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SUMMARY FROM THE UNADOPTED MINUTES OF THE MEETING ON 21 JUNE 2023

MINUTE'S SILENCE

Before the meeting started, the Chairman asked for a minute's silence to mark the passing of Cllr Pepperell from Stapleford Parish Council.

REPORTS FROM COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILS

A report from County Councillors was made available prior to the meeting.

Cllr Fane has been elected as Chair of the District Council. He provided an update on District Council work and answered questions.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND WORKING GROUPS

An update was provided on the Cambridge Biomedical Campus (CBC) which sparked a lengthy discussion. It was noted that Greater Cambridge Shared Planning is asking that need for the hospital is demonstrated before any land is released from the green belt. There is a requirement that they also look at alternative sites when looking to release land from the green belt. The CBC Working Group is to look at requests for better communication.

With a fall in the number of planning applications coming before the Parish Council for consideration, Planning Committee meetings will now be held on the first Monday of the month and then either on the Wednesday prior to the full council meeting, or on the third Monday of the month if a longer meeting is required.

County Cllr Milnes was asked about the work being carried out on Church Street with no notification and about other highway concerns.

Neighbourhood Plan: a report had been received from the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group. The mid-term consultation had closed on 28 May with 261 residents taking part and a draft report and analysis of outcomes has been sent to the group. A revised design guide has been received from Aecom and significant amendments have been sent back. Money is still available through funding to finish the plan and an agreement has been signed to put together the Neighbourhood Plan ready for presentation to the community and South Cambridgeshire.

Better Ways than Busways (BWtB) There is currently not a lot of activity as the Greater Cambridge Partnership have deferred their discussion until September.

HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORT MATTERS

A draft report has been received from Intermodal who have looked at a oneway system. Data shows that there is a large proportion of through traffic during peak hours.

The Traffic and Transport Infrastructure Working Group have had interesting meetings with Network Rail and the group has a better understanding of the linking between the various projects (re-signalling and Cambridge South Station). Contact details for Network Rail Details have now been provided for residents to use if there are issues while the re-signalling work is being undertaken. Network Rail will keep the Clerk informed of future work and share news with the community via websites, noticeboards and social media.

Members noted that East West Rail (EWR) have published their findings favouring the southern approach to Cambridge over the northern one. However, the southern approach has been shown to be more expensive, more disruptive and more damaging for the environment. Councillors felt that where there are direct and significant areas of interest to the parish, questions need to be asked including:

- Is there to be grade separation at Shepreth Branch Junction?
- What are the plans for the tie in for the A1301 bridge?
- Will there be freight and passing loops?
- Are there plans for four-tracking through the village?
- What will be the impact on Shelford Station?

It was agreed that a Freedom Of Information request be submitted to ask for the information from the survey of the northern route. A response to EWR will be drafted reaffirming the objections.

COUNCIL ADMINISTRATION MATTERS

The Clerk presented six local charities which could be beneficiaries of monies raised during the year through Parish Council activities. It was agreed that Cambridge Joint Playschemes and Great Shelford Village Charity should be chosen as the Parish Council's charities for the year.

Following recent requests for support from Stapleford Parish Council and an interest shown in joined up approaches to concerns such as traffic and transport, councillors considered ways in how the parishes could work collaboratively together. It was suggested to have a joint planning committee meeting when there are items concerning both parishes and for the Chair and Clerk to have a meeting with Stapleford Chair and Clerk.

Recent new communication about the PFOS (perfluorooctanesulfonic acid) in water supplied by Cambridge Water was considered by members. It was agreed to publicise the report from the Water Inspectorate, including the result of a test carried out on his own water system.

COMMUNITY MATTERS

The data from the Memorial Hall survey of the feelings of residents about the hall had been put together by the clerical assistant. It was agreed that a Design Guide should be provided to Saunders Boston to allow them to start putting some ideas together about what can be done with the hall.

Proposals for a charity event to be held in October were presented by the Clerk and Cllr Disley. It was agreed to allocate £3,000 towards the event.

PARISH COUNCIL & COMMITTEE MEETINGS IN AUGUST

Building & Grounds Committee	2 August	7.00pm Pavilion
Planning Committee	7 August	7.30pm Pavilion
Finance & General Purposes Committee	16 August	7.00pm Pavilion
Planning Committee	21 August	7.30pm Pavilion

Meetings may be adjourned for up to 15 minutes when the public can ask questions and put forward points of view related to business on the agenda or for items they wish to raise for future agendas. No decisions can be made in this section of the meeting.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS PARISH COUNCIL COMMENTS

23/02265/HFUL	1a Stonehill Road	Single storey extension to rear and relocation of front door.
Application supported, but a traffic management plan is needed.		

23/02308/HFUL	11 Red Hill Close	Dormer window extension to front.
Application supported.		

Full copies of the minutes of the Parish Council and Planning meetings are on the Parish Council website greatshelfordparishcouncil.gov.uk/minutes-agendas

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PARISH COUNCIL AUGUST NEWS

As the summer is in full swing, and I use the term ‘summer’ loosely as I write this and the rain is falling, I am happy to share the following with you.

2023 Great Shelford Charities

As part of a new initiative for 2023, we have chosen two local charities to benefit from monies raised from events we are holding between April 2023 and the end of March 2024. The first event, held on 7 May, was Great Shelford’s inaugural duck race (possibly the slowest duck race ever held) which was held during the Family Fun Day on the Recreation Ground. There will be further events in October and at Christmas.

We have decided on two beneficiary charities for this year, with monies raised for the charities to be split equally between the two.

- **Cambridge Joint Playschemes** This small charity, founded in 1995, provides holiday playschemes and Saturday activity clubs for children and young people with moderate to severe learning disabilities. For further details, see their website camjointplay.org.uk
- **Great Shelford Village Charity** The charity exists to help people in need within the village and surrounding area. They own and manage 53 almshouses, providing affordable accommodation, in addition to allotments, a community garden, an orchard and parkland, where they have provided footpaths and benches for public use. Additionally, the Charity provides grants and makes donations in support of local organisations, good causes and villagers in need.

Other News

The second new bus shelter, the same as the one installed in February on Cambridge Road will be installed on the corner of Bridge Close and Cambridge Road in August.

Our mounds have finally received their much-needed repairs. Having seen the labour of love given by the contractors (hand tying each black rubber mat to another in nearly 30-degree heat) we believe that these will be robust and last much longer than the original design.

The much-awaited compound has been installed around the entrance to the Feast shed. Unfortunately, two trees we had intended to keep have been lost as they were dead. We are looking at suitable replacement trees for the Recreation Ground.

To contact us, phone 01223 616622 or email Libby, the Clerk. (You can also email individual councillors, but please copy in Libby)

Malcolm Watson, Chairman

GRANTA MEDICAL PRACTICES

FLU CLINICS 2023

Flu vaccination is important because, whilst flu is unpleasant for most people, it can be dangerous and even life threatening to some, particularly those with certain health conditions. The best time to have your flu vaccine is early autumn before flu starts spreading. However, you can get your vaccine later if necessary.

