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NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**



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SUMMARY FROM THE UNADOPTED MINUTES OF THE MEETING ON 17 JANUARY 2024

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION

The Chair of the Neighbourhood Plan was in attendance to update members on progress with the Neighbourhood Plan and the next steps for community engagement. There will be seven weeks for residents to comment on the draft plan as part of the Regulation 14 Consultation.

Councillors expressed thanks for all the hard work Jenny and the Steering Group have put into the plan to date.

FINANCE

- A grant of £1,250 will be given to Relate Cambridgeshire towards their ongoing work which benefits members of the community in Great Shelford.
- It was agreed to pay £433 for membership of SLCC (Society of Local Council Clerks), which includes discounts on books and training, access to template documents and advice.
- It was agreed that Revive Flooring be employed to sand and seal the floor of the main room in the Pavilion at a cost of £2,640 + VAT.
- The Buildings & Grounds Committee had approved work on the structural pillar of the Pavilion due to rot at the base of the pillar. The supplier has explained that an increase in price is needed due to an error in the ordering process. It was agreed to approve the increase in cost to £2,166 + VAT.
- The proposed budget for 2024-25 was considered at length by Parish Council members. The proposals presented demonstrated the wide ranging activities the Parish Council was considering for the forthcoming year. The initial increase presented showed a 34% increase on a Band D property.
- It was agreed that Earmarked Reserves of £45,000 be moved from Car Park Improvements to the Earmarked Reserves for Traffic Projects; £15,000 be moved from Earmarked Reserves for Land Purchase to Earmarked Reserves for Traffic Projects meaning that the anticipated increase would be 15% on a Band D, or £1.97 per month and that a precept request be submitted to South Cambridgeshire District Council for £362,506.
- Transfer of funds from the CCLA Deposit Fund to the Unity Current account was approved to allow payment of invoices.

COUNCIL ADMINISTRATION MATTERS

- a) The Community Awards have recently launched for 2024 with Redmayne, Arnold & Harris sponsoring the awards once again. There continue to be three categories with awards being presented at the Annual Parish Meeting on Wednesday 27 March 2024.
- b) The Chair and Executive Officer continue to meet with Stapleford's Chair and Clerk on a regular basis. The next meeting will be on 31 January 2024.
- c) Progress in the business plan:
- Costings and drawings for the Memorial Hall are due to be received.
 - Cllr Price and the Executive Officer are still to get together to review policies.
 - Items to help volunteers enhance the Clay Pit have been delivered to allow them to proceed with some work. Further items are required.
 - The Tennis Club lease is out for signature. Other sports club licences continue to be worked on.
 - Construction work on the new skate park is due to commence in early March.

HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORT

a) A couple of non-councillor members of the Traffic and Transport Infrastructure Working Group are surveying the pavements to see how they are used and what the key issues are. It is hoped to have a report before full council shortly.

The Local Highways Initiative application has been submitted to Cambridgeshire County Council for improvements to Church Street. A weight limit application is in progress but proving to be a little more difficult than anticipated.

b) A letter has been sent to the Department of Levelling Up, Housing and Communities by Cambridge Past Present & Future pointing out inaccuracies in correspondence sent from the Greater Cambridge Partnership. It was resolved to send a letter in a similar vein to Michael Gove MP.

c) Cllr Brown has had informal discussions about the temporary diversion of the DNA path. It is not well built, pedestrians have to cross the roundabout and it is considered by many to be dangerous, with accidents already reported. It was agreed to write to Network Rail and Cambridge Biomedical Campus (CBC) to express concerns over the condition of the path for users.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

PARISH COUNCIL COMMENTS (8.01.2024 & 22.01.2024)

23/04614/HFUL	14 Elms Avenue	Single storey front extension, two storey side and rear extension with rear dormer and garden office.
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The Parish Council has a neutral view on the application, noting that previous concerns have been addressed.

23/04739/FUL	40 Hinton Way	Demolition of existing detached bungalow, erection of two dwellings and alteration of access.
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Application supported as long as issues raised by the Highways Department are addressed.

23/04710/HFUL	79 Cambridge Road	New front porch, two storey rear extension and dormer windows on south east and north west elevations.
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Application supported.

23/04763/HFUL 23/04764/LBC	Rectory Farm, Church Street	Internal alterations and partial reordering work to ground floor and first floor, external redecoration, new doors and windows, rear chimney removal, adjustments to rainwater goods, partial replacement of boundary fence.
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Application supported.

23/04810/HFUL	10 The Hectare	First floor side, two storey front and single storey rear extensions, conversion of garage to habitable space and erection of detached double garage.
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Application supported.

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PARISH COUNCIL & COMMITTEE MEETINGS IN MARCH

Planning Committee	4 March	7.30pm Pavilion
Building & Grounds Committee	6 March	7.00pm Pavilion
Planning Committee	18 March	7.00pm Pavilion
Full Council Meeting	20 March	7.00pm Pavilion
Annual Parish Meeting	27 March	6.30pm Mem. Hall

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.

Full copies of the agendas and minutes of the Parish Council and Committee meetings can be viewed on the Parish Council website:

greatshelfordparishcouncil.gov.uk/minutes-agendas

GREAT SHELFORD PARISH COUNCIL MARCH NEWS

Snowdrops are making an appearance and there is a little warmth in the sun when it comes out from behind the clouds.

Village Market

Our monthly Village Market recommenced in February. Our stallholders love visiting the village and many book for the year. Don't forget that we will be hosting the market on the fourth Saturday of each month in the Memorial Hall between 9.30am and 12.30pm. We hope you will continue to support our local artisans and crafters.

Annual Parish Meeting

Our Annual Parish Meeting will be held on **Wednesday 27 March** in the Memorial Hall. We have asked Bridget Smith, Leader of South Cambridgeshire District Council, to come along and answer any questions residents may have about the services provided by the Authority.

