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SUMMARY FROM THE UNADOPTED MINUTES OF THE MEETING ON 20 MARCH 2024

REPORTS FROM COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCIL MEMBERS

Cllrs were disappointed that the reports from the County and District representatives had not been sent in time to be considered before the meeting.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND WORKING GROUPS

Neighbourhood plan: The Regulation 14 Consultation has been launched and runs until 30 April. Everyone who lives, works or has an interest in the Neighbourhood Plan area is invited to take part.

COUNCIL ADMINISTRATION MATTERS

Business Plan: The costings for the Memorial Hall are due in. Cllr Price and the Executive Officer have looked through the policies. Construction of the skate park has commenced.

COMMUNITY MATTERS

a) A report from the Cricket Club and proposals for an artificial wicket were discussed. It was agreed to support the installation of the artificial wicket but to stress to the Cricket Club that it must be maintained by the club and if it falls into disrepair then they must replace/remove it at their cost.

b) It was agreed to allow signage for the Scout and Guide Clubs to be installed at the Memorial Hall.

c) A request from an Open Age Men's Football team to use the Recreation Ground Shelford and Stapleford Strikers (SASS) pitch for their home matches next season 2024/25 was discussed. Having received some feedback from SASS Football Team about their plans for 2024/25 it was agreed that the Parish Council would have to turn down this request due to the potential for the ground to be over played.

d) It was agreed to mark the 80th Anniversary of D-Day on 6 June by purchasing a D-Day flag.

HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORT

a) The Local Highways Initiative application for Church Street was submitted in January and an initial response has been received from Highways. The officers appear to have misinterpreted some areas and Cllrs Disley and Ashurst will liaise with them to clarify points and if possible, discuss on site.

b) Cambridge South East Transport (CSET): £7.2m from the government's budget is being provided to get the scheme for the proposed busway up and running. The assumption of the Greater Cambridge Partnership (GCP) is that the £7.2m will go to them to prepare the Transport and Works Act Orders. Now they have enough money to take the project to the next stage.

FINANCE

The feasibility and cost of creating an overflow car park near the tennis courts was discussed. It was agreed to seek quotations and find out whether planning permission was required.

EMPLOYMENT MATTERS

It was agreed to appoint Nicola Webster as Parish Clerk on SCP36 with effect from 15 April 2024.

MATTERS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

UK Power Networks are proposing to build three new sub-stations in the area: in Trumpington, Newmarket Road and Shelford Bottom. They are giving a presentation on 25 March about this. They have been asked to come to a planning meeting.

PARISH COUNCIL & COMMITTEE MEETINGS IN MAY

Cemetery & Allotments Committee	8 May	7.00pm Pavilion
Planning Committee	13 May	7.30pm Pavilion
Full Council (Annual) Meeting	15 May	7.00pm Pavilion
Planning Committee	20 May	7.30pm Pavilion

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

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

JUNE ISSUE OF THE VILLAGE NEWS

The deadline for copy for the next issue of the *Great Shelford Village News* is **Friday 17 May** and it should be available on **Friday 31 May**, with subscribed copies delivered shortly thereafter.

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PLANNING APPLICATIONS

PARISH COUNCIL COMMENTS (04.03.2024 & 18.03.2024)

24/00602/HFUL	31 Stonehill Road	Single storey rear extension.
Application supported.		

REPORTS ON PLANNING MEETINGS

UK Power Networks

Rachel and Dawn from UK Power Networks explained that the electricity infrastructure for Cambridge is being reinforced and that some of the additional equipment needed will be located within the village boundary. Rachel gave a brief presentation detailing the plans and confirmed that a planning application is due to be put in April/May 2024. If permission is provided, the build will take 12–18 months. UK Power Networks are very conscious that the build is in the green belt and are looking to landscape and protect views. They will be holding public meetings in the village soon.

Cambridge Biomedical Campus (CBC) Vision 2050 Assessment

There have been several responses to the Assessment on Vision 2050 produced by the Parish Council and Trumpington Residents Association. Cllr Watson has had a meeting with the Cambridge and Peterborough Combined Authority, who are aware of the Parish Council's view that the Vision is not fit for purpose and needs revisiting. The Combined Authority also supports the Parish Council's view that development should be spread around the county.

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LAST CHANCE TO HAVE YOUR SAY:

Regulation 14 Consultation on the draft Neighbourhood Plan

If you have received your copy of the Village News or the Messenger on the last Friday of April, there will just be time for you to participate in the consultation on the draft Stapleford and Great Shelford Neighbourhood Plan. This closes at 4pm on Tuesday 30 April.

You can view the draft Neighbourhood Plan and its supporting documents at www.greatshelfordparishcouncil.gov.uk/SGSNPlan. Paper copies are available at Great Shelford Library.

Let us know what you think by completing the feedback form (available online or on paper at Great Shelford Library) or just write to us at:

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*Jenny Flynn (Chair of the Neighbourhood Plan steering group)
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Spring has well and truly sprung and I hope you are able to enjoy a little more time outside – we just need the rain to be less persistent.

