

Are you, or would you like to be, an organic gardener?

If so, then do come along to the inaugural meeting of South Cambs Organic Gardeners. The group will be an informative self help and social group of, predominantly, fruit and vegetable growers (but flower gardeners are welcome too!).



Each meeting will start with a brief session on some topic of interest, such as pest control, crop rotation, best vegetable varieties, or how to beat the drought. There will be discussion, then tea and coffee and an opportunity to chat to other gardeners. Over the summer, we may visit members' plots.

Come along – we'd love to see you.

When: Monday April 3 at 7pm,

Where: Cox's Close Community Room, Stapleford.

You will be asked for a contribution of £1 per session to pay for tea, coffee and useful materials for the group.

For more details, ring 840393 or email helen_harwood_uk@yahoo.co.uk

Helen Harwood

LITTLE SHELFORD LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

Little Shelford Memorial Hall

Monday 24 April 2023

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3	South Cambs Organic Gardners	7pm	Cox's Close Community Room
12	British Cactus and Succulent Society	2.30pm	GS Memorial Hall
13	WI Meeting	7.30pm	St. Mary's Community Room
17	2G3S Social Cycle Ride	10am	Stapleford Pavilion
20	Cambridge Flower Club	6.45pm	Whittlesford Pavilion
22	2G3S Nature Walk	2pm	Jenny's Path (Chuch St GS)
22	Village Market	10am	GS Memorial Hall
24	Little Shelford Local History	7.30pm	LS Memorial Hall
26	Engage Talk	2pm	Shelford Library
<p style="text-align: center;">Wednesdays: Country Market 9am–11.30am Tuesdays: Dr Bike at Stapleford Slaughterhouse 3pm–5.30pm</p>			

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Your village magazine started in 1999 and although the main aim is to inform and entertain we have also needed to break even. Over the years, thanks to fees paid by our advertisers and income from sales we have acquired some surplus cash and have been able to give small donations to local good causes. We are delighted to report that in 22 years we have donated £22,000 to good causes as disparate as the Health Centre, Mobile Warden, Shelford School, Friends of the Library, Playscape and the Youth Initiative.

Last year we also contributed to the Afghanistan Crisis Appeal. And that made us think about what donations were most appropriate for a very local focused magazine. Should we give to only those in need in Shelford Parish or further afield? Who would benefit most from a small donation?

So we are asking you – not to apply for a grant, but to suggest good causes worthy and appreciative of small donations from the Great Shelford Village News (GSVN). We don't think it's appropriate to give to individuals or to commercial concerns, though you may disagree. Should we make a non local exception for, say, Ukraine?



And while you are sharpening your pencils, do you have any other comments about the GSVN? Does it provide you with the information you need or are interested in? If not, what's missing? Are you happy with the mainly black and white format? Is the price right?

We are all volunteers – editors, proof reader, administrators and distributors – and we try our best to produce a good magazine so your response is important to us. We'd love to hear from you! See page 54 for details of how to contact us.

The Editorial Team

MAY ISSUE OF THE VILLAGE NEWS

The deadline for copy for the next issue of the *Great Shelford Village News* is Friday 14 April and it should be available on Friday 28 April, with subscribed copies delivered shortly thereafter.

TWINNING ASSOCIATION

Film evening

Our film evenings usually attract around 35–40 guests. Over the years we have shown films such as *Mon Meilleur Ami* (*My best friend*) starring Daniel Auteuil and Danny Boon and *La Vie en Rose*, a film about Edith Piaf starring Marion Cotillard. Our latest choice was *Sarah's Key* starring Kristin Scott-Thomas which, despite the title, was almost entirely in French, with English subtitles. We are fortunate to have an excellent venue for our socials at Great Shelford Free Church where the films are shown on a very large screen along with Dolby sound.

