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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION

A resident raised three items: the Unitary campaign to rationalise local government in Cambridgeshire, an update on the Vision 2050 Assessment carried out by the Parish Council and Trumpington Residents Association and East West Rail.

During discussions it was noted that Peter Freeman has spoken with Anthony Brown MP and is keen to meet with parish councils after the local elections. Peter Freeman is Chair of the new Cambridge Delivery Group, set up by the government to lead the development of the city.

REPORTS FROM COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

No report had been received from County Councillors prior to the meeting. Cllr Milnes provided a brief update before questions were asked by members. Councillors expressed concern about the large number of highways reports raised by residents. Cllr Milnes noted that he has not had the impact he hoped to have had following election.

Members noted that though no progress appears to have been made on highway reporting, they wanted to express their gratitude for the good work of officers working on the Local Highways Improvement initiative.

The District Councillor report had been circulated prior to the meeting. Cllr Fane noted that since sharing the report, the Cambridge Cancer Research hospital has been approved. South Cambridgeshire District Council (SCDC) are putting together proposals to make some changes to the land behind the new Co-op within the De Freville area. Information has been circulated to councillors and there should be an opportunity for the council to comment when firmer plans are circulated.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND WORKING GROUPS

Highways Committee The committee have approved the purchase of a new bus shelter outside 95 Cambridge Road and have asked the Combined Authority for additional real time passenger information boards for the bus shelters at Trinity Lane and Bridge Close.

Neighbourhood Plan The Regulation 14 Consultation continues to be active and councillors are encouraged to comment and support the process.

COUNCIL ADMINISTRATION MATTERS

- a) Meetings continue with the Chair and Clerk at Stapleford to discuss mutual areas of interest.
- b) It was agreed to approve and adopt the CCTV policy as drafted.
- c) The Chair suggested that a working relationship with 2G3S would help both groups in areas around climate change, the environment and sustainability. Cllr Fane noted that in his personal time he is part of the group which consists of volunteers who hold Repair Cafes and look at items connected to the climate emergency. He stressed that they do not claim to be experts. It was agreed that the Climate Emergency Working Group would instigate a meeting with 2G3S and report back to the June meeting.
- d) The review of SCDC's Gambling Act Policy was noted by members.
- e) It was noted that the proposed amendments to SCDC's Street Trading Policy could be applied to the Parish Council when considering traders on the site of the Memorial Hall. It was agreed to confirm that the Parish Council are content with the policy and would like to see some enforcement carried out by the SCDC.
- f) The concept of how the planning authority works with Biodiversity Net Gain was discussed briefly. It was noted that there was not feasibly enough time to comment on the Local Nature Recovery Strategy Survey for Cambridgeshire and Peterborough.

COMMUNITY MATTERS

- a) Members discussed the offer of a textile clothing bank to provide funding towards the parish. It was agreed to seek further information about the disposal of the clothing, obtain references from other users and investigate what sort of financial benefit it would provide to the parish.
- b) It was confirmed that £1,250.70 had been raised through two events for charity. It was agreed to pay £625.35 to both Great Shelford Village Charity and Cambridge Joint Playschemes. It was also agreed to look at charities for 2024-25 at the June meeting.

HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORT

- a) Councillors expressed their grateful thanks to the two residents who have taken the time to carry out the work on the pavement survey. It was noted that some of the high priority areas identified have been conflated with others which would be harder to justify for funding. After a brief discussion it was agreed to take the survey back to the working group, to have the areas broken down to areas for maintenance and areas for design improvements. Once complete the report will be shared with the Local Highways Officer to seek an idea of costings for the high priority areas and will subsequently be

discussed with the head of Highways at County Council before being circulated to County and District Cllrs.

b) Cllr Ashurst provided feedback following a recent meeting with the officer allocated to the Parish Council for the Local Highways Initiative (LHI) application for improvements to Church Street. The application has been revised to focus on congestion rather than speeding. It includes two build outs, double yellow lines and no parking between the build outs, additional bollards outside the cottages to protect the buildings, and bollards on the opposite side of the road. The estimated cost would be £45,000, meaning a Parish Council contribution of £22,500.

Other recommendations have been made including a road wide speed bump on the way into the village by the water bridges and a gateway with reminders of the 20mph speed limit. These would need to be privately funded.

Cllrs Ashurst and Disley noted that Highways officers have been open minded and helpful working within their own constraints, but that some of the value of the Parish Council's proposals have been lost. There is concern that the revisions will not deter through-traffic and could potentially increase speeding. Members feel that residents, the church and the school will all have valid opinions on the revised scheme and as this starts to become more detailed it is felt they need to be consulted. Overall, it is felt that the proposal should be taken to the next stage and councillors are pleased with the Highways Officers support.

It was agreed to accept the revisions as presented by the highways officers to allow the LHI to progress to the next stage and to work with officers on additional areas which could be taken forward under a privately funded scheme.

c) The Parish Council has received communication from the East West Rail (EWR) Company about the land owned by the Parish Council and access agreements for surveys. It was agreed to query whether money is received for each piece of land, and if not, only to respond about the Clay Pit, Cemetery and Stonehill Allotments as the land closest to the known proposals for EWR.

d) It is planned to exclude parish councils from consultation on EWR proposals later this year. It was agreed to write to East West Rail Company to highlight that the Parish Council is unhappy about this, as they will be the most affected, and to ask them to reconsider. In addition, a letter will be written to those who will be consulted, including the Transport and Rail

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Minister, MP, Planning Authority and County Council, setting out the Parish Council’s position.

e) The Chair noted that it would be useful to create a separate working group to look at Cambridge 2050 – the Cambridge Biomedical Campus Vision 2050 document setting out their plans for the campus. It was agreed to look at this for the May meeting. It was also agreed to draft a press release to send to the media about the Parish Council’s position on Cambridge 2050 and how it will affect the parish.

FINANCE

a) An update was provided showing the financial situation of the Council at the end of the financial year. Monthly accounts were unanimously approved.

b) It was agreed to provide a grant of £300 to Shelford Library for their Summer Reading Challenge.

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

PARISH COUNCIL & COMMITTEE MEETINGS IN JUNE

Cemetery & Allotments Committee	5 June	7.00pm Pavilion
Planning Committee	10 June	7.30pm Pavilion
Full Council Meeting	19 June	7.00pm Pavilion
Planning Committee	24 June	7.30pm Pavilion

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

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

PARISH COUNCIL COMMENTS (08.04.2024 & 18.03.2024)

24/00417/HFUL	12 Mingle Lane	Single storey extensions to side and rear and external envelope insulation.
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24/00990/FUL	16 Granhams Road	Erection of a detached three bedroom dwelling along with associated parking, access and driveway.
Application supported.		

24/00887/S73	Great and Little Shelford C of E (Aided) Primary School, Church St	To extend the existing temporary permission for the classroom associated with Rainbow Pre-school and Wacky Afterschool and Holiday Club.
<p>Representatives of the pre-school and the local education authority were in attendance to help answer questions councillors may have on the application. It was noted that extensions to the temporary permission have been granted previously and councillors are concerned that the main underlying issues are not being dealt with.</p> <p>It was explained that they are looking for funding for a new building but currently not in a position to put in an application.</p> <p>After discussion, it was agreed that a two year extension be recommended with the County Council looking to review a modular build to house the children.</p>		

24/00350/FUL	Land adjacent to 154 Hinton Way	Retrospective change of use from arable land to dog walking paddock.
Application supported.		

24/01154/HFUL	141 Macaulay Square	Single storey rear extension.
Application supported.		

24/01246/HFUL	Ripley Lodge 45 Tunwells Lane	Single storey rear extension, incorporating existing lean-to and the erection of a replacement garage.
Application supported.		

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

New Clerk

We hope you will join us in welcoming Nicola Webster as the new Clerk to Great Shelford Parish Council. Nicola brings with her a wealth of experience and a dedication to community service, having served as a Clerk for over five years. Her qualifications include the Certificate in Local Council Administration (CiLCA) and the Certificate in Higher Education in Community Governance. Additionally, Nicola is currently working towards her foundation degree in Community Governance, demonstrating her commitment to continuous professional development.

Nicola resides in Hilton, near St Ives, where she is an active member of the community. Her passion for local engagement is evident through her various roles. She is the Chair of the Governing Body for Fenstanton and Hilton Primary School, the Chair of Hilton Feast Week CIC, and the Chair of the Hilton Village Hall Charity. Nicola's enthusiasm for community service and her comprehensive experience will undoubtedly be great assets to Great Shelford. She looks forward to bringing her passion and expertise to her role here, working collaboratively with council members and residents to enhance our community.

Skate Park Now Open!

We are thrilled to announce the opening of the new skate park in Great Shelford. This long-awaited addition to our community is now ready to welcome skateboarders, BMX riders, and scooter enthusiasts of all ages and skill levels.

The creation of this skate park would not have been possible without the dedicated efforts of our Parish Council and the Playscape Charity. Special thanks go to the project planning team and the volunteers who worked tirelessly to bring this dream to fruition.

We believe this skate park will be a fantastic asset to Great Shelford, providing a safe and dynamic space for outdoor activity, fostering community connections and encouraging a healthy, active lifestyle among our youth.

We just ask that you keep off the grass until it has had chance to establish.

Fun Day Cancellation

Sadly, the Fun Day was called off due to heavy rainfall and adverse weather conditions that rendered the venue unsuitable and unsafe for the planned activities.

The decision to cancel was made with a heavy heart but was necessary to ensure the safety and well-being of all attendees. The weather forecast leading up to the event predicted persistent rain and strong winds and unfortunately these conditions materialised, making it impossible to proceed with the day's planned activities.

Plans are already underway to hold the Duck Race – keep an eye on the website for further information!

Special Guest at June Parish Council Meeting: David Allatt, Acting Service Director for Highways and Transport

We are pleased to announce that David Allatt, the Acting Service Director for Highways and Transport from Cambridgeshire County Council, will be attending the June meeting of Great Shelford Parish Council. This meeting will provide a valuable opportunity for residents to engage directly with a key figure in local transportation and infrastructure. This session aims to foster open dialogue and allow residents to voice their concerns, ask questions, and gain a clearer understanding of the County Council's plans for our local transportation network.

The meeting will be held on Wednesday 19 June at 7pm in the Pavilion. We look forward to a productive discussion and hope to see many of you there.

Don't forget to get in touch with us should you have any relevant concerns. Our telephone number is 01223 616622 and Nicola 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 Nicola.

Malcolm Watson, Chairman

GENERAL ELECTION: VOTER ID

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SHELFORD SCHOOL

This update for life at Great and Little Shelford Primary School is being drawn together on Ascension Day – and a check in the archives from 1952, just after the late Queen Elizabeth began to reign, has uncovered a report on life in the school on Ascension Day all those years ago (see copy on facing page).

Ascension Day still features in the school calendar 70 plus years on, with a service in church and a picnic to follow. As Rector of Little Shelford church, I am slightly relieved that the clergy are not expected to provide doughnuts to everyone nowadays.

Even so, at the end of the spring term in our Easter Service, where sometimes there have been presents for the children, this time round there was a decision to supply chocolate to the staff room after a very demanding period during the OFSTED inspection. The holidays came at just the right time! Perhaps I should also say that chocolate wasn't the main focus of the occasion. Year 5 had everyone involved in a powerful re-telling of the Easter story.

Since the start of term there have been numerous trips and activities, with expeditions to Kew Gardens for year 4 and (rather closer to home) year 2 visiting Wandlebury. Education is rightly understood as more holistic than the 'chalk and talk' of former years. So it has been wonderful to see Year 5 outside school on local streets as part of the Bikeability programme. One of the volunteers had done upwards of three hundred such classes since they started – which computes to thousands of children learning biking proficiency. If we can't raise up the next generation of cyclists in the flatlands of Cambridge, then things have gone badly wrong.

But it made me reflect that trips out from school and visits into the school grounds are so enriching - and that in turn emphasises the importance of volunteer involvement in lots of different ways in school life. Are there ways for some of the readers of the village newsletters to contribute in the wider education of girls and boys at our school? Could you get the necessary safeguarding clearance to play a part in helping with reading or class trips? I am sure the school office would be very happy to hear from any such offers to help.

No doubt doughnuts would be welcome, but I am sure they are not a necessary part of the offer!

Simon Scott.

Extract from school archives, Ascension Day 1952

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Ascension Day.
 May 22nd Service held at the Church 9 am.
 Sports held on the Recreation Ground
 at 2.30. A large number of parents
 gathered to watch the various events.



Sports Day. - Thurs. May 22nd 1952.

The final cheer!

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 prizes for successful winners, &
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May 26th

Managers Meeting to discuss
 plans for new classrooms &



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Julie's Jottings

This month we begin by meeting and getting to know Fr Edward Westrip and his wife Joanne. Fr Edward is to be the Associate Priest here at St Mary's and he will work with me in the parish as well as developing spirituality in the area. His wife Joanne is a teacher.

We also pray for Rev Chris Shore as he prepares for his ordination as Deacon on 30 June. Chris will be curate at St Mary's. Davina, who is married to Chris, will also join us. Davina is currently training as a Pastoral Assistant.

These arrivals make me aware of how important it is for people to find their calling. A calling is an urge to serve God and others. In the church we believe that callings are God-given. A call can be to a church role or ministry, or to some purposeful activity in the community. When we do a task that uses our gifts for the good of others, it not only makes a difference to others, but also makes us feel alive, even though the tasks can be demanding and challenging.

I believe that there is no hierarchy of callings. There is a need for all of us to serve the good of all, and there are plenty of roles and ministries in the church that are needed so that the church can respond to others as God would have us. A sense of call can sometimes be encouraged when someone else recognises a gift in them and asks, 'Have you ever considered ...?' Without that nudge, many of those who answer a call would give in to self-doubt. There is joy that comes when our gifts are used for the good of others.

Don't forget the Vicarage Garden Party and Gift Day on Saturday 29 June, 2pm until 5pm in the Vicarage.

Rev Julie Norris

Thought for the month: *Childrens' talent to endure stems from their ignorance of alternatives. Maya Angelou 1969*

Would you like to help 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 7 hours per week would cover the work of this administrative/secretarial job. The pay is £15 per hour.

JUNE SERVICES AND EVENTS

Mondays and Thursdays	
8.30am: Morning Prayer at St Mary's (30 minutes)	
Sundays	
6.30pm: Online Zoom service (link on the Pew Sheet and website)	
These services give a lovely space to pause and listen to music and readings which, at the end of the weekend, can prepare us for the week ahead.	
Saturday 1 June	
	10.30am–12 noon: Maureen's Coffee Morning in the Community Room. We welcome you to join us.
Sunday 2 June	
	8am: Traditional Holy Communion Service 10am: Contemporary Family and Parish Communion Service We are going to be exploring what it means for God to call someone. This is an all-generations service: the children take part in it along with their families and friends from 0 to 90 plus.
Monday 3 June to Monday 24 June	
	The Pilgrim House group will meet at 2pm in the Community Room. This weekly discussion group studies the Bible and looks at contemporary issues. In June it is using the SPCK homegroup sessions on John's Gospel produced by David Ford. Please come and join us. 3 June: Why John? God and all people, all creation. 10 June: Why John now? Jesus now. 17 June: Why John now? The Church now 24 June: (in the Vicarage) Why John now? The world now.
Sunday 9 June	
	8am: Traditional Holy Communion Service 10am: Contemporary sung Parish Communion Service
Sunday 16 June	
	8am: Traditional Holy Communion Service 10am: Contemporary sung Parish Communion Service There will be no Youth Group meeting on Sunday 16 June
Saturday 22 June St Mary's Spring Clean	
	10 am We are inviting youth, children, families and all ages to join us. Let's clean the cobwebs, polish the pews and make the church tidier. If there is time, and there are enough of us, we might even get to do some clearing in the garden too!
Sunday 23 June	
	8am: Traditional Holy Communion Service 10am: Contemporary sung Parish Communion Service

Thursday 27 June	
	10.30am: A group from St Mary's will go to the Cambridgeshire Care Home to lead a Communion Service.
Saturday 29 June	
	2-5pm: Vicarage Garden Party at the Vicarage –all welcome
Sunday 30 June	
	8am: Traditional Holy Communion Service 10am: Contemporary sung Parish Communion Service led by Canon John Pinder 3pm: Open Space An opportunity for children and families to have some fun outside, this month in the Free Church gardens behind Cara.

Truth – what is that? A reflection

Jesus did not reply to Pilate's question, 'What is truth?'. He had just told Pilate, 'Everyone on the side of truth listens to me' (Jn 18:37). There were no dictionaries in those days, but if one had been handy Pilate could have found the answer – 'Truth is the apprehension of objective reality,' in other words the seeing and understanding of things as they really are, and not otherwise. Pilate would have had a problem with that – for him truth was most probably what the Roman Emperor or the majority of people agreed with, or whatever helped him advance his personal power or political goals. The plain *unvarnished* truth is not a biased or imaginative version of what it suits to believe at the time. For most situations today there are many truths propounded and this is because we live in an age where knowledge, truth, morality, etc. are relative, not absolute, in other words a relativistic society. For many, truth can be more or less what they choose to make it.

When there is no firm basis for truth there can equally be no firm basis for right and wrong. Facing up to the truth can be tough. Jesus is indeed 'the way, the truth and the life' (Jn14:6). It would appear that Pilate thought Jesus did speak the truth and was innocent of the charges made against Him. Pilate may have recognised the truth but chose to reject it. Sadly, there are times when we fail to recognise the truth, but it is even worse when we recognise the truth but fail to follow it.

David Peacock

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STATION FENCING

The March edition of the *Village News* noted that fencing was planned for Shelford railway station and observed that this could not only look ugly in our country environment but could actually spoil the local flora, so well maintained by our station adopters, Philip and Kathryn.

Although work was put on hold for a while, I heard recently that it was going ahead – and in addition the old wall on platform 2 was to be demolished. So I wrote to the Greater Anglia Customer Engagement Manager:

... while adding the fences it is intended to remove a long brick wall along the south platform. As this is the original Victorian wall and the station is in a conservation area I wonder if permission has been sought and given? Its removal would certainly be a loss of character for our station and I can see no advantage to doing so.

I would be grateful if you could clarify your plans for this popular station, explain the purpose of the fencing and whether the old wall is being removed. It all seems so unnecessary.

A prompt reply from Alan Neville came as follows:

A new low-level fence will shortly be installed at Shelford, a station which is not in a conservation area. This is a part of the essential, compliant re-wire of the station. The fence will house equipment and lighting. Given the structure and width of the platform there are no other possibilities, and our contractors have taken due cognisance of the amazing work of our station adopters in designing this new structure. In addition, the wall is life expired. This work will commence very soon.

So new lighting requires a fence and the demolition of a wall – though one which was ‘life expired.’ Take a look at it (here in about 1910) before it takes its final journey



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Great Shelford Free Church

'When a foreigner lives with you in your land, don't take advantage of them. Treat the foreigner the same as a native. Love them like one of your own.'
(Leviticus 19:33-34)

To some extent we all experience being a stranger or foreigner, whether on holiday or due to a change of circumstances when our usual support structure is taken away from us and we are in unfamiliar surroundings. Many internationals come to the UK to work or study, and experience culture shock and loneliness; by some estimates up to 80% leave the UK without having made friends. The need for belonging is something innate in all of us, indeed it is recognised in Maslow's hierarchy of needs. Christians understand that we have this need because God created human beings in His image and to have a relationship not only with Him, but with other human beings. Through these relationships we can experience love and acceptance.

This month at Great Shelford Free Church our mission focus is on Friends International, a Christian charity which works in 45 university towns and cities across the UK. It aims to show the love of Jesus by creating communities where internationals can meet British people and others in the same situation as them, improve their English language skills and experience friendship and a sense of belonging. Friends International do this in partnership with local churches, helping equip the church to serve, minister, and engage with international visitors, caring for them holistically.

The local Cambridge branch of Friends International, with the help of volunteers from local churches, run several cafes for internationals. They are attended by English language students, university students, au pairs and other internationals working and living in the area. Each week there is a different activity to facilitate getting to know one another and learning about each other's cultures. There are also optional bible discussions and courses for internationals who wish to explore the Christian faith while they are in the UK. For some internationals it is surprising to discover that the Christian faith is not a Western religion, but open to all people of whatever nationality. *'All the nations You have made will come and worship before You, Lord; they will bring glory to Your name.'* (Psalm 86:9)

Sarah Hogg

Church member and mission representative for Friends International.

FREE CHURCH EVENTS

Weekly Sunday Services at 10.30am: Everyone welcome.

Cafe Church on Sunday 16 June at 10.30am: Informal service, seated around tables with refreshments served.

Open Space Scavenger Hunt on Sunday 23 June: 3–4.15pm: To be held on Shelford Recreation Ground. Do come along and join us – look out for the flag near the pavilion. This outdoor family event is in collaboration with St Mary's Church.

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

Little Steps Toddler Group Wednesdays: 10–11.30am: Term time only.

Tiny Toes Baby Group Wednesday afternoons: 1.30–3pm: Term time only

COUNTRY MARKET



Every Wednesday at 9 am the doors of the Memorial Hall open for the Country Market.. Just take a look at our logo: 'COOK-CRAFT-GROW'. Everything we sell is homemade, handcrafted or

homegrown. Add to that, the homemade cookies that go with the freshly made coffee or tea, there is plenty to take in.

It's the time of year when the early customers make a bee line for the plants. It's great that the season is in full swing again! The tables are now laden with fine healthy annuals alongside lots of different perennials and houseplants. Remember the best plants are snapped up early! The recent unusual weather conditions make it difficult to say just when fresh produce and soft fruit will be ready. However, last week (mid- May) the first of the freshly picked bunches of Sweet William in full flower were quite a spectacle.

The food section is always busy. The baking sells quickly so it's best to order. Preserves and local honey are popular and we're looking forward to new season jam. Our crafters are now working on a display table bringing together traditional and newer crafts. What's planned for June? Just come and see!

By definition we are a social co-operative and belong to the wider network of 'Country Markets Ltd'. Members work together and are not individual stall holders. We would be very pleased to hear from you if you'd like to join us as a cook, gardener or crafter. There are lots of ways to make contact: come into the market, visit our Facebook page, email dorothy@woodlandroad.plus.com or phone 01223 843946.

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READERS' LETTERS

Dear Village News

In the last Newsletter we were informed that Nicola Webster has joined the Council as Parish Clerk. Since she was appointed by the Parish Council I am sure she will be very capable. But don't we deserve to know a little more about her?

Who is she? What experience does she have? Has she been, or still is, a Parish Clerk? Has she been a Councillor before? Is it a full time position? If not, how many hours per week? Does she live in Great Shelford?

Were there other candidates? Why the secrecy? I hope we can be told.

Ian Kydd.

Note by Eds: This letter was copied by the writer to the Chair of the Parish Council – see 'Parish Council News' on page 8 for more information about our new Parish Clerk.

To: Village News

I was standing near the front door when the letter box rattled and something plopped on the mat. Great Shelford Village News had been delivered. I picked it up and spent the next half hour reading. It really is a most remarkable publication. All the news about what is happening locally. Informative articles. Campaigns we need to join to preserve our village. Lots of useful ads from local traders. News from all the clubs and social groups. Good quality paper and printing with some pages in colour. And all for 40p when you live in the village and subscribe. Month after month it keeps coming, always the same high quality. We keep ours handy for reference. Those who produce and deliver it really do a sterling job. They are all volunteers and deserve a medal. Long may it continue!

Pam Maloney

Stapleford Choral Society are delighted to present their summer concert, on Saturday 22 June, 7.30pm at Henry Morris Hall, Sawston Village College.

We and the Academy of Great St Mary's Orchestra will perform Elgar's 'The Music Makers' and selected other works.

Tickets are £12 for adults, available on the door or in advance from ADC Ticketing; children are free.

SHELFORD PLAYScape

Shelford Wheelzone

We can't quite believe it! After such a long time in the planning, Bendcrete Skateparks have been and gone, and in the blink of an eye our amazing new mini-skatepark is open!

We've loved seeing the mix of people enjoying the new space – it's not just for the older children and young adults; we've seen lots of parents out on their boards alongside their little ones on their scooters. Just fabulous!

Check out the signboard for some safety tips & skatepark etiquette – and off you go!

Please note: We are awaiting a few sections of guardrail at either end of the park, so in meantime there are some temporary fencing panels in place.



Shelford Fun Run 2024

Look out for registration opening soon for the Shelford Fun Run 2024.

This year it will be held on the last weekend in September (Sunday 29) which will give us all a bit more time after the school summer holidays and hopefully less chance of repeating the sweltering hot temperatures of last year.

We are again partnering with our CamRARE colleagues to bring back the much loved chip timed 5k race and family friendly 5k fun run on closed roads through Great and Little Shelford with added sensory trail on Great Shelford Recreation Ground.

Vaila Morrison

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SHELFORD FEAST

Saturday 6 – Saturday 13 July



Shelford Feast is coming SOON! It opens with the Beer Festival on Saturday 6 July, followed by the ever popular Trevor Nelson in the evening. Feast Day is on Sunday 7 July when local organisations and charities provide stalls alongside arena events, music, hog roast, full bar and entertainment. Bands, Sawston Youth Drama, the BIG Quiz and Comedy follow in the week, culminating on the

final Saturday with a performance by Anthems Ibiza Orchestra.

For all the details, go to www.shelfordfeast.co.uk. Tickets for the events are available at local outlets in Great Shelford, Stapleford and Sