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Rewilding produces surprising plants in local gardens, like this rare lizard orchid on Tunwell's Lane.

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**SUMMARY FROM THE UNADOPTED MINUTES OF THE
MEETING ON 17 MAY 2023**

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE-CHAIRMAN

Cllr Watson was re-elected as Chairman for Great Shelford Parish Council for the forthcoming year by unanimous vote. Cllr Price and Cllr Stanton were re-elected as Vice-Chairmen by unanimous vote.

REVIEW OF COMMITTEES, WORKING GROUPS AND REPRESENTATIVES

Committees

Buildings & Grounds (was Recreation & Pavilion)	Cllr Ashurst, Cllr Bassett, Cllr Mann, Cllr Mutty, Cllr Price, Cllr Stanton, Cllr Watson
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Planning	Cllr Arnold, Cllr Brown, Cllr Ghersen, Cllr Niblett, Cllr Price, Cllr Watson

Working Groups and representation on other organisations can be found on our website.

HIGHWAYS MATTERS

Intermodal

The first draft of the Intermodal work exploring the viability of a one-way system on Woollards Lane has been received. The final draft will be brought back to full Council for consideration and then published on the website, at which point public consultation can commence on proposals which may have other authority support.

Traffic and Transport Infrastructure Working Group (TTIWG).

The group continues to meet fortnightly and to engage with key players sharing the Great Shelford Parish Council (GSPC) position and the findings of Parish Council consultations. A response has been drafted to the reports following the

Greenways consultation, thanking those involved for recognising the value in some of the Parish Council's comments and reiterating those points that have been overlooked. TTIWG met with Cllr Meschini and Cllr Milnes on 11 May, and illustrated on a large scale map how the many transport initiatives, including those the Greater Cambridge Partnership (GCP) are considering, impact on Great Shelford. It was clear that Cllr Meschini had not appreciated the impact previously. The group took the opportunity to explain and reiterate the Parish Council's position with regard to the many projects under consideration. The Clerk will write to Cllr Meschini to summarise the points raised during the meeting.

COUNCIL ADMINISTRATION MATTERS

The Clerk noted that following a successful Family Fun Day on 7 May, the Parish Council would like to select a couple of local charities to benefit from money raised throughout the 2023/24 year. In order to choose the relevant charities, it was requested that a more detailed list of up to six local charities be brought back to the next meeting.

COMMUNITY MATTERS

It was agreed to become a supporter of Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Against Scams Partnership to allow the council to be able to get information out to residents on a regular basis.

FINANCE MATTERS

A grant request from SSYI was considered by members. It was agreed that the grant of £19,400 be paid but that a letter should be sent to other parish councils benefiting from the work of the SSYI, noting that Great Shelford is very happy to support but disappointed that these other parishes are not pulling their weight with funding. The correspondence will note that this will be the last year where Great Shelford bears the burden and from 2024 it will be on a *pro rata* basis and it is expected that other councils will also support the charity.

PARISH COUNCIL & COMMITTEE MEETINGS IN JULY

Cemetery & Allotments Committee	3 July	6.30pm Pavilion
Planning Committee	3 July	7.30pm Pavilion
Planning Committee	17 July	7.30pm Pavilion
Full Council	19 July	7.00pm 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.

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PLANNING APPLICATIONS PARISH COUNCIL COMMENTS

23/01063/HUL 23/01064/LBC	21 High Green	Single storey front extension and covered bike storage area to the side.
Objection recommended. The comments of the Conservation Team are fully supported.		

23/01557/ADV	Cambridge Care Home 176–178 Cambridge Road	Installation of a feature wall with externally illuminated signage.
Application supported.		

23/01533/HFUL	40 Granhams Road	Internal reconfiguration and alterations to existing dwelling, single storey rear extension, conversion of barn.
Application supported but it is requested that an ecological survey is carried out on the barn.		

23/01595/HFUL	31 Westfield Road	Single storey extension to rear.
No recommendation. An arboricultural survey is required as the proposed work may have a negative impact on mature trees.		

23/01664/HFUL	25 Stonehill Road	Demolition of existing rear extension and construction of single storey rear extension.
Application supported but a traffic management plan is required.		

23/01762/PRIOR	4 Granhams Close	Single storey rear extension.
Application supported.		

23/01825/HFUL	35 Buristead Road	Single storey front extension.
Application supported.		

23/01754/HFUL	1 The Beeches, Cambridge Road	Erection of home office.
Application supported.		

23/01950/HFUL	Ash Cottage 1 Tunwells Lane	First floor extension to rear.
Application supported.		

23/01962/HFUL	15 Old School Court	New conservatory to rear.
Application supported.		

PARISH COUNCIL JULY NEWS

The longest day has been and gone, Feast week is upon us, children are soon to break up for holidays and we have finally been enjoying some warm weather.

Memorial Hall Survey

On behalf of the Parish Council I wanted to thank those of you who helped by completing our Memorial Hall survey. Having analysed the data, we have discussed the information we have gathered and we will be speaking with architects about what we can and cannot do – and as said before, no promises that anything will happen. Some of the highlights from the survey include:

- Though 75% of respondents have used the hall in the last year, those who have not have said that its appearance is a major factor in putting them off and there is no reason for them to go
- The most popular activities for the hall would be film nights, keep fit classes, arts and crafts and adult education
- When hiring privately, the majority would use it for family events, children's parties and fundraising
- Your priorities for the hall include accessible modern toilets, accessible hall and efficient heating.

Please keep an eye out here, on our website and Facebook for more information about the hall as we progress through this project.

Transport Infrastructure

East West Rail

The preferred Southern route for East West Rail (EWR) was announced recently and we continue to engage with the various bodies supporting the project to air the concerns of Great Shelford residents. We strive to keep our



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<https://www.greatshelfordparishcouncil.gov.uk/east-west-railway-ewr-project/>

CSET the Busway

We continue to oppose the building of a busway across the green belt and campaign for the Greater Cambridge Partnership (GCP) to reconsider running the busway alongside the A1307. It is anticipated that the GCP will be meeting to discuss this project in September.

Events

Thank you to everyone who supported our Family Fun Day on 7 May. It was a lovely event and the weather was much kinder than for last year's Jubilee event. We have been teasing you recently with a 'save the date' on Facebook but can confirm that we will be holding a dinner on Saturday 14 October in the Memorial Hall. We will have live music and hope that many of you will be able to join us. Any money raised will be going to local charities. We hope to have a Christmas event too...please watch this space.

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

TWELFTH NIGHT

Ickleton, 22nd July

William Shakespeare's Romantic Comedy Twelfth Night is being staged on Saturday 22nd July at The Old Beehive, 33 Frogge Street, Ickleton at 7.30pm, by the Festival Players International. (If wet, in the village hall.)

Tickets cost £15.00 (£10.00 for students or children) from Costcutter, Ickleton's village shop or telephone 01799 531916 or email pam@cmws.co.uk.

Bar provided or bring your own drinks and a picnic.

This is the ninth time the Festival Players (Patron: Dame Judi Dench) have performed Shakespeare in Ickleton.

Join in the fun as an array of Shakespeare's colourful characters love, laugh and lampoon their way through two days and a night of comings and goings, disguises and mistaken identities.