In order to comply with the Licensing Association, we cannot charge guests for watching the film and the ticket price is for the food which we provide prior to the showing to create, what one of our guests called, 'an anticipation of an evening of mild gastronomy and undemanding culture'.

The event has usually coincided with the week which includes Shrove Tuesday, thus towers of pancakes were warming in the oven. We were able to choose from a generous range of sweet and savoury treats to top our pancakes. Wine, cider and soft drinks (paid for via voluntary contributions) were also available. Once we'd had our fill of pancakes and topped up our glasses, we were ready to sit back and watch the French film. As ever, we had a thoroughly enjoyable evening, and it was great to meet old friends and make new ones.

Future events

Our next local events, as yet in the planning stage, are a quiz evening, and wine tasting evening, probably in May and June, dates to be confirmed.

The big event in June, 1 – 4 June, is our group visit to Verneuil, the first one since the pandemic, although a few individuals were able to make the journey last year and were delighted to meet up with old friends there. The visit is for everyone and children of primary age are particularly encouraged to come; the programme includes outings to places of interest and a party for everyone. More details on the next page and for further information please contact sarah.haddow@talk21.com Colin Jefferson



Shelford Twinning Association



EXCHANGE VISITS 2023

We are delighted to be arranging visits again after the pandemic. 2023 marks the 35th anniversary of the beginning of the Shelfords' twinning link with Verneuil en Halatte, a village situated about 30 miles north of Paris.

The date of this year's visit to Verneuil is:

Shelford to Verneuil : Thurs 1st – Sun 4th June

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The visit is for all, adults and children. The people in Verneuil are welcoming and friendly and everyone is accommodated in families as the essence of twinning is getting to know each other on a personal level. Children of primary school age are especially catered for. The programme includes outings to places of interest, a morning in school for primary age children and a party for all. It is not necessary to be able to speak French.

Closing date for applications – 22nd April

Children aged 13 and under must be accompanied by a responsible adult.

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MIKE PADUANO, 1958 - 2022



Mike was born in Stockport and grew up in Disley with his brother. His parents met during the war at Copt Hall in Surrey where his father was sent as an Italian prisoner of war and his mother worked for the Land Army. They were reunited in 1950.

His father was an engineering draughtsman and his mother ran the village shop. Mike attended Marple Hall Grammar School and spent a happy childhood learning practical skills, observing wildlife and nurturing an interest in cooking in Italy. He took a degree in Geography, Economics and Archaeology at Leicester University after an enforced gap year following a gas accident.

Mike bought his first motorcycle aged sixteen for practical reasons and became hooked – his interest in cars and motorcycles never diminishing. During his twenties he worked variously for Swizzels

Matlow, Motorist Discount Centres and on an Israeli farm near the Dead Sea, as well as a spell as a Territorial Army volunteer.

In 1987 Mike trained as a Teacher of English as a Foreign Language and worked in Tortosa (where he met Gillian) and San Sebastian in Spain before returning to take a Post Graduate Certificate in Education at Oxford Brookes.

His first school was Hadleigh County Junior School near Telford before he moved to Stalybridge and taught at several schools in Greater Manchester. After he and Gillian married in 1993, they relocated to Cambridgeshire and he joined Great and Little Shelford Primary School in 1995.

As a teacher Mike took his enthusiasm for life, food and practical skills into the classroom and it was infectious. At Shelford he became the established Year 6 teacher and a member of the Senior Leadership Team with official responsibilities for residential trips, maypole dancing, SATS, cycling proficiency, the leavers' service and student teacher training in liaison with Homerton College. His remit however extended beyond this: the swimming pool, the PTA bike sale, the maths challenge and the mulled wine at the Christmas Fair were just some of his regular callings, as was his role of school

handyman and mechanic – where a simple lunchtime oil check could become an extracurricular activity.

After retirement in 2018 Mike briefly achieved his perfect work/life balance – teaching part time, helping with the Scouts and rebuilding a classic motorcycle – but it was cut short by his cancer. He was immensely proud of his children and leaves Gillian, son Wilf and daughter Beatrice.