Memorial Hall

We recently engaged with a firm of architects to ask them to look at what is possible with the Memorial Hall by way of modernising, bearing in mind the wish list from our users, our residents and future hirers. They have recently come back to us with outline drawings and we will be engaging with you shortly to consider how we take the project forward.

East West Rail

We are aware that some residents have received questionnaires from East West Rail with respect to their properties and following this, surveys asking for permission to attend site and carry out non-intrusive surveys. Great Shelford Parish Council has also received these for some of the land that we own.

East West Rail have also arranged a series of public meetings that they are calling ‘*Nine Community Conversation Events*’ and these are taking place ahead of the first stage of the statutory consultation that they need to go through. The events near us are in Cambourne, Cambridge and Comberton. We have been pushing for a meeting to be held in Great Shelford.

Cambridge 2040

You may be aware that Michael Gove MP has made an announcement about his plans to increase the size of Greater Cambridge by building a further 150,000 dwellings. The Government has set up a Cambridge Delivery Group, headed up by Peter Freeman, who is Chair of Homes England. We have asked Mr Freeman to meet with us so that we can build a relationship and express our concerns and our desires for the area. Though we chased for a response, we are at the time of writing still waiting.

Changes

Finally, by the time you read this Libby White, our clerk for the last three years, will have left us for her new role as Town Clerk at St Ives Town Council. We wish Libby well in her new role and thank her for all that she has done for the parish council in her time with us. Nicola Webster joined us on 1 April, to have a handover from Libby and we look forward to a long working relationship with Nicola.

Do get in touch with us should you have any relevant concerns. Our number is 01223 616622. Nicola will be available to help during office hours (at other times please leave a message or email). Councillors have email addresses too, which can be found on the website. If you do email a Councillor, we ask that you copy in Nicola.

Malcolm Watson, Chairman



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Saint Mary the Virgin

Julie's Jottings

St Francis of Assisi was born into a wealthy family in Italy in 1181. As a young man he was profoundly moved by an experience of meeting a man who was disfigured by leprosy. Francis was filled with compassion and gave the man his cloak and his care. On another occasion St Francis was praying by himself in a church, when he heard God say to him, 'Francis, repair my church'. He took this to mean, literally mend the building he was in, but over time he realised that the Church was the body of Christ and his job was to live a simple life, doing the tasks that were given to him and ministering to the sick, the poor and the disadvantaged. He was also known for his love of animals and the natural world. He gathered others around him who shared his beliefs and values.

Rev Edward Westrip and his wife **Joanne** will be joining us at St Mary's from later this month. Edward is a tertiary in the society of St Francis. This means that he tries to emulate St Francis by his words and action, his study and his prayer. Franciscans aim to be Christ-like in their teaching, acts of charity and social service. This is a way of life that is marked by humility, love and joy. Edward will bring much to enrich our worship, prayer and lives at St Mary's and in the village. Please come and join us to welcome Edward at the service at **10am on 19 May**.

Rev Julie Norris

Thought for the month:

Youth would be an ideal state if it would come a little later in life.

Herbert Asquith 1923

Help needed

Would you like to help out our Ministry Team? You can work from home keeping in touch by phone, computer and Zoom with Rev Julie Norris and other team members. You can plan your time to suit your other commitments, but seven hours per week would cover the work of this administrative/secretarial job. The pay is £15 per hour.

If you would like to be considered for this role, we would like to hear from you. Please send (preferably by e-mail) a brief CV giving details of your experience and qualifications along with a note explaining why you think you are the person to fill this role, what you can offer us and how you can make a difference:

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Rev Julie Norris, 12 Church Street, Great Shelford, Cambridge, CB22 5EL

MAY SERVICES AND EVENTS

General information	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Church is open daily for prayer 9.30am–4pm • Morning Prayer Services: 8.30am, Monday and Thursday • Sunday Services: 8am and 10am. In addition, there is a zoom service each Sunday evening at 6.30pm. The zoom link is on the Pew Sheet and on the website. 	
Saturday 4 May	
	10.30am–12 noon: Maureen’s Coffee Morning in the Community Room. We welcome you to join us.
Sunday 5 May, Sixth Sunday of Easter	
	<p>We continue the Easter theme</p> <p>8am: Rev Julie Norris will lead traditional Holy Communion using the Book of Common Prayer.</p> <p>10am: Family and Parish Communion Service. We will be considering, ‘What is a good friend.’ This is an intergeneration service, children take part along with their families and friends from 0–90+.</p>
Monday 6 April	
	2pm: at The Vicarage. The Pilgrim House group will look at a York Course written by David Wilkinson – ‘Who are we Praying to?’ This is a friendly discussion based around the different characters in the book. Newcomers are welcome to join us.
Thursday 9 May Ascension Day	
	7pm: at Holy Trinity Balsham We will join the Deanery for a Deanery Ascension Day Service. Do join us thinking about the point at which the disciples said their final goodbye to Jesus as the risen Christ ascended to God, leaving people who were no longer just disciples, but apostles, sent to share good news and serve others.
Sunday 12 May Seventh Sunday of Easter. Start of Christian Aid Week.	
	<p>8am: Rev Julie Norris will lead traditional Holy Communion. We will include prayers for Christian Aid in the service.</p> <p>10am: Parish Communion at which Alex Cassidy, our Regional Christian Aid Representative, will give the homily.</p> <p>6.30pm: Regional Christian Aid Service This will be an ecumenical gathering. Members of the Cambridgeshire Christian Aid Committee will share in the service and the preacher will be Nick Georgiadis, the Director of fundraising at Christian Aid.</p> <p><i>There will be envelopes for you to make a contribution to the work of Christian Aid at each of our services.</i></p>

Thursday 16 May	
	10.30am: Cambridgeshire Care Home A group from St Mary's will lead a service of prayers, readings and hymns along with Holy Communion.
Friday 17 May	
	7pm: at the Free Church St Mary's we will be sharing in a Pentecost service. This will be a uniting of different traditions, as choir and bands complement each other in an evening of thankfulness for the coming of God's spirit.
Sunday 19 May Pentecost	
	8am: Rev Julie Norris will lead traditional Holy Communion. 10am: Sung Parish Communion Service. This will be the Licensing of Rev Edward Westrip conducted by the Ven Alex Hughes. Edward is to be the new Associate Priest at St Mary's and we will be welcoming him and his wife Joanne at this service. In addition, we will be celebrating with Wendy and Martyn Seekings their 60th Wedding Anniversary. There will be fizz and cake after the service to mark these wonderful events. 5pm: The Youth Group will reflect on Lent and what it means to young people.
Saturday 25 May	
	12.30pm: The Wedding will take place of James Hammond and Kate Higgins
Sunday 26 May Trinity Sunday	
	8am: traditional Holy Communion. 10am: Parish Communion This will be the first opportunity for Rev Edward Westrip to preach at St Mary's. 3pm: at St Mary's 'Open Space' in the Churchyard, an opportunity for children and families to have some fun outside. Gillian will have creative activities for the whole family to join in.

For more information about Great Shelford Parish Church

See our website <https://www.stmarysgreatshelford.org> for up-to-date details.

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GREAT SHELFORD VILLAGE CHARITY

Changes at the Charity

Sarah Rann is retiring as director and chair of the board. Her leadership of the Charity has been transformational, turning the former *Parochial Charities* into a modern, almshouse-based charity housing over 100 people, including many young families.

Mary Lester is also stepping down as the Charity's clerk. Known for her wide knowledge of the village and local people, Mary has given unwavering support over many years to the directors, our More's Meadow residents and the good causes we support.

We also welcome some new arrivals; the board of directors now comprises:

Jaspaul Hill – Chair	Alice Mann
Michael Pooles – Deputy Chair	Richard Mutty
Brian Connellan	Keith Sugden
Sarah Kreckler	Simon White
Si-Houy Lao-Sirieix	

Finally, we are very pleased to announce the appointment of our new clerk, Samantha Rigby-Coghlan.

A big thank you to our donors and supporters

- **Interact Cambridge**, a networking organisation for property and construction industry professionals, has kindly donated £1,250. Some of this money we have earmarked for the Great Shelford Friendship Club in support of their day trip programme, with the rest going towards the refurbishment of our older almshouses.
- **The Shelford Feast** has kindly donated £600. This will support our annual Christmas food bag programme whereby we distribute essential foods and some seasonal treats to local households on tight budgets. Last year we distributed 36 Christmas food bags and we intend to do something similar this year.

While recent news has focused on our award winning new almshouse development, we continue to invest in improving the Charity's older properties. Our refurbishment programme mostly involves kitchen replacement and home insulation improvement. The Charity's resources, however, are limited and we are always grateful for further support in the form of donations from local businesses, organisations and individual donors. Donations may be made via our website, www.gsvc.org.uk/support-us, or you may wish to contact our clerk at clerk@gsvc.org.uk or on 07979 184273.

Brian Connellan

GRAFFITI ON THE MAGOG DOWN

For more than 30 years, the Magog Down has provided a peaceful and picturesque setting for the quiet recreation of its many visitors. Successive groups of Trustees have endeavoured to maintain its unspoilt rural setting but,



in recent months, the graffiti spray can has intruded on our site. Visitors cannot have failed to notice the daubing on noticeboards, ticket machines, the road, the boardwalk and on North Down.

When it first appeared, we went to some lengths to clean the paint immediately but this seemed to spur on the culprits. So, sadly, the Trustees have decided to leave the graffiti for the time being. However, that does not seem to have satisfied the vandals. All told, their actions have caused several thousand pounds of damage.

The police are investigating, but without hard evidence as to the identities of the perpetrators, who act at night, their options are limited. We have been advised to install CCTV cameras and the Trustees have decided on a temporary system (as used to protect building sites) until a permanent solution can be found. One which, we hope, will be as visually harmonious as possible.

The Trustees are sure that readers will be outraged at these events. If anyone has any pertinent information, we would ask you to contact the police (crime ref no 35/20011/24). Under no circumstances should the perpetrators be confronted directly. Thank you.