Please join us for refreshments from 6:30pm, along with a chance to meet some of our local organisations who do so much for the village. We will also be presenting our Community Awards for 2024.

2024/2025 Budget and Precept

A detailed report on the setting of the budget and precept can be found on the parish council website www.greatshelfordparishcouncil.gov.uk on both the News and Finance & Audit pages. If you do not have access to the internet and would like a copy of the report, please do not hesitate to contact the parish office who will send you out a copy.

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

SHELFORD FEAST



It may only be March but time marches on for The Feast and the line-up is in place for the summer! Feast Day is Sunday, July 7 – put it in your diary now!

Trevor Nelson is back for his FINAL year at Shelford Feast and will kick the week off with a bang on Saturday July 6. If you haven't seen him at the Feast before, now's your last chance. Support from Cambridge DJ Chris Brown.

Friday 12 July 12 sees an evening with the incredible **Natalie Williams Soul Family** - a 10 piece soul band that has held a monthly residency at Ronnie Scott's for the last 16 years! Moby-nominated singer Natalie (ex-Incognito) is backed by an incredible array of artists in their own right.

Saturday July 13 will end the week with the largest live band we've had on stage, the 18 piece **Ibiza Anthems Orchestra**, with singers, who will close the Feast for 2024.

More news as it comes in the *Village News* or at www.shelfordfeast.co.uk

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GREAT SHELFORD PARISH CHURCH

Saint Mary the Virgin

Julie's Jottings

Lent allows us to look inward at how we are developing character and spiritual habits. Habits are those daily activities which move us incrementally to a better place. Lent allows us to recommit ourselves to those healthy options that the busyness of life can take from us. It encourages us to take time to breathe more slowly, to pray or contemplate each day, to reflect on the negative loops we slip into and choose our responses to things that happen to us, in more Christ-like ways. There are opportunities in Lent to do this more, particularly through the Holy Week Reflections, or by looking at the Stations of the Cross which are displayed on the pillars of the Church during Lent, or at the Service of the Stations of Cross on Good Friday when music and mediation moves us. All this can make us more curious about ourselves, our world and God.

Rev Julie Norris

Our website <https://www.stmarysgreatshelford.org> has up-to-date information about our activities. St Mary The Virgin Church is open daily for prayer from 9.30am to 4.30pm. Morning Prayer Services take place each week on Monday and Thursday at 8.30am. During Lent the Stations of the Cross, pictures of the final journey of Jesus in Jerusalem, will be displayed around the Church and you are welcome to visit and reflect with them.

March Services and Events

Saturday 2 March	
	10.30am–12 noon: Maureen's Coffee Morning in the Community Room. There will be a Lent theme this morning. Proceeds will go to Christian Aid.
Sunday 3 March Third Sunday of Lent	
	8am: Rev Julie Norris will lead a traditional Holy Communion . 10am: Family & Parish Communion Service – an intergenerational service looking at how during Lent we learn to cultivate good habits.
Monday 4 March	
	2pm: The Lent Study takes place each Monday during March at the Vicarage (12 Church Street). We are studying <i>Women of Holy Week</i> by Paula Gooder. 7pm: Buffet Dinner at The Rose, Stapleford . This fundraising meal will be held by the Friends of St Mary's. Tickets are £22, available from Trevor Ward (843146) or Bob Doel (843946). The ticket covers the buffet style meal – a selection of Thai starters and main course dishes. Drinks can be purchased separately and donations will also be invited to support the Project Fund. The current project is for work on the organ.

Thursday 7 March	
	12–2pm: Lent Lunch. This is a simple soup and cheese lunch, with donations to Christian Aid. It will be held at the Vicarage (12 Church Street).
Sunday 12 March Mothering Sunday	
	8am: Rev Julie Norris will lead a traditional Holy Communion. 10am: Sung Parish Communion Service.
Sunday 17 March Fifth Sunday of Lent	
	8am: Rev Julie Norris will lead a traditional Holy Communion. 10am: Sung Parish Communion Service. This is the beginning of Passiontide, when we think of the final journey of Jesus to Jerusalem. 5pm: Youth Discussion Group. How the Holy Week and Easter stories relate to today.
Thursday 21 March	
	10.30am: A group from St Mary's will lead a service of prayers, readings and hymns along with Holy Communion in The Cambridgeshire Care Home.
Sunday 24 March Palm Sunday	
	8am: Rev Julie Norris will lead a traditional Holy Communion. 10am: Sung Parish Communion Service. There will be a dramatic reading of the Passion narrative. Palm leaves will be given out as a reflective symbol while we pray for peace in our world today. 3pm: Open Space. An opportunity for children and families to have some fun outside. This month this takes place in our churchyard.
Monday 25 March HOLY WEEK	
	6.30pm: A short service of reflection led by Rosey Feuell.
Tuesday 26 March	
	6.30pm: A short service of reflection led by Rev Julie Norris.
Wednesday 27 March	
	9.30am: Service by Great and Little Shelford Primary School as part of Holy Week, reflecting on the Last Supper and meaning of Maundy Thursday. 6.30pm: Service to reflect on four of the Stations of the Cross, led by Trevor Ward along with Rev Julie Norris.
Thursday 28 March Maundy Thursday	
	We remember the Last Supper of Jesus and celebrate Holy Communion. Then we remember the betrayal and trial of Jesus by stripping the altar and furnishings from the Church. A consecrated Host is taken to the south aisle

	altar, which is a place of repose like the Garden of Gethsemane and vigil is kept until 9pm when there is a short service of Compline, or Night Prayer.
Friday 29 March Good Friday	
	10am–12 noon: Easter Garden Workshop in the Community Room for children and adults. 2pm: Walking the Stations of the Cross with reflections, music by the choir and organ and hymns. We imagine the journey of Jesus around Jerusalem and relate it to things that happen to us and in our world. We pray and we are changed.
Saturday 30 March	
	5pm: We remember the sadness of Jesus' death and we light the Paschal (Easter) Candle from a fire outside the Church and then go into Church to welcome the dawn of new life as we celebrate the first service of Easter. We share in Holy Communion at this Easter Fire and Light Service. 8pm: Confirmation at Ely Cathedral. Four people from St Mary's will be confirmed at this special Easter Service.
Sunday 31 March Easter Day	
	8am: Rev Julie Norris will lead a traditional Holy Communion. 10am: Sung Parish Communion Service followed by an Easter Egg hunt.