Gillian Cooke

In memory of Mike, Great and Little Shelford C of E Primary School has decided to introduce a new Science prize.

Mike's family are holding a memorial party at Little Shelford Pavilion from 2–4pm on Sunday 4 June.

Anyone who would like to come along would be welcome!

SHELFORD SCHOOL SCIENCE PRIZE IN MEMORY OF MIKE PADUANO

This year, Great and Little Shelford CofE Primary School is introducing a new Science Prize in memory of former teacher, Mike Paduano. The Prize will be awarded to a pupil for progress in Science and will be given out in the summer term each year, alongside the Philippa Pearce Prize for English and the new Ada Lovelace Prize for Maths.

Mike Paduano taught at Shelford for 25 years. Members of the current School Council remember fondly his enthusiastic and engaging science lessons. One former pupil remembers how she came home inspired to grow her own crystals after one of his lessons.

As a colleague, Mike was always supportive of others. He always went above and beyond: opening the school at the weekend for PTA events, helping with swimming pool maintenance, caring for the wildlife garden and even building a vegetable patch at the bottom of the school field. Mike gave every class different seeds to grow and then helped the children to plant, care for and harvest their produce.

As one teacher at the school, recalls ‘The school holds many happy memories of working with Mike. He was particularly helpful when I started in Year 3 and had to research the history of the school. Alison Evans told me that Mike was

the best person to speak with and he took me on a detailed tour of the site, explaining the configuration of the two original Victorian cottages and how the various buildings had developed from there. He was extremely knowledgeable and brought the history to life. I still take each year 3 class on the same route that Mike took me, pointing out the same features, but leaving out his robust views on the Victorian building material, clunch!’

For many years, Mike was in charge of the annual maypole dancing and the complicated dance moves he helped Year 6 students to undertake were very impressive.

In his teaching, he used real-life and practical opportunities to help children learn, even opening the bonnet of a colleague’s Morris Minor to show his class how the engine worked!

His fall into the lake at Grafham Water on the Year 6 residential trip has gone down in school history but every year he made the trip memorable for his students.

He was incredibly knowledgeable and a whole generation of children in Great and Little Shelford were lucky to have him teach and inspire them.

We hope that the Mike Paduano Science Prize will continue to inspire many more generations of children.

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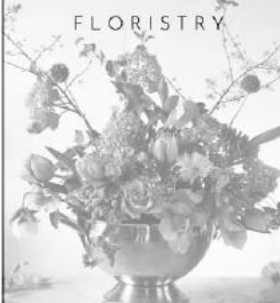
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It was our AGM in March, with guest speaker Pamela Trosker. Pamela, who had been in the retail and rag trade all her working life, gave her talk, entitled 'Small is Beautiful', on the history of buttons, the little things we use and take for granted almost every day, although

zips, Velcro, studs and poppers are nowadays widely used in clothing.

Around the 1500's, garments were fastened with laces and ribbons, tied appropriately to secure garments around the body and used by both men and women. When buttons were introduced they were made from wood, and horn from animals such as sheep or goats. These buttons were then covered with wool, silk, linen or cotton and could be highly decorated; they were frequently made by home-workers.

Originally, buttons made for the military were made from gold and silver then later gilt, purely to keep the costs down. The amount of gold used in these buttons was strictly governed to five grains of gold! In the 18th century pearl buttons became popular for fastening clothing and shoes. Other materials included tortoiseshell, corozo, coconut shells and jet, made so popular by Queen Victoria after the death of her beloved husband, Albert.

Next meeting – please note date

Our WI usually meets on the first Thursday of the month in the cosy community hall attached to St. Mary's church at 7.30pm. We are always pleased to welcome friends and new members.