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BIRDS

Recently, I've loved waking up to the sound of birds singing outside my bedroom window: a cacophony of praise in their delight in a new day and as I write this, I am anticipating the return of the swallows who make their home in the nearby barn each year and who perch on the telephone wires just outside the house and whose presence fills me with joy.

I wonder how many of you are avid bird watchers – those who can recognise, at a glance the birds you see from their markings and hue, or from their silhouettes, or even from hearing their call? I confess that I have an envious admiration of those who can identify varieties of birds by their song, it's a talent I would like to develop. But, whether or not you can name all the species visiting your garden, you may still have a favourite bird, the sight of which gladdens your heart.

For some it is the robin, that cheery red breast and willingness to come close make it a welcome visitor to most gardens. For some it is the amazing red kite soaring high above us, viewed as a symbol of freedom and strength. For some it is the kingfisher – seeing that flash of blue darting along the river in its quest to find food and even more stunning if you are lucky enough to see him dive to catch a fish. It's a real treat to catch sight of this elusive bird.

I love to see a heron standing patiently in the river, or stream, waiting for a fish. Standing so still and statuesque, with his graceful and elegant silhouette. His calm stillness signifying peace and serenity and his endless patience reminding me of my need to wait patiently for God's purposes to unfold. And when, startled by my appearance nearby, he spreads his broad wings and flies off, with his long legs stuck out straight behind him, I catch my breath as I am struck again by the magnificence of this bird as a part of God's wonderful creation.

Whichever is your favourite and for whatever reason, every bird is created to be beautiful in its own way, each is unique, and each is loved by the Creator, from the lowly sparrow to the magnificent eagle. Yet, Jesus told us we are valued and loved and cared for far more than any of these.

'Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground outside your Father's care. And even the very hairs of your head are all numbered. So don't be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows.'
Matthew 10:29-31

So, when you are watching those birds in your garden and delighting in their plumage, or their song, or marvelling at the fledglings learning to fly, remember that you are cared for and loved to a far greater measure and remember to give thanks for the goodness and faithfulness of God.

God Bless you.

Diana Parr, Pastor

CHURCH EVENTS

Weekly Sunday Services at 10.30am: Everyone welcome.

Pentecost Praise: Friday 17 May at 7pm at Great Shelford Free Church: A time of praise, prayer and reflection organised in collaboration with St. Mary's. Everyone welcome.

Cafe Church on Sunday 19 May at 10.30am: Pentecost themed, informal service, seated around tables with refreshments served.

Open Space on Sunday 26 May: 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 and join us for tea/coffee and homemade cake.

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

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

READER'S LETTER

Like many Shelford residents, I was pleased, although not surprised, that our village has been once again recognised by the Sunday Times as one of the best places to live. I was, however, disappointed that Cara Coffee, where I volunteer, did not get a mention, as its sense of welcome and community sums up the 'vibe' of the village.

The Cambridge News has happily rectified this omission by reviewing the café in a very positive light, citing the friendly, helpful service and the reasonably priced and often locally sourced or home-made food on offer.

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Liz Jenkin, Cara volunteer

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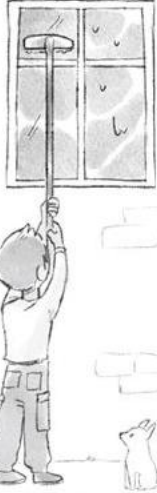


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The Friends of Great Shelford Parish Church



Annual General Meeting

to be followed by a short talk by **KIM LANE:**

Behind Those Organ Stops

How our church organ works and how it could be improved

Wednesday 8 May at 7.30pm St Mary's Community Room

All are Welcome!

SHELFORD SCHOOL NEWS

The second half of the Spring term was as busy as ever. Empathy and community were the topic threads and the children explored these in a variety of ways, some of which are summarised below:

Grafham Water 11–13 March

The Year 6 class enjoyed three days at Grafham Water doing a wide variety of outdoor activities and having all kinds of fun. The food was apparently excellent, lots of new things were experienced and new skills and interests were acquired. The whole trip was an enormous success. Huge thanks to all staff and parents involved in making it happen.

Ofsted

Ofsted inspected the school on Tuesday 12 and Wednesday 13 March for the first time since October 2018. This is a huge undertaking for any school and our thanks are due to all the staff for the tremendous efforts they made to welcome the inspectors and engage with all their enquiries. We look forward to the report being published in the coming few weeks.

Kapla Workshop – 25 and 26 March

The school was blessed to have the Kapla team on site once again, with the children making amazing creations from the thousands of beautiful blocks. It's incredible what can be done with some simple materials and plenty of imagination. See the photos on the back cover for a couple of examples!

Holy Week

The school reflected on the events recounted in the gospels leading up to Jesus' death and resurrection in the run up to the end of term. A particular highlight was the KS2 visit to the Free Church prayer stations. The children engaged deeply with the interactive displays and the school continues to be grateful for the warm welcome offered by the church community.