In addition to the normal Sunday services, there is a zoom service each Sunday evening at 6.30pm. You can find the link on the Pew Sheet and the Website.

Brighton Marathon! On Sunday 7 April, Tim Walker is running the Brighton Marathon to raise funds for Orchards (www.orchardsuk.org). This is a Christian charity working across the UK to help women who are victims of sexual exploitation lead flourishing independent lives. Tim's fundraising page: <http://www.stewardship.org.uk/pages/twbrightonmarathon>

Thought for the month:

Peace is much more precious than a piece of land.
Anwar el-Sadat, Egyptian President 1970 -1987

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For any community, producing a Neighbourhood Plan is a lengthy process with multiple milestones. So, we are delighted to announce that WE HAVE JUST REACHED A VERY BIG ONE! We now have a draft version of the full Neighbourhood Plan and we'd like to know what you think about it. To do this, Stapleford and Great Shelford Parish Councils are running what, in formal planning terms, is known as a 'Regulation 14 Consultation'.

What is this all about?

Neighbourhood planning gives communities a role in the development and future of their local area. The Stapleford and Great Shelford Neighbourhood Plan does precisely this for our villages. Its vision and planning policies have been co-created by residents and parish councillors and shaped by the community – the people who know and love this area best.

Our 20 planning policies will ultimately carry the same weight as those in South Cambridgeshire District Council's 2018 Local Plan and will be used when reviewing all planning applications, big and small, coming forward in our area. They span six broad planning topics:

1. Housing and the built environment
2. Our rural setting and landscape
3. Climate change and biodiversity
4. Community amenities and infrastructure
5. Active travel and traffic management
6. Countryside access and enhancement.

What's happening now?

In previous community consultations, you told us what's important to you. We listened and learnt; where we hadn't got things quite right, we tweaked them; and we commissioned (with grant funding) a lot of research. The outcome is a full draft of our Neighbourhood Plan and an extensive evidence base.

Regulation 14 Consultation is now an opportunity for the local community to review and comment on this draft and its supporting documents before it is submitted to Greater Cambridge Shared Planning for independent examination.

Why should I take part?

Our villages and surrounding countryside are under enormous pressure. We cannot stop development but, at a time of great change across our region, a Neighbourhood Plan allows us to say what we want and need from growth. This, then, is your chance to shape where you live and/or work for the better.

How do I take part?

You can view the draft Neighbourhood Plan and its supporting documents at www.greatshelfordparishcouncil.gov.uk/SGSNPlan or scan the QR code on the front cover of this magazine. Paper copies are available at Great Shelford Library.

Then let us know what you think by completing the online feedback form (preferred), or by collecting and returning a paper copy at Great Shelford Library, or by writing to:

- Executive Officer, PO Box 1492, Cambridge, CB1 0YQ
- executiveofficer@greatshelfordparishcouncil.gov.uk.

If for any reason you cannot access the materials or need a copy delivered to your home, call 01223 616622 or email the Executive Officer. You may comment on as much or as little of the draft Neighbourhood Plan and its supporting documents as you wish.

When is this happening?

The consultation runs from 9am on 11 March 2024 until 4pm on 30 April 2024. You will see plenty of banners, posters and social media reminders to take part and every household and business in our parishes should receive a leaflet through their letterbox.

Who can take part?

Anyone who lives, works or runs a business in the Plan area can participate, plus landowners and organisations with an interest in our area. However, we are unable to accept anonymous comments. This is because, later on, Greater Cambridge Shared Planning (GCSP) will run a final consultation on the Neighbourhood Plan. By participating in the Regulation 14 Consultation, you consent to Stapleford and Great Shelford Parish Councils legally collecting and

sharing your contact details with GCSP so it can fulfil its statutory duties. We process personal data in compliance with Data Protection Act 2018 and General Data Protection Regulations. Our privacy statement is available to read on our Neighbourhood Plan webpages. [Apologies for all the T&Cs, but it's important that we are transparent.]

What happens next?

All feedback will be read and may result in changes to the next version of the Neighbourhood Plan. Comments will be published as part of its supporting documents. Names will be anonymised, other than where an individual is commenting on behalf of an organisation.

At the very last stage of the Neighbourhood Plan-making journey and once the Plan has passed examination, it will proceed to a community wide 'yes/no' referendum open to the electorate in both parishes. All being well, we aim to do this in late 2024.

For more information, visit www.greatshelfordparishcouncil.gov.uk/SGSNPlan or email neighbourhood.plan@staplefordparishcouncil.gov.uk

*Jenny Flynn (Chair of the Neighbourhood Plan steering group)
writing on behalf of Stapleford and Great Shelford Parish Councils*

COUNTRY MARKET

The days are lengthening and looking around there are many signs of spring. As the early spring flowers are already in full bloom, there will be no shortage of daffodils for celebrating St David's Day on 1 March.

Early days, but the 2024 markets are going well. A queue of customers waiting for the doors to open is always a boost for our producers. Very soon after opening, the café area is in full swing with fresh coffee, tea and an assortment of home-made cookies. It's a friends' meeting place and even if you are alone, you'll soon find someone ready for a chat.

During February the theme on our centre table was Valentine's Day. Our crafters set up a striking display of assorted gifting ideas that was much admired by our customers. Now, what will Market members have in store for March? You'll have to come and see!

We are still on the lookout for new members. Bakers, gardeners and crafters, where are you? If you would like to join us, please get in touch. You can read more about us on Facebook, which is updated weekly to give you the latest on our products. For a wider picture of markets go to www.country-markets.co.uk Better still, find us in the Memorial Hall, Woollards Lane from 9am to 11.30am every Wednesday morning.

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As we go to print Station Road remains closed between Freestones Corner and Shelford Park Avenue for work related to the care home. This is expected to be finished by **March 1** and work is being done in turn by the county council, Virgin Media, Eclipse Power Networks, Openreach and UK Power Networks.



So we may be inconvenienced but we can be pleased that five different companies are using the opportunity to access the same trench!

On the other side of the rails, Hinton Way is planned to be partly closed from **March 4 to June 7** at the junction of Orchard Way, for gas works.

Woollards Lane is also planned to have work from **15 to 19 April** for UK Power Networks.

In Stapleford, London Road and Church Street has works from **April 10 to April 24**, so there's no escape this spring.

Looking several weeks ahead is often helpful, yet these dates are flexible as work can be delayed when emergencies occur elsewhere. The best solution (short of escaping for a long holiday) may be to visit the Cambridgeshire website

<http://tinyurl.com/2msu3c4h> where current and future roadworks in the region are plotted on an interactive map. And it's worth taking notice of those large yellow signs so you don't find yourself and your car following endless diversions around the county!





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SHELFORD SCHOOL NEWS

As the New Year began and the new school term started, the children arrived back to enjoy the exciting curriculum school has to offer. Let's start though, by reflecting on the many activities children enjoyed in the build up to Christmas.

Christmas Performances

On 11 and 12 December, Reception and KS1 children put on a fantastic nativity performance. Children and staff had clearly been working hard on catchy songs and well-delivered lines and a wonderful time was had by all. Each class had their own performance time, either on stage or around the hall, and performers showed true enjoyment as they delighted a hall full of families.

KS2 children invited us to watch their Carols by Candlelight at St Mary's Church and the church was full to the brim with smiling, singing families. The service included lessons read by children in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 as well as an individual class performance from each year group. The school choir and orchestra also performed festive numbers and a small ensemble of singers from Year 6 wowed the audience with their performance as well.

Burwell Residential

Now to this term and Year 5 children have already been on overnight adventures. On Monday 8 January, children arrived at school with smiles and suitcases ready to board the coach to Burwell House. The group enjoyed a fantastic range of activities, from exploring the grounds and orienteering to learning about the technical aspects of the TV studio and performing scripts they had worked on at school. They returned to their families on Wednesday afternoon, full of stories and excitement about their time away.

Young Voices

On Monday 15 January choir members from Years 4, 5 and 6 travelled to the O2 Arena in London to be part of an 8,000-strong children's choir with Young Voices 2024. All the time spent rehearsing songs, harmonies and dance moves paid off and the children had a fantastic time entertaining families and audience members who had travelled to watch them. This term we have moved into other new experiences for the children which included the Year 2 involvement in Candlemas.

Candlemas

On 2 February the whole school came into St Mary's Church to celebrate a service of Candlemas led by Year 2 children. The service was a brilliant combination of narration, tableaux and readings. The children and parents said that the words in the readings were long and hard to read, but the children had practised well and so were able to tell the story beautifully. The tableaux told

the story of how Simeon and Anna had waited patiently for a long time to meet the promised Jesus and were delighted when at last he arrived in the temple.

Congratulations to Year 2

The school received a letter from the Minister for Schools, Damian Hinds, congratulating the current Year 2s for the excellent performance in the phonics screening check carried out last year when they were in Year 1. 100% of the children achieved the expected standard, showing the staff team how well their preparation is working to equip children to read. The children did so well thanks to everyone involved: children, families, the team and Miss Beck, the Early Reading and Phonics Leader.

Termly Curriculum Thread

The children are engaging in some interesting topics this term, with each year group following a particular curriculum thread to explore and focus their writing skills. Reception have been undertaking a topic called 'It's freezing here!'. Year 1 are also looking at the weather in their 'Wonderful Weather!' topic. Year 2 are focusing on Chinese New Year. The Year 3 children are embarking on a Mighty Mountain topic in the English writing curriculum, with a special visitor coming in to help them explore and write about it.

Year 4 are looking at Europe Now and Ancient Egypt. Year 5 are looking at Life on the Nile and Year 6 are focusing on the Anglo Saxons, exploring where they settled and how we know this.

Sports Events

Sports Leaders from Sawston Village College have come into school to lead a Year 3 and 4 Indoor Athletics event, including Jessie, a former Head Girl.

Upcoming PTA Events

The PTA will hold their annual quiz on Saturday 9 March from 8pm in the school hall. Quiz master Andrew Corney and his team will be challenging keen teams with a variety of questions and competitions. Teams of up to eight people can now sign up, so to book your tickets contact the school.

Events taking place after half term:

Year 6 are planning their Residential at Grafham Water from 11 March.

Kapla Bricks Workshops will take place in the School Hall on 25 and 26 March. Children will take part in a 3D hands on-construction and learning activity, under the guidance of a Kapla construction expert. Shelford School will be engaging in their own Holy Week activities and reflections starting on 25 March. Our Easter Service will take place at All Saints, Little Shelford on 28 March at 1.30pm and this will conclude the Spring Term.

Happy Easter!

Alice Walker and Julie Norris

CHRISTMAS BOXES



Thank you very much for supporting Operation Christmas Child in 2023. You have made such a difference to so many children's lives. You have given them a gift of love unconditionally. They will know that they are special and loved.

I have been waiting to contact you until I knew details of where the boxes went and to let you know the number of boxes that were packed.

The grand total of boxes packed and sent from all the sending countries was an enormous 11,330,126 – that's just under 11 and a half million, an increase from 2022. The UK sent 237,735 boxes which includes 27,141 ordered online.

