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SUMMARY FROM THE UNADOPTED MINUTES OF THE MEETING ON 20 SEPTEMBER 2023

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was noted that since the meeting on 19 July the new intruder alarm has been installed at the Pavilion. The Chair and Executive Officer attended the conference held by the Cambridge and Peterborough Association of Local Councils (CAPALC) on 15 September, where there was a talk from Stephen Moir, Chief Executive for Cambridgeshire County Council, and other interesting talks on topics including website accessibility and dealing with difficult people.

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN UPDATE

Additional funding has been secured for the project. A rough draft of the plan would be circulated to all steering group members at the end of September and it was anticipated that the draft will be sent to Greater Cambridge Shared Planning towards the end of October.

Cllr Ashurst queried the Housing Needs Assessment accuracy as dwellings which have been built for locals do not appear to be supporting local residents. It was agreed to write to the Village Charity to find out what the situation is.

COMMUNICATIONS WORKING GROUP

The action plan to extend engagement with the community was considered and it was agreed to adopt the plan, with a budget of £3,000 to be delegated to the Executive Officer with input from the working group. The Chair expressed thanks to the Communications Working Group for the work undertaken.

CAMBRIDGE BIOMEDICAL CAMPUS WORKING GROUP

The Chairman updated members on the letter sent out by Nick Kirby of Cambridge Biomedical Campus Limited (CBC) to the Federation of Cambridge Residents' Associations (FeCRA) challenging some information provided by the Community Liaison Group in correspondence to the FeCRA, and the proposed joint letter to be sent from Great Shelford Parish Council and Trumpington Residents Association to the FeCRA correcting errors and misunderstandings in the letter from Mr Kirby. It was agreed that the letter be sent to the FeCRA.

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COUNCIL ADMINISTRATION MATTERS

a) Cllr Watson updated members on his recent talks with South Cambridgeshire District Council members about how the village can work to retain businesses in Shelford and entice new businesses to the area. He expressed an interest in setting up an Economic Development Working Group to support local businesses. Cllrs Ghersemi and Stanton expressed an interest in being part of the Working Group. Cllr Disley will liaise with the group about communications it may require.

b) Following review of the Trumpington Residents Association's letter about the Green Belt and CBC, it was agreed to offer the Parish Council's support and to communicate this to other organisations involved in the potential encroachment into the Green Belt.

c) The Rainbow Pre-School, Wacky After-School and Holiday Club have applied for an extension to their planning permission. It was agreed to support the need for the provision of pre, after school and holiday cover when the planning application comes forward (but not a temporary facility). A letter will also be sent to the governing body confirming that the temporary building is not adequate for the needs of the village children, especially those with disabilities and complex needs.

d) In relation to concerns about water quality, Cllr Watson noted that Harston Parish Council have joined Cams Valley Forum, meaning that they are able to get their water tested regularly. Two residents have agreed to monitor the water in Great Shelford. It was agreed to join Cams Valley Forum at a cost of £150 as a life member.

e) SSYI have applied to install a cooker hood and extractor fan in the kitchen and to widen the cupboard door at the bottom of the external stairs at the Memorial Hall. It was agreed to permit the SSYI to make the alterations.

COMMUNITY MATTERS

It was agreed to hold a Christmas light switch-on event on Saturday 2 December with a budget of £4,000, to include as many local groups as possible.

FINANCE MATTERS

It was noted that following the Priority Zone 1 tree survey, urgent work is required on several trees at the Recreation Ground, Freestones Corner and the Memorial Green. It was agreed to employ Brookfield Groundcare to undertake the required work at a cost of £2,265 + VAT.

HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORT

Cllr Watson updated everyone about ongoing discussions with Cambridgeshire County Council and Jesus College to open up Jenny's Path as an official permissive footpath. Jesus College is prepared to grant a licence to cover the maintenance of the footpath. The ongoing concern is about who is going to pay the licence fee (£1,000 + RPI annually). S106 money is available but it is not clear whether it can be used for this purpose. It was agreed that the Parish Council would be prepared to pay the licence fee + RPI if the S106 money cannot be used.

It was agreed to purchase a Speed Indicator Device to be placed on Hinton Way.

A statement to accompany the second Intermodal Report on the potential for a one-way system in the village was discussed and it has agreed to publish this on the website, together with the report.

Cllr Disley summarised the proposed survey, supporting documents and proposed timeline for initial engagement with residents following the publication of the two Intermodal reports. It was agreed to design and publish the questionnaire.

The Traffic & Transport Infrastructure Working Group has been working on a plan for Church Street. Residents now need to be consulted on this. It was agreed to have a meeting on 22 (or 29) November 2023.

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

PARISH COUNCIL & COMMITTEE MEETINGS IN NOVEMBER

Planning Committee	6 November	7.30pm Pavilion
Buildings & Grounds Committee	8 November	7.00pm Pavilion
Full Council Meeting	15 November	7.00pm Pavilion
Planning Committee	20 November	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.



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PLANNING APPLICATIONS

PARISH COUNCIL COMMENTS (20.09.23 & 2.10.23)

23/03262/HFUL	197 Hinton Way	New entrance including closing up existing sub-standard access and detached home office for domestic use.
No comment.		

23/03425/LBC 23/03424/HFUL	Granhams Farm Granhams Road	Demolition of single storey extension and detached outbuilding and replacement with glazed linked single storey extension. Refurbishment of cottage including replacement of cement render with lime based render, additional wall insulation, replacement double glazed windows, installation of air source heat pump and solar panels.
Application supported.		

23/03531/HFUL	1 Red Hill Lane	Single storey rear extension with side dormer at first floor level.
Application supported.		

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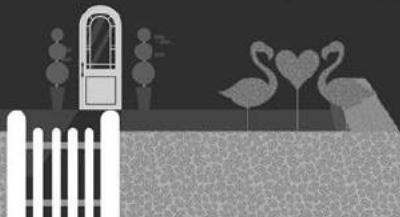
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PARISH COUNCIL NOVEMBER NEWS

Hats and scarves are on, soon we'll be counting down to Christmas and 2024!

Highways and Public Meeting

I hope you will have received and completed our recent Traffic Consultation survey which was delivered to every dwelling in Great Shelford (and was online too). The deadline for completion was 3 November but if you were not able to get your views across in time, fear not. We are holding a public meeting on **Wednesday 22 November at 7pm** in the Memorial Hall to discuss ideas in how to make our streets safer for all users. So please come along and listen to our ideas and provide us with your considered views.

Christmas Lights

Join us as we turn on the Christmas lights on Saturday 2 December. We are trying something a little new this year with stalls, rides, food and of course Santa making an appearance. Keep an eye on social media, our website and noticeboards for more information as it becomes available.

Verges

During October, Libby and Jenny spent a soggy morning on the verges marking up seven areas (five verges) for wildflower planting. We have acknowledged that though we had best intentions with the 'No Mow May' initiative, with warmer wetter weather this is not feasible. We will, therefore, be mowing the verges throughout May, but we are creating around 95 square metres of wildflower areas on verges at:

- the junction of Orchard Road with Hinton Way
- the junction of Mingle Lane with Hinton Way
- Church Street at the end of Kings Mill Lane
- High Green opposite Noel Young Wines
- Cambridge Road by our new bus shelter near Trinity Lane.

Councillor Vacancies

Your parish council works for the benefit of its residents, providing a range of services and facilities for all. At full capacity, we should have 15 councillors. Currently we are three councillors short; we'd love to hear from you if:

- you are passionate about your local area
- you want to make a difference in your local community
- you are able to offer your skills and experience
- you enjoy being part of a diverse and proactive team.

Don't forget to get in touch with us should you have any relevant concerns. Our telephone number is 01223 61 66 22.

Malcolm Watson, Chairman



GREAT SHELFORD PARISH CHURCH

Saint Mary the Virgin

Julie's Jottings

We enter again the season of remembering as we move into November. In the Church we think about the long-gone saints and we also remember those who have died more recently. We remember, remember the fifth of November and the plot to blow up the Houses of Parliament, and we join together as churches and village to remember those who died in wartime conflicts to enable us to have the freedom that we enjoy today. Collective remembering shapes the way that we look at our personal and communal values. More locally, at a funeral it helps for us to remember the qualities that we saw in the person who has died. We can aspire to better choices by learning from the good that we have recognised in others. These acts of remembering also stop us from seeing ourselves in isolation. The secular and religious saints of the past help us to see the common good and the merits in building a better world for those who come after us.