Owing to the Easter holidays, the date of the next meeting will be 13 April. Our speaker will be Jason Middleton, talking on 'The history of Jewellery'

Rosemary Livings, President. March 2023

SHELFORD COUNTRY MARKET

You may notice, now we are in the second quarter of the year, some of the market stalls are taking on their spring look. The winter woollies are now being rested allowing more table space for all our other crafts. It would be interesting to count the number of different crafts displayed each week. If you are looking for that special gift, look no further!



The garden tables are filling up and looking alive and cheerful. The bunches of vibrant hand picked daffodils have given the market quite a 'feel good' factor. Spring is here but gardeners do need plenty of warm April showers.

We have lots to offer in home baking, jams, marmalade and local honey. In addition to the regular assorted bread you may find a few hot cross buns at the Easter market.

Great Shelford Memorial Hall on a Wednesday is well worth a visit. No admission charge, time to browse, shop and stop in our refreshment area which really is friendly and a 'friends' meeting place'. Follow us on Facebook where you will find many photographs of our full range of homemade, home grown and hand crafted products and look at the Country Markets Ltd website.

We're nearing time for Celebrations! Easter and then 23 April is St George's Day and there will be a more special market on 3 May to mark Coronation Day.

Dorothy Doel

LITTLE SHELFORD PANTOMIME – AUDITIONS



Auditions for *Sleeping Beauty*, Little Shelford Pantomime 2024, will be held on Saturday 1 April 2023 at Little Shelford Memorial Hall from 10am–2pm.

To both book a time slot to audition and to complete an audition form, please register online at: <https://tinyurl.com/Panto2024>

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Speaker: Paul Spracklin – Introduction to Exotic Gardening

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BETTER WAYS 4 BUSWAYS! (BW4B!)

There's been plenty of activity this month but it can be reported quite briefly. The completion of delivering our BW4B! leaflets has been an impressive achievement: thanks to everybody who has helped. As a result of this, we have had many more subscribers to our website (*bw4b.org*) and active support coming through as a result.

We believe that the Cambridge South East Transport (CSET) busway will have to be approved by the full County Council meeting in June and we will be making final representations to the Members at that meeting. Following that and with legal assistance, we may need to formally object. A formal instruction to solicitors and finance to cover this first stage may need to be in place at that point.

Great Shelford readers may be interested to attend Stapleford's Annual Parish Meeting on 4 May at 7.30pm (Jubilee Pavilion, Gog Magog Way, CB22 5BQ), which we hope will include a presentation about the Greater Cambridge Partnership's (GCP)'s plans and what we are doing to actively oppose them. The agenda is available on Stapleford Parish Council's website (*www.staplefordparishcouncil.gov.uk*).

Howard Kettel

READER'S LETTER

A 'GYRATORY' FOR GREAT SHELFORD?

I saw mention in the *Village News* of a one-way system for Great Shelford.*

After school, as a student, I spent a few months working for Guildford Borough Council. This was just after Ernest Marples had been Minister of Transport who was famous, in part, for introducing Gyratories in London. Drivers could go faster, but it made death easier for those on foot or (the very few) on cycles. Evidence suggested that where you could go twice as fast you sometimes had to go three times as far! I learnt a lot in those few months. Later, after working 15 years in transport and before moving to Cambridge I'd spent a couple of years, in part, looking at the defects of 1980s traffic models. I'm not suggesting that the proposed changes in Shelford would be as bad as those in London, many of which have now been removed, but I'd suggest there are more beneficial options.

As I see it, the problem with any one -way street is that it risks increased speed, makes life more difficult for those crossing the road and, without an exception rule for cycles, deters modes we should encourage for short trips.

We will have advantages of 'Civilian Enforcement' for parking later this year in South Cambridgeshire. Just reducing dangerous parking in Woollards Lane and outside the school will make it safer for those on foot or bike. Later our Transport Authority will have the powers to create 'Modal Filters' to restrict motor vehicles (but with generous exceptions) over short stretches of street. Why not plan to restrict motors in Woollards Lane at busy shopping and school times? That should make it more pleasant to walk and cycle to our village centre and encourage those, who rat-run to reach the M11, A10 or A505, to take a more appropriate route. Those benefits would extend to Church Street.