Summer Term

We wish the whole school community a happy and healthy summer term and in particular are keeping the Year 6 class in our thoughts as they embark on their final term ahead of the big transition to secondary school.

Douglas Leckie (Foundation Governor, All Saints)

Great Shelford Village News also welcomes comments from readers.

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At my first meeting as President as well as greeting several visitors I was delighted to introduce our speaker, Jenny Gibbs who came with her partner Mustafa Bas. They spend part of each year in his home country, Turkey and, clothed in typical village dress, Jenny told us about the ancient traditional Ottoman farmhouse in which they live. Its wooden grills on the windows and balconies enabled ladies of old to look out but no prying eyes to look in.

After a fascinating history lesson on the rise and fall of the Ottoman Empire we moved on to life in the Harem within the huge Topkapi Palace in Istanbul. A Sultan could have five wives and up to 800 mostly foreign concubines each of whom had a servant. The concubines were well cared for and educated but were limited to just walking in the extensive gardens. It was no surprise to learn that the kitchens fed ten thousand people a day.

What an interesting and enjoyable evening.

FUTURE PROGRAMME

- The WI speaker for 2 May is Kevin Boardman with the intriguing topic 'The Underground Railway and Quilts'.
- On 6 June Helen Green will talk about 'The History of Salt'.

This is a very friendly WI. We always have time to chat with one another over tea and coffee and keep the business part of the evening fairly short. We would love to welcome new members of all ages, perhaps as a visitor to 'try us out'

We meet at 7.30pm on the first Thursday of every month in the Community Room behind St Mary's Church in Great Shelford.

Eleanor Witter, President

GRANTA MEDICAL PRACTICES

If you are waiting for surgery, treatment, or a clinical opinion from your local hospital there is a useful website called **My Planned Care**.

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Your hospital team will be in touch with you as soon as soon as they can. If you are looking for an update in the meantime though, please check **My Planned Care** before contacting your hospital or GP.

Sandra East, Head of Patient Services

DIARY MAY 2024

Date	Event	Time	Place
2	Police & Crime Commissioner for Cambridgeshire Election	7am–10pm	Memorial Hall
2	WI	7.30pm	St Mary’s Community Room
8	Friends of Gt Shelford Parish Church AGM (p19)	7.30pm	St Mary’s Community Room
8	Cambridge Cactus Society (p24)	7.30pm	Memorial Hall
13	South Cambs Organic Gardeners	7pm	tba
16	Cake Creators (p19)	7pm	Stapleford Pavilion
22	Engage talk – Healthy You	2-3.30pm	Library
25	Village Market	9.30–12.30	Memorial Hall
Wednesdays 1, 8, 15, 22, 29. Country Market 9–11.30am - Memorial Hall			

	<p>BIN COLLECTIONS</p> <p>Black bins Tuesday 14, 28 May</p> <p>Blue and Green bins Tuesday 7, 21 May</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>Usual post box collections are 9am</p> <p>The latest collection is from the Post Office at 4.45pm.</p>
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GREAT SHELFORD COUNTRY MARKET



It is business as usual every Wednesday morning from 9 am in the Memorial Hall – it's Great Shelford Country Market! Our regular customers know their way around the stalls but if you are new to the Market you'll soon find there are four

sections: food, garden produce, many varied crafts and the café serving hot drinks and home baked cookies. So many choices in each section and everything we sell is home made, home grown and hand crafted.

It's the time of year when the plant stalls are filling up and the remaining winter woollies have been put away for a few months. Also the jam makers are waiting for the first of the summer fruits. As I write this, the apple blossom is looking good so let's hope that later in the year, we have a much better apple season than last year.

The Wednesday Country Market is a social cooperative and belongs to the wider network of 'Country Markets Ltd'. Members work together and are not individual stall holders. If you'd like to join us as a cook, gardener or crafter, we'd love to hear from you. There are lots of ways to make contact: come into the market, visit our Facebook page, phone 01223 843946 or send an email to dorothy@woodlandroad.plus.com

Dorothy Doel

BRITISH CACTUS & SUCCULENT SOCIETY

Cambridge Branch meeting

Wednesday 8 May at 7.30 pm, Great Shelford Memorial Hall.

The Society has about 3,000 cactus and succulent aficionados in the UK spread across a network of over 60 branches. Our objective is to promote the conservation, propagation and cultivation of cacti and other succulents. The Society regularly publishes books and holds other events across the country. Cacti and succulents have never been more popular than they are now.

If you are interested in this fascinating hobby and the cultivation of these unique plants, then please do come to our meeting. There will be a judged table top competition, short presentations by club members on cultivation techniques and favourite plants etc, plant sales, a raffle and refreshments. First time visitors will benefit from free entry and free refreshments.

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NATALIE WILLIAMS SOUL FAMILY AT SHELFORD FEAST – FRIDAY 12 JULY

For those of you who enjoy the sounds of Smoky Robinson, Martha and the Vandellas, Gladys Knight, Marvin Gaye, The Supremes and Stevie Wonder, amongst others, then we have a treat in store. Shelford Feast is pleased to welcome Natalie Williams Soul Family to the 2024 line-up.