Most flu vaccines are given with a needle in the arm but there is also a nasal spray flu vaccine.

Eligible patients will shortly receive a text with a link to book a flu jab, or you can call on 0300 234 5555. Clinics will be available for booking from August.

We are holding our flu clinics on the following dates:

- Saturday 23 September – Linton Health Centre, CB21 4JS
- Saturday 23 September – Sawston Medical Practice, CB22 3HU
- Sunday 24 September – Royston Health Centre, SG8 7BS
- Saturday 30 September – Shelford Health Centre, CB22 5FY
- Saturday 7 October – Sawston Medical Practice, CB22 3HU
- Sunday 8 October – Royston Health Centre, SG8 7BS
- Saturday 14 October – Barley Surgery, SG8 8HY
- Saturday 14 October – Linton Health Centre, CB21 4JS
- Saturday 21 October – Shelford Health Centre, CB22 5FY
- Saturday 28 October – Linton Health Centre, CB21 4JS
- Saturday 28 October – Barley Surgery, SG8 8HY

All clinics start at 8.30am and finish at 4.15pm.

Groups eligible for a free NHS flu vaccine from 1 September 2023 are:

- Those aged 65 years and over
- Those aged 6 months to under 65 years in clinical risk groups:
 - Chronic respiratory disease
 - Ischaemic heart disease and vascular disease
 - Chronic kidney disease
 - Chronic liver disease
 - Chronic neurological disease
 - Diabetes and adrenal insufficiency

- Immunosuppression and those who are in close contact with an immunosuppressed person
 - Asplenia or dysfunction of the spleen
 - Pregnant women
 - Morbid obesity, BMI 40+
- Carers in receipt of a carer's allowance, or those who are the main carer of an elderly or disabled person
- Care home residents
- Pregnant women
- Children aged 2 or 3 years old, specifically at 31 August 2023

Primary school children will be vaccinated in school and are only eligible to go through us if they have an underlying health condition mentioned above.

Please note that people between 50 and 65 with no underlying conditions are no longer eligible for a free NHS flu vaccine. However, private flu vaccinations will be widely available through high street pharmacies, etc.

Whilst you are having your jab don't forget to ask about your eligibility for other vaccinations such as shingles, pneumonia or whooping cough.

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact us.

*Sandra East, Head of Patient Services
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WI

On a beautiful evening at the beginning of July we held our Summer Party, once again at the community orchards and gardens behind the Hectare. A small group of us took our picnics and some folding chairs and enjoyed each other's company and the views towards the few rolling hills in Cambridgeshire. We could see the trains gliding by and were within sight of the newly built Almshouses. We held a raffle and were in time to see the setting sun on this warm evening.

We do not meet formally in August so our next meeting, to be held in the Community Hall at St Mary's church, will be on 7 September when Honor Ridout will be talking to us about the Cambridge Great Fair. Visitors and members are all welcome to attend.

Rosemary Livings, President



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WELCOME TO OUR CHURCH

The Bible has so much to say about leadership; its pages are full of stories of the good and not so good. The youngest leader was seven years old, whereas Moses was 80 when God called him; He chose the 80 year old, not the 40 year old, because the older Moses knew his weakness was a platform for God's strength. Often, several potential leaders were considered for positions and it then became clear that they were not the right person for that time. Both the old and new testaments have men and women leaders.

Since our previous pastor moved on to North Yorkshire last summer, our congregation has spent many hours praying for the right person to come and lead us and discerning together what kind of person that should be. Having put together our church profile, we set about our search and interviewed several potential pastors. However, as in the examples above, it became clear that God had other ideas.

'Hiding in plain sight' was our new pastor and we are so pleased to have recognised Diana Parr and appointed her to fill this office. Born in the village and a regular attendee at GSFC since babyhood, Diana has worked in secular positions before feeling called to work first with children and young families in our church community, then latterly as our Assistant Pastor. She is not seven years old, and definitely not 80, but we know that now is the right time for her, and for us, to take on this new role.

Diana is committed to our church's vision that in addition to caring for our own members, we are here to serve the village community in which we live. It is because of this shared passion that she recently completed a foundation degree in Theology, Mission and Evangelism. She is also keen to continue to build on the warm relationship we already have with the congregation of St. Mary's Parish Church and we look forward to sharing more fellowship together with them in the coming months.

We will be welcoming Diana to her new role officially at her Induction Service, to be held at the Free Church on Saturday 23 September at 2.30, and would love as many people as possible from our village community to come along – please do join us.

Liz Jenkin, Elder, Great Shelford Free Church

EVENTS AT GREAT SHELFORD FREE CHURCH

Sunday Services: 10.30am, all welcome.

Café Church: Sunday 20 August at 10.30am. Informal service where refreshments are served around tables.

Please note: Little Steps Toddler Group (Wednesday mornings 10–11.30am) and Tiny Toes Baby Group (Wednesday afternoons 1.30–3pm) will not be running in August but will resume again in September. For more information and to book a place please email administrator@shelfordfreechurch.org.uk

Similarly, Community Café (Mondays: 10–12 noon) will not be running in August but will restart on Monday 4 September when we look forward to welcoming people back!

Margaret Cletheroe, GSFC Administrator

SHELFORD GUIDES

Twenty girls from Shelford and Trumpington Guides were very glad of the hot



weekend at the end of June when the overnight temperature didn't drop below 18°C.

This was because they slept outside in shelters they'd constructed from cardboard boxes to raise money for Jimmy's Night Shelter in Cambridge. After building fires for hot dogs and s'mores,

everyone got at least some sleep. Nobody noticed the visit from a fox during the night which left us a couple of 'presents'! So far, the Guides have raised an amazing £1,100.

Shelford Guides needs a new leader to be able to continue to meet in September. There are plenty of helpers, but someone needs to take the helm. If you'd like to find out more about what's involved, please contact me at shelfordgirlguides@gmail.com.

Lisa MacGregor



GREAT SHELFORD PARISH CHURCH

Saint Mary The Virgin

Julie's Jottings

We have just returned from a family holiday in Devon and were struck by how getting away from the normal routines can allow you to see the world afresh. Visits to beautiful gardens, listening to the sound of the sea, time to appreciate wilderness and sunsets, as well as the fun of building sandcastles and listening to conversations between adult children and grandchildren about what tigers eat – these all help to refocus on simpler delights and allow for moments of awe.

Awe is the experience of reverence or admiration or even dread in the face of something powerful, big, sublime, or beyond you. Awe often connects to experience of something Other, Ultimate, or God. Awe makes us appreciate our smallness in a world we do not control, where things happen to us and in front of us. Experiences of awe can also release us so that when we come back down to the rest of life, we can make new choices about how we will respond to what we face.

A friend told me that as he gets older he has forgotten what awe is like. So many things are not new, but familiar and repeated. New experiences, looking with a child's eye, listening to new sounds, these can reconnect us with the adventure of discovery and remind us of our need for awe. It was the philosopher Aristotle who observed, 'In all things of nature there is something marvellous.' Noticing something as small as a broken eggshell can remind us of the new life of a flown chick. It now needs to find food, avoid the circling eagles and migrate when the season changes. Yet, on a summer evening, we may hear a nightingale sing for us and feel very small.

At St Mary's we will be looking again at our experiences of awe at the service on 6 August on the Feast of the Transfiguration.

Rev Julie Norris

Sunday 6 August Feast of the Transfiguration

Rev. Julie Norris will lead a traditional Trinity 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 we will be thinking about amazing and awesome experiences.



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We will celebrate **St Mary's Patronal Festival**. Rev. Julie Norris will lead a traditional Holy Communion using the Book of Common Prayer at 8am. This is followed by a 10am Parish Communion when Rev. Canon Adrian Daffern will preach.

This is also our **Farewell to Adrian and Megan Daffern**. Adrian has been leading services at St Mary's over the last year. He gave an insightful talk to us in July about what it was like to be involved in preparing the liturgy and supporting the Archbishop of Canterbury at the Coronation of King Charles III in May. Megan has also led services when her role as Acting Dean and Director of Studies at Gonville and Caius College have allowed. They are moving to Wells where Megan is to become Canon Chancellor of Wells Cathedral.

Sunday 20 August Eleventh after Trinity

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

Sunday 20 August 5pm

The Youth Group will meet in the **Community Room**. Any young people who are over 11 are welcome to come to this. There is tea, coffee or juice available and food.

Sunday 27 August Twelfth after Trinity

Rev. Julie Norris will lead a traditional Book of Common Prayer Holy Communion and at 10am we will have a sung contemporary Parish Communion service.

Later on 27 August there will also be the **Open Space Activity** for children and families. This starts at 3pm at St Mary's Churchyard outside the Community Room. There will be a range of games, creative activities as well as juice and biscuits for children and tea and coffee for adults.

Other activities**Saturday 5 August The Vicarage Garden Party**

Unfortunately, we had to postpone this in June because of Covid in the Vicarage. Julie and James are now looking forward to welcoming you from **2–5pm in the Vicarage Garden, 12 Church Street**. There will be cream teas, children's games, and some bric-a-brac and book stalls. There will also be a stall setting out ideas for the **Flower Festival to be held on 9-10 September**.

Our new website *stmarysgreatshelford.org*

There is a new welcoming video to be found on the home page of our revised website – do take a look. You will also find on the website updated information about our services and activities.

A new feature on the website is a short monthly reflection, which follows on Julie's jottings. The first of these was published three months ago, and if you have only just started looking at the website, you will have missed it.

The Light of the World is the name by which the famous painting by William Holman Hunt is known. Jesus Christ is depicted holding a bright lantern and standing outside a cottage door. There is no handle on the door; it can be opened only from the inside. This powerful image shows Christ, ever present, is ready to enter, ready to shed His light into our lives but it is we who must move to open the door of our hearts and minds to let Him in.

John wrote this section of Revelations (Ch 3 v 20) to the Laodiceans. They were rich and complacent, taken up with the pleasures of this world, money, possessions, secure and rather indifferent to the church and to God. Jesus is knocking on the door of our hearts and wants us to open up to Him. He is always patient, not breaking and entering, but knocking. We are free to decide whether or not to open our lives to Him, but what a difference it will make if we do. His light will illuminate all of the dark spaces that trouble us and make our happier times shine more brightly.

Do pay us a visit

There is currently a small photographic exhibition of some of the historical features of St Mary's. This can direct you to where you can see the remains of the Saxon Church which preceded the current Church, as well as drawing attention to the beautiful doom fresco dating back to the 15th Century.

Thought for the month:

Conventionality is not morality. Self-righteousness is not religion.

Charlotte Brontë

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Reorganisation

Over the last few months there have been discussions within Royal British Legion Head office about branch closures throughout the country. A proposal was put forward to introduce larger and more inclusive districts within cities and urban areas. Head office decided that this would be the way ahead.

Sawston & Pampisford has therefore become Sawston & District. This situation comes with many challenges for our branch, with our area now covering outlying villages such as Duxford and the Shelfords. During the next few months we offer support to those villages who want Poppy Campaign collection material together with wreaths etc. Please contact Kevin Swann, our branch secretary, for further information.

Events

Our branch continues to be active, with a planned display at Duxfest, together with the return of Newmarket Brass Band to Challis Gardens on Sunday 6 August. Entry is free for those wishing to attend.

Our Breakfast Club has started again; the next one is on Saturday 29 July at The Plough, Duxford from 9.30–10am, with September 2 earmarked for the following one. There will be discounted prices for RBL members. Non-members are welcome.

Normandy Tour

The City of Ely Branch are organising a tour to Normandy (September 4 – 8 2023). For those who have links to local Armed Forces Breakfast Clubs, please do pass the information on.

Although current costs are £600 per person it is hoped that further specific fund raising may reduce this sum. For more details about the tour please email CityofEly.chairman@rbl.community or telephone Dave Martin on 07748592148.

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BETTER WAYS FOR BUSWAYS UPDATE



Stapleford's Village Show was a great opportunity to find out more about Better Ways for Busways and our campaign for a more environmentally friendly alternative to a bus road through Stapleford greenbelt. With residents attracted by our three large tractors, we were kept busy throughout the afternoon with a fun competition and an encouraging sign up of support.

Sign the petition If you haven't already done so, 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 2,750 people have signed so far. Do encourage friends, family and colleagues to sign as well.

Howard Kettel, hello@bw4b.org

SHELFORD SCHOOL

Recent performances

Many of you will have enjoyed hearing the school choir at the Feast, led by Mrs Barlow and Mrs Bell. It is certainly not every school who receives the benefit of such expert tuition! The choir also performed at our Summer Concert in the Free Church, alongside the school orchestra, under the leadership of Mrs Roberts and Mrs Barlow and with support from Mr Barlow

and Mrs Bell. It was a hot and sticky evening, but the joy of the performers was infectious. In addition, Year 6 created a spectacular end of year production of *Robin Hood* including comedy, theatre and music, which was a superb testament to the creativity and teamwork of our students, staff and volunteers.

Year 6 Leavers

At the time of publication, we will have waved off our Year 6 pupils on completion of their primary school journey, but at the time of writing we still look forward to that celebration of all they have achieved and become through their time at Shelford School. Their responsibility, resilience, creativity and kindness will undoubtedly serve them well in the years to come. We wish them all the best as they embark on their next adventure in secondary school and look forward to hearing about their future accomplishments.

Staff Leavers

It is with a mix of sadness and gratitude that we bid farewell to a few members of our staff. Mr Cuff, Miss Hudson, Mrs Hulland, Mrs Kennedy, Mrs Murray and Miss Wesley are all moving on, and our office manager and finance secretary, Mrs Ward, will begin a gradual transition into retirement over the next term. We extend our sincere thanks to these outgoing staff for their invaluable contributions and wish them every success in their new adventures.

School Hall

Did you know that our school hall is available for lettings? Please contact the school office for further information and availability.

Admissions 2024

Applications will open shortly for children starting school in September 2024. If you are interested in applying for a place, please do get in touch. We look forward to meeting you and welcoming you to our wonderful school.

More details about the Cambridgeshire applications process are available here: <https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/children-and-families/schools-learning/apply-for-a-school-place> and our school admissions information is here: <http://www.shelfordschool.org.uk/web/admissions/191932>

As we move from one academic year to another, I'd like to thank everyone who has contributed to the school this year. We recognise that the strengths of this community come from the involvement and commitment of many wonderful people, all working for the best outcomes for the children.

Anna Caroe

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SHELFORD TWINNING ASSOCIATION EXCHANGE VISIT 8–11 JULY

For the first time in four years we were delighted to be able to welcome a party of 33 French people from Verneuil-en-Halatte, the village with which the Shelfords have been twinned for thirty five years. They arrived at Ashen Green exactly on time, where our guests were greeted by their host families and taken home for a relaxing evening. Many of the visitors had been before and are now old friends but a pleasing number were new to twinning, some visiting England for the first time.

Sunday was the day *en famille*, when the visitors were able to spend time with their hosts. Originally a visit to Cambridge had been scheduled for Tuesday morning but the necessity of an earlier departure for the ferry check-in meant a revision of plans. Therefore it was recommended that hosts take their guests into the city on the family day and show them the central area using a tour guide (in French as well as English) prepared by Janet. The French, especially those who had never been here before, were delighted and enthusiastic about Cambridge, praising the beauty of the architecture. Some enjoyed punting.

On Sunday evening everyone headed to the rugby club for the now traditional ceilidh evening with brief speeches of welcome and thanks, a *pot d'amitié*, a buffet meal, with much chatting with old and new friends; then the highlight – the ceilidh itself in which everyone, young and old, joined in, with the caller expertly teaching us the dance steps in English and French.



Dance in progress at the Sunday ceilidh

On Monday we took our French friends to Wimpole Estate for the day. At the entrance the children immediately enjoyed playing in the straw bale maze before walking down to the Stable block where the group was divided into three smaller groups which made it easier for visiting the different areas on the estate. Everyone marvelled at the beautiful gardens, commenting on the different style of planting in comparison to the more formal gardens in France. The pigs, piglets and Shire horses as well as the ‘singing duck’ in the barn were popular attractions at the farm. The visit to the hall resounded with, ‘*c’est beau*’, ‘*c’est magnifique*’, ‘We have chateaux in France but this is wonderful’.

Our friends were also delighted to find in one of the bedrooms a painting of the mill in the grounds of the Château de Chantilly, as Verneuil-en-Halatte is only a few kilometres from Chantilly.

The weather was very kind to us, dry, not too hot, ideal for the walks around the estate as well as enjoying a picnic lunch. Barrington recreation ground was our next stop after Wimpole where *un goûter* (afternoon snack) was served and the children enjoyed playing on the playground for half an hour.



The French adult visitors with some of the English hosts before the final farewells

On Tuesday morning in the short time available before departure we managed to fit in a walk round Great Shelford with the adults showing them the church, the mill and some of the interesting and historical buildings around the village. Thatched cottages were a novelty as these are found only in Normandy. The French children had a short visit to Shelford School. Mrs Kennedy took them on a tour of the classrooms and outside areas. They were particularly impressed with the swimming pool, the playing fields and the school uniform! There was then a whole school assembly, where the French children introduced themselves and Claudine, the President of the French Twinning Association talked about Verneuil en Halatte and the surrounding area, with the help of photos. Emma and Rosie Bunting were then interviewed about their visit to Verneuil in June. We are grateful for the support offered by Chris Grey, the Headteacher and the warm welcome from the staff and pupils of the school.

We are enormously grateful to our host families without whom visits of this nature would not be possible, for their kindness and generosity in welcoming the visitors. Also to Mr Rayment for once again allowing the French coach to park on his land.

Sarah Haddow, Janet Jefferson, Penny Pearl

GREAT SHELFORD VILLAGE CHARITY AWARDS FOR NEW ALMSHOUSES

The Great Shelford Village Charity has won two prestigious awards for its 21 new almshouse homes in the village.

The Almshouse Association picked the charity's development at More's Meadow for its annual Inspirational Homes Award recognising innovation in planning, design, quality of build and value for money.



Chair of the charity, Sarah Rann, accompanied by the Clerk, Mary Lester, travelled to Westminster on 15 June to receive the award at the Almshouse Association's Members Day.

This was followed on 28 June by Eastern Echo picking More's Meadow for its Best Residential Development award with two of

our directors, Jaspaul Hill and Brian Connellan, among the 200 industry professionals and guests attending Homerton College, Cambridge to celebrate the East of England's winners.

'We are thrilled that both the Almshouse Association and Eastern Echo have awarded prizes to our More's Meadow development. Residents moved in earlier this year and have already established a real community spirit, due in part, I believe, to the innovative building and landscape design,' said Sarah Rann.





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SAWSTON FUN RUN AND WALK – 2024 BECOME A BENEFICIARY

We are delighted to inform you that organisations can now apply to become a beneficiary of next year's Sawston Fun Run and Walk. As I am sure most readers are aware, each year this excellent community event raises thousands of pounds for local good causes.

We would like to hear from local community groups who would benefit from some additional funding in 2024. Grants are usually in the range of £250 - £1,500, but larger grants are also made to a couple of 'headline' organisations, usually in the order of £2,500 to £5,000.

The grants will be paid after next year's Fun Run on Sunday 12 May and are subject to the event going ahead and the anticipated funds being raised.

To give you a flavour of the type of support we have provided this year, we have helped the Arthur Rank Hospice purchase new televisions allowing patients greater access to news and entertainment during their stay.

We have helped an after school club purchase sports equipment and have assisted a local PTA in their project to buy new play equipment for their school. We have also helped a local youth organisation replace worn out resuscitation mannequins to allow them to continue to train young people to save lives.

If you feel your organisation could be helped by a grant from next year's Sawston Fun Run and Walk please email David Ellis for an application form at davidellis365@btinternet.com The form will also be available on the Fun Run and Walk website from the end of August at <https://sawstonfunrun.co.uk/>

We look forward to receiving application forms from a wide variety of local community groups.