Great Shelford Mobile Warden Scheme (Registered Charity 1055515)

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SHELFORD GUIDES

Over the last couple of terms the members of Shelford Guides have had lots of fun working on the Girlguiding programme themes of Express Myself and Know Myself. Fun was also had at a District event with other local Guide, Brownie and Rainbow units and on a very muddy night hike from Babraham. The hike ended with chips in the garden at The Rose in Stapleford which were very much enjoyed despite the onset of heavy rain!



A recent highlight was an inspiring visit from trainers from East Anglian Air Ambulance who taught the Guides how to do CPR. The Guides also practised using community defibrillators (like the one on the wall at Tesco on Woollards Lane, Great Shelford). It's really not hard at all they'll tell you – just open the box and follow the voice that will give you instructions!

The current leader is stepping down at the end of this term so we're on the look out for a qualified leader(s) and/or people willing to do the leadership qualification so that Guides can continue in September.

If you'd like to find out more, please contact shelfordgirlguides@gmail.com or visit bit.ly/volGuiding.

Lisa MacGregor

CAMBRIDGE CAKE CREATORS



Our next meeting is on Thursday July 20 when we will be introducing Avril, the former owner of 'Authentic Cakes'.

Avril is a good friend of the group and whatever she demonstrates is sure to be worth seeing. Subject TBA but could possibly be a rose or something similar.

We meet at 7.30pm in Stapleford Pavilion.

£10 pp which includes coffee – and cake!

Vanda Butler



GREAT SHELFORD PARISH CHURCH SAINT MARY THE VIRGIN

Julie's Jottings:

This month we celebrate the feast days of a number of Saints. Two of these are John Keble and the disciple Thomas.

John Keble is often cited as the person who prompted the emergence of the Anglo-Catholic Oxford Movement in the 19th century. This movement included some well known figures such as John Henry Newman and Edward Pusey and the poet Gerard Manly Hopkins. Amongst other things, this movement challenged the Church to think about its purpose and motivation. It also invited a refocus on liturgy and holy communion as means of grace and sought greater unity between the different world churches. Keble was also a poet.

The disciple Thomas, is known as 'doubting Thomas'. He was the one who wanted to see evidence and use critical reasoning when he considered the resurrection. Keble wrote a poem about Thomas noting that while Thomas doubted, he didn't leave the company of the other disciples, he continued to live by the ideals of Christ and would eventually have his evidence of seeing again the risen, wounded Christ and realise that he knew the face of Christ. Here is Keble's poem.

*For all thy rankling doubts so sore,
Love thou thy Saviour still,
Him for thy Lord and God adore,
And ever do His will.
Though vexing thoughts may seem to last,
Let not thy soul be quite o'ercast; -
Soon will He show thee all His wounds, and say,
"Long have I known Thy name--know thou My face alway.*

Churches continue to wrestle with some of the same issues as were under discussion by Keble and the Oxford Movement. How can we preserve the beauty of the liturgy and the importance of prayerfulness and of holy communion? What is the place of the church in our secular and civic community? We continue to reflect on our motivation and purpose and work on our receptive ecumenism. More than that, we look to see Christ in other people, especially when they are wounded or in need of justice.

Rev Julie Norris



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Coffee Morning 1 July

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Sunday 2 July

Rev Julie Norris will lead a traditional **Holy Communion** using the Book of Common Prayer at **8am**. There will then follow at **10am** the **Family and Parish Communion** service. This is a service where children can help adults to understand the Gospel story. This week the subject is 'hospitality'.

Confirmation Classes, starting 2 July

These will follow the 10am service, beginning 2 July. There are a number of children and adults who are looking to prepare for confirmation. We are planning for a Confirmation at Ely Cathedral at Easter 2024. If you might like to be part of this please let Rev Julie know oremail revjulienorris@gmail.com.

Wednesday 5 July at the Free Church

Feast Week **Songs of Praise**. Various members of the village have been asked to choose a hymn and tell us why they like it. This service begins at **6.30pm** and is a joint venture with the Free Church.

Sunday 9 July

Rev Adrian Daffern will lead a traditional **Holy Communion** using the Book of Common Prayer at **8am**. This is followed at **10am** by a **Parish Communion**.

Sunday 16 July

Rev Adrian Daffern will lead a traditional **Holy Communion** using the Book of Common Prayer at **8am**. This is followed by a sung contemporary **Parish Communion** at **10am**.

Youth Group 16 July

This will meet in the Community Room at **5pm**. Any young people who are over 11 are welcome to come to this. Tea, coffee or juice available and food.

Wednesday 19 July

'**At His Majesty's Service?**' at 7.30pm, a talk by Rev Adrian at St Mary's. Adrian will tell us the inside story of the Coronation Service and the rehearsals leading up to it. Tickets £10 towards Church Funds and will include wine. Available from Trevor Ward trevorward@gmail.com.

Sunday 23 July

Rev Julie Norris will lead a traditional Book of Common Prayer **Holy Communion** at **8am** and at **10am** we will have a sung contemporary **Parish Communion**. In the afternoon there will also be the **Open Space Activity** for

children and families. This starts at **3pm** at the Free Church behind Cara Café. There will be a range of games, creative activities as well as juice and biscuits for children and tea and coffee for adults.

Vicarage Garden Party 5 August

We were very disappointed to have to postpone our June Garden Party and Gift Day due to Covid in the vicarage. This will now be held in the Vicarage Garden at 12 Church Street on August 5, **2–5pm**. There will be cream teas, children's games, and some bric-a-brac and book stalls. We hope that the weather will be good!

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 the 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 for a small charge or donation.

Flower Festival 9–10 September

This is an advance notice that St Mary's will be holding a flower festival. We are letting you know in advance so that flowers can be prepared and planning can begin. We would like children to arrange flowers in jars or in a cup and saucer. If you would like to offer to do a larger flower arrangement then please let us know.

Our new website, www.stmarysgreatshelford.org

The updated and revised website is now online. Sections of the site will be edited every month so that, as with this bulletin in the Village News you will be able conveniently to find out about events and activities in the church.

Thought for the month:

**Worry doesn't rid tomorrow of its challenges,
it robs today of its joy.**

Anonymous

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‘But the fruit of the Spirit is ...kindness’ Galatians 5 :22

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The Community Café emerged from a church initiative during the Covid restrictions called ‘Acts of Kindness’ which sought to support people in the local community through a network of volunteers from church. This current venture started during the early days of the easing of Covid restrictions in June 2021, at first in the garden behind Cara Coffee but when the Autumn weather made it too cold or wet to sit outside we moved into the church building.

The rows of chairs are moved to make way for circular tables set out café style. This provides an ideal ambience for people of all generations to meet up with friends and family as well as making new friends. Tea, coffee and home made cakes are always provided free of charge or for a small donation.

A team of helpers from the church are there to welcome you, sit and chat with everyone who comes as well as serve the refreshments. Mid-morning, we stop for a five minute “Thought for the Day” which many of our visitors really appreciate.

For the past two years, during Lent, two simple soup lunches were organised, firstly to raise funds for a number of charities e.g. PAMOJA, a charity that supports education for poor families in Kenya, TEARFUND and The Centre of Hope in Romania which supports some very needy people in Dorohoi (close to the borders of Moldova and Ukraine) and also to give the opportunity for people to share a simple meal together.