“The moment (Natalie) starts to sing she becomes a commanding, strutting presence, scatting with an infectious relish.” (Telegraph)



Natalie Williams Soul Family

The Soul Family Band, fronted by MOBO nominated vocalist, Natalie Williams (ex Incognito), is regularly joined by an incredible group of singers - artists in their own right: Vula (Basement Jaxx), Sharlene Hector (Basement Jaxx), Brendan Reilly (Disclosure), Ladonna Harley Peters (Emeli Sande, Sam Smith, Corinne Bailey Rae), Annabel Williams (Ceelo Green, Alison Moyet, Rumer) and Vanessa Haynes (Incognito).

The Atlantic Horns, Mark Brown on sax and Ben Edwards on trumpet have played with the likes of Amy Winehouse, Girls Aloud, Basement Jaxx, Mark Ronson and regularly tour with Robbie Williams.

The rhythm section is made up Robin Mullarkey on bass (Zero7, Roisin Murphy, Laura Mvula, ESKA), Martyn Kaine on drums (Kyle Eastwood, Nitin Sawhney, Jocelyn Brown), Phil Peskett on keys (Moloko, Cinematic Orchestra, Nik Kershaw) and Ben Jones on guitar (Pixie Lott, Kelly Rowland, Jazmine Sullivan, Westlife and the VOICE band).

Together, they'll be playing an evening of Motown and Philly Soul covers which is not to be missed!

Tickets available at www.shelfordfeast.co.uk or from local retailers

HAVERHILL TO CAMBRIDGE

Shelford is a point of focus for several building and transport services. It's sometimes hard to keep up with the changes – especially when some announcements are not detailed enough to know quite what's going on. In fact, that does seem to be a tactic used by planners. As one local resident said: "It seems they pluck these ideas out of thin air, let them float around a while then if noone complains they set it in to motion. Then they have 'consultations' with residents but they don't listen and simply carry on until the place is wrecked!"

While that may be a negative attitude there is no doubt that different plans, which are rarely integrated and may even conflict with each other, are on the move at the moment and a great deal of money has already been wasted.

Great Shelford Parish Council (GSPC) believes 'that no transport projects should be progressed without reference to a well researched strategic plan for county wide transport infrastructure, with vision for 2030 and beyond and which integrates interdependent projects to provide a sustainable network.'

It's fair to say that the Parish Council sees few advantages to the village from these expensive developments and finds the lack of meaningful consultation unhelpful.

GSPC more detailed response is on their website at

<https://www.greatshelfordparishcouncil.gov.uk/gcp-cset-the-busway/> and

<https://www.greatshelfordparishcouncil.gov.uk/local-transport-developments/>

Last month in The Village News we detailed some of these plans but it is worth reminding ourselves of one more, the re-establishment of the old rail line from Haverhill to Cambridge, a plan which seems to have gone on the back burner, but which still stands as an alternative to the A1307 / cross country route from Babraham.

Railfuture East argues that 'the railway would serve Haverhill with its fast growing population, its strong links to the Cambridge jobs market, its potential as a railhead for 100,000 people east of Haverhill who otherwise drive to access the Cambridge region.' It would take cars away from Cambridge and the A1307, while providing a light rail solution.

Anthony Browne MP offered his support to studying the idea back in 2021, arguing it would be 'faster and less environmentally destructive than the CSET busway, taking a better route to major employment sites without the need for giant car parks in open countryside.'

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Monday 24 June, venue to be confirmed

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May is also Local and Community History Month. Are you curious about the history of your community? Great Shelford library has an extensive local history section for you to explore.

Activities – adults

Engage Talk: – Healthy You – Join Ben Truett as he discusses the benefits of activity. Wednesday 22 May, 2–3.30pm. A donation of £2 is appreciated. Please stay for a drink after the talk. Please pre-book in the library or via Cambourne.referral@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

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Activities – children

Lego/Duplo Event – Thursday 30 May 2–3.30pm – Parents and carers must stay with their children who remain their responsibility. £2 per child. Please pre-book in the library or via Cambourne.referral@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

Stay and Play – Fortnightly, Thursday 2 and 16 May. For children aged 0–4 years. 2–3.30pm. A relaxed ‘drop in’ session for families with young children, £2 per family. Toys provided.

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Their students, aged 4–18, come here from the local villages and have achieved great things. You may recently have seen them performing at Great Shelford Feast in 2023 but some former students have appeared onstage in London's West End while others have become Doctors of Dance in top universities around the world.



Grade 6 student at 2023 Cambridge show

Principle Karen Revill has a relaxed, friendly and inclusive approach to the modern world of ballet, tap and modern dance, helping students from all walks of life grow and achieve in their dance journey. Karen started her own journey in Canada 1983 ending up in the Northern Ballet School in 1995. Her passion for dance and how it could build people's confidence, health and wellbeing inspired her to start her own dance school, The Maple Academy of Performing Arts.

In 2006 after being a student of The Maple Academy, Amy Nicholas from Little Shelford joined The Maple Team to teach alongside Miss Karen every week in Great Shelford Memorial Hall and in Stapleford Primary School.

