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Neighbourhood Plan Update



Cambridge South. Photo by Duncan Grey

Waxwings and Angela at the station
Twinning Events

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SUMMARY FROM THE UNADOPTED MINUTES OF THE FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES MEETING ON 13 DECEMBER 2023

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Executive Officer noted that since the last Finance and General Purposes meeting, advisory signs to slow down, switch off engines when idling etc with the schoolchildren's designs have been printed and will be put up around the village and a Holm Oak has been ordered as part of the South Cambs District Council six trees initiative and will be planted on the Memorial Green when it is received in the new year.

COUNCIL ADMINISTRATION MATTERS

Cllr Barbara Kettel will join the Planning Committee and Cllr Howard Kettel will join the Highways Committee and the Traffic and Transport Infrastructure Working Group.

Cllr Watson would attend the Annual Meeting of the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Association of Local Councils (CAPALC) on 14 December.

The Chair summarised the draft document on the Cambridge Biomedical Campus (CBC) Vision 2050, which had been drafted by members of local communities. Cllrs Watson and Price will look at the document and circulate it to members. The Executive Officer updated members on the work which has been carried out to create the draft Strategy Document. It was agreed that updates be made and it be brought to the February 2024 council meeting for sign off after the budget is approved.

Progress on actions listed in the Business Plan:

- The Local Highways Initiative application for improvements to Church Street will be sent to the County Council before Christmas
- Some items for the Clay Pit have been ordered and should be with the volunteers before Christmas
- The Christmas Light Switch On was a huge success
- Liaison has taken place with Birketts about drawing up an updated lease for the Rugby Club
- The Tennis Club is being chased for a signed lease

COMMUNITY MATTERS

It was agreed to hold the Community Awards again in 2024 at the Annual Parish Meeting in March. The three awards will remain as they were in 2023:

- Young person (under 18 years of age)
- Good neighbour
- Outstanding contribution

Redmayne Arnold & Harris are interested in sponsoring the event again in 2024.

FINANCE MATTERS

The Executive Officer has concerns over the low General Reserves held by the council. It was resolved to simplify the reserves by bringing several into one single Earmarked Reserve.

The requirements for 2024/25 were discussed, including expenditure for the Neighbourhood Plan. Grant funding has now been fully utilised and it was requested that £5,000 be put in the budget for 2024/25 to ensure that the plan can be completed as planned in 2024. The Executive Officer was instructed to liaise with Stapleford Parish Council and ask them to budget the same as they are lead council for the plan (in name) and costs are shared 50/50.

It was noted that the new caretaker had ceased employment on 8 December and it was agreed to offer the role to the previous caretaker on a temporary basis while a review of requirements is completed.

Full copies of the minutes of the Full Council and Committee meetings are on the Parish Council website <https://www.greatshelfordparishcouncil.gov.uk/minutes-agendas/>

PARISH COUNCIL & COMMITTEE MEETINGS IN FEBRUARY

Planning Committee	5 February	7.30pm Pavilion
Cemetery & Allotments Committee	7 February	7.00pm Pavilion
Planning Committee	19 February	7.30pm Pavilion
Full Council	21 February	7.00pm Pavilion

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

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PLANNING APPLICATIONS PARISH COUNCIL COMMENTS (13.12.2023)

23/04224/HFUL	107 Cambridge Road	Proposed remodelling of existing dwelling, new entrance porch, raise ridge height, two storey side extension, single storey rear extension and garage with associated works.
Application supported, but would like to see a condition that all construction vehicles must be parked within the property.		

223/03673/HFUL	25 Shelford Park Avenue	Demolition of existing garage, rear lean-to and conservatory, proposed two storey front and side extension and single storey rear extension and four roof lights.
Application supported.		

23/04352/HFUL	4 Davey Crescent	Part single storey and part two storey rear extensions, single storey side extension with internal alterations.
Application supported, concerns of the neighbour noted.		

23/04370/HFUL	45 Tunwells Lane	Single storey rear extension and modification of existing rear lean-to.
Application supported. Plans appear to be sensitive to the existing building.		

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PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Community Awards

The 2024 Community Awards are now open for nominations, with awards available in three categories. These are:

- Young person (under 18 years of age)
- Good Neighbour
- Outstanding Contribution – could be an individual, group or organisation

We continue to try and make the nomination process as easy as possible. All you have to do is complete a very simple form online:

<https://www.greatshelfordparishcouncil.gov.uk/community-awards-2024/>.

Or contact the parish office for a paper form if this is not suitable for you.

The awards will be presented at our Annual Village Meeting on Wednesday 27 March 2024 in the Memorial Hall. A massive thank you to Redmayne Arnold and Harris who have kindly agreed to sponsor the awards once again this year.

Village Market

A quick reminder that our Village Market returns this month following a short winter break. The market continues to be held on the fourth Saturday of each month in the Memorial Hall between 9.30am and 12.30pm. We hope you will support our local artisans and crafters.

Understanding who is responsible for what

With several tiers of local government for Cambridgeshire, it can sometimes be tricky to understand who is responsible for what. We have put together an image (see opposite) which we hope you may find useful to understand which 'council' you need to contact for various concerns. As always, we are happy to help where we can and will always try to signpost you to the right person if we can't.