Rev Julie Norris

A reflection ... Blessed are the meek

When Jesus, in his longest recorded sermon, gave us the Beatitudes (Matt 5. 1-12) he described what he was looking for in his followers, or what his followers should aspire to in order to become like Him. 'Blessed are the meek ...' Nowadays meekness is often looked on as weakness, but it is not so at all. It is certainly a direct contradiction of the way many people choose to behave, lacking kindness and courtesy, being self-centered, aggressively proud and mercilessly uncharitable. Easy to understand then why 'meekness' might have no place in their lives. We might well ask where the 'gentle' gentleman or gentlewoman has gone.

Jesus' hearers were left in no doubt that living the beatitudes would not be easy and they would almost certainly meet plenty of opposition, insults and persecution for their efforts. It is important to understand that these eight precious blessings are not as it were a multiple-choice selection, not an *a la carte* menu. They must be taken as a whole, for they describe what we, as Christ's followers, should be like. The beatitudes present us with a challenge to the way we live each day. Blessed indeed are the meek, who show kindness and courtesy to others, are compassionate, not selfish and share their time and resources with those in need, who are not concerned with self-aggrandisement through their charitable giving and works. We need so many more of them!

NOVEMBER SERVICES AND EVENTS

Saturday 4 November	
	10.30am–12 noon: Maureen's Saturday Coffee Morning in the Community Room.
Sunday 5 November, All Saints Sunday	
	<p>8am: Traditional All Saints Holy Communion using the Book of Common Prayer, led by Julie Norris.</p> <p>10am: Parish and Family Communion Service where the children take part. We will be looking at Saints who inspire us and ways that we can make sure that what we say and what we do match up. In addition, Juno, Otis and Digby will be baptised.</p> <p>Confirmation Classes take place after the service. This week we look at why we might want to read the Old Testament.</p> <p>5pm: Service to Commemorate the Faithful Departed. The names of those who have died in recent times will be remembered. We welcome anyone who would like to remember a loved one and light a candle. We ask that names to be read out are left at the back of the Church by the Sunday before.</p>
Saturday 11 November	
	10.45am Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial. The Roll Call will be read of those from the village who laid down their lives for our peace and liberty. We will remember them in the two-minute silence at 11am, and will honour their sacrifice.
Sunday 12 November, Remembrance Sunday	
	<p>8am: Traditional All Saints Holy Communion using the Book of Common Prayer, led by Julie Norris.</p> <p>9.30am: The United Church and Village Remembrance Day Service in St Mary the Virgin Church. Children and adults will join in the act of remembrance of those who died to ensure our peace and freedom. We will also be praying for peace in the world. We then make our way to the War Memorial to remember together and lay wreathes and crosses. This will be followed by tea and coffee.</p>
Sunday 19 November, Second Sunday before Advent	
	<p>8am: Traditional All Saints Holy Communion using the Book of Common Prayer, led by Julie Norris.</p> <p>10am: Parish Communion.</p>

	5pm: Youth Discussion Group Meeting in the Community Room. This is a time to talk about key issues of the day, and also to have tea and cake.
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Sunday 26 November, Feast of Christ the King, Advent	
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	8am: Traditional All Saints Holy Communion using the Book of Common Prayer, led by Julie Norris.
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	10am: Parish Communion with a Sung Festival Eucharist to celebrate Christ the King.
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	3pm: Open Space Activity for children and families at St Mary's Churchyard outside the Community Room. There will be a range of games and creative activities as well as juice and biscuits for children and tea and coffee for adults.
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Zoom Services continue each Sunday Evening at 6.30pm and give a lovely space to pause and listen to music and a reading which, at the end of the weekend, can prepare us for the week ahead.

There will be a Communion Service at Cambridgeshire Care home on 16 November at 10.30 and a Service on 24 November at 11am.

See the St Mary the Virgin Great Shelford website for up-to-date information about our services and activities. Please visit us at <https://www.stmarysgreatshelford.org>.

Thought for the month: Mankind must put an end to war or war will put an end to mankind.

John F. Kennedy

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LITTLE SHELFORD LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

Little Shelford Memorial Hall

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a talk by Duncan Mackay

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Although job interviews may be a long way off for our pupils we like to get them prepared for the concept, so there was an application and interview process for the positions of Head Girl and Head Boy, with Florence and Gilbert now appointed for this school year. Amongst their tasks will be chairing the meetings of the School Council – itself a valuable life skill – and accompanying prospective parents on tours of the school. Congratulations also go to deputies Olivia and Jasper.