With the steady flow of students from the surrounding villages The Academy has continued to inspire a new generation of dancers and watching them grow, achieve, laugh and smile is a pleasure.



Miss Amy and Miss Karen

Grade 1 ballet students performing Goldilocks and the 3 bears at Cambridge Junction in 2023



You are welcome to join The Maple Academy of Performing Arts in celebrating this milestone with their performance of *Once Upon A Time* on 30 June 2024 at The Junction Cambridge, as the students dance their way through their favourite fairytale stories with a Maple Academy Twist. Tickets are now available to purchase from www.junction.co.uk/events/once-upon-a-time/ Miss Karen and Miss Amy would like to thank all the students and their families for the support throughout the years for their hard work, commitment, support and smiles.

If you are interested in joining The Maple Academy of Performing Arts you can find out more class information at www.themapleacademy.com or by emailing dance@themapleacademy.com

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2G3S

Events coming up and regular sessions:

Although several events and activities listed are taking place in Stapleford, they are open to residents in Sawston and the Shelfords – 2G3S stands for Going Green in the Shelfords, Stapleford, and Sawston. Indeed, people from other villages nearby are very welcome to attend conversation evenings, book group meetings and the organic gardening group. Previous conversation evenings over the winter have been held in Sawston, Little Shelford and Great Shelford. Repair Cafes are also held in Great Shelford and Sawston.

Conversation Evening will be held on Monday 20 May, at Cox's Close Community Room in Stapleford. The topic will be 'Perspectives on the Future of Personal Transport.' If your next car is likely to be an electric car this event could be for you. We aim to discuss a number of viewpoints, the practical, the local, how green the electrical vehicle revolution might be, relevant government policy and, if time, some of the geopolitical implications. Check our website for time, but it will probably be 8pm.

Dr Bike continues to run its volunteer-run weekly Bike Repair Sessions at the Old Slaughterhouse in Stapleford, 3–5.30pm every Tuesday. Children are welcome to bring their bikes for repair but please attend with them (for safeguarding reasons). If you are interested in joining our team of volunteers or have any other questions, get in touch using drbikestapleford@gmail.com. There will be a **Special May Day Bank Holiday** session to have your bike checked over ready for cycling as the weather improves.

Book Club will be on 15 May and the book they are discussing is 'Breaking Together' by Jem Bendell. Do come along even if you haven't read the book. 8pm at The Three Horseshoes in Stapleford.

South Cambs Organic Gardeners meet at Cox's Close Community Room in Stapleford, or out on location. The next meeting is on 13 May, more details from helen_harwood_uk@yahoo.co.uk.

Stapleford Tree Project If you live in Stapleford, you may have heard about this and 2G3S is proud to support this fantastic plan to protect the trees we have and to plant more around the village. Trees soak up carbon dioxide and pollution from the air, provide shade and are good for wildlife. Can you plant a new tree in your garden, or even a shrub that's good for wildlife, such as a buddleia?

No Mow May Can you find a part of your lawn that you can leave unmown for at least the month of May? Then wildflowers can grow up and flower, which gives food for bees and butterflies, and the longer grass gives shelter as

well. If you can leave the grass uncut for June and beyond, later flowering plants can flourish too. Find out more at plantlife.org.uk/campaigns/nomowmay If you don't want to go this far, then cutting 'less short and less often' (once a month), to a height of 2.5–5cm will allow small wildflowers to flower, giving food to insects, whilst keeping your lawn reasonably tidy.

If you are interested in green matters and the environment at all levels (individual, local, national, international), send an email to mail2G3S@gmail.com to sign up for our quarterly newsletter, or to get more information about our meetings. We are a friendly group and welcome anyone who wants to come along to one of our events or to find out more about how we can live more sustainably. Also see our Facebook page and our website (type 2G3S into Google and you will find us).

Helen Hale

OLD NEWS

Extracts from The Great Shelford Chronicle 1774–1868

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1 May 1829

On Monday last, about ten minutes past nine o'clock, an alarming fire occurred. The flames were observed to issue from the haulm stack in the rick-yard of Mr Stacey, and communicated to a barn, containing about 30 loads of wheat, which together with some spires in the yard, were consumed. The Shelford engine being promptly on the spot, was highly serviceable; whilst the Hertford, Norwich, Royal Exchange, Phoenix, and Sun engines, were dispatched from Cambridge without loss of time and prevented the further extension of the destructive element. The damage, we understand, amounts to about £200: the property was insured with the Sun office. We regret to state that there is every reason to believe the fire was occasioned by an incendiary. It being a very dark night, the flames were seen at a considerable distance; at St Neots, full 20 miles from Shelford, it was supposed the fire was only a few miles off; at March it was also very perceptible; and many of the inhabitants of this place presumed it was at the entrance of the town, consequently the Trumpington road was speedily lined with hundreds of spectators. The wheel of the Royal Exchange engine broke down during its progress in Trinity Street, owing to the number of persons riding on the engine, by which a man named Holmes had his leg severely fractured. He was immediately conveyed to the hospital and is going on well.