Don't forget to get in touch with us should you have any relevant concerns. Our telephone number is 01223 61 66 22 and Libby will be available to help during office hours (please leave a message outside of these times or email). Councillors have emails too, which can be found on the website. If you do email a Councillor we ask that you copy in Libby.

Malcolm Watson, Chairman



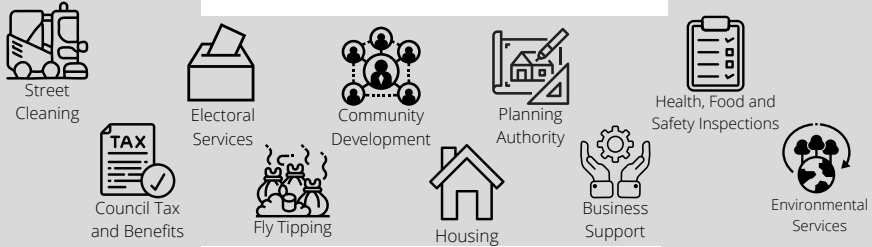
WORKING WITH OTHERS

It is not always easy to know who to turn to for help. This image is created to show how your Local Government works together, and who is responsible for what

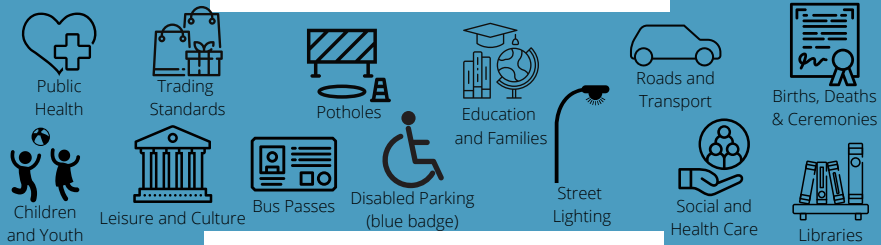
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David's discourse – *A reflection for February*

'Don't take anything for granted' is good advice at any time but something to think about seriously as another year has begun with perhaps promises of a fresh start, a change of heart or possibly just keeping calm and carrying on.

Taking things for granted in our well developed and reasonably well regulated surroundings is understandable, - yes of course we have to pay for such things as clean water when we turn on the tap, electricity when we throw the switch, a good choice of food and goods in the shops when we go out to buy – and most likely we take it for granted that will always be the case. God's gifts to all of us – starting with life itself – are likewise easy to take for granted, our minds are continually diverted by many of the pressures and some of the trivialities of day to day living. It is not always easy to think about the Author of Life itself and give a 'Thankyou' to Him. Children are frequently accused of taking their parents for granted, failing to appreciate the great love which goes into caring for them and raising them. Only when they become adult – even parents themselves - do they begin to understand what love truly requires of them.

God our Father, our creator, loves us, every one of us. He loves us, His children, unconditionally and that is as we should love him and this world - his creation, always being thankful for what he has given us and never taking Him or His Divine Providence for granted. There are however thousands here in this country and millions around the world, for whom such things as water, clean or otherwise, power or fuel and food are beyond their means to buy in sufficiency or not available at all. Worse still are the conditions for those caught up in wars which are remorselessly destroying their worlds.

Peace, for which we pray so regularly and fervently comes not only from the absence of war, but from the presence of justice. The injustice of adding to or ignoring the plight of the hungry, the homeless, the oppressed, takes for granted that they and their problems will either go away or someone else will look after them. We must pray and work for justice as earnestly as we pray and work for peace. Throughout His life Jesus showed us and told us of the many ways that we must show our love for God through loving and caring for each other as we would have them love and care for us.

Jesus came to offer us life at its very best, richer, fuller and eternal, infinitely better than anything we can achieve by our own efforts. We are privileged to

know so much about Jesus and we must be careful to follow His example and guidance, showing to one another the caring love, justice and merciful forgiveness of God for us, his creation. Yes, there is certainly a challenge for us to accept the freely given gifts of God, not to ignore them nor take them for granted, but to shape our lives around them. Our lives and the lives of others around us will be so much better if we do.

David Wilding

Saturday 3 February	
	10.30am–12noon: Maureen’s Coffee Morning in the Community Room.
Sunday 4 February	
	8am: Rev Julie Norris will lead a traditional Epiphany Holy Communion using the Book of Common Prayer. 10am: Family & Parish Communion Service. We will be looking at Reverence for God’s beautiful universe and how we can be wise in it. Confirmation Classes take place after the morning services. We are nearing the end of the preparation as we look at the Confirmation Service and make final preparations for the service which will take place on 30 March at 8pm in the Cathedral at Ely.
Monday 5 February	
	2pm: The Pilgrim House group will meet on 5, 12, 19 and 26 February in the Vicarage. On 5 and 12 we will be using some of the SPCK material looking at Climate Justice. On 19 and 26 , we will be starting a Lent Study.
Sunday 11 February Sunday before Lent	
	8am: Rev Julie Norris will lead a traditional Holy Communion using the Book of Common Prayer. 10am: Sung Parish Communion Service.
Wednesday 14 February Ash Wednesday.	
	There will be two opportunities to receive the Lent Ashes. 10.30am: Holy Communion. 7.30pm: Parish Communion Service and Ashes. A time to put things right as we begin to prepare for Lent and get ready for Easter.
Thursday 15 February	
	10.30am: A group from St Mary’s will lead a service of prayers, readings and hymns along with Holy Communion in Cambridgeshire Care Home.