Our Deputy Head and Year 6 teacher, Mrs Alderson, is going on maternity leave. Our best wishes go with her and we look forward to hearing news in due course. We are delighted that cover for her class will be provided by Mr Kerin. He previously taught in the school a couple of years ago; that was in Year 4, so he will be picking up with the same group of children this year. I'm sure he will notice the great progress they have made while he has been away!

Our main church activity in this first half term was the Harvest Service, which was held at St Mary's and wonderfully led by our Year 3 children. At the service and during the harvest season we have been very pleased to collect donations of food and money to support Jimmy's Cambridge in their work to provide shelter and support to those in most need.

Peter Ede, Governor

REMINDER

THE OVER-70S CHRISTMAS PARTY

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Great Shelford Free Church

At Great Shelford Free Church (GSFC) we regularly support several missions both in the UK and overseas. In this month's Village News we have an article written about one of the missions we support, which is based in Romania.

Learn to do right; seek justice. Defend the oppressed. Take up the cause of the fatherless; plead the case of the widow. Isaiah 1:17

Centre of Hope – God's Love in Action (GLIA), Dorohoi, Romania

Let's go back to the pre-Covid-19 times of 2019 ...

The Centre of Hope – GLIA– is a much-used community centre in the town of Dorohoi, situated in the far north of Romania. It is run by a local charity, Asociatia (Romanian spelling) Centre of Hope and is funded by a UK-based charity, Centre of Hope – GLIA, that was set up over 25 years ago. The Centre provides around 60 hot meals daily to the impoverished residents of the town and surrounding villages, hosts a mid-week Praise Service and allows homeless, ex-orphanage people to have hot showers. In the grounds there is a children's playground, and several after-school clubs are run at the Centre. Also, the charity distributes food, gas bottles and logs for domestic stoves, plus clothes, toiletries and other items. An educational programme provides much-needed resources and financial help to young people who want to take further education opportunities.

In April 2019 a group of 11 GSFC members visited the Centre and spent a week building an outside under-stair cupboard and painting a number of outside items. Most of the group had never visited Romania before, so the charity founders, Peter and Lesley Butcher, took small groups to visit some of the locals in their homes. All the visitors were shocked that so many people live in such relative poverty in a developed European country. However, it wasn't always like this. As part of the Soviet Union, Romania enjoyed investment from Russia and Dorohoi was a prosperous place thanks to the town's glass and ceramics factories. Then, after the fall of the Soviet Union when the flow of Russian money ceased, no replacement investment was forthcoming and the town became a shadow of its former self, with unemployment steadily rising to the current 80% or more.

During the next two years, Covid-19 arrived, and all the aid provided by the Centre temporarily stopped. Eventually restrictions were relaxed and hot food packets were made available from the driveway of the Centre. However, the Centre could not be used for meetings and the playground remained closed.

Soon after the Russian invasion of Ukraine in February 2022, Ukrainian refugees appeared in Dorohoi as they crossed the Ukrainian and Moldavian borders, and the Centre made accommodation available to them. In total, the Centre helped over 200 refugees over a 12-week period.

By October 2022, the Wednesday evening Praise Services and the playground were reinstated, albeit not to the same level as pre-Covid times. Peter and Lesley are concerned by the loss of the social lunches and are thinking of ways to increase the level of pastoral care provided. When they lived in the Centre, which they did from 2002 to 2009, they spent a lot of time visiting the local residents, but the amount of time they can do this at present is limited by the fact that they now live in Lossiemouth, Scotland, and are in their mid-seventies, although they still visit a few times a year. They would like to employ a local person to do the pastoral visits, but finding the right individual is proving difficult.

GSFC has generously supported Centre of Hope – GLIA with donations of money and time for the last five years. Another working visit of GSFC members is currently being planned for May 2024. So the work goes on ... !

If you would like to know more about the work and assistance provided by the charity, please visit www.centreofhopeglia.com or if you have any questions just email me at gbriscoe61@virginmedia.com.

*Graham Briscoe, Chair of Trustees, Centre of Hope – GLIA
and Deacon of Great Shelford Free Church*

EVENTS AT GREAT SHELFORD FREE CHURCH

Sunday Services 10.30am, all welcome.

Joint Remembrance Service with St Mary's Church Sunday 12 November. This service will be held at St Mary's Church at 10am followed by an act of remembrance at the Village Memorial.

Café Church Sunday 26 November at 10.30am. Informal service where refreshments are served around tables.

Open Space Sunday 26 November: 3–4.15pm. Joint outdoor family event with St Mary's Church held in St Mary's churchyard.

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

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

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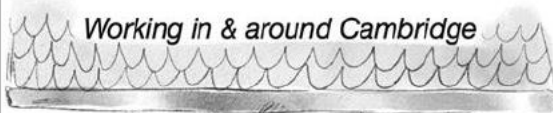
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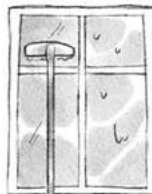
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READERS LETTER

THE LAST RACE TRACK IN SOUTH CAMBS?

As I drive through villages next to or near Great Shelford, nearly every week I notice new speed limits or new measures for cars and motorcycles to keep to the speed limit. Nothing of that kind seems to be happening in Great Shelford. Quite the opposite, it seems. For example, the 30mph sign that used to be painted on the road near the roundabout in Hinton Way has not been re-instated since the road was resurfaced (one or two or more years ago?)

Working Speed Indicator Devices (SIDs) are a rare sight and not effective.

Cars and motorcycles drive along the straight stretch of the 30 mph Hinton Way, between the top of the hill and the roundabout, at up to or over 70mph and 40–50mph seems the default speed. This stretch must be the last racing track left in South Cambs.

As for the Parish Council's support for the proposed phlebotomy centre in Hinton Way, maybe this is a way of slowing down the traffic?

Daniela Grant

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Looking back at July's weather we see that the Feast had the best weather of the month – and we can now say that this helped us towards a successful and profitable event.

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DIARY NOVEMBER 2023

Date	Event	Time	Place
2	WI Meeting (p 36)	7.30pm	St Mary's Community Hall
3	Twinning Talk (p 34)	7.30pm	Free Church
2, 9, 16, 23, 30	Carpet Bowls (every Thursday)	7.00pm	Memorial Hall
4	Shelford School PTA Bike Sale	8.00am	Memorial Hall
22	Parish Council Traffic Policy (p 8)	7.00pm	Memorial Hall
29	Engage Talk (p 20)	2.00pm	Library
25	Village Market	9.30am	Memorial Hall
26	Scouts' Jumble Sale (back page)	2.00pm	Memorial Hall
Wednesdays: Country Market 9–11.30am, 1, 8, 15, 22, 29			

	BIN COLLECTIONS Black bins Tuesday 14, Tuesday 28 November Blue and Green bins Tuesday 7, Tuesday 21 November
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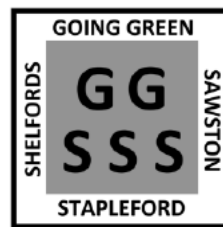
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South Cambs Organic Gardeners meet at Cox's Close in Stapleford on Monday 13 November at 7pm.

Repair Café on Saturday 18 November from 2–5pm at Sawston Free Church. Bring along your broken item and a skilled volunteer will help you fix it! We can tackle a wide variety of repairs including clothes and fabrics, electrical items, jewellery and other items. We may be able to accept some repairs on the day, but please note that for electrical repairs in particular it is better to book in advance. (Please note that we will not be able to replace cracked screens on phones or tablets). We are grateful to the Sawston Free Church for providing the venue for this event. If you have any questions, please email 2G3Srepaircafes@gmail.com. It's a free event but donations are very welcome. The repairers are brilliant and can fix a lot of things but there are no guarantees. Tea and cake will be available of course. See below for more information about the repair movement in other countries.

The Book Group meets on Tuesday 21 November at 8pm at the Three Horseshoes pub in Stapleford. They will be discussing *Islands of Abandonment* by Cal Flyn.

Dr Bike continues to hold volunteer-run weekly Bike Repair Sessions at the Old Slaughterhouse in Stapleford 3–5.30pm every Tuesday. We offer a free 23 point check, and we can do minor repairs for a donation (just to help us maintain a stock of commonly-used spares). Children are welcome but must bring a responsible adult with them as well as their bike. We can't work on hydraulics or e-Bike electrics. If you are interested in joining our team of volunteers, or have any questions, email drbikestapleford@gmail.com.



Please note there will be no more nature walks or cycle rides until spring 2024.

SOUTH CAMBS MAGAZINE

You will have received the latest copy of this, which had several ‘green’ items inside. It reminded us that electrical waste can be recycled, for example at Tesco in Fulbourn. Look out for the bright pink bins. It also highlighted food waste, giving tips and advice (and a free draw!) at recap.co.uk/pledge-to-fight-food-waste. Other topics featured included caring for nature in your gardens over winter (lots of advice on the RSPB website), and grants for retrofitting and upgrading your heating boiler.