At Community Café, we regularly welcome about 25 people or more each week and friendships have been renewed or made. Many of our regulars tell us that the Monday morning café is a welcome lifeline, especially when they’ve not spoken to anyone over the weekend.

Cara Coffee is closed on Mondays. Most weeks we welcome people who had planned to meet there but instead have enjoyed Community Café. During the winter, we were part of the ‘Warm Hub’ initiative and a number of people enjoyed the warm space whilst doing their work.

So, please do come and join us, Monday mornings, 10.00–12noon, bring a friend, enjoy a cuppa, a slice of cake and a chat.

‘May all who come as guests leave as friends.’

Janet & Colin Jefferson (Helpers at Community Café)

EVENTS AT GREAT SHELFORD FREE CHURCH

Sunday Services: 10.30am, all welcome

Café Church: Sunday 16 July at 10.30am. Informal service where refreshments are served around tables.

Open Space: Sunday 23 July, 3pm–4.30pm. Joint outdoor family event with St Mary's Church held behind Cara Coffee Shop.

Community Café every Monday, 10am–12noon. Come join us for tea/coffee and homemade cake.

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

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

Also

Join us at Shelford Feast:

Feast Day on 2 July – come say hello at our stand, we will have a Wheel of Miracles! Prizes to be won!

Songs of Praise 5 July at 6.30pm – joint event with St Mary's Church, to be held in Great Shelford Free Church.

Wanted – additional Director for Village Charity

GSVC Trustee Ltd, the trustee of what was formerly known as the Great Shelford Parochial Charities, seeks expressions of interest from individuals wishing to assist with the work we do for the village.

The charity owns 53 almshouses, provides grants in support of individuals in need and owns six acres of land managed for conservation and recreation.

There are currently six unpaid Directors of the trustee company which oversees everything the charity does, from setting strategy through to service delivery and financial management. We meet every two months for around two hours.

While we would consider any candidate who can bring a fresh perspective and commitment we would be particularly interested to hear from anyone with professional fund raising and/or company secretary/governance experience.

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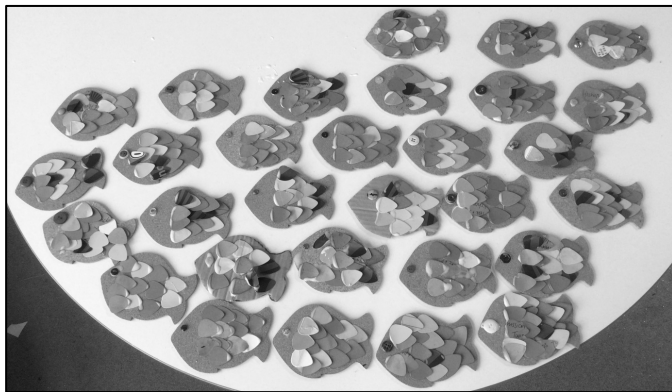
There was a busy end to the first half of the summer term, with a number of classes enjoying school trips. The Year 6 children spent three days at Grafham, taking part in a variety of activities including sailing, high ropes, cycling and the infamous Grafham Challenge.

Reception went on their very first school trip. The class enjoyed a wonderful day at Shepreth Wildlife Park. Some of the highlights were seeing the entertaining meerkats, the beautiful tigers and being brave in the bat house! They also enjoyed the bunny walk and trying to spot hidden creatures in the Tropical House.

Year 3 children visited the Zoology Museum. A member of the museum staff led a habitats workshop with the children. Afterwards they spent time exploring the museum before lunch. The children had a fantastic morning.

On the final day of the half term the Year 4 children led the Ascension Day service in St Mary's Church. This was followed by a wonderful picnic on the school field. The weather was beautiful and it was great to welcome so many families to this event.

The curriculum thread for the second half of the summer term is curiosity. The half term began with 'Empathy Day' with children showing curiosity about the thoughts and feelings of others. Children across the school created their own empathy resolutions after hearing from Jacqueline Wilson, Cressida Cowell and Chris Ridell as to what their empathy resolutions were.



This was followed by Environment Day, with links to our International Schools Award Status on sustainability. Children explored issues through an interactive presentation on the subject of litter in

the UK and examining single use plastics and their alternatives. Each pupil then decorated a cork fish with colourful recycled scales to bring awareness to the problem of litter in our surroundings.

Miss Beck, Staff Governor

REMEMBERING MICHAEL PADUANO AT SHELFORD SCHOOL

I first met Mike when he came for interview at Great and Little Shelford CE (A) Primary school in 1995. Although it would have been politically incorrect to say so, we were delighted to have a male applicant to join our teaching team but, gender aside, it was obvious from the outset that Mike had so much to offer the school. For the next 25 years he made Shelford school a better place than it would have been without him. I know Mike said his memorial was so we could all talk about what a great bloke he was but I think he would have been surprised by how strongly and sincerely so many people were saying just that. It would be untrue to claim he got on quietly in the background but he was modest about the value of his contribution to school and community and probably underestimated how highly he was esteemed and appreciated.

I left Shelford school in 2003. By then Mike had already established a formidable reputation as the consummate Year 6 teacher. One year, thanks to Mike, we recorded 100% level 4+ in English, Mathematics and Science placing the school in the top 10 nationally for KS2 test achievements. My headteacher colleagues were always envious of Mike's reliability in delivering the best possible test results year on year. He didn't do it for recognition or because he valued the test system but because he knew how important those results were to the self esteem of every child in his class. Putting the needs of the pupils first was something Mike didn't just talk about – he really did it.

Shelford school has a number of 'traditions' the brunt of which fall on Year 6. Mike took maypole dancing, the school residential trip and the leavers' service, to name but three, in his stride. Characteristically, he moaned annually about each of these events and then went on to mastermind some wonderful experiences for the children, ensuring that they all had fun, felt proud of themselves and made enduring happy memories.

Mike was always generous with his time. He was never too busy to help his colleagues. One personal memory is the day he spent draining the screen wash out of my oil reservoir. I'd poured it in after assembly and by morning break had doubts about whether I'd done the right thing. I then did what we all did when we had a practical problem and asked Mike. I should have done that in the first place. He confirmed my error and seemed to think it was very funny! In return for my supervising his class he sorted it all out. I mentioned it to Liz Livingstone at the memorial party and she had known nothing even though she would have been in school at the time. This was another of Mike's qualities – he laughed with you but not at you and you could rely on his discretion.

Alison West (formerly Quinlan)

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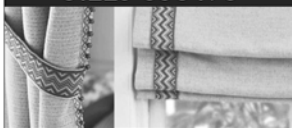
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GREAT SHELFORD PLAYScape

The Playscape has been so successful with visitors and the mounds so popular,



that you will have noticed some remedial works going on. The grounds contractor has been rebuilding any that have eroded through sheer-weight-of-many-little-feet and reinforced all of them with rubber matting just under the surface to keep them in good shape for many years to come. We beg everyone's patience whilst the new grass grows, but we hope you enjoyed our mini-

rewilding moment when poppies colonised the mound nearest the arch!

Wheelscape

We have worked with the contractor Bendcrete and members of the SSYI to finalise the design for the Wheelscape. For those in the know, we have included a *pier 7* for the more experienced and two *camel humps* for beginners to give everyone something to enjoy.