David Ellis, Sawston Fun Run & Walk



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*

23 August 1839

PETTY SESSIONS SERIOUS RIOT – John Bowtell, Jesse Bowtell, Thos. Bowtell, Pearce Melbourne, William Rose and James Robinson all labourers were charged with riot, Wednesday the 12th August. It appeared that on that day one of the farmers had engaged a number of Irishmen to reap a portion of his wheat, which gave such offence to the villagers as to lead to this occurrence. The prisoners and some others not yet in custody, were the most violent of the mob. Mr. Cooper defended the prisoners. Mr. Maris, who is a farmer, stated that on Wednesday he engaged about 14 Irishmen to reap some wheat, when they were joined by some others, who begged hard to be allowed to work if only for a meal, as they were starving, and that he paid them 7s. per acre and beer, at which sum the villagers had refused to reap it. About half past six in the evening, hearing a great tumult in the street, he went out and saw a number of Irish running as fast as possible towards his house, followed by a large mob armed with sticks and stones, which were showered in the most merciless manner on the heads of the “paddies”, whom they threatened to kill. He took the poorer fellows into his house for protection, and fastened the doors, upon which the mob went away, but returned in about half an hour, and were more violent than before.

They came again to his house about dark, armed as before, and used the most violent threats against the Irish, whom they called to give evidence, but they pretended to know nothing about the prisoners, although they had given very different evidence before the magistrate who had signed the warrants for the apprehension of the prisoners

20 August 1842

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Date	Event	Time	Place
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9	Cactus Society	7.30	Memorial Hall
26	Village Market	9.30-12.30	Memorial Hall
Every Wednesday afternoon in August there are children's activities in the library – see p29 for details.			

Wednesdays: Country Market 9–11.30am
Tuesdays: Dr Bike at Stapleford Slaughterhouse 3–5.30pm

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LIBRARY NEWS

The popular **Summer Reading Challenge** continues to run through August. Please remember to keep coming into the library to tell us about the books you have read and to collect your stickers.

The library will be hosting events to entertain children through the long summer holidays. Please note that all events must be pre booked in the library or via cambourne.referral@cambridgeshire.gov.uk and children must always be accompanied by an adult.

Dinosaur event – Wednesday 2 August, 2–3.30pm.

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All ages but most suitable for 4+. £2 per child.

Buzzy Bee event – Wednesday 9 August, 2–3pm.

An informative and entertaining demonstration of bee-keeping plus bee themed crafts.

Suitable for ages 5+. £2 per child.

Ready Steady Magic – Wednesday 16 August, 2–3.15pm.

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Craft event – Wednesday 23 August, 2–3.30pm.

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Build your own Lego and Duplo creations.

Suitable for ages 2–10. £2 per child.

Our regular library activities will resume in September.

Finally - Don't forget, when travelling on holiday keep your luggage light by packing a mobile device with library eBooks, eAudiobooks and eComics.

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THURSDAY 10 AUGUST

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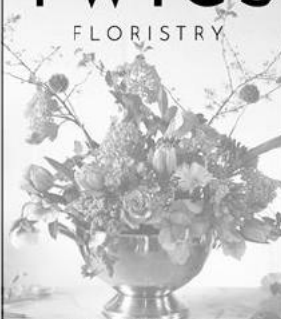
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READER'S LETTER

EAST WEST RAIL (EWR)

Editorial Note: A letter about EWR from Dr Stephen was published in the July edition. In this follow-up piece he suggests his list of solutions to the problems that were identified in the original contribution

Might I suggest that the way forward for all those who care about the Shelford villages is this:

1. EWR must be made to publish a real business plan. At the present time there is no business plan that proves the multi-billion taxpayers' investment is economically viable. Much of what exists is based on hopes for housing development, not certainties.
2. EWR makes much of the link with the new Biomedical campus development on the Addenbroke's site in its justification of the more expensive and environmental damaging southern route. Its plans are not based on a business plan for that campus, for the simple reason that such a business plan does not yet exist. EWR must be made to base its own plan on the equivalent for the Biomedical campus.
3. EWR's proposals must be made to allow for the fact that hospitals and scientific research centres no longer require leading researchers and medics to travel by train to meet each other. They do require nurses and lab technicians, but the numbers are unlikely to justify the proposed route, even if every single additional employee decided to commute by train.
4. EWR must be made to recognise in its published documentation that its journey times are based on station to station, and do not allow for travel time to the station.
5. EWR must be made to recognise that any claims to reduce road traffic must allow for the increased commuter traffic by road to its stations.
6. EWR must come clean about the use of diesel trains for freight transit through the historic centre of Cambridge.
7. EWR's plans should allow for the fact that according to 'The Times' newspaper the taxpayer is paying three times more for our rail services than in the days of British Rail.
8. EWR needs to respond to the allegation that the drive for the southern route is based on the potential profits to be made by developers and landowners.

Dr Martin Stephen

READER'S LETTER

TICKET OFFICES

Greater Anglia train company has given less than four weeks for consultations to take place over closing railway ticket offices. By the time you read this the so-called consultation period will be over. The likelihood is that Shelford will become an unstaffed station and we will have lost an invaluable asset.

For Shelford, Greater Anglia says, 'The proposal is that all ticket office windows at this station would close, with our staff moving to other station areas, where they would be better placed to help customers buy tickets and provide expert travel advice and information.'

Where would they be better placed than in the ticket office? Translating this into practical terms this statement from Greater Anglia means that at Shelford our railway staff, the wonderful Angela, will have to leave her ticket office (access allowed for health and hygiene needs, presumably) and will be forbidden from selling tickets, instead guiding customers outside to the machine or online to the Trainline app with its extra booking fee. What sense is there in that?

Undoubtedly, faced with standing around in the cold, unable to sell tickets or perhaps even to access the railways' central computer with its Byzantine ticketing system, Angela and many other railway employees will take redundancy or retire, leaving us with a depleted service – or no human assistance at all. Of course this will save money but what quality of service will we be left with?

Duncan Grey

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Our next monthly meeting will be held on Wednesday 9 August in Great Shelford Memorial Hall at 7.30pm. There will be an exhibit table top competition judged by a local expert as well as plants for sale, a raffle and refreshments. The speaker this month will be Paul Hoxey talking about cacti of the Rio Mantaro, Peru.

Please do come and see what we grow, discover how and why we grow them and more about these unique and fascinating plants.

Jacqui Arbon

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN UPDATE

NEVER HAS A NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN BEEN MORE NECESSARY OR TIMELY

Michael Gove weighs in

Since Autumn 2021, a steering group of Stapleford and Great Shelford residents and Parish Councillors has been working to produce a combined Neighbourhood Plan (NP) on behalf of our parishes. If you ever wondered why we started along this path, read on ...



Many residents will have seen the latest news about MP Michael Gove's plan to turn Cambridge into Britain's Silicon Valley. As the Sunday Times reported on 9 July, '... the proposals envisage a huge expansion of the city, which has about 150,000 residents. This includes identifying large swathes of land to construct new business parks, laboratories and science hubs. Local councils in the region are already considering plans for tens of thousands of new homes by 2040 but Gove's department believes this could be increased to between 200,000 and 250,000 homes.'

And if you think this plan could die with a potentially out-going Conservative government, the Guardian (10 July) suggests otherwise: '...the blueprint would still be there to pick up and tweak if an incoming Labour government felt like taking the heat for it, on the grounds that if all parties say they want to build more houses then they have to mean it and they also have to build where people want or need to live.'

At the time of writing, there have been all manner of responses to the announcement. Our MP, Anthony Browne, has described it as 'highly

speculative’, ‘simply impossible given our failing water supplies’ and has committed to oppose it in its current form. The City Council has claimed ignorance of the plans and said that it will be opposing them. So, chaos and confusion currently reign and we’re stuck right in the middle of it all.

Stapleford and Great Shelford residents prepare to state their case

We need a NP. It’s not about saying ‘no’ to development (in fact, NPs explicitly can’t do that). It’s about making sure that we have a say in how we want our area to develop and that identified local needs and valued places and spaces are not overlooked in the rapid economic growth which our wider region has been targeted to deliver. Policies in our NP will ultimately have equal weight to those in the Local Plan and National Planning Policy Framework when assessing all planning applications in our area.

In the light of this, the outcomes of our second NP community consultation in April–May 2023 are both pertinent and poignant. At a top level, key findings across all consultation topics were:

- 82% of respondents supported the draft vision statement
- support for all 10 draft objectives substantially outstripped any opposition
- if some elements of the NP have to be prioritised over others, objectives which seek to protect our rural setting and landscape, mitigate the effects of climate change and improve community amenities and infrastructure were perceived to be most important
- three quarters of respondents agreed with the principle of community led renewable energy schemes in our area
- over 75% of respondents supported equal access to our countryside, meaning that new and improved routes into our countryside should, where practicable, be suitable for all forms of non car use; however, path segregation may sometimes be required for safety reasons
- with respect to meeting housing needs, there is most support for adaptable homes, for affordable homes for people with strong local connections and for more affordable housing options for older people
- there is little current support for community led affordable housing schemes, such as rural exception sites, most likely because of local opposition to green belt development in general
- all areas of visually important open land were valued by consultation participants and a handful more were proposed for inclusion. Top of the poll were the Recreation Grounds and their adjoining open green spaces within each village
- all 26 views presented in the consultation paper were considered ‘very important’ or ‘important’ to our area. Overall, views to and from high

ground at Magog Down and/or Wandlebury Country Park were most valued

- Collier Field and Grange Field both attracted support for Local Green Space designation and respondents proposed a number of other green spaces for consideration
- all of the ‘countryside frontages’ which sweep into our built up area are valued; that between properties on Gog Magog Way and Chalk Hill (Stapleford) gained most support, whilst pasture at De Freville Farm (Great Shelford) attracted least
- residents would prioritise active travel improvements to nearby recreational spaces, to local shops and to the City over those to schools, biomedical sites and links to the wider travel network
- existing active travel routes could be made to work harder by being upgraded, joining safely with other active travel routes and hence attracting more users; the personal safety of vulnerable users also needs greater consideration
- respondents prioritised the following off road routes for improvement and/or extension: the path alongside Haverhill Road from Stapleford village to Magog Down; a bridge over the River Cam at Great Shelford Rec; the Drift Track to the south east of Haverhill Road, Stapleford.

There is a lot more detail and commentary about these findings – and about others which are less easy to summarise in a single bullet point – in the full report on the consultation. It is available to read digitally at www.greatshelfordparishcouncil.gov.uk/SGSNPlan and in hard copy at Great Shelford Library.

Full steam ahead

We are on track to complete our NP before the end of 2024. It’s a long and complicated process and we’re moving through it as fast as we can; some aspects (e.g. stakeholder consultation and community referendum) are governed by regulation and have minimum time periods attached to them so are outside of our control. We have now started work on the first draft of our NP, taking on board residents’ comments about our proposed vision and objectives as we translate them into planning policies for our area. You can read more about the NP process and our progress to date on our dedicated webpages at www.greatshelfordparishcouncil.gov.uk/SGSNPlan.

Jenny Flynn, Chair of the Neighbourhood Plan steering group
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ANTHONY BROWNE MP

Editorial Note – this statement is copied from Mr Browne's newsletter which is emailed to interested constituents. The MP's facebook page also covers this story

I woke up on Sunday to see in the Sunday Times that the Government supposedly planned to build 250,000 homes in and around Cambridge as part of a plan to turn it into the UK's Silicon Valley – something I knew nothing about. Given there are just over 50,000 homes in Cambridge, this would mean increasing the size of the city more than fivefold.

There is a shortage of housing and Cambridge is already growing very fast, with local Lib Dems and Labour planning another 57,000 homes in and around the city. But the scale of development in the story would be utterly unacceptable. It also won't happen, because we are already short of water and the Environment Agency is already systematically blocking all the Lib Dem plans for new developments because there is no water for them.



I made the case against the 250,000 homes on Sunday in a call to the Housing Minister Rachel Maclean (yes, MPs often work seven days a week), and on Monday in a call to and meeting with Michael Gove, the secretary of state. I also issued a public statement outlining my opposition, did an interview on BBC Radio Cambridgeshire and ITV television news and wrote a detailed letter to Michael Gove setting out my concerns and urging them to do more to sort out the water shortages.

The Sunday Times story was a leak of a very conceptual discussion about dozens of locations around the country where housing growth could be accelerated. There is a sense of déjà vu. In 2020, the Treasury announced plans for a new town west of Cambridge, but they quickly dropped the proposal after I pointed out that there are already three new towns being built out in South Cambridge. This new pipe dream will also not survive its encounter with reality.

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After a couple of interruptions from Covid The Feast got back into the swing of things with a staggering week of events! There was hardly a dull moment, with the beer festival exploring over 30 varieties and Feast Day itself seeing people relaxing in warm summer sun with plenty of stalls and freshly roasted pork and lamb.

The following week saw some great dancing and lively performance from youngsters in SYD, risqué comedy from the likes of Seann Walsh and Mad Ron, a brilliant quiz, delightful church concert, very impressive musicianship from the Amy Winehouse

Band, finishing with an all dancing, all shaking evening from Trevor Nelson – the earth moved as 1250 people waved and jumped until late!

Thanks go to all the volunteers who made this possible. We estimate over 100 people helped out in some way over the week. We, the Bunch, couldn't do it without you. Here John Parker and Bill Tiley beaver away cutting vegetables for the famous Feast Stir Fry – just one of a hundred jobs that make the Feast a success. To those who tidied up, collected rubbish, built the bar and the cooler room, carried shifted and moved equipment, tables and chairs for every evening ...