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

REPAIRING ACROSS THE WORLD

I recently attended the second ever European Repair Café Conference, an on-line event with speakers and attendees from the UK, Europe and the USA. We know that our own Repair Cafes are very popular, but we suspect that there are a lot of people out there who have not even heard of them, and we are always trying to think of ways to expand awareness of Repair Cafes and the whole ‘Reduce-Repair-Reuse-Recycle’ mentality. It seems we are not alone, with similar thoughts being expressed by several of the speakers at the conference.

But while we try to find ways to appeal to a wider audience, and particularly to be inclusive of younger people, there is a trend in continental Europe toward making the idea of repairing, rather than throwing away, mainstream. Since January 2021, shoppers in electronics and appliance shops around France have seen new colour-coded labels on some products, giving a score indicating how easy it should be to have the product repaired. The scores are part of the world’s first repair index; campaigners believe it could have a global impact.

More recently, France has initiated a clothing repair programme intended to reduce waste. Each year in France around 772,000 tons of clothes are discarded. Two-thirds of these items – many probably perfectly wearable – are

just adding to the heaps of usable ‘trash’ in landfills. The new scheme involves the government offering a ‘repair bonus’ for people to have their clothes mended. Starting in October 2023, those joining the programme will be able to receive a credit of €6–25 for bringing their shoes and clothes to a cobbler or workshop to be mended.

The European Union (EU) is drafting legislation that would apply throughout the EU requiring manufacturers to provide a reparability rating for their products, similar in concept to the A+, A, B, C, D etc ‘energy rating’ we are familiar with. The legislation would also require manufacturers to make information (and spare parts) available to consumers and repairers. This reminds me of what we are already used to, for motor vehicles – it’s not affordable to scrap a car because, say, the radiator is leaking, but replacement radiators are available and there are plenty of competent workshops who can carry out the repair (for a fee of course). This contrasts with what we find at our Repair Cafés even for quite expensive electrical and electronic items, where it may not even be possible to access the interior of a device without damaging it; and when a fault can be traced to a defective component, no spare is available. Repair Cafés are explicitly considered in the draft EU legislation, which is an indicator of how influential the Repair Café movement has become.

Peter Woods, our Repair Café organiser

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COUNTRY MARKET



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best seen in the Craft and Garden sections of the market. Winter woollies are now on display. Maybe it is time to treat yourself to a new woolly hat and scarf! The magnificent colours of the freshly cut garden flowers have been a delight but are now merely a memory for another year and we have just a limited supply of seasonal fruit, vegetables, plants and foliage. For the latest on our products, have a look at our facebook pages at <https://www.facebook.com/gtshelfordmarket>

The highlights of November must be our annual chutney tasting mornings. The two dates for your diaries are Wednesday November 15 and 22, when you have the chance to sample many varieties of home-made chutney on a bit of cheese and cracker before you select and buy.

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BETTER WAYS FOR BUSWAYS UPDATE SO WHERE DO THINGS GO FROM HERE?

On 9 October, a packed hall at the Stapleford Jubilee Pavilion listened intently to an update by James Littlewood (CEO of Cambridge Past, Present & Future) on the 8km Cambridge South East Transport (CSET) busway which the Greater Cambridge Partnership (GCP) wants to run across countryside from Babraham through Stapleford to the Biomedical Campus.



The audience learned that, despite all the arguments presented by Better Ways for Busways (BW4B) at various GCP meetings, the GCP Board voted in September to continue spending money on getting busway plans ready for submission to government. However, the busway would be ‘paused’ until the GCP had found the money for it, something which could take some time.

James explained that the GCP’s plans continue to defy any logic:

- The same benefits could be achieved for £100m less with an on-road A1307 scheme, could be achieved more quickly and could be built in phases such that benefits could start to accrue early in the construction process.
- The GCP has failed to explain how the buses could be fitted with the two self-guided steering systems required to make them work both on- and off-road (one of which does not currently exist).
- Buses running into Cambridge will have to leave the busway and continue their journey to the bus station on existing roads; this offers no gain to passengers wanting to go to the city centre and may result in a dilution of existing bus services.