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GREAT SHELFORD FOOTBALL CLUB



We reported last month that although our first team remained top of the league the chasing pack all had games in hand. On a positive note, however, they all had to play each other, so most, if not all, would drop points along the way. This provided a great incentive for the team and four straight wins keeps us well in contention for the title.

The first was away to Over Sports, the last of the pack we had to play and a magnificent 3-0 win set the tone for the rest of the month. Hemingfords United had only lost once at home and always give us a hard game, so the 4-1 scoreline was more comfortable than expected. Old rivals, Cherry Hinton are having a tough time of it this season so although back to back 2-0 wins were less convincing than might have been expected, they were gladly excepted!

Unlike the first team, the reserves were already in the driving seat and fate was in their own hands. After a hard fought 1-0 home win against Cottenham United, Wimblington Old Boys, one of the teams hot on their heels, were next up, again at home. After going a goal down early on they fought back to draw 2-2, maintaining the gap between the two teams. Unfortunately, they went down 2-1 away to Linton Granta Reserves in the final game of the month but are still on course for promotion if not the league title itself.

The mathematics are clear! If both teams win all their remaining games, they both win their respective divisions. Although as we all know nothing is certain in sport. There are not many games left so come along and support your local club.

Great Shelford FC

CRICKET CLUB

We live in hope that the monsoon will abate in time to allow some sort of cricket to be played this summer.

The senior team have home matches on the Rec on Saturday 4 and 18 May, starting at 12.30, and there will be numerous junior activities starting in early May, from the 5-7 year old All Stars through to the Under 13s, with both mixed and girls teams for junior matches.

Spectators are very welcome and if you or your children would like to join then please get in touch.

Peter Ede (Chair) Peter.ede@ntlworld.com

TENNIS CLUB

While the new season arrived with its traditional accompaniment of wind and rain, the club's Annual General Meeting had its own accompaniment of wine and snacks. The AGM saw exciting new plans unveiled for the clubhouse. How exciting? Not quite a hot tub and sauna, but at long last the building is to have the luxury of a lavatory, with a new meeting room too. The club now needs a thorough search under the sofa for a few thousand to pay for it all.

There are now some new faces on the committee, all of whom *News* readers will meet in future editions. We say thanks and farewell to former tournament organiser Marcus Forgham and his ok backhand, and a big hello to his successor Monika Jacquinot with her splendid volley.



Monika, an accountant who runs a family business with her husband in Cambridge, joined the tennis club after signing up her two boys for coaching. 'I really like the club,' says Monika (pictured), 'The people are all friendly and open to new ideas. It will be challenging to be tournament secretary, but I am looking forward to it.'

Monika plans to introduce more children's tournaments alongside the adults, which might help get the kids off their phones, 'It's a great way to get confident in themselves but also learn competitiveness in a healthy way'. Good luck Monika, and congratulations on your first success of the season ...you're May's Member of the Month!

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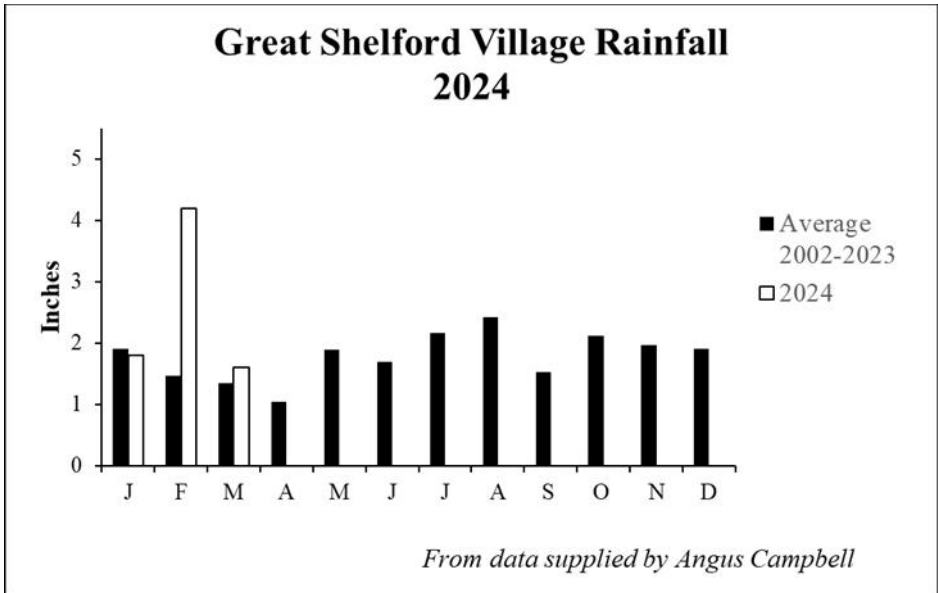
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17	7.45pm	Mithras Trio
18	11am & 2pm	Ten in the Bed: Half Moon Theatre
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25	7.45pm	Jacqui Dankworth in concert
26	7.45pm	I Clara
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