The Free Church collected 178 boxes including 87 which were packed at the Operation Christmas Child shoe box filling party. We also received 60 boxes from Tuckers. £199 was raised at the cake sale which went towards to transportation and training costs. Boxes from the east of England went to the Balkans, Central Asia, West Africa, Moldova, Romania, Belarus, Serbia and Ukraine.

Thank you again and I hope that Operation Christmas Child will be on your 'to do list' for 2024. May God bless you.

Jane Furlow

Local Connect volunteer for OCC/07745 046921

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Further information from Freda Orgee on 01223 891464 or
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HAPPY 21ST BIRTHDAY!

We have recently hosted a 21st birthday party at GSFC, not for a person, but for GenR8, one of the organisations we support. The charity's name came about because of this verse from Psalm 78:

*We will tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the Lord, his power,
and the wonders he has done*

As a child, practically everyone I knew, even if not a churchgoer, was familiar with the basic beliefs of the Christian faith. This is no longer the case and just this last Christmas we heard of people who did not know the 'real' Christmas story. Regardless of whether or not one chooses to believe the 'praiseworthy deeds and wonders', it is important that people at least know the tenets on which this country's government, education and hospital systems are based. But children will never know, unless they are told, and that is why, as 95% of children don't go to church, but do go to school, we go there. We share what we as Christians believe, without ever pressurising children to do the same, hence our strapline of 'Presenting Christianity', as opposed to promoting it.

In addition to leading termly acts of collective worship, (100 Cambridgeshire schools visited last term in addition to Shelford) GenR8's army of volunteers provides Inspire Prayer Spaces, Cool Choices and It's Your Move sessions to help children make sense of peer pressure and transition to secondary school, plus several other initiatives, all with the aim of presenting children with the heart of what the Christian gospel is about.

At Great Shelford Free Church, a sizeable chunk of our income is spent on supporting mission organisations, both home and abroad, offering practical support such as medical care, food, education etc. However, we couple this practical support with sharing the reason for the hope that is within us; that of God's love for the world. In the words of one of GenR8's best loved songs, 'For God so loved the world, he gave his only son, that whoever believes in him shall not die but have eternal life.'

Liz Jenkin, Elder, Great Shelford Free Church

JANUARY EVENTS AT THE FREE CHURCH

Easter Services

Please visit our website (www.shelfordfreechurch.org.uk) or contact the church office (01223 84218) for further details.

Regular 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.

Café Church on Sunday 17 March at 10.30am Informal service, seated around tables with refreshments served.

Open Space on Sunday 24 March: 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/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.

Special Events

The Big Quiz Night for Tearfund on Saturday 2 March, 6pm in Great Shelford Free Church

Come join us for a fun evening. Come as a team or join a team on the night. Food will be available (baked potatoes with various fillings followed by ice cream/fresh fruit). Donations only towards Tearfund.

Lent Lunch on March 18 March, 12.15– 1.30pm in Great Shelford Free Church

Everyone welcome! Selection of homemade soups followed by fruit. Donations only. Booking through the church office (01223 842181) is advisable but not essential. Please inform us of any dietary requirements e.g. gluten free.

*Margaret Cletheroe,
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7, 14, 21, 28	Carpet Bowls (Thursdays)	7pm	Memorial Hall
7	WI – Writing historical fiction	7.30pm	St Mary’s Community Hall
11	Talk: Hedgehogs	7pm	Cox’s Close Community Room, Stapleford
16	Twinning – Le Petit Déjeuner	9am	Free Church Hall
23	Village Market	9.30am	Memorial Hall
27	Engage: Exploring Cambridgeshire Churches	2pm	Library
27	Annual Parish Meeting	7pm	Memorial Hall

	<p>BIN COLLECTIONS</p> <p>Black bins Tuesday 5, Tuesday 19 March</p> <p>Blue and Green bins Tuesday 12, Tuesday 26 March</p>
	<p>POST BOXES</p> <p>Coppice Avenue, Mill Court (Hinton Way), Library, Old Vicarage, Church St, High Green bus stop, Stonehill Road, Macaulay Avenue.</p> <p>According to Post Office staff, the first collection from post boxes is at 9am (7am on Saturdays) and there are subsequent collections later. The latest collection is from the Post Office at 4.45pm.</p>
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If you're interested, contact Sarah Haddow (sarah.haddow@talk21.com) or Colin Jefferson (colin@frenchfrogs.net). You will then be sent the relevant information and a more detailed form to fill in so that we can match you with a suitable family in France.

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Duncan Grey

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BETTER WAYS FOR BUSWAYS! UPDATE

A brief update this month to keep you apprised of how things stand...

What we know:

- The busway, Cambridge South East Transport (CSET) is on pause.
- Greater Cambridge Partnership (GCP) wrote to the government last October asking for £162million of funding to build it.
- The GCP is continuing to spend significant sums of money on CSET to get it ready to build as soon as it secures funding.
- Local councillors will determine whether it is built.
- Great Shelford Parish Council, Stapleford Parish Council and Cambridge Past Present and Future have all written to the government pointing out that, while they are in favour of improving transport infrastructure, it can be done for £100 million via a scheme that better connects Addenbrooke's and does not go through our countryside.
- This scheme (which the GCP originally proposed some years ago) provides a bus lane along the A1307, with a new road from the Hinton Way roundabout directly into Cambridge Biomedical Campus and can be delivered in stages starting now, without delay.



What we don't know:

- How long the GCP will wait, keeping much needed transport improvements on hold.
- What the government's formal reaction will be after such a long delay.

Action:

Please write to our local councillors (see addresses in this magazine) and prospective Parliamentary candidates setting out the rational case.

Howard Kettel

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READER'S LETTER

I noted in last month's *Village News* that on 5 January I wrote to two prospective candidates for the South Cambridgeshire constituency inviting their views on East West Rail and the proposed busway. I sent a repeat letter at the end of January from which I again received only an automatic reply.