- The alternative advocated by BW4B can be built on land already owned by the County Council.
- The main supporter for the off-road route was former Mayor, James Palmer who wanted a Cambridge Metro, a proposal which has since been completely abandoned.
- The only argument for the off-road route is ‘future proofing’, yet the busway has limited capacity. Instead, the possibility of re-opening the Haverhill railway line should be revisited, which would provide the capacity for the expansion predicted at the Biomedical Campus. This was previously considered by the County Council and rejected, despite providing an equivalent performance to that of current busway proposals.
- The GCP continues to refuse to disclose its Environmental Impact Assessment and origin-destination flow data. We think its position on this is becoming untenable.

Our position is that a scheme is needed now and that the alternative on-road route should be taken forward without delay. Kicking the can down the road is not an option.

Of course, there is one reason which would account for the GCP’s pursuit of its illogical busway and councillors’ support for it: carving up the South Cambs greenbelt into neat parcels for development. And if this is the rationale, then it’s perfectly possible that developers could be quickly lured by the promise of virgin land in exchange for a financial contribution to a busway passing through it.

Whilst we are not actively fundraising at this time, we are ever mindful that if/when the GCP finds the money to continue with CSET, triggering a public inquiry next year, our objection to the scheme requires us to raise around £150,000–£250,000 for professional representation of our case, comprising independent analysis by a transport consultant, plus solicitor and barrister support.

We are encouraged by the significant support and engagement evident at the meeting to oppose the GCP’s plans and to advocate for the logical alternative A1307 scheme, and we will continue to attempt to engage with the GCP and our local councillors, who are the final decision makers. In the meantime, do sign up to receive regular BW4B updates via our website, <https://www.bw4b.org/contact>, and email us at hello@bw4b.org.

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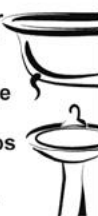
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For our October meeting we welcomed Catherine Armstrong, the only daughter of an Army Diplomat, Patrick Reardon, and his wife Margaret. Catherine grew up in Africa, the Western Pacific and later in the Caribbean, where her father was the Chief Secretary and Deputy Governor of the Turks and Caicos Islands.

During her husband's many postings to far-away places, Catherine's mother kept diaries, which describe her fascinating life at a time now long since gone. In her role as a Diplomat's wife, Margaret Reardon was expected to travel, entertain, attend functions and meet dignities, always of course wearing stockings, gloves and a hat! Although her husband was often away for many weeks at a time, Margaret was only allowed to return to England every three years. Her extraordinary life was spent mostly in Eritrea, Tanganyika (now Tanzania) and South Africa. Life was hard and very challenging. The temperature often reached 110° Fahrenheit (43°C) and she had to learn to live with snakes, scorpions and cockroaches.

Margaret's book, *An Unexpected Journey*, was published in 2015 and makes fascinating reading, highlighting the role of women at a time of great change. Women like Margaret dedicated their lives to supporting their husbands, accompanying them on lonely and often difficult postings, a long way from the comfort of home.

We were delighted to welcome five new ladies this time and hope they will return for our next meeting. This will be held on 2 November at 7.30pm, when Neil Callan will give a talk entitled *Crowbar to Crocosmia*. We meet in the community hall behind St. Mary's Church on the first Thursday of the month.

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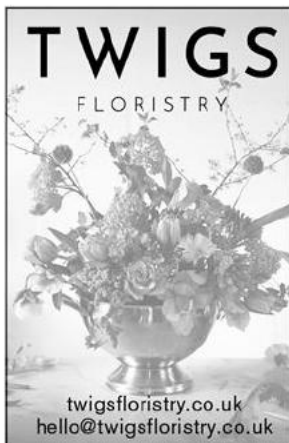


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LITTLE SHELFORD MEMORIAL HALL FILM EVENING

There will be a Memorial Hall film evening with a showing of *Living* on Saturday 18 November. Doors open at 7pm for a 7.30pm start, with a break for supper of pizza and salad.

Living is a 2022 British drama film directed by Oliver Hermanus from a screenplay by Kazuo Ishiguro and partly inspired by the 1886 Russian novella *The Death of Ivan Ilyich* by Leo Tolstoy. Set in 1953 London, it depicts a bureaucrat in the county Public Works department (played by Bill Nighy) facing a fatal illness. The film received positive reviews, with Bill Nighy's performance receiving particular acclaim and at the 95th Academy Awards he was nominated for Best Actor and the film for Best Adapted Screenplay.