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Dance night, Trevor Nelson and Marquee by Night.

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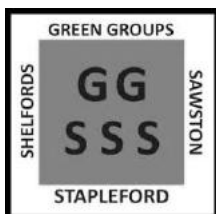
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Dates for your diary

Nature walk with John O'Boyle – Bury Farm track, Saturday 19 August, 2pm. Meet at the start of the track near the Granary. John will point out plants and insects along the path, and is very knowledgeable about nature. The walk is at your own risk; please wear suitable clothes and footwear.

Book Club – is on Tuesday 22 August at The Three Horseshoes, discussing 'Reimagining Capitalism' by Rebecca Henderson. If you want to join us please send an email to 2G3S with 'Book Club' in the title so that we can let you know of any changes and future events.

Dr Bike – cycle repair shop every Tuesday from 3pm to 6pm, at the Old Slaughterhouse in Stapleford. We also hope to run a 'back to school' session for parents and children on Sunday 3 September, more details will appear on our website.

Cycle ride – there isn't one in August, but the next one will be on Monday 18 September. Start at 10am at Stapleford Pavilion. Booking essential, at greener@sawston.org.

Advance notices – on Sunday 15 October we are planning a film show in Whittlesford. On Sunday 22 October there will be an energy event in the City Centre at which Younity, part of Octopus Energy, will talk about community energy generation. There will also be speakers and advice about reducing your home's energy usage.

Conversation/discussion evenings will also be held in September, November, January and February on a variety of topics. More information on all of these in future magazines!

Repairing, reusing and recycling

As I write this we are organising our July Repair Café and SWISH event at Shelford Rugby Club. I hope that some of you will have come along and had items repaired, or picked up a new-to-you summer outfit. Our repairers are very skilled and patient and will often manage to fix broken items, saving you money and landfill space.

More generally, when you are recycling items and are not sure which bin to put it in or where to take it, see SCDC's website at scamb.gov.uk/bins for help.

I am trying to avoid single use plastic as it's Plastic Free July – it's hard! I get a veg box delivered already and have taken my own boxes (old takeaway boxes) to the butchers and the Thursday fish man in Sawston for meat and fish,

and visited Green Weigh and Mary's in Sawston. I am avoiding the big supermarkets as nearly everything is in plastic – but I know I'll have a long list of groceries needed in August to stock up! The point is to continue some of these habits into the future, reducing the amount of plastic packaging going in my bin. Supermarkets really need to step up in packaging items differently.

Books to read

Apart from reading our book club choices, you might be interested in these two books. One is all about fungi, Merlin Sheldrake's 'Entangled Life'. It describes how ubiquitous and adaptive this life form is and how vital fungi are to plant growth. You may have heard of the 'Wood Wide Web' – it refers to the network of fungal fibres that connect up the trees in a wood, sharing nutrients, communicating disease risks and other things. It is written in a very easy to read style. Did you know that a growing fungus can negotiate a maze?

The other book I've read recently is 'The Earth Transformed' by Peter Frankopan. He is a historian, and has written books on the Silk Roads, both old and new (the Chinese Belt and Road Initiative). This new book is a world history, showing how climate has impacted our history since ancient times, by affecting agriculture and the spread of diseases and putting pressures on socioeconomic structures such that civilisations can fall if they don't adapt. He likens the environment to a stage that animals and plants, including us, live on – when the stage collapses we all go with it.

It is quite appalling to read what we have done to the Earth and it seems impossible that people will work together to halt carbon emissions and environmental damage quickly enough to avoid horrific temperature rises, with all the knock on effects on weather and agriculture that will cause. But although it feels like we might as well give up, anything we can do, or push our politicians and businesses to do, will reduce the temperature rises and subsequent environmental changes that our grandchildren will have to endure.

Contact us

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

TENNIS CLUB TOURNAMENT NEWS

I reported last month on the mixed and ladies' doubles tournament round robins; there was no space for all of the pictures then but here belatedly are the mixed doubles contestants:



I'm delighted to report that the men's competition took place the following week. Conditions were somewhat different to the previous weekend, with the end of the event having to be postponed until a later date due to rain. There will be two 'play-off' matches arranged to decide the finalists, so check back here next month for confirmation of the successful pairs.



The singles tournaments continue on apace, with the first round of both the men's and ladies' draws completed and the plate competition begun.

In the county leagues, the mixed matches started at the end of June and will continue through July and into August. We have four mixed teams playing in the leagues this summer, and hope everyone taking part enjoys themselves.

Angharad Harris

SSYI JULY NEWSLETTER

We are delighted to share with you an exciting update on our work including our recent youth residential trip. The trip was organised with the aim of providing our young people with a unique and memorable experience in nature, fostering personal growth, teamwork and adventure.

From 30 May to 1 June, five young people from our Tuesday youth group embarked on a journey to Brenscombe outdoor centre, located in the heart of Dorset. This beautiful facility, nestled amidst picturesque landscapes, offered the perfect setting for our youth to immerse themselves in outdoor pursuits, bond with peers and create lasting memories. During their stay, the young people engaged in a range of exhilarating and educational activities, including:

Team Building Challenges: The group participated in a variety of team building exercises designed to promote communication, cooperation and problem solving skills. These included thinking of, planning for, preparing and making a meal for the whole team. The winning meal idea was battered chicken followed by apple pie and custard and it was delicious!

Outdoor Adventures: We had a full day of outdoor activities consisting of archery, rifle shooting, building a giant catapult and using the High Ropes adventure course. Not only did these activities encourage team building, they also helped the young people foster a sense of resilience and self confidence with several of them trying the highest ropes course despite a fear of heights.

Night-time activities: Our evenings were filled with engaging entertainment, including the games of Uno and Nerf wars, as well as building a campfire,



toasting marshmallows and storytelling. These things provided a platform for our youth to share stories and develop new friendships.

All our young people displayed remarkable enthusiasm and resilience throughout the trip. They challenged themselves, conquered fears and grew individually and as a group.

We are excited to announce that Tilly has increased her hours with us and we also have a new full time Youth Worker, Kay. Due to this increase in staff capacity, we have a renewed focus on detached community work meaning you will be seeing a lot of Kay and Tilly around the villages. They will actively connect with and reach out to our young people in their preferred

environments, such as parks, recreational areas and community spaces. This approach fosters meaningful connections, builds trust and allows us to better understand the needs and aspirations of our young people. We are confident in creating an inclusive and supportive environment where our young people can thrive. Please do say hello to the girls if you see them out and about!

We have been able to restart the Girl's Group in Great Shelford on a Wednesday and have plans to open a new group in Duxford from September, alongside restarting our younger open access sessions in Sawston. Also we've increased our targeted provision work in school giving our young people even more of an opportunity to receive guidance and support.

Additionally, it is important to acknowledge and express our gratitude to our trustees, sponsors, parents, carers, guardians, staff and young people for their support and encouragement, which is invaluable in fostering the development and empowerment of our village's young people.