Pippa Heylings' automatic replay message does say, 'I am keen to hear from residents across South Cambridgeshire on the issues that matter most to you and to understand your concerns.' So that's all right then.

Then just before GSVN publication date I received news from Chris Carter-Chapman as follows: 'I would be grateful if you would please make clear to your readers that I am implacably opposed to the cross-country route and have made multiple comments on this matter both on local radio and in print. We will shortly be issuing an update letter on this subject to residents in the affected villages, this letter will further underline my position on the matter.' So now, at last, you know something. More news as it comes ... eventually.

Duncan Grey

WI

On 1 February, we welcomed Kate Osborne, who was talking about the shingle beaches around Suffolk and the interesting treasures that can be found on them.

From Lowestoft in the North and beyond Felixstowe in the south, the tides of that coastline are likely to wash up interesting finds, especially from September to March. These may include Hag stones (the ones that have holes in the middle), common whelk shells, mermaid's purses (the egg cases of shark, skate or ray), limpets, crab shells and many seaweeds. On one occasion, Kate discovered the tooth of a baby woolly mammoth.

Kate explained the importance of the delicate balance in nature between the plants and animals that thrive in the ocean. These all have their part to play in providing food and shelter for the ocean's microorganisms. There are, of course, many dos and don'ts relating to beach combing and Kate pointed out how we must be responsible and observe all signs along the pathways and on the beaches. The salty and windy conditions of the coastline of Suffolk makes an ideal habitat for many sea creatures, birds and plants, precious things that we should not take for granted. A sad reflection of human behaviour is the amount of rubbish left behind or washed up by the tides. This never really disappears and can have a devastating effect, causing the deaths of millions of sea birds, whales, dolphins and turtles.

Our next meeting will be held on Thursday 7 March at St Mary's Community Hall at 7.30pm, when Susan Grossey will talk about writing historical fiction. We will also vote for new members to join our committee. As President I have enjoyed my three years in this WI and must thank my enthusiastic and kind committee for all their efforts in making this organisation work so well in this fantastic village.

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GREAT SHELFORD VILLAGE CHARITY A WILLOW CLASSROOM ON MORE'S MEADOW

A chilly January morning saw a motley crew of scouts, village college students, charity directors and assorted family members planting hundreds of willow cuttings in the charity's community garden.

Given a year or two and some TLC, these will develop to form a shady retreat, ideal for nature classes, games of hide and seek and summer picnics.

This striking new addition to the garden was made possible thanks to a generous donation from the Great Shelford Co-op for the purchase of a willow kit. Our thanks go also to Will Bull for getting everyone organised and directing the morning's work.

Villagers are welcome to visit the community garden and enjoy the fine views towards Magog Down. Access is via More's Meadow – or the gate at the bottom of The Hectare – or from the DNA cycleway via the footbridge over the railway.



Brian Connellan, Director

2G3S

Events coming up and regular sessions

Conversation Evening in April on electric transport – cars and bikes. To be held at Cox’s Close Community Room in Stapleford. More details to follow.

Dr Bike Bike Repair Sessions at the Old Slaughterhouse in Stapleford, 3pm to 5.30pm every Tuesday. Further information: drbikestapleford@gmail.com.

South Cambs Organic Gardeners meet at Cox’s Close Community Room in Stapleford. Further information: helen_harwood_uk@yahoo.co.uk.

Pure Clean Water This excellent film was screened to a sell-out audience at Sawston Cinema. It showed Hobson’s Conduit in its glory days before the drought of 1976 destroyed its SSSI status. In more recent years, the fall in the water table means that, despite augmentation by pumping water from the aquifer to the chalk stream system, watercourses can regularly run very low or dry, e.g. in the 2022 drought. Over abstraction is the cause, and the Environment Agency has said abstraction needs to reduce by 60% for the streams to recover.

Householders in the Cambridge Water Company region use on average 140 litres per person per day. The Eddington development was built to allow 80 litres, by harvesting rainwater and using grey water to flush toilets and water gardens. If we all conserved this precious water and the water company fixed leaks faster, we could greatly reduce our consumption. One panel member, a councillor, had reduced their household consumption to 45 litres per day per person! And no, she didn’t smell, her hair was clean and her clothes were clean! You can save water by not using a hosepipe, watering plants with washing up water, not flushing the toilet every time you wee and saving water as it warms up in the tap and using it to wash vegetables, water the garden or flush the loo. You can check your water consumption by looking at your bills. You can also read the Local Nature Recovery Strategy on the Natural Cambridgeshire website, and respond to their forthcoming questionnaire. And write to your MP about how the regional water shortage will be affected by new housing developments – these rarely include water conservation measures. You could also write to Cambridge Water Company to ask them to bring in a hosepipe ban and to fix leaks faster.

This film was made before Mr Gove proposed the quadrupling of the number of households in the Cambridge region. As current plans stand, the proposed Fens Reservoir will need to be built as soon as possible, or else our chalk streams ecosystem will be irreversibly lost. Spending the reservoir money on retrofitting grey water usage and rainwater harvesting to existing properties could be a viable option. See [*purecleanwater.film*](#) for more information.

Cambridge Sustainable Food gave us a very interesting talk at the end of January, with lots of discussion and a quiz to test our knowledge. The organisation has been in existence for 10 years and works to build a more sustainable food system, with less waste, fairer distribution, food security and healthier food. A lot of their work at present is running eight food hubs, which they supply with excess food from supermarkets. Last year they redistributed 187 tons of food!

We discussed how our choices of food affect our health and the planet. If you choose to do just one thing to really make a difference to the carbon footprint of your diet, eat less meat (especially beef) and dairy. There are lots of recipes on the Veganuary website and also on the Love Food Hate Waste site.

To read more about the dysfunctional food system in this country, read 'Ravenous' by Henry Dimbleby, who was called the Food Czar, having worked on the National Food Strategy, the School Food Plan and with DEFRA.