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Sunday 18 February

8am: Rev Julie Norris will lead a **traditional Holy Communion** using the Book of Common Prayer.

10am: **Sung Parish Communion Service.**

5pm: The **Youth Group will meet** to reflect on Lent and what it means to young people.

Sunday 25 February

8am: Rev Michael Wilcockson, the Rural Dean of Granta Deanery will be leading the **traditional Holy Communion** using the Book of Common Prayer.

10am: **Sung Parish Communion Service.**

3pm: The **Open Space** opportunity for children and families to have some fun outside. This month this takes place at the Free Church in the space behind Cara Café.

In addition to the normal Sunday services at 8am and 10am, there is a zoom service each Sunday evening at 6.30pm. These zoom services 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.

You can find the zoom link on the Pew Sheet and on the Website.

Thought for the month:

The opposite to love is not hate – it is indifference.

Elie Wiesel Auschwitz survivor

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‘Let the children come to me. Don’t stop them! For the kingdom of heaven belongs to those who are like these children. And he placed his hands on their heads and blessed them,’ Matt.19:14-15. The Gospels show that children are important to God, at a time when children had few rights. Today it is very different and we acknowledge the importance of children and our need to care for them. But children only thrive if they have good parents, who need support in a role for which there is little training and no rule book.

God wants us to show love and care for all children and one of the ways we do this at the Free Church is to start at the very beginning by welcoming the youngest and their carers to Tiny Toes. We meet on Wednesday afternoons in term time, 1.30 – 3pm (this is a ‘come when you can’ and ‘go when you want to’ group). This group enables mums, dads and other carers (sometimes grandparents) to meet others to chat and have a drink or two and biscuits.

Often today new parents do not have family living nearby to support them so it can be a very lonely time. It is especially important to provide a place where they can meet others in the same position and share the joys, frustrations and anxieties of parenthood - especially valuable for new parents. This is a chance to chat to others over a drink and biscuit which will be served to you – we don’t expect you to have to collect your drink and juggle that and your baby! All the helpers are grandmothers so have a wealth of experience of what it is like to have a young baby and are happy to chat as well as serve drinks. It is lovely to see some dads come either with their partner or as the main carer.

It is a privilege to serve God in this way and to see these parents enjoy their babies and to see the babies grow and develop, although we are sad when they have to leave us because they are now too old or mums have gone back to work. We love it when mums return with another baby! It is also very rewarding to see some mums grow in confidence with their babies. The session ends with a blessing which is usually given by Diana, our Pastor and founder and leader of the group, but if she is not able to be there one of the other helpers will do this. Thus, we send our babies and carers away with God’s blessing and this includes those who have left earlier.

If you would like to join our group, or know someone who would benefit from it, just contact the church office on 01223 842181 or Diana Parr at diana@shelfordfreechurch.org.uk. This is just one way we as a church seek to share the love of God our Saviour with those around us. *Lesley Cornell*

FREE CHURCH EVENTS

Sunday Services at 10.30am: Everyone welcome. We are continuing with our sermon series examining the Lord's Prayer with separate activities arranged for children and youth.

Cafe Church on Sunday 18 February at 10.30am: Informal service, seated around tables with refreshments served.

Open Space on Sunday 25 February, 3 – 4.15pm. Joint outdoor family event with St Mary's Church held behind Cara Café.

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

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

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

Margaret Cletheroe, GSFC Administrator

CBE FOR LOCAL PROFESSOR



Shelford resident, Professor Ann Prentice, has been awarded a CBE (Commander of the Order of the British Empire) to add to her previous OBE, for services to British and global public health nutrition.

Ann is a research scientist studying the nutritional requirements for population health and has been involved in projects in the UK and Gambia as well as other countries in Asia and Africa.

She is an Honorary Senior Visiting Fellow of the MRC Epidemiology Unit at the University of Cambridge. She is a former director of the MRC

Elsie Widdowson Laboratory, was chair of the UK Scientific Advisory Committee on Nutrition from 2010–20 and has been closely involved with the National Diet and Nutrition Survey since 1992.

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2G3S

Events coming up and regular sessions:

Film evening on Thursday 1 February at 7pm at the Marven Centre at Sawston Village College. The film is called '*PURE CLEAN WATER: the chalk streams crisis on our doorstep*', about the well-documented lack of water in our region and its effect on our chalk streams, which are a unique environment. It is not all doom and gloom. Peter Woods has seen the film, and says:

“‘*Pure Clean Water*’ was premiered in Cambridge [Film Festival] last October. The film’s director, Tony Eva, introduced the film. It is a documentary that succeeds in intertwining an analysis of the impact of extracting drinking water from the chalk aquifer here with the fascinating history of Hobson’s conduit and the ecology of the Nine Wells springs. Many of the filmed locations will be familiar to residents of Sawston, Stapleford and the Shelfords, but there was much detail that was new to me from this excellently researched documentary. As the credits rolled, the whole audience spontaneously applauded! I am sure that I was not alone in having been entertained and informed, but also more engaged with the issues around our ‘thirst’ for water and the damage resulting from satisfying that demand. I do recommend anyone living locally to see this film. There will be a screening at the Marven Centre in Sawston, organised jointly by 2G3S and Sawston Cinema and Tony Eva will be attending to answer questions and participate in a post screening discussion.”