We helped the Parish Council submit a grant application for the remaining funds needed to build the Wheelscape at the beginning of June, but we will not hear anything for three months.

Fingers crossed that we will be able to complete the inclusive play offering that the Masterplan envisaged, providing an approachable place for all wheeled sports.

Shelford Fun Run: Family friendly 5km on closed roads, Sunday September 10

Registration is open! Please book your space at shelfordfunrun.co.uk

We are excited to be partnering with Cambridge Rare Disease Network, a local charity uniting patients, advocates and experts to address the challenges faced by people affected by rare diseases. We are also delighted that another charity, Power2Inspire, will be bringing a sensory 1km to the rec for everyone to try, but especially for those who can't manage a 5km run.

Proceeds will be split between our two charities with our funds going directly into the Wheelscape phase. Hope to see you there!

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COUNTRY MARKET

The months move on so quickly and now we are into the second half of the year. We are often asked when we close for our summer holiday. The answer is quite easy. The Country Market is open on a Wednesday morning every week except for only a couple of weeks at the year end.

The last few weeks have been busy and satisfying with so many customers waiting for the doors to open at 9am. At this time of year the plant section is always a very popular first stop.

Should you wonder what we sell beyond garden produce, baking and preserves then look at our website, You may be surprised at the number of crafts featured. The website certainly gives a good insight into the extensive range of our products which are all home made, home grown or hand crafted.

However, we remain on the look out for new producers. If you expect to have any surplus garden produce now is the time to get in touch. There are lots of ways for you to make contact: come into the market, through our Facebook page, an email to dorothy@woodlandroad.plus.com or a phone call to 01223 843946. And remember, it takes just a phone call or email to place an order and perhaps arrange a delivery.

Dorothy Doel

***Country Market is in the Memorial Hall, Woollards Lane
every Wednesday morning from 9.00 to 11.30am***

CAMBRIDGE FLOWER CLUB

(NAFAS affiliated)

We meet at the Memorial Hall, Mill Lane, Whittlesford CB22 4NE on third Thursday evenings. Refreshments from 6.45pm, demonstration at 7.15pm. New members welcome! Visitors pay £8.00.

July 20 **NAFAS demonstrator Crystall Dyball, 'Up the Garden Path'**

August 17 **Open Meeting. Demonstrator Annette Urquart,**

'The Sound of Rhubarb'

With wine & buffet refreshments. Visitors £15

For more information about these meetings or to enquire about joining Cambridge Flower Club please phone Freda Orgee on 01223 891464 or email fredaorgee@gmail.com.

GRANTA MEDICAL



National flu immunisation programme 2023

Eligibility for the free NHS flu vaccination is changing.

This year the free NHS flu vaccine will not be offered to over 50's. Instead, the following people will be invited:

- those aged 65 years and over
- those aged six months to under 65 years in clinical risk groups
- pregnant women
- all children aged two or three years on 31 August 2023
- primary school aged children (from Reception to Year 6)
- those in long stay residential care homes
- carers in receipt of carer's allowance or those who are the main carer of an elderly or disabled person
- close contacts of immunocompromised individuals
- frontline workers in a social care setting without an employer led occupational health scheme including those working for a registered residential care or nursing home, registered domiciliary care providers, voluntary managed hospice providers and those that are employed by those who receive direct payments (personal budgets) or Personal Health budgets, such as Personal Assistants.

We are finalising plans for our flu clinics and next month we will let everyone know what the dates are.

In the meantime, if you have any queries please do not hesitate to ring us on 0300 234 5555 or email cpicb.grantapatientsservices@nhs.net

Sandra East

Head of Patient Services

OLD NEWS

Extracts from The Great Shelford Chronicle 1774-1868

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

11 July 1846

HENRY LOFT – was charged with leaving his wife chargeable to the parish. Committed for one month, and hard labour.

25 July 1846

THE CHILDREN OF GREAT AND LITTLE SHELFORD SCHOOLS – 105 girls and 76 boys (15 of latter being unavoidably absent, engaged in the fields) had their annual fete at the rectory. Plenty of bread and butter and plum cake were served out to them; and thanks having been returned, they retired to the Park of S.E. Law Esq. who again kindly let them to amuse themselves in it; the girls in their own quiet manner, and the boys in somewhat ruder sports, such as cricket, running races, jumping, and nearly 40 balls were provided for them. After partaking of more plum cake, fruit and wine, 3 cheers were given for Queen Victoria and cheers for Reverend H. Finch. They then quietly departed highly pleased with their treat.

7 July 1849

ROBBERY – Last Tuesday night the harness-house of Mr. Twiss was feloniously entered, and a considerable quantity of harness and other things carried off, including some of the groom's clothes. On the following night the harness-house of the Revd. James Fendall of Harlton Rectory was treated in a similar manner. Doubtless the same persons were concerned in the two robberies and a reward of £26 has been offered on conviction.

George Twiss was a Cambridge solicitor who lived in "The Elms" which stood on the site now occupied by Halatte Close on Tunwells Lane.

8 July 1854

Our feast will take place on Monday next. There will be a variety of amusements for the gratification of the sight-seekers.

8 July 1854

SHOOTING THE MOON – This phase was fully exemplified in this village within the last few weeks. Five men have absconded, leaving wives and families, and many creditors minus a payment of their just debts.

DIARY JULY 2023

Date	Event	Time	Place
1–8	Shelford Festival	See back page	Recreation Ground
2	Shelford Feast	noon	Recreation Ground
15	2G3S Repair Café	2-5pm	Shelford Rugby Club
20	Flower Club (p22)	7.15pm	Whittlesford Memorial Hall
20	Cake Creators (p23)	7.30pm	Stapleford Pavilion
22	Village Market	9.30-12.30	Memorial Hall
22	Twelfth Night (p7)	7.30pm	Old Beehive, Ickleton
<p style="text-align: center;">Wednesdays: Country Market 9–11.30am Tuesdays: Dr Bike at Stapleford Slaughterhouse 3–5.30pm</p>			

	<p>BIN COLLECTIONS</p> <p>Black bins Tuesday 11, Tuesday 25 July Blue and Green bins Tuesday 4, Tuesday 18 July</p>
	<p>POST BOXES</p> <p>Coppice Avenue, Mill Court (Hinton Way), Library, Old Vicarage, Church St, High Green bus stop, Stonehill Road, Macaulay Avenue. The latest collection from Priority Post Boxes is 5pm Monday to Friday, 11.30am Saturday.</p>
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	<p>LIBRARY</p> <p>Monday 3–7, Tuesday 10–1 & 2–5, Wednesday 10–1, Thursday closed, Friday 10–1 & 2–6, Saturday 10–1.</p>

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Thank you to everyone who gave a few minutes of their time towards thinking about our community's future and completed the Neighbourhood Plan consultation; to those who visited our pop-up displays to see what we've been working on for many, many months; to the organisations who let us use their space for these displays; and to the Neighbourhood Plan steering group for continuing to stick with it.

Our latest community consultation closed on 28 May and, at the time of writing, the outcomes are being analysed and their implications considered. It would not be appropriate to release much detail at this stage, but I will say that:

1. a significant majority of respondents supported the draft vision statement
2. overall, respondents were far more positive than negative towards all of the draft objectives, which implies that there is a role for all of them in our Neighbourhood Plan.

We are grateful to everyone who contributed comments to the consultation, because these are very helpful in understanding some of the motivations behind respondents' preferences.

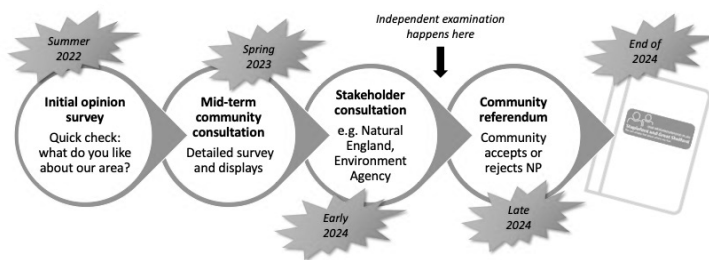
The finished report on the consultation will be available to view at www.greatshelfordparishcouncil.gov.uk/SGSNPlan, hopefully at the beginning of July and excerpts will be published here in future editions.

So what happens next? Consultation outcomes will be combined with other information (such as local housing needs, our Landscape Character Assessment and Local Plan data) to expand our already sizeable evidence base. This, in turn, will inform the development of a set of planning policies to help us achieve our Neighbourhood Plan's vision and objectives. These policies are the most important outcomes of any Neighbourhood Plan because they form part of the statutory development plan against which all planning applications are assessed.

In the final stages, the draft Neighbourhood Plan will be put out for consultation to various bodies and other stakeholders whose interests may be affected by the plan, such as the Environment Agency and Natural England. A revised Plan is then submitted for independent examination. The examiner will consider whether the proposed Neighbourhood Plan meets the basic conditions and other legal requirements set out by law. If found satisfactory, the Plan will return to Stapleford and Great Shelford for a community referendum. In this yes/no poll, residents and workers in our parishes will be asked 'Do you want South Cambridgeshire District Council to use the neighbourhood plan for Stapleford and Great Shelford to help it decide planning applications in the

neighbourhood area?’ If more than 50% of voters say ‘yes’, then our Neighbourhood Plan will come into force. It is the steering group’s aim that the referendum takes place towards the end of 2024.

Stakeholder consultation, examination and community referendum are required by regulation and have minimum time periods attached to them; hence, they will occupy many months in 2024. All told, it is a long and complicated process, but it is worth it, because this is how we can change the place where we live – for the better.



Jenny Flynn, Chair, neighbourhood.planning@staplefordparishcouncil.gov.uk

ADDENBROOKE'S ROUNDABOUT

The Greater Cambridge Partnership (GCP) is carrying out a public consultation to improve road user safety at the Addenbrooke's roundabout. This consultation will close at midday on Monday 24 July.

The consultation asks for local views on plans to alter the design of the Addenbrooke's roundabout, which links to Hills Road, Fendon Road, and the A1307. The new design is proposed to reduce the roundabout's central island, significantly widen the pedestrian and cycleway on both sides of Fendon Road, and replace the staggered crossing on Babraham Road with a single crossing. This will significantly improve safety for pedestrians and cyclists accessing the hospital and Cambridge Biomedical Campus as a whole.

The need to improve cycling infrastructure at the Fendon Road arm of the Addenbrooke's roundabout was identified by Cambridgeshire County Council as a priority. Since this location falls within the GCP's Cycling Plus A1134 scheme, the GCP aims to accelerate the delivery of this area's design and construction plans. It is intended that the scheme will be implemented by 2024, and, on this basis, it has secured additional funding from Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority (CPCA).

Have your say and learn more about the scheme here:

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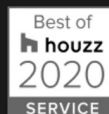
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DORMITORY TO DOMESDAY?

A local history booklet published in 1971 described the landscape of Great Shelford and plotted its changes from Domesday to Dormitory.

Fifty years later that landscape is facing considerable changes again. The M11 happily provided a Cambridge bypass leading to a quieter village. The Sawston bypass and A14 both made access easier while rerouting through traffic.

But now the village is to be impacted by increased (East-West) rail and a new station, encroaching expansion of the Biomedical Campus and a busway - dragging with it a mass of future housing and development.

The Domesday to Dormitory book opens with a description of the village. I recommend you climb Wandlebury Down to view it while you can. "You don't know what you've got till it's gone."

"To grasp the true nature of the parish of Great Shelford it is essential to find a high vantage point from which to survey the whole scene. A spot on the A604 [now A1307] just south of Wandlebury serves this purpose admirably. The key to the understanding of the physical development of the whole area is at once apparent. From the north-east edge of Great Shelford parish, along Wort's Causeway, the land slopes gently south to the [A1307] and then rises sharply to a long N.W. projecting promontory known as White Hill and Clark's Hill. Beyond this ridge the land falls to the River Cam and the summer chequerboard of green and yellow fades into the dark green of trees along its river banks. On the far side of the river the land rises gently again to the east side of Little Shelford parish."

The narrative continues referring to Clark's Hill and The Gogs shining white when ploughed, changing to darker soil and carrying springs including Nine Wells.

Sadly, many of these features are the very areas which will, under current plans, be cut through and built on by the constant urge for "development" and "growth". And all this is pushing ahead despite the majority of local people objecting to it. Of course, there has been "consultation" but we are left with the slightly sick feeling that decisions that have already been made behind locked doors and will not be changed by public opinion. I resent that. If you do, too, check out Better Ways 4 Busways, Cambridge Past Present and Future (CPPF) and Shelfords East-West Rail (EWR) Action Group.

Make your views known and hope that Shelford stays more Dormitory than Domesday.

Duncan Grey

BETTER WAYS FOR BUSWAYS



Sign the petition!

Please sign our petition asking decision makers to consider an alternative route for buses, adjacent to the A1307:

www.change.org/save-se-cambridge-countryside.

The petition will be presented to local politicians in September, when they are due to decide about this scheme. Over 2,300 people have signed so far; do encourage friends, family and colleagues to sign as well.

Support the fighting fund

If we can't change the minds of our local politicians, the next stage is a public inquiry for the government to decide whether the Greater Cambridge Partnership (GCP)'s bus road through the countryside should be approved. We will take part in the inquiry and argue against approval, proposing instead a scheme in the A1307 corridor.

To make the strongest case possible, we are raising funds to pay for independent experts to provide evidence for our less damaging alternative and to supply legal and professional advice. Our target is £60,000.

Please donate to support this campaign; every little bit really does help. Local charity Cambridge Past, Present & Future is collecting donations via www.cambridgeppf.org/Appeal/ssg-green-belt. If we manage to avoid an inquiry, we will return your donation.

If you are considering making a significant donation but would like to find out more about the campaign and how your money would be used, we'd be very happy to talk to you in confidence. Please get in touch at hello@bw4b.org.

Showdown at Stapleford Jubilee Pavilion

We were delighted by the great turnout at Stapleford's Annual Parish meeting in May, which included a presentation on the busway from James Littlewood, CEO of Cambridge Past Present & Future, and a robust defence of the proposals from our County Councillor, Brian Milnes, who is a full voting member of the GCP Executive Board.


Can you help?

Would you be willing to host an estate agent style board bearing a simple message in your front garden? If so, please contact me. We would also welcome volunteers with relevant professional backgrounds (eg planning, transport, legal) or who can help us to communicate our campaign via social media. Do sign up at www.bw4b.org and spread the word!

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THE BUSWAY

Greater Cambridge Partnership are proposing to build a five mile long road through the countryside near Wandlebury to be used by buses. The bus road would:

- Build over the lower slopes of the Gog Magog Hills
- Concrete over the top of Hobson's Brook chalk stream close to Ninewells Nature Reserve
- Bisect the River Granta twice, creating two huge road bridges
- Ruin the tranquillity and countryside views for walkers using the Stapleford Farm Track and a new Country Park planned for the Gog Magog Hills
- Create parcels of land for future development
- Urbanise the countryside by creating road crossings and bus stops with traffic lights, signs, lighting and parking

But it doesn't have to be this way. There is an alternative that delivers similar transport benefits, without the damage to the countryside and at much lower cost to taxpayers.

This alternative is to create new sections of bus lane on the A1307 from Babraham to Hinton Way and a final bus road section from Hinton Way and Babraham Road Park & Ride to reach the Biomedical Campus. This alternative would enable buses to avoid congestion, be fast and reliable and keep our green space green. Why dig up the green fields when a slight widening of an existing road would be cheaper, quicker and far less damaging to the environment?

READER'S LETTER: East-West Rail (EWR)

Is there no one who can stop a variant of the HSR2 virus that is threatening to draw billions of pounds out of a cash starved economy?

The scheme is the proposed new East-West railway. This is a new rail link directly between Oxford and Cambridge, some of which is already underway. We are told this will massively stimulate growth by placing an umbilical link between the country's two bastions of the white hot heat of technology, the universities of Oxford and Cambridge and creating an East-West arc to rival Silicon Valley. The overall concept is deeply flawed. The chosen route is an economic and environmental disaster.

So what's wrong with an enhanced Oxford-Cambridge rail link?

It's mind bogglingly expensive, at a time when citizens in full time employment need to access food banks, the NHS is crumbling and we cannot afford to fill in potholes. In January 2020 the preferred route option cost was £5.6bn. Add years of inflation to that, plus the overrun that has been a feature of all recent similar projects and you have a figure that should make the project a joke in bad taste.

And that's just the cost of building it, not the cost of keeping it running at a time when rail travel is shooting itself in the foot and fewer and fewer people are commuting.

Most of all, the chance of the line ever being other than hugely loss making is entirely dependent on massive new housing development along the line and the people in those as yet unbuilt houses needing to commute by train. The Cambourne and Tempsford proposed development would produce a town larger than Cambridge itself. EWR admits that most of these houses will not be for rail commuters to Cambridge, although that is the stated objective in the economic case, but overspill from London owing to easy access to the A1 and East Coast Main Line.

This raises the issue of EWR's business plan. It has refused requests under the Freedom of Information Act for vital information. There is a belief that the only real source of profit for this line is an enhanced freight usage to the East Coast ports. As present commitments stand, this would be by diesel trains running through the centre of historical Cambridge all through the night.

But let's accept that an Oxford-Cambridge line might be a good idea. The second problem is the chosen route.

EWR have opted for the 'southern route', despite the fact that in the last two years EWR has looked again at approaching Cambridge from the north and concluded that it was cheaper, less environmentally damaging and quicker to construct. Similarly, they looked again at taking the old Varsity line route out of Bedford and concluded that was also much cheaper. Despite this, they have gone for the most expensive option – Bedford north and Cambridge south – adding up to £2.3 billion to the capital cost. It has been calculated that even at current cost expectations, for the same money, 500 people could make an Oxford-Cambridge round trip by electric taxi every working day for 100 years. And that's without ride sharing. Video conferencing is, of course, even more sustainable. It is difficult to find who supports the southern route other than the Treasury and EWR themselves. The southern route will tear villages apart, scar the environment and enlarge a huge black hole in the country's finances. Why has the taxpayer been asked to fund a multi billion pound venture that seems doomed to drain money? This proposal, in its present form, is an

explosive vest tied round any politician who supports it. Yet again, we are being asked to support a scheme that will bring millions to developers, but no real benefit to those who pay for them. The mantra of 'growth' is the most frequently used word to justify this project. It is likely to work as well for EWR and its supporters as it did for Liz Truss. The 'growth' promised by EWR is the same type of growth one finds in a weedkiller that overstimulates the plant so that it dies. What EWR is proposing is to knowingly walk into an economic disaster.

Dr Martin Stephen

This is an edited version of a longer article. Ed.

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After listening to our most recent speaker, Helen Green, I am so glad that Monday is no longer Laundry Day and that I do not need a geyser to heat the water in a cold unheated bathroom, or use lye soaked in wood ash to make a type of soap!

Helen also gave us a glimpse of life before twin tubs, mangles, dolly rods and a copper to boil hot water. She also gave us an insight into ironing clothes at the turn of the century with heavy flat or box irons containing coal and even methyated spirits.

I was also happy to see the King and Queen adorned in their ermine and furs at the recent Coronation and recalled that in years past their servants would have bleached and brushed velvets, silks, linen made from flax and wool woven into fine fibres. They would also have laid out heavy clothes to be bleached by the sun to remove stains with warm urine! Can you imagine the smells of ammonia to keep the moths away, or even rubbing clothes with chicken feathers in an attempt to clean them!

Helen also provided us with the answers to the question of where sayings such as 'spinning a yarn' comes from and revealed that in medieval times a woman could be employed to chase away cattle from a field that was used to lay out linen to dry.

At our July meeting (Thursday 6) we plan to meet at the community orchard behind The Hectare – when we will be hoping for a fine evening! Please bring your own seat or blanket to sit on and pray for a lovely warm evening, similar to the one we had last year!

The next meeting, in our St Mary's Community room will be on September 7, where anyone who wishes to see what we do is more than welcome to join us. Honor Ridout, our speaker for this meeting, will be telling us about the Cambridge Great Fair.

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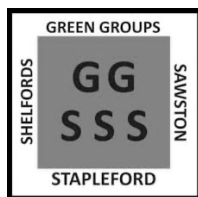
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Dates for your diary

Next meeting - 8pm on Monday 10 July at Cox's Close in Stapleford. We will be planning our winter discussion evenings, which you will all be welcome to attend.

Nature walk with John O'Boyle - Nine Wells, Saturday 22 July, 2pm. Check our website for details of where to meet. The walk is at your own risk, and do wear suitable clothes and footwear.

Cycle ride - Monday 17 July. Start at 10am at Stapleford Pavilion. Booking essential, at greener@sawston.org.

Dr Bike – cycle repair shop every Tuesday from 3pm to 6pm, at the Old Slaughterhouse in Stapleford.

South Cambs Organic Gardeners – next meeting is on 17 July. See them on Facebook or see our website for details of venue.

Repair Café and SWISH clothes swap

This is our big event this month, on Saturday 15 July, 2pm to 5pm, at Great Shelford Rugby Club. More details on our website, or see the poster elsewhere in this magazine. We have a fantastic team of repairers that can tackle clocks, electricals, jewellery, textiles, amongst other things. It is best to book in advance for a repair to ensure you can get seen.

Plastic-Free July

You may remember last month I talked about this campaign to encourage people to reduce their plastic use for the month, or part of the month. You can sign up your target on their website, plasticfreejuly.org. At present we recycle only 9% of plastic globally and a recent Greenpeace report cites research that shows that recycling plastic releases toxic chemicals and microplastics into the environment. So reducing and reusing have to come first, with recycling only as a last resort. Perhaps you can give up single use plastic for a couple of weeks? Use greengrocers who sell loose fruit and veg, eg Mary's in Sawston, Barker's in Great Shelford, or order a veg box from Cambridge Organic (cambridgeorganic.co.uk). Use the minimum waste shop in Sawston, Green Weigh, by taking in your own containers (any shape and size – takeaway

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On a more optimistic note, there was a UN report (see the Guardian, May 16) that said plastic pollution could be slashed by 80% by 2040, with policies that are big but practical and affordable. Packaging is the villain here, so do your bit in July. Once you've tried you may find it's easy to continue using less plastic.

Big Green Week - Great Shelford library held a number of activities for this event in June, with a display from us, children's activities, and a session where people could write a letter to a younger person such as a grandchild, or even to their future self, saying what they hoped the world would be like in 2030, a project called Letters to Tomorrow. We hope to publish some of these in the local magazines, but the full range can be seen on the *letterstotomorrow.com* website.

Watering – remember to be sparing of your use of this precious resource. See tips last month for conserving it in the house and garden.

Recycling of electrical (and electronic) items is very important, due to all the elements that can be reclaimed from them. There is a pink bin at Tesco Fulbourn car park for small electricals or take them to the Thriplow and Milton recycling centres. That's after trying to repair them at one of the Repair Cafés of course!

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

Helen Hale

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special stickers to collect, one for each week of the Summer Holidays. It's a fun and relaxing and a great way for children to keep up their reading skills during the long school break.

Great Shelford Library will be hosting various events at the library to add to the Summer Reading Challenge fun.

Lego/Duplo Event: Thursday 27 July, 2-3.30pm. £2 per child. Ages 2+

Dinosaur Event: Wednesday 2 August. £2 per child. Ages 2+

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Engage Talk: Wednesday 26 July 2–3.30pm. Mary Burgess will be giving a talk on The History of Cycling in Cambridge. A donation of £2 is appreciated, please stay for a drink and chat after the talk. Please pre-book in the library.

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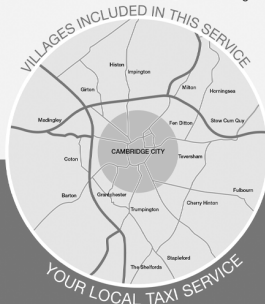


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SHELFORD TWINNING ASSOCIATION

Visit to Verneuil-en-Halatte 1-4 June 2023

I have visited Verneuil many times since the early '90s, always staying with the same couple. I love going there and I love staying with them, especially Danielle's cooking. I also like their sense of humour and it gives me an opportunity to practise my French. Jean-Pierre has been on the Comité de Jumelage for many years and has helped to cement Verneuil's relationship with the Shelfords. My daughter got to know another family with whom she stayed several years running, attending Calmette primary school and joining in the activities.

This time, after a gap of four years, I was excited to return as part of a group of 32 adults and children. Our coach left from Great Shelford Memorial Hall at 8am and we reached Dover without any delays, having time for a coffee break before joining the ferry.

At passport control we all got out of the coach to have our passports stamped. Once on the ferry we dispersed, the children remaining with their parents or responsible adult. To our surprise we were each given a meal voucher for a free lunch, which was excellent. It was a calm crossing and disembarking at Calais was straightforward as passport checks had been completed at Dover.

The journey to Verneuil took about 3.5 hours but we had a stop at the Aire de la Baie de Somme service station and, with very little traffic on the motorway (and no potholes!), we arrived at 7pm (6pm UK time) to be greeted enthusiastically by our hosts.

The next day, the younger children went to school accompanied by Sarah Haddow, while the rest of us went to a nearby town, Pont-Sainte Maxence, where we had a guided tour of the historic sites and then walked to Moncel Abbey to be joined by the French and English children to eat our picnic lunch (provided by our hosts) in the grounds. In the afternoon there was an activity organised for the younger children while the rest of us were given a guided tour of the 14th century abbey, once a convent, now a wedding venue! I spent the evening at home with my hosts and enjoyed another superb dinner.

The following day was supposedly to be spent with the hosts but as Danielle was having a cataract operation and would need her husband to be available, Jean-Pierre drove me to the station and I spent the day with a friend before returning in time for the party at the Salle Bufosse at 6.30pm. This was a lavish affair: a splendid buffet supper, unlimited supplies of wine and wonderful decorations with lots of French and British bunting. Some musicians serenaded us, including Emily, one of the French committee members, on the recorder. Everyone was very relaxed and merry.

We met at the Salle Bufosse again on Sunday morning. After many photos had been taken, including a group photo, we enjoyed a buffet lunch before leaving for the drive to Calais, stopping for a break on the way. After a delay, owing to the cancellation of a ferry, we made it back to Shelford, tired but very happy, and having made new friends and enjoyed French hospitality at its best and (in my case) learnt some new French words.

Throughout the trip, our organisers, Sarah Haddow and Colin Jefferson, were committed to the safety and wellbeing of the travellers and, if there were any hitches, I was not aware of them! The driver was brilliant too.

Judy Boothroyd



It was so nice to be part of the group to visit Verneuil-en-Halatte for the first time since 2019 and see our French friends again. This was only the second twinning trip for our family.

In 2019 we decided to join the twinning visit to Verneuil for the first time to experience life with a French family and learn a bit of French. I'd never studied French at school and I could only understand a bit but this didn't stop me engaging with our French hosts.

The hospitality of our host families was amazing - they really made our stay both times a beautiful experience. Both times we were very lucky to be paired with families with children of similar ages to ours. During the visit everything is organised for us by the amazing Twinning committees in Shelford and

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Verneuil. The twinning visits are so relaxing and they are full of great activities organised for us ... we just have to be ready at the right time.

This year the French organised a visit to a nearby village and abbey where we had a very interesting guided tour of both places. The children went to the local school in the morning before joining us at the abbey with the French school. It was lovely to see them play and have fun with the other French and British children.



At the end of the day, the French committee surprised us with a crêpe at a local café before we met our host families later in the day.

On Saturday, as well as Sunday morning, we had a lovely time with our host family ... we played board games, had a lot of sunshine in the garden, visited the beautiful Chantilly castle and even went to their daughter's communion on Sunday morning.

We are looking forward to seeing them again when they come to Shelford (8–11 July) and also when we go back to Verneuil in May 2023.

We have found the experience of twinning such an enriching and fun experience and we are so lucky to have it in our village.

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On arrival there was a reception in the Stapleford Pavilion followed by a traditional English fish and chip supper – with mushy peas of course!



On Saturday the ‘twinners’ visited Bressingham where they took pleasure in seeing the award winning gardens, an 18th century manor house, working steam trains and a vintage carousel. A progressive lunch around Stapleford followed on Sunday. The main menu items were coronation chicken, with a nod to the recent major event in London,

and trifle. After that there was a final gathering with farewell speeches. In the spring of next year a group of ‘twinners’ from Stapleford will be welcomed to Villedômer. So... not goodbye, but *au revoir*!

More information is available at: <http://twinning.staplefordvillage.org.uk/>

TENNIS CLUB

Despite the time of year most definitely now being summer, I am delighted to



finally report the results of the winter mixed doubles handicap tournament. This popular event runs from November through to the start of spring, and levels the playing field with an ingenious handicap system and simple approach to scoring.

The final was much delayed by illness, but was eventually played at the end of May, on a lovely early summer’s evening. It was

contested by Judith and Marcus Forgham, and Sarah Richards and Rik Henson. It was a close fought match, coming down to just a single game to tip the scales in favour of Judith and Marcus Forgham.

A huge well done to all the finalists and to everyone else that took part. Thanks are due to Marcus for organising the tournament.

In the meantime, the summer tournaments are well underway, with singles events running as knock out draws throughout the course of the summer. This year the doubles events are being run as round robin tournaments, playing all the matches in a given event on one day, with the top two pairs going through to contest the final in September.

The weekend of 10 and 11 June saw the club host both the mixed doubles and ladies' doubles events, both afternoons being blessed with beautiful weather and there was excellent tennis played all round, despite the high temperatures. One of the best things about this format was the opportunity to meet and play with members you might not otherwise encounter and it was a great way for new members to get involved.

Each event saw nine pairs playing for a place in the final and whilst there were some close matches, only two could progress.

I am pleased to say that the mixed doubles final will be contested by Anna and Ted Disley-Stevens and Angharad Harris and Ashley Powter. This interesting match will see a new pair crowned club champions.

The ladies' final will be contested by Ifthi Shareef and Debbie Bowes and Angharad Harris and Keri Tobin. Angharad and Keri are bidding to defend the title that they won last year, something that hasn't been done at the club for many years, while Ifthi and Debbie are looking for their inaugural title as a pair. This promises to be a brilliant match to rival last year's final.

The men's competition took place later in June, so look out for the finalists next time.



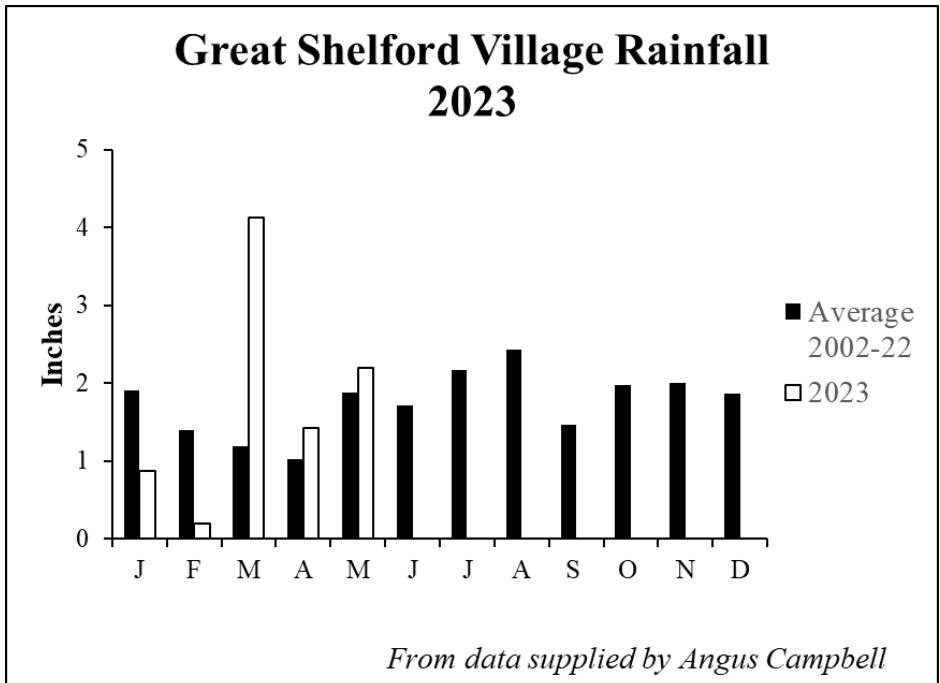
CRICKET CLUB

Well, the weather did eventually improve – and so have our First XI team’s fortunes. After a second fairly narrow defeat we have won three matches in a row, so there is all to play for as the season unfolds. Jonathan Ede’s 95 not out set up a comfortable win against Thriplow on the Rec, while the following week at the delightful Ashdon ground, Stuart Creed’s four wickets put the brakes on when Ashdon looked as though they were heading for victory and we won by 14 runs. Back at the Rec the next week on a very hot day, a good all round bowling performance was backed up well in the field, with Nusrat Hamid staking an early claim to “catch of the season” to dismiss the opposition captain and Ashwell struggled to get past 100. Despite a few alarms we won by five wickets.

All our youth teams have performed well, with the Under 9s leading the way – five wins out of six matches at the time of writing.

There is only one First XI home match in July – Saturday 22 v Ashdon.

Peter Ede (Chair)



The week ending 14 May was very wet. In the following week (week ending May 21) there was just 1mm recorded - and not a drop until well into June.

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WHAT'S ON IN JULY

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	
24–29	The Mikado
Telephone: 01223 503333 Web: www.cambridgeartstheatre.com	

WANDLEBURY COUNTRY PARK	
12	Tree Identification (10am–12noon)
15	Walk with a Warden (10.30am–4pm)
22	Wandlebury Scything Festival (10am–3pm)
https://www.cambridgeppf.org/Pages/Events/Category/wandlebury-country-park-events	

STAPLEFORD GRANARY	
1	Perchance to Dream: the music of Ivor Novello (5pm, afternoon tea from 3pm)
Telephone 01223 849004 Web: www.staplefordgranary.org.uk	

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY	
Throughout July	Raymond Briggs: A Retrospective celebrating the life, work and legacy of the award winning author and illustrator. University Library.
	Beneath our Feet: Archaeology of the Cambridge Region. Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology.
From 8 July	Material Power: Palestinian Embroidery
Web: https://www.admin.cam.ac.uk/whatson/	

ALSO	
27-30	Cambridge Folk Festival, Cherry Hinton Hall https://www.cambridgeline.org.uk/folk-festival
16	Music for a Summer's Evening, Fairhaven Singers, Queen's College Chapel, Silver St, Cambridge
01–02 & 08–09	Open Studios, South Cambridgeshire https://camopenstudios.org/july-open-studios-2023/

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THE Shelford Feast 2023

SATURDAY 1 JULY

Beer Festival - 12 noon - 5pm

FAYABALL & WHITE
20-22 High Street, Shelford

Judge Jules: LIVE

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WEDNESDAY 5 JULY

Comedy Night

7pm - 11pm



THURSDAY 6 JULY

Quiz Night

6:30pm - 11:00pm

SUNDAY 2 JULY

Feast Family Day

12 noon - 5pm

Scotsdales

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FRIDAY 7 JULY

At St. Mary's Parish Church, Great Shelford

Phoenix Winds - 7pm-9:00pm

At The Main Stage

The Amy Winehouse Band

7pm-11pm

MONDAY 3 JULY

Maple Academy and Dance Dedication present

Dance Night

7pm - 10pm

TUESDAY 4 JULY

Sawston Youth Drama

7pm - 10pm

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SATURDAY 8 JULY

Trevor Nelson

7pm - 11pm

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