See if you can get the right answers to some of the quiz questions – answers on page 46.

1. Of all the land in the UK used for agriculture, how much is used for crops for humans to eat? 15%, 25%, or 40%?
2. Can you name the four foods that are most wasted by households?
3. How much food is wasted before the produce leaves the farm gate? 10%, 20%, 30%, 40%?
4. The carbon emissions from one person's average weekly food shop are 36kg CO² equivalent for vegans and 46kg CO² for vegetarians. What is the figure in kg CO² equivalent for the average diet including meat?

Hedgehog Highways East Cambridgeshire District Council surveyed constituents about the animals they most wanted to help and hedgehogs topped the poll. The Council is now working with developers of new housing estates to incorporate hedgehog-friendly measures such as creating holes at the bottom of fences to enable hedgehogs to pass from one garden to another. You can do this in your own garden. You can also put out water and cat or dog food for them and leave a pile of leaves for them to lie in or make a house. More information on the RSPCA website.

If you are interested in green matters and the environment at all levels email mail2G3S@gmail.com (please note new email address) 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 how we can live more sustainably. Also see our Facebook page and our website (type 2G3S into Google and you will find us).

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REVIEW OF SLEEPING BEAUTY LITTLE SHELFORD PANTOMIME 2024



Princess Aurora (Isobel Whitton)

Once upon a time ...

I had the pleasure to be transported back one hundred years attending the very first performance of this happy romp on a rainy Wednesday in January. It is always wonderful to be reacquainted with a classic pantomime fairytale and savvy scriptwriter Ad-Libby Ahluwalia once again made sure it was served afresh, injecting the plot with some delightful local *Shelfordy* themed puns. Dick Wallin and Heidi Meikle as directors had crisped the villages' teenage cast up thoroughly for another week of panto fun in Little Shelford.

The younger members in the choruses were enchanting, embracing one of Roald Dahl's hilarious revolting rhymes, 'Snow White' and it was lovely to see new chorus leaders in action.

Miles Cragg provided the brilliant piano playing, aided by Lucy Barlow and the curtains opened to the village displayed picturesquely in the background, thanks to Frances Richardson's dynamic scenery design and enthusiastic mentoring of budding artists in the village. An excited group of palace staff were looking forward to celebrating Princess Aurora's 18th (a sweet performance by Isobel Whitton). Aurora's two sisters, Alexandra (Abigail Pearce) and Serena (Rafaela Wilkinson) and mother Queen Beatrice (Zosia Zmija), were all very keen to prevent Aurora from being stung by something

sharp to defeat the spell that the evil witch had put on her whilst still a babe in arms. Deserving mention was the brilliant jester Boris (Joseph Morris) properly funny and playful, whose performance, including solo *Smile*, brought the whole play together.

The bright eyed unstoppable force of nature Jack McNaught as the Dame and fairy Wand-a (the charming Emma Quinnell) spurred on the festivities with glee. Dressed to the nines in shiny yellow in all her petticoat glory, surrounded by sizzling spice girl fairies, Dame Nancy kept up the cheer.

A plot twist however necessitated the party plans be overheard by wickedly portrayed furry friends Snookums (Ella Guron) and Fluffikins (Millie Kennedy) who, being Chinese cat spyware personified, quickly informed the wicked villain of 2024's panto. Entry to a superbly eyerolling Ava Henry as evil witch, Grizelda, who was once again **not** invited to the festivities accompanied by her deadpan side kick, Norman (Toby Woodcock). We loved the quick-witted insults that were coming fast and furious from this firecracker clad in black.

The not so innocent cats lured the hapless Aurora to the attic where all sharp things were hidden – a pun-cture paradise! Avoiding the story tale spinning wheel, the impatient cats caught her with a claw to ensure they put her to sleep in time to get their place in the ice cream queue at the interval. Alas! Evil job done and Beauty put to sleep for a very very long time while the cats performed a celebratory dance.

Hats off to Emma Christelow and Cheryl Smythe for the scintillating choreography; wardrobe coordinator Charlotte Chatwin and her team for the costumes; make-up coordinator Becky Whitehouse and the many others involved.

The gallant Round Table troops in the form of King Arthur (Harry Chatwin), Queen Guinevere (Beatrice White), and the knights led by the dashing Sir Lancelot (Atticus Whitehouse) were on hand for the rescue but political correctness disallowed the purrfect magical kiss.

The sounds of *Wake me up before you go go* at long last for Aurora accompanied a sci-fi excursion into the future, bringing Sleeping Beauty to modern day Shelford, complete with teenage chorus members playing on their smart phones. Dazed and confused, she was rescued by Wand-a who guided her back to her palace of a hundred years ago where the story got its happy ending, faith in humanity was restored – and look who finally got his girl, none other than Boris! *Always look on the bright side!*

The fluorescent Scene was mesmerising; fairy, swords and spinning clocks, one hundred years of sunsets followed by sunrises – Nikki Wilkinson

overseeing yet another annual delight. The pantomime jogged along aided by many others – too many to name them all – except of course panto driving force, Sarah Coppendale.

As with every good Christmas tradition, there's a joy in knowing exactly what you're going to get and yet the show once again exceeded expectations. Rock on 2025 – can it be that we have a 40th anniversary coming up? – we can't wait!

Alice Diamond

Photo Louise Guron (see back cover for more photos)

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March is Women's History Month, and we will be showcasing some of our best titles by and about women around the world.

Engage Talk Exploring Cambridgeshire Churches. On Wednesday 27 March, 2 – 3.30pm. A donation of £2 is appreciated. Please stay for a drink after the talk. Please pre-book via 44ambourne.referral@cambridgeshire.gov.uk or in the library.