Tickets for this screening are £5 and are available at ticketsource.co.uk/sawstoncinema/pure-clean-water/e-gdkmlm.

Repair Café on Saturday 24 February, 2pm to 5pm, at Shelford 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**, through the Cambridge Carbon Footprint website. (Please note that we will not be able to replace cracked screens on phones or tablets). 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!

Book Group on Tuesday 20 February at 8pm at the Three Horseshoes in Stapleford, to discuss ‘Factfulness’ by Hans Rosling. This is an upbeat book, challenging the often negative assumptions we can make about the state of the world, some of which relate to our perceptions about population.



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Transport – coming up, we have a conversation evening about transport at Cox's Close Community Room in Stapleford. Date and further details to follow – see our website.

The Great Climate Fight – you may have seen this two part series on Channel 4, in which three hard hitters who do not mince their words, Mary Portas, Hugh Fearnley-Whittingstall and Kevin McCloud, looked at the government's own Climate Change Committee's 'Sixth Carbon Budget'. In this report, it lays out how the UK can 'sort climate change' ie get to net zero before 2050 and cut down carbon emissions sufficiently before 2030 to make it possible to keep to a 1.5°C rise in global temperature. The government is not following its own advice: a big increase in onshore wind energy; improved housing standards (we lag behind most European states); cutting subsidies to oil and gas companies (which are £42m a week!); and making oil and gas companies pay for carbon capture technology, to clear up the mess they've profited from. Nothing very outlandish or difficult technically.... as I write this, the programmes are still available on catch up.

Climate anxiety – if you feel depressed and upset that politicians and companies aren't taking on board quickly enough the importance of tackling climate change, it can help to talk to others and turn your anxiety into action eg if you live in an area liable to flooding, work with your community to increase resilience and help each other. Keep yourself informed and write to MPs, councillors, CEOs of supermarkets, whoever is relevant, to probe them into what they're doing about the problems. See more in a Guardian article on 16 November 2023 (just type 'climate anxiety' in the search box on the Guardian website and the article comes up). And don't assume that because you read lots of disaster stories that reflects an increase in disasters in the real world – progress has been made and people can rise to the occasion when needed! Or read Hans Rosling's book (see above).

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Wow – what a year 2023 was!

The team at Better Ways for Busways extends its thanks to each and every one of you who has offered support, made donations and contributed to our ongoing campaign. It is truly appreciated.

Current Cambridge South East Transport (CSET) (busway) status and BW4B!'s position

Although CSET has officially been ‘paused’, the Greater Cambridge partnership (GCP) is actively trying to find £162m to build it. We argue that similar or better benefits can be achieved for around £100m less with in-road bus lanes along the A1307. This alternative is quicker to build, provides immediate benefits as each stage is completed (CSET has no benefit until the entire scheme is built) and does much less environmental damage. It is also one of the options that the GCP proposed back in 2018.

Longer term, we support reinstating the railway to Haverhill, which would provide much more significant capacity than the busway. However, building CSET would probably prove fatal to the railway. Railfuture has previously obtained over 5,000 signatures in support of reinstating the railway.

2023: a busy year

A lot happened in 2023, with many articles written for the media and meetings in Westminster (both at the Treasury and with individual ministers), with local government and major local employers. Here is a brief month by month overview of developments:

February: Detailed planning permission was granted for a retirement village on the edge of Stapleford and a new countryside park. CSET will now have to run on land between it and the countryside park, requiring a redesign of the route.

We wrote to the six members of the GCP executive board (and copied all 44 members). We didn't receive a single response.

We worked with our MP Anthony Browne to refine questions in his survey, which was sent to 6,500 residents in villages affected by CSET. We also posted over 6,000 BW4B! flyers, one through every household's letterbox in four villages.

March: We invited the Cambourne 2 Cambridge (C2C) campaign to join us and they reciprocated. C2C is fighting a similar busway proposal to the West of Cambridge and is ahead of CSET in the queue for money and to start construction. It has also done well with its fundraising. We can learn a lot from them.

April: We worked with MP Anthony Browne's office to write a series of letters exposing the consultancy SQW for 'marking their own homework' during a government mandated gateway review of its performance.

May: Stapleford held a very well attended briefing for residents, with presentations by James Littlewood, CEO of Cambridge Past Present and Future (CPPF) and Stephen Partridge-Hicks, Chair of BW4B!

June: We hosted a BW4B! stand at the Stapleford Village Show, raising awareness and signing up many new supporters.

July: BW4B! and CPPF encouraged people to sign a petition against CSET, gaining 5,424 signatures and we met with Anthony Odgers, CFO of Cambridge University.

Michael Gove announced plans to build 250,000 homes in Cambridgeshire and the appointment of Peter Freeman to head a new Development Corporation, the Cambridge Delivery Group.