Please book by Wednesday 15 November so that sufficient food can be ordered. Tickets (£15.00 per person) are available from Sarah Coppendale (842498) coppendales@btinternet.com and Diana Haines (841415) dianahaines42@icloud.com

Sarah Coppendale

WHAT'S ON IN OCTOBER

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

CAMBRIDGE ARTS THEATRE	
31 Oct – 4 Nov	Faith Healer
8–11	Macbeth
12	An audience with Juliet Stevenson
13–18	And then there were none
21–25	I'm sorry Prime Minister I can't quite remember
30 Nov – 7 Jan	Mother Goose
Telephone: 01223 503333 Web: www.cambridgeartstheatre.com	

CAMBRIDGE CORN EXCHANGE

5	Jools Holland
11	The Manfreds – 60th anniversary tour
19	Sister Sledge Live
29	Sophie Ellis-Bextor Christmas Kitchen Disco
Telephone: 01223 791791 Web: cambridgelive.org.uk/cornex	

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY

	Real Families: Stories of Change - Fitzwilliam
18 7.30pm	Tchaikovsky Piano Concerto No 1 – West Rd Concert Hall Booking required
20 6pm	The quiet AI revolution in weather forecasting Bristol Myers Squibb Lecture Theatre, Lensfield Rd
admin.cam.ac.uk/whatson	

SAWSTON CINEMA

2	A Man Called Otto (7pm)
Telephone 01223 712825 Web: www.sawstoncinema.org.uk/	

STAPLEFORD GRANARY

4	7.45pm	Counters Creek, acoustic folk music
5	7.45pm	Jonathan Kreisberg Quartet, jazz
12	3pm	Rachel Godsill, soprano & Marie-Noelle Kendal, piano
18	7.45pm	William Bracken, piano
24	7.45pm	Dante Quartet, chamber musi
26	3pm	Luke Annesley, saxophone & Dan Moore, organ, jazz
Tel 01223 849004 Web www.staplefordgranary.org.uk		

WANDLEBURY

7	11–12.30	Walk, talk and support Cambridge Past, Present and Future
14	10.30am–1.30pm	Volunteer work party
15	10am–12noon	Guided walk
24, 25, 26	– times vary	Winter Wreath Making
25	10.30am–3pm	Fantastical Forest (exhibition)
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GREAT SHELFORD VILLAGE NEWS

We are pleased to receive articles, letters and notices for community events for consideration. Please send by email (preferably as a Word document), or send paper items, with contact details, to Judith Wilson, 11 Elms Avenue, Great Shelford CB22 5LN. The copy date is usually the second Friday of the month. See the *Next Issue* box for next month’s date.

For guidance, please note that an article of around 400 words, without a photo, will fill a full page. Notices for events work best as a half page (half A5) in landscape format.

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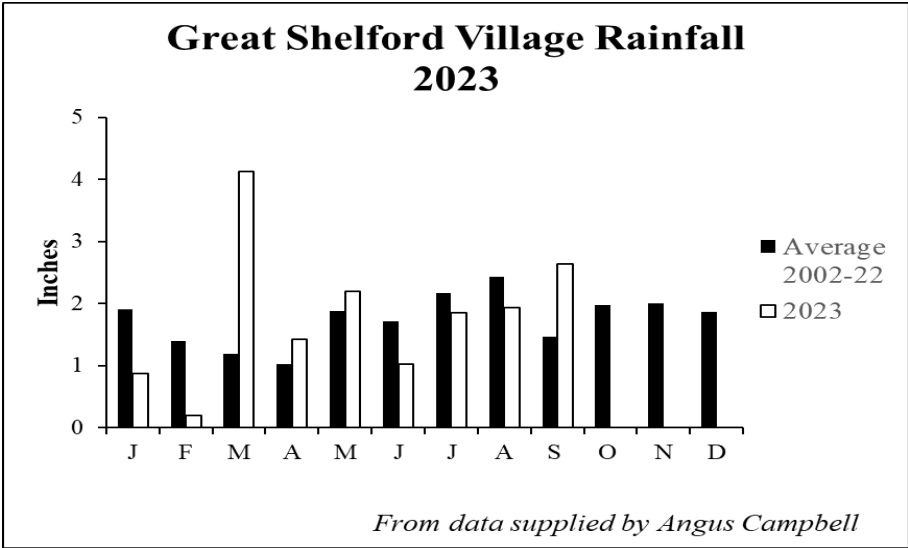
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