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Coaching at GSTC goes from strength to strength, with Ashley Powter (pictured) the latest to join the Over & In team who give individual and group lessons. Ashley is in the latter stages of a coaching apprenticeship, is already available for hitting sessions, and may soon be passing on tennis tips to beginners and those returning to the sport. Welcome aboard Ashley and good luck in the future.



Photo: Stephen Chittenden

The Cambs veterans’ league has just got underway, for players of a certain age. The match format is interesting, starting with women’s and men’s doubles, before switching to mixed doubles halfway through. Nobody knows where or when this fiendishly complex system was invented, though it is believed to have its origins in Scottish country dancing. Like the Gay Gordons, it is highly sociable and energetic, but requires no bagpipes.

Email membership@gstc.org.uk if you fancy some veteran tennis, want to play at one of our regular club sessions or especially if you’d like a hit with Ashley Powter, our Member of the Month.

Stephen Chittenden

2G3S QUIZ ANSWERS

1. 40% – the rest is to feed animals. *Eat more plants and less animals.*
2. Bread, milk, salad, bananas. *Only buy what you need; freeze bread or toast it; taste a little of the milk to see if it’s OK, even if the use by date has passed; make banana bread or ice cream with overripe bananas, or slice into porridge.*
3. 30% - supermarket contracts are too specific on veg size, shape, etc, so much gets ploughed back in. *Buy wonky vegs, join a veg box scheme.*
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FOOTBALL CLUB



If any keen follower of the club can remember the last time the first team lost three matches on the trot, please feel free to let us know! That is exactly what has now happened when their poor run of form continued with a 2-1 home defeat to Ely Reserves. To be fair, Ely are having a very good season of their own and sit with us in a group of six teams harbouring ambitions to win the Premier Division title at this stage of the season.

A break from the title chase saw the team find their form again and a convincing 4-1 home win against Witchford saw them progress to the next round of the Cambs Challenge Cup. Without a game since late November, the reserves could have been excused a little rustiness, but a last minute winner away to West Wrating Reserves ensured a great start to the new year. The euphoria didn't last long, however, when it transpired that an unfortunate administration error saw them field an ineligible player, meaning that they subsequently forfeited the points. The team soon put this behind them a week later with a 2-1 win away to lowly Swavesey Institute, before ending the month on a magnificent high when a 2-1 home win against March Town Reserves saw them supplant the visitors at the top of the Senior B Division table.

Many will already be aware that sadly, Tom Higgins recently passed away at the age of 84. Tom was a true legend of Great Shelford FC and local football in general. Having played for our club, and others at a higher level, he returned to manage us when his playing days ended in the early 1970s. In 1975 he led us to our first Premier Division title, repeating this feat the following year before stepping down and going on to manage the County team and the Sunday League representative side. Our thoughts go out to Tom's family and friends at this difficult time.

There will be games on the rec most Saturdays so why not come along and support your local club.

Terry Rider

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11 March 1854 Within the last two years, upwards of 120 persons have emigrated from this village, Lt. Shelford and Stapleford. There is scarcely a ship that is not the bearer of communications from emigrants there, to their relations or friends here; and it is gratifying to state that nearly every letter received is couched in language the most satisfactory. Many of the senders strongly advise their friends to follow them and some have offered to send money, providing parties here could, or the parish would, make up sufficient to pay the outfit and the expenses. Many of our own able-bodied labourers have a severe attack of the emigration fever and are determined if possible to follow their relations for the land of gold.

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24	Dom Joly: the conspiracy tour
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10 3pm	Samuele Telari, accordion
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22 7.45pm	Misha Mulloy-Abbado Group, jazz sextet
27 7.45pm	The Jeremiahs, Irish traditional music
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5,19	10.30am–1.30pm	Volunteer work party
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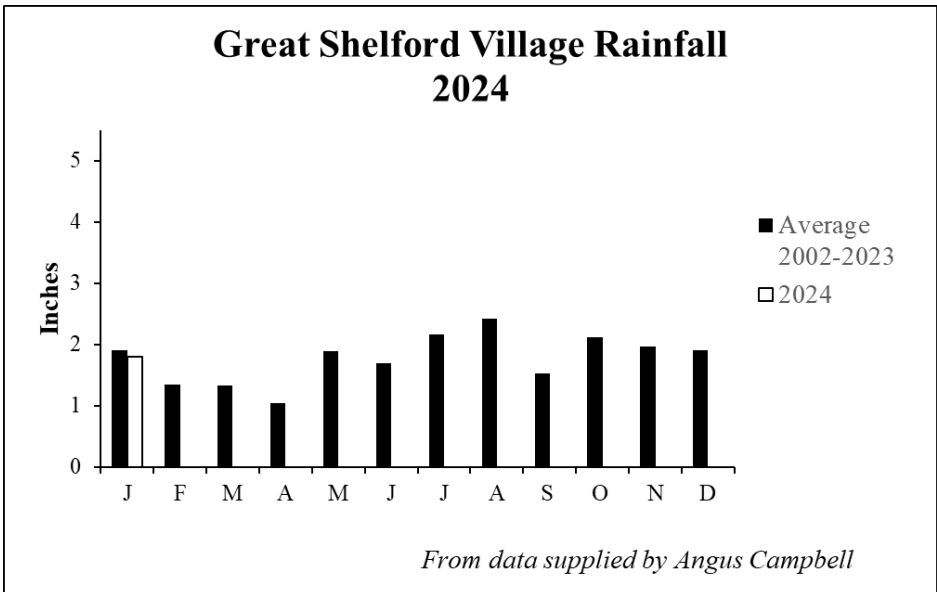
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Fluffikins (Millie Kennedy), Grizelda (Ava Henry), Norman (Toby Woodcock) and Shnookums (Ella Guron)



Lancelot (Atticus Whitehouse) and Aurora (Isobel Whitton)



Queen Beatrice (Zosia Zmija), Alexandra (Abigail Pearce) & Serena (Rafaela Wilkinson)

The fluorescent scene