August: BW4B! held an online briefing for all councillors from Cambridge City, South Cambs District and Cambridgeshire County Councils and members of the GCP Assembly. 42 people attended.

September: CPPF presented our petition to the GCP Assembly and GCP board. We asked several questions and requested development of a low cost alternative 'plan B', all of which were largely ignored. GCP announced that it 'didn't have enough money for CSET' and agreed to a pause. We pushed to have the search for money time limited, but the GCP never minuted what was agreed. We assisted with several media pieces about the pause and possible alternatives.

October: BW4B! met with Roland Sinker, CEO of Cambridge University Health NHS Trust, and Kristen-Anne Rutter and Nick Kirby of Cambridge Biomedical Campus (CBC). They need better transport links for their growing staff and feel obliged to support the GCP's CSET as the scheme proposed by the responsible local authority.

We met Peter Fane, Chair of South Cambs District Council, and Brian Milnes, who is deputy leader of South Cambs District Council, sits on the GCP board and is also our local County Councillor.

November: We met Elliott Page of KMC Transport consultants, who has been hired by Peter Freeman of Cambridge Delivery Group.

December: The GCP wrote to Michael Gove, Secretary of State for levelling up, asking for £162m – the letter is full of mistakes. CPPF, Stapleford and

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Great Shelford Parish Councils wrote to explain that there is a better option that has local support.

Michael Gove announced plans to build 150,000 homes in Cambridgeshire (down from 250,000 in July). There is also talk of a new 'mass transit' scheme.

Looking ahead. So what comes next?

- the threat of public inquiry has not gone away and we need to raise significant funds to defeat the GCP. This will be a big ask
- we will continue to engage with the GCP, Cambridge Delivery Group and large organisations such as CBC, AstraZeneca and Granta Park to help steer transport policy as much as we can
- we also welcome you to join us at BW4B! Whether your expertise is legal, research, social media or simply being available to help, we would be delighted to have you on board. We meet roughly once every three months via Zoom. Please do get in touch at hello@bw4b.org.

The Better Ways for Busways! team

Better Ways for Busways! is a politically neutral, highly inclusive campaign group that opposes the destruction of the countryside when better alternatives exist. Visit us at hello@bw4b.org

READER'S LETTER

I am one of the editors of GSVN. I have read with interest the work of the groups campaigning to clarify the busway proposals and plans for East West Rail.


I received the pre election leaflets from Pippa Heylings (Lib Dem) and Chris Carter Chapman (Conservative) and noticed that neither candidate mentioned either of these issues, which in my view could have great impact in the near future on our village. I wrote to them asking for their views:

- a) A busway is planned from Abington through the hospital to Cambridge. Are you for or against the cross country route or the A1307?
- b) Re the EWR railway, what is your preference on the north or south route?

Apart from automatic replies, at the time of publication I have received no reply from either candidate to these questions. However, I note BW4B's comment above that 'We wrote to the six members of the GCP executive board (and copied all 44 members). We didn't receive a single response.'

I will report back if there is any response to my questions and if democracy is operating in South Cambridgeshire.

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15	Cambridge Flower Club AGM	6.45pm	Whittlesford Memorial Hall
15	Cambridge Cake Creators	7.15pm	Stapleford Pavilion
21	Little Shelford Local History Society	7.30pm	Little Shelford Memorial Hall
24	Repair café	2-5pm	Free Church
24	Village Market	9-12noon	Shelford Memorial Hall
28	Library Engage: Railways in Cambridge	2pm	Shelford Library
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NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN UPDATE

1. Introducing new planning policies to protect and improve our rural setting and landscape

2. Preparing for a big neighbourhood planning milestone – Regulation 14 consultation

Having last month profiled the housing-related planning policies in the emerging Stapleford and Great Shelford Neighbourhood Plan (NP), this time I will turn my attention to those intended to protect and improve our rural setting and landscape. I also want to start laying the ground for our upcoming ‘Regulation 14’ consultation, in which all residents, workers, landowners and other stakeholders in our Plan area will have an opportunity to review and comment on the draft Plan.

Our rural setting and landscape

The draft NP contains 20 planning policies. Five of these sit under the following objective, generated with residents’ input and rated the most important of all of our objectives by respondents to our community consultation in April-June 2023:

New development will actively minimise its impact on the landscape character of the Plan area, recognising the value of long views and vistas into and out of the rural setting of the villages, the open spaces within it and, critically, the separation of the villages from the expanding urbanised Greater Cambridge area.

The new planning policies we have drafted in the NP to meet this objective cover:

1. **Protecting and enhancing Stapleford’s and Great Shelford’s landscape and character** – all development proposals shall be sensitive to the distinctive landscape and settlement character of the Plan area (eg retaining/enhancing existing features of value, such as trees and hedgerows) and retain the existing area of separation between Stapleford and Great Shelford and the City of Cambridge; landscape mitigation measures will ensure that development is sensitively screened and assimilated into its surroundings.
2. **Important views and visually important areas of open land in Stapleford and Great Shelford** – to be supported, development proposals must maintain or enhance the key features and their setting of 29 listed views into and out of the settlement.
3. **‘Important Countryside Frontages’** – these tracts of undeveloped land penetrate or sweep into the built up area, providing a significant

connection to the rural area beyond or an important break between two detached settled areas – two already exist in the Plan area and we are proposing three more. Planning permission compromising them will be refused.

4. **‘Local Green Spaces’ (LGS) and ‘Protected Village Amenity Areas’ (PVAA)** – these tightly defined terms refer to different types of undeveloped areas deserving of protection from development. Four new LGSs and six new PVAAs are proposed in the Neighbourhood Plan. Development proposals on these sites will only be supported in very special circumstances.



A proposed new PVAA: Great Shelford Village Charity’s community garden and allotments

5. **Preserving our dark landscape** – development proposals which include external lighting will only be permitted if the night sky is protected from light pollution.
6. The precise wording of the five planning policies is far longer and more detailed than I can replicate here but I hope that the above gives some sense of the direction of travel. All residents will have an opportunity to read the policies in full and respond to them during the impending Regulation 14 consultation.

I make no apologies for repeating myself every month, so please remember that NPs can neither prevent development nor reinvent the wheel. The aim of our NP is to think *local*: to find gaps in existing policy (ie South Cambridgeshire District Council (SCDC)’s Local Plan 2018 and the National Planning Policy Framework) which might leave Stapleford and Great Shelford vulnerable to inappropriate development and fill them with new policies tailored to the specific needs of our villages. Therefore, if you think something is missing from our rural setting and landscape related planning policies, it will almost certainly be because it is covered by existing planning policy.

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Regulation 14 consultation

We aim to complete our NP this year. In a significant step towards achieving this goal, the steering group is currently preparing for a formal consultation on the pre submission draft of the Stapleford and Great Shelford NP.

This is a legally required stage in creating any NP and a chance for the community and other bodies to comment on the draft Plan before it is submitted to the local authority (in our case Greater Cambridge Shared Planning) for independent examination.

We will make a lot of noise to publicise the consultation when it is live, which will be for a minimum period of six weeks in Spring 2024.

Look out for banners, local social media posts, individual household leaflet drops and posters on Parish Council noticeboards and other public places, all of which will explain how you can take part.

The draft NP will be available online at www.greatshelfordparishcouncil.gov.uk/SGSNPlan and a hard copy will be accessible at Great Shelford Library.

Participation is not designed to be onerous and is obviously entirely optional. After this, the community's final opportunity to influence the NP will be in a straightforward yes/no referendum in which you will have the chance to either accept or reject your NP.

I've said it before, and I will say it again and again: we *can* change the place where we live – and *this* is how.

Jenny Flynn

Chair, Stapleford and Great Shelford Neighbourhood Plan steering group

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- **Wine Tasting Evening:** Friday 14 June, Cox's Close, open to all.

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On the first evening of 2024, when yet another storm raged – I think it was Henk this time – we were entertained by musicians from Saffron Walden, who played acoustic guitar and keyboard. They played songs from the 50s, 60s and 70s and we joined in, clapped our hands and tapped our feet to the rhythm of the music.

It made a pleasant way to meet on this our first evening in January of the new year. We shared delicious cookies and then discussed the forthcoming resolutions upon which we must vote by 11 February. These will be put to the national vote later in the year and are: Dental health matters; The impact of poor housing; Saying 'no' to gambling advertising and Improving outcomes for women in the criminal justice system. These items have already been discussed at previous meetings and can be seen in the editions of our WI magazine.

I am happy to report that our future is now looking very positive and will be secured at our AGM on 7 March, which I urge all members to attend. On that evening Kate Osborne will come and talk to us on Tales and Treasure and Trash - Suffolk Shingle. Any friends are also most welcome to attend.

We meet on the first Thursday of the month in the community hall at St Mary's Church and are always happy to meet new faces.

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a talk by David Martin

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Monday 12 February. Iain Webb from the Wildlife Trust for Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire and Northamptonshire (BCN), will talk about the creation of the nature reserve at Trumpington Meadows and its wonderful wildlife.

Monday 11 March. A talk by ‘Cambridge Hedgehogs’ a local charity that is working to save our hedgehogs.

Monday 8 April. Plant swap. Bring your surplus plants and swap them for new and interesting ones!

All meetings at 7pm at Cox’s Close Community Room. £2 per session.

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



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At February’s meeting, Monday 15th, we have Ribana Cristescu who will be demonstrating ‘Glazed Mirror’ work (cakes that have a shine).

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Refreshments from 6.45pm Demonstration at 7.15pm.

Membership £40 p.a. Visitors £8.00 per meeting.

Further information from Freda Orgee on 01223 891464 or
fredaorgee@gmail.com

COUNTRY MARKET



After a good New Year break, we were ready to reopen the market on the 17 January. As always, we were pleased to see our regular customers and it wasn't long before the café area filled up and the Memorial Hall looked busy and quite a cosy social hub.

Though we are into a quieter time in the garden section, there is always plenty to look at in the craft area. In the last couple of years or so, the section has grown. Our crafters certainly cater for all seasons and occasions. They create an ever changing range of wares using a vast array of skills and techniques and enjoy talking to customers about their work. Our bakers are back with a fine selection of home baking: breads, cakes, cookies, crumbles, quiches, pizzas etc and jams, jellies, chutney and local honey.