Such changes have been done in numbers of London 'villages' where similar powers have been available for a few years. The shops thrive, many in the local area now walk or cycle for short trips and car traffic reduces, often even on surrounding roads.

Such initiatives can be trialled at little cost, with the community able to see the benefits and problems, before our elected representatives have to make a final decision.

Jim Chisholm, Stapleford

*See GSVN March 2023 page one. Summary of Parish Council Meeting of 18 January, Traffic & Transport Infrastructure Working Group report.

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There remain about 50 established guests who are seeking accommodation in the villages because they have children in nearby schools; another move would be very traumatic and **rematching** is an option if willing hosts can be found.

We are seeking for housing for these individuals and families, which could take several forms, but we are asking you all:

- Have you considered taking an individual or family for a period of six months? Almost all our hosts have found this a rewarding experience, but some feel (after six months to a year) that they would like to 'reclaim' their homes. The government and the County Council provide £500 monthly for welcoming Ukrainian guests in your home.
- **Do you have a rental property** that you could offer to a Ukrainian family? The government and South Cambridgeshire District Council (SCDC) is making this easier in several ways: the government will pay rent according to need under the Universal Credit scheme, there are also discretionary payments available to help with rental payments; if needed, SCDC will pay the deposit and will pay up to a maximum of one month's rent in advance direct to the landlord. Please consider this before putting it with an agent.

We have had requests from Ukrainians still in Ukraine with a link to others already in our community, all from the most war-torn areas:

- A mother and teenage daughter, the daughter has been awarded a place at a sixth form college in Cambridge
- A mother and her three year old; the mother a great friend of our Ukrainian English language teacher
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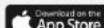
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OLD NEWS**Extracts from The Great Shelford Chronicle 1774-1868**

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10 April 1812

THE REV. HENRY FINCH, M.A. rector of Shelford Parva, has been presented by the Lord Bishop of Ely, to the vicarage of Shelford Magna, on the resignation of the Rev. William Marshall.

30 April 1819

RICHARD SCINNER – was convicted of running away and leaving his wife and child chargeable to the parish of Great Shelford. On account of an internal injury, the Churchwarden requested he might not be flogged. Sentence, solitary confinement for 14 days.

12 April 1844

ASSAULT – David Duce and Pearce Melborne, were charged with assaulting James Dean, on the 1st of April. Dean stated that at about ten o'clock on the night of the 1st April he was in his own house, the prisoners in company with several others, threw stones at his chamber window and door, that he opened the door and told them he thought he had had enough of that: Duce said, "You – get you in ,". Stones were then thrown at him which struck him on the head. He did not see which of them threw the stones. Sarah Dean stated she heard a noise in the street as she was going to bed, and shortly after stones were thrown at the window, that she saw Melborne there, and that he afterwards called upon her and asked her to forgive him, that it was club night, and the members always got drunk. The club had just broke up and they were breaking up some mugs they had stolen from Mrs Cambridge's [she kept the Square and Compasses]. the prisoners both denied being there at all and called two witnesses who flatly contradicted both Dean and his wife. Their manner, however, fully convinced the Bench of the value of their evidence. The defendants were ordered to pay, including costs, 15s each.

21 April 1849

ROBBERY – During the night of Thursday last, some predators feloniously entered the house of Mr. Gall, of this place, and carried off thirty-four head of poultry.

2G3S

How lovely that Spring is here, daffodils are flowering and birds are nesting!

EVENTS COMING UP

Dr Bike, volunteers continue to mend cycles at the Slaughterhouse in Stapleford. From April this service will run every Tuesday 3pm to 5.30pm.

Social cycle ride, Monday 17 April. Join us for a leisurely ride on quiet roads and traffic free paths of around 20 miles, to include a coffee stop. Start at 10am at Stapleford Pavilion, returning by about 1pm. Next date 15 May. Booking essential: greener@sawston.org

Nature Walk, Saturday 22 April. Join John O'Boyle for an informal nature walk along Jenny's path towards Hauxton. Meet at 2pm by the signposted entrance gate on Church Street, Great Shelford, opposite the junction with King's Mill Lane. We hope you can get to the walk by foot or by cycle as nearby car parking is restricted. Wear suitable footwear and clothing, and walks are at attendees' own risk. Next walk date is 20 May, at Little Shelford Community Orchard and Woodland. Come and see nature on the doorstep!

Repair Café, Saturday 22 April, 2pm–4.30pm. Whittlesford is holding a repair café at United Reformed Church, Duxford Road, Whittlesford, CB22 4ND. Bring along your broken item and a skilled volunteer will help you fix it. They can tackle a wide variety of repairs, typically including clothes and fabrics, electrical items, jewellery and other items. They may be able to accept some items on the day, but please note that for electrical repairs in particular you need to book in advance. (Please note that they will not be able to replace cracked screens on phones or tablets). Details of the event and how to book an item for repair will be issued on the Cambridge Carbon Footprint website, and on the 2G3S website. Not only will you save the cost of a new item, you will be reducing the mountains of landfill we create every year.

How to reach a nature-friendly future – Forum hosted by Philip Lymbery. Wednesday 26 April, 7.30pm–8.45pm at Jesus College.

If you are interested in the future of farming and food that is sustainable, the subject of the book by George Monbiot's book *Regenesi*s (as discussed in 2G3S book club in February), you may be interested in this event. It will be a hybrid event, for information see <https://tinyurl.com/mr2pvu3u>. Philip Lymbery is the Global CEO of farm animal welfare charity, Compassion in World Farming International, also Visiting Professor at the University of Winchester's Centre for Animal Welfare, President of Eurogroup for Animals, Brussels, and founding Board member of the World Federation for Animals.

The Big One. When asked about Extinction Rebellion (XR), many people have said they support the cause but did not agree with disrupting ‘ordinary people’s lives’. You may have heard that XR has now decided to change tactics away from disruptive protests and towards a peaceful and community building approach. XR is inviting individuals and organisations of all kinds throughout the UK, to join them in a peaceful mass protest in Westminster in London between 21 and 24 April, to put pressure on the government to do more to address the climate emergency. We can’t solve the climate crisis by just individual action, the Government needs to step up and make green changes happen in all walks of life. If you feel you should do your bit, find out more at extinctionrebellion.uk/the-big-one/. 2G3S members will be going so do get in touch if you are interested.

Book Club - Thursday 25 May, 8pm at the Rose. At this meeting we’ll be discussing ‘Forget Me Not’ by Sophie Pavelle. Come along if you are interested, or read the book independently if you prefer. It is an amusing account of her journey round the UK, travelling by an assortment of low-carbon transport options, to search out animals threatened by climate change.

No Mow May and Bloomin’ June

If you have a lawn and wish to help our wildlife this summer, consider giving the lawn mower a rest to allow wildflowers to develop during May, then let it ‘bloom in June’. You may be surprised at the number of nectar producing plants that appear, such as orchids, to the benefit of bees which are important pollinators for our food plants. The Plantlife charity initiated the ‘No Mow May’ scheme and their website gives more details, including the improvements to biodiversity. Note that it’s important to remove the cuttings after the flowering season so a thatch does not build up to suppress more delicate plants. Also to make the area look tidy, keep a neat edge around the site by conventional mowing, or maybe mow a path through? Look up No Mow May on the internet, or to find out biodiversity gains in detail look at <http://plantlife.org.uk/uk/about-us/news/>. Send in to our email address any photos of the wildflowers and butterflies you see, and we can put them on our website.