From the whole team at SSYI – a massive thank you!

For more information on the work we do head to www.ssyi.club or contact our Lead Youth Worker Zac on 07599 024210 or zac.britton@ssyi.club or Kirsty Townsend on admin@ssyi.club

Kirsty Townsend

HISTORY WALK

Thursday 3 August at 7.30pm

A Farming Life

Starting at High Green, I'll talk about farming in the village, the houses and the people who lived in them, and the way of life until things began to change in the late 1800s.

Meet at the foot of the Cambridge Road railway bridge on High Green (opposite Noel Young Wines).

The walk will last between 60 and 90 minutes, ending in Church Street. Afterwards, you may join us for a drink at the Square and Compasses, if you so wish.

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Mini farm animal and pets experience, guided nature walks, family games, bouncy castles, society stalls and many more attractions for young and old.

Exhibit your Scarecrow in wacky head gear (details on next page)

Enter produce, baking and art into the Village Show.

BBQ and licensed bar available all afternoon.

Saturday 16 September, 7 for 7.30pm – Hats off to Cameo Cabaret

An evening of fun and entertainment for everyone featuring ‘Cameo’ Acapella Choir and ‘Loose Chickens’ Barbershop Quartet. The Cambridge Impronauts, the oldest improvised comedy troop in Cambridge will also perform

Venue: Little Shelford Memorial Hall.

Fish and chip supper. Licensed bar available.

Tickets: £15 per person (including supper) from Kate 07940 217763; kjwaldock@yahoo.co.uk and Sarah 842498; coppendales@btinternet.com.

Sunday 17 September – All Saints Harvest Celebration 11am

Songs and celebration for Harvest in the Marquee. All ages welcome.

Non perishable gifts will be collected for Jimmy’s night shelter. Join us after the service for tea, coffee, cake and conversation.

Sunday 17 September – Village History Walk 12.30pm

75 minute walk departing the Marquee and including the Village Pump and All Saints Church. Led by local residents with a flair for history!

Sunday 17 September – Family Picnic 1pm

Bring a picnic, family and friends to a relaxed summer afternoon on the Wale Recreation Ground.

Scarecrow Competition for all the family and local groups!

To add something a bit different and because Scarecrows make us smile and spread happiness, we want families to start work on their scarecrows at the beginning of September so that they start to appear around the village for two weeks before the village weekend. Create an amusing scarecrow scene with a hat theme and display your scarecrows on your drive or garden where they can be seen by passers by. Then on Saturday 16 September, move your scarecrows to the Wale Recreation Ground ready for the scarecrow judging as part of the Saturday Village Fete. **We are offering prizes for the best scarecrows. First, second and third placed scarecrows will be awarded a cash prize of £30, £20 and £10.**

For more details email Christa at christajostock@hotmail.com

Please come along and support us in bringing the villagers of Little Shelford, their friends and families together for fun & friendship. We are raising funds to improve our community so if you would like us to consider donating to your group or project please email us. For more information, offers of help or to run a stall on Saturday afternoon contact Jo Boyle: joboyle780@gmail.com or call 07774 843770 or 01223 843984.

SHELFORD SUPPORT GROUP (SSG) TEMPORARY CLOSURE FOR AUGUST



The organisers of SSG, the Community Transport service for the Shelfords and Stapleford, regret to announce that we will not be organising any journeys for the four weeks from Monday 31 July to Tuesday 29 August.

In June we undertook 79 passenger journeys and July is expected to be equally busy, but SSG is run entirely by volunteers and unfortunately this summer we simply don't have enough coordinators or drivers available to maintain our usual commitments indefinitely.

If we are unable to recruit some more volunteers the whole future of SSG is uncertain. So please, if anyone would like to find out more about SSG and might have some spare time to coordinate (matching journey requests to driver availability) or drive (predominantly for health related appointments) then we would be delighted to hear from you!

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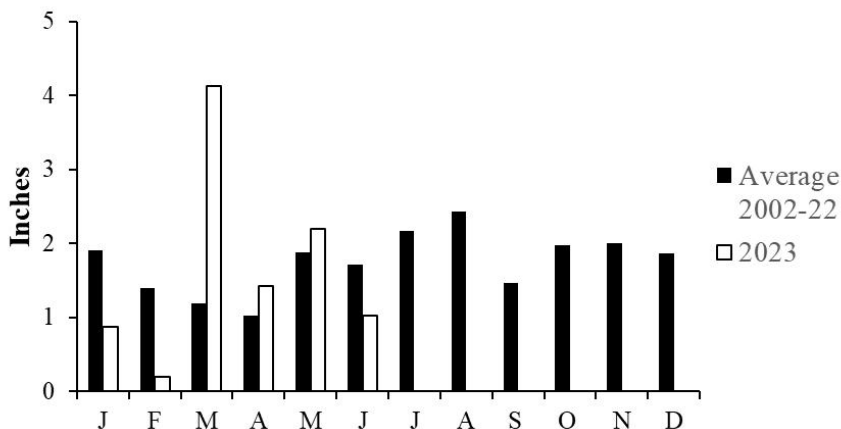
Not such good news to report this month – one victory followed by three defeats. Aspenden were bowled out for 69 thanks to a wonderful performance of left arm spin bowling by Nusrat Hamid who took 7 wickets for 12 runs, including a hat trick. The bowling figures are a club 1st XI record and nobody could recall a previous hat trick. It wasn't all plain sailing in reply, but Nawan Sharma steadied the ship and we won by 5 wickets.

We then lost relatively close games home and away against Birchanger, either side of a heavy defeat by Barrington whose opening bowler rapidly dismissed our top order to effectively end the contest. So we are now sitting mid table, but hoping for a brighter end to the season which concludes with a home match against Barley on Saturday 19 August.

Meanwhile the All Stars and Dynamos programme for children from age 5 to 11 has been concluded without too much interference from rain. Many thanks to Julia Creed for the overall organisation and to the parents and club members who have supported her. We can't run the sessions without leaders and helpers, so if your child wants to play next year how about talking to us about joining the team, past experience not necessary! Not all the junior teams have completed their seasons, so I will report on them next month.

Peter Ede (Chair)

Great Shelford Village Rainfall 2023



From data supplied by Angus Campbell

WHAT'S ON IN AUGUST

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

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6	Summer Jazz at Wandlebury (3–5pm)
22	Meet the Cows (10.30–11.30pm)
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19 July to 30 Aug	Museum of Classical Archaeology Life on the Edge – a choose-your-own-adventure trail
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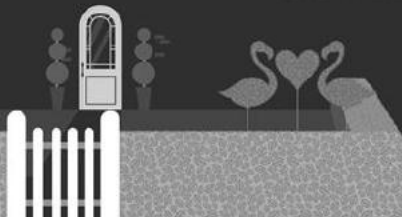
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