Keep coming to the Market. We have plenty to tempt you and if you would like to join us as a producer just let us know. Meantime, for an ‘armchair’ flavour of the market, visit our Facebook pages at
<https://www.facebook.com/gtshelfordmarket>

Dorothy Doel

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

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*

8 February 1833

FIRE – Yesterday evening a fire was discovered on the premises of Mr. Henry Headly, but which providentially was prevented extending beyond the haulm stack, in which it commenced; there is no doubt but that it was the act of an incendiary. A large quantity of property was consumed upon the same premises about fourteen months since.

20 February 1847

A SERMON – On Saturday last, a sermon was preached by the Rev. W. Castlehowe, in aid of the distressed Irish and Scotch, when the sum of £13.2s.9d was collected.

3 February 1855

EMIGRATION – On Thursday morning the 1st instant another family, consisting of 13 individuals, father and mother and nine children, together with the husbands of the two eldest daughters, who are married, left their native place and country for that of Australia. The man (Henry Poulter) is uncle to the oft mentioned Hays Poulter, whose return to Australia was noticed in this paper a few week since. Such a continued run of emigration would seem to thin the population, but not the slightest likelihood of a short supply in the labour market is at present apprehended.

9 February 1856

ACCIDENT – A serious accident happened at Great Shelford on Tuesday last, 5th inst. To a man named Gifford, a labourer, in the employment of Mr H. Grain, farmer, at that village. Gifford (who it appears is an excellent labourer) was feeding a threshing machine and by some means or other – whether he slipped or not is not known – one of his legs was drawn into the works and most fearfully crushed. He was immediately taken to that excellent institution, Addenbrooke's Hospital, when it was found that the injury was so great that it feared the amputation of the limb will be requisite.

FOOTBALL CLUB



A belated Happy New Year to everyone as we look forward to a feast of football and hopefully warmer weather, as we enter the second half of the season. A combination of the holiday period and adverse weather conditions has meant there have only been two games since the last report. Our reserve team haven't played at all but sit comfortably in second place in the Senior B league table as the season resumes. Although the first team still top the Premier League table, successive defeats to two of our nearest rivals was not the start to the new year they hoped for! The away fixture at Foxton started well and we went into the half time break leading 1-0 with a goal from leading scorer, Mason Newman. After he went off injured however, Foxton came more into the game and ran out 3-1 winners. Newmarket Reserves have had a great first half of the season so it was disappointing to go into that game with several squad members unavailable. The team played well in what was a hard fought contest and going into the last quarter the score was poised at two goals apiece. In the last period however, the visitors proved the stronger and two further goals saw them take all three points.

Weather permitting there will be games on most Saturdays so why not come along and support your local club.

Terry Rider

TENNIS

The New Year brought some of the wettest weather ever to fall on Shelford. Rain and tennis generally make poor bedfellows; balls get heavy and fluff up, proving extremely hard to hit. Players slip over and glasses steam up. You might expect to find our courts six feet under water, accessible only by players in wetsuits or wellies. Not so! We play on, thanks to the combined miracles of modern drainage and the marvel who is Mr Maintenance, John Coleman. Though the heavier rainfall tends to send members scurrying to the clubhouse or pub, matches and coaching and social tennis have all continued in between the damp spells. The courts only take a few moments to drain, and it's play on!

Alas, the same cannot be said of the approach to the club at the back of the scout hut. It's a landscape better suited to bog-snorkelling than skateboarding, as planned. But where you see mud we see opportunity. So just as Wimbledon's Centre Court has the Royal Box End, we now have the Ozymandias, or Ozzy End. As the poet, Shelley, said, 'Look on my works ye Mighty, and despair!'

February's Member of the Month is John Coleman. A good player, but an even better caretaker.

Stephen Chittenden



Mud next to the tennis courts. Stephen Chittenden.

FILM EVENING: WEST SIDE STORY

Saturday 2 March in Little Shelford Memorial Hall.

There will be a showing of the 2021 version of West Side Story, the American musical romantic drama film directed and co produced by Steven Spielberg. The musical is based on Romeo and Juliet but set in the Upper West Side neighbourhood of New York City in the 1950s.

It was named one of the top ten films of 2021 by the National Board of Review and the American Film Institute. Among its multiple awards and nominations, it received seven nominations at the 94th Academy Awards, including Best Picture, with Ariana DeBose who plays Anita, winning Best Supporting Actress. Since its release, it has been cited as one of the best musical films of all time.

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

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Don't forget that February 14 is Valentine's Day. Don't have a date? Why not go on a blind date with a new author. Who knows, you may just fall in love!!

Engage Talk – Railways in Cambridge - Wednesday 28 February 2–3.30pm. A donation of £2 is appreciated. Please stay for a drink after the talk. Pre book in the library or via Cambourne.referral@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

Craft & Chat – Every Friday morning 10.30 –12noon. Pop in on a Friday morning to craft and chat with others. £2.00 to include tea or coffee. No need to book.

Tea & Games – Every Friday afternoon 2– 3.30pm. A relaxed games afternoon. We will provide games, but please feel free to bring your own if you would prefer. £2.00 to include tea or coffee. No need to book.

Stay & Play – Every Thursday afternoon. For children aged 0-4 years. 2.00-3.30pm. A relaxed drop in session for families with young children, £2 per family. Toys provided.

Children's half term events -

Lego/Duplo Sessions – Wednesday 24 February 2–3.30pm. Parents and carers must stay with their children who remain their responsibility. Free event, donations of £2.00 appreciated. Limited places, please pre book in library or via Cambourne.referral@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

Festival of Stories: Reconnecting, Reusing and Recycling – Thursday 22 February 10-11am. Stories and crafts with a recycling theme. For families of children aged 2-5. Please pre book in the library or via Cambourne.referral@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

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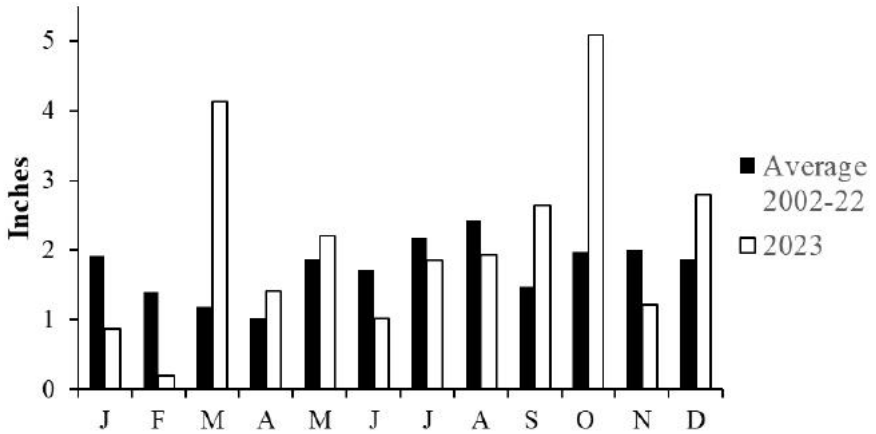
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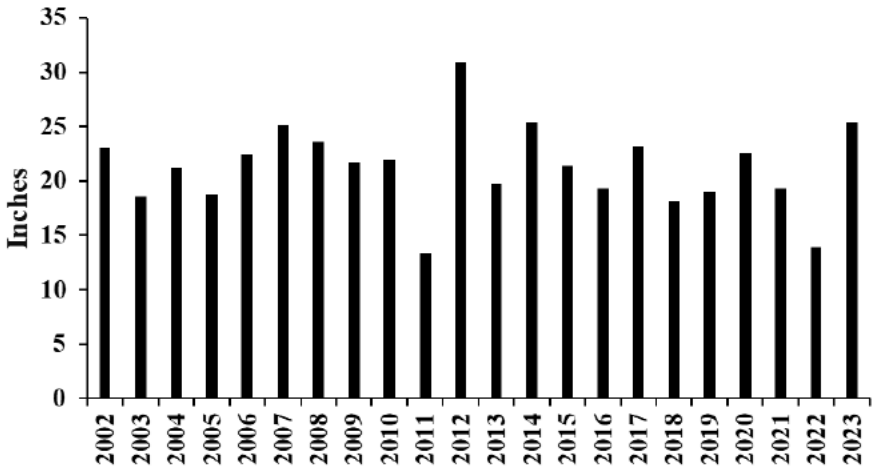
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Great Shelford Village Rainfall 2023



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STATION NEWS

Commuters at Shelford Station platform were treated to an ‘irruption’ of Bohemian waxwings flitting between rowan trees in the old station yard (now offices). Birders were out in force with huge camera lenses and pained expressions as these northerly birds dashed from tree to tree in early January.



Meanwhile, our very own station mistress, Angela Milton has been given an award at the national Rail Staff Awards. Shelford railway users know very well that Angela deserves to be ‘highly recommended’, that she has an ‘encyclopaedic knowledge of the railway timetable’ and is ‘unfailingly helpful.’ It’s good that Greater Anglia recognises how valuable she is.

‘I am so pleased to have received the “highly commended” award - I am very proud and this is the icing on the cake of my career,’ says Angela.

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Bryony Griffith & Alice Jones

Friday 2 February | 7:45pm

A unique blend of harmony, heritage & Northern banter from this acclaimed multi-instrumentalist folk duo



Leon McCawley, piano

Saturday 3 February | 7:45pm

Described as 'one of today's most impeccably musical pianists', Leon McCawley returns to the Granary with a programme of Tchaikovsky, Prokofiev, Chopin & Schubert



Music for Awhile

Friday 9 February | 7:45pm

Music for violins, flute, cello & harpsichord, led by Maggie Faultless, including pieces by Handel, Telemann, Couperin & Vivaldi



Peter Knight & John Spiers

Wednesday 14 February | 7:45pm

Two of the the country's most distinguished musicians join forces in an evening of songs and instrumentals celebrating the British folk tradition

David Preston Trio

Friday 23 February | 7:45pm

Award-winning guitarist & composer David Preston returns to the Granary with renowned jazz & rock drummer Jeremy Stacey & bassist Conor Chaplin



Kate Romano, clarinet & Ian Buckle, piano

Sunday 25 February | 3:00pm

19th century German repertoire for clarinet & piano, including music by Brahms, Burgmüller and Schumann's masterful Fantasy Pieces