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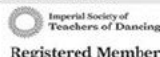
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Tim Ewbank, Chair of U3AC.



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In recent weeks the Eastern Region Standard Bearers Competition was held at Cottenham, where May Fowler our branch Standard Bearer competed and became outright winner and was awarded the commemorative Rose Bowl for the highest standard.

The RBL is here for all of our ex-servicemen and women should they need our support.

Royal British Legion Industries (RBLI)'s biggest fundraising event is back this March!

Give up your comfort for those who have served and participate in **The Great Tommy Sleep Out 2023!** During the month of March, we need

you to brave a cold and potentially wet night and sleep out under the stars while fundraising for vulnerable veterans who don't have a safe place to call home. At the moment, our manufacturing arm, RBLI, has its own specific cause, which is to help homeless ex forces people in need. There are more than 6000 on the streets, that is 6000 people who signed up to defend this country being let down by life. We have to help them. I, along with many others, across the country am sleeping rough for a night or more in March to raise awareness and money. Please contact me if you can help. (see contact details below).



The Coronation of King Charles

Plans are well advanced for the branch to celebrate this special occasion; many of these will be in conjunction with other groups in our village. Many other villages will be planning their own unique ways to commemorate this event, keep a look out in your local area for all plans.

RBL Quiz Night Saturday 22 April

This highly popular quiz has been arranged to be held at St Mary's Church Hall, starting at 7pm. Teams of up to six can book in advance, at £5 per head. Please contact Kevin, branch secretary, Tel no 07496517859 after 6pm.

*Steve George, Branch Chairman
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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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WHAT'S ON IN APRIL

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.

WANDLEBURY COUNTRY PARK		
2 April	10.30–3pm	Creative Connections – family crafting workshop
3 – 6 and 11 – 14	8.30–4pm	Holiday Bushcraft for 5 – 12 year olds
Telephone: 01223 243830: www.cambridgeppf.org/Pages/Events/Category/cambridge-whats-on-events		

SAWSTON CINEMA

20 April	7pm	Good (National Theatre Live, starring David Tennant)
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Telephone: 01223 712825 Web: <http://sawstoncinema.org.uk/>

CAMBRIDGE MUSEUM OF TECHNOLOGY

2 April	10.30am–4pm	In Steam – ‘A great day out for all the family’
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4 Feb – 24 Sep	Radio Enters the Home – a history of Pye radios and the BBC
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Telephone 01223 500652 Web <https://www.museumoftechnology.com>

BOTANIC GARDEN -

1 April	10am–1pm	Super Seeds (event for children)
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1 – 16 April	Enchanted Egg Trail (family fun)
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15 March – 3 May	International Garden Photographer of the Year exhibition – stunning images
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Telephone 01223 336265 Web <https://www.botanic.cam.ac.uk/>

SCOTT POLAR RESEARCH INSTITUTE -

1 - 15 April	10am–4pm	Egg-cellent Penguins – Museum trail (for children aged 7+)
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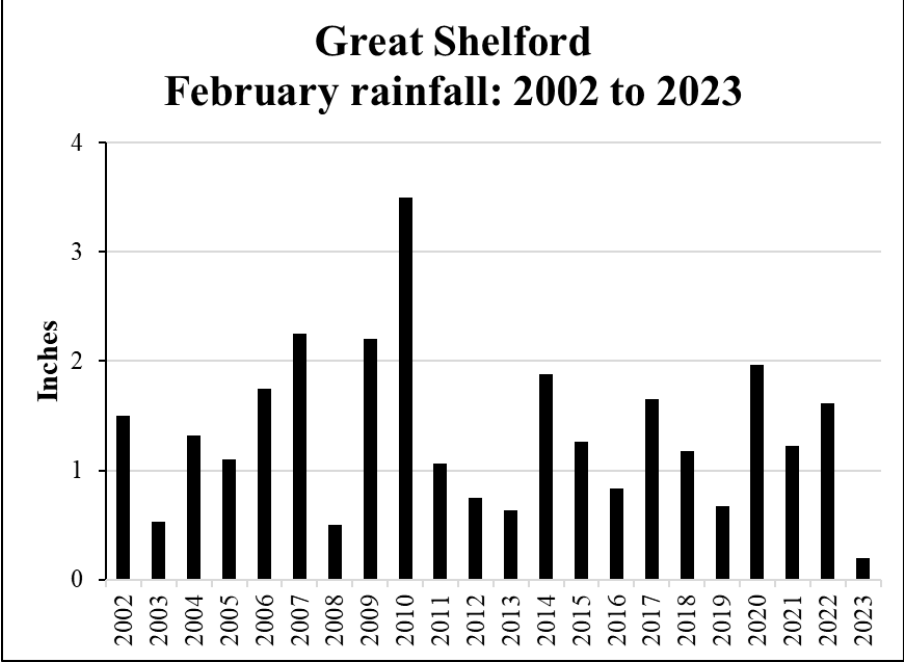
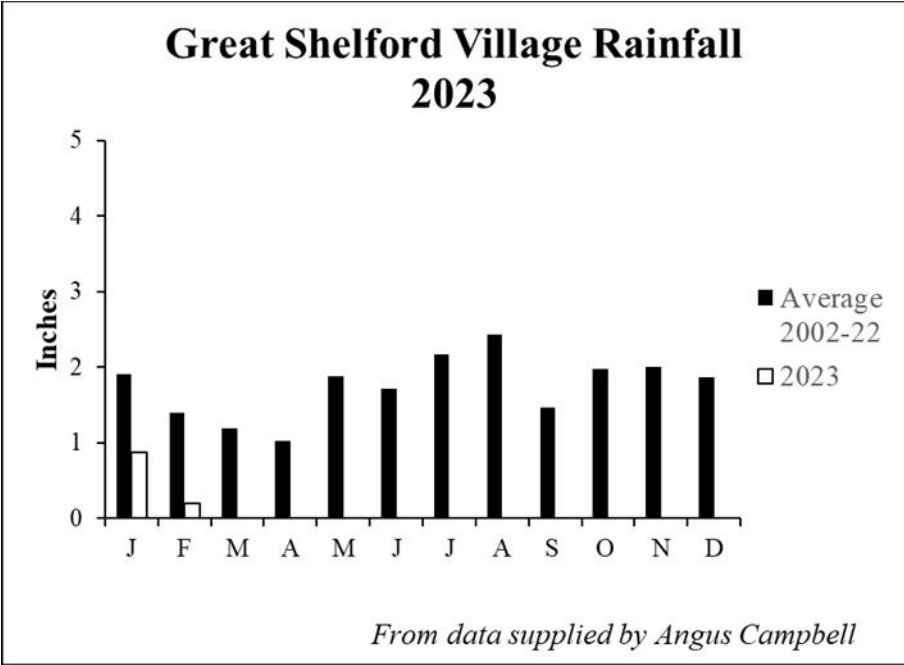
Telephone 01223 336540 Web <https://www.spri.cam.ac.uk/museum/events/>

FULBOURN ARTS

14 April 7.30pm	Fulbourn Cinema - Judy Starring Renee Zelweger, who won an Oscar for her amazing portrayal of the late Judy Garland	Townley Memorial Hall, Fulbourn CB21 5BS	£7 online, or cash or card on the door.
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1 April 8:30pm (doors open from 8pm)	Kim and Lee Catchy tunes, infectious rhythms and witty lyrics from Kimberley Rew (Katrina and the Waves, The Soft Boys) accompanied by Lee Cave-Berry on bass.	The Six Bells, Fulbourn CB21 5DH	£12 online, £14 on the door.
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Web <https://fulbournarts.wordpress.com/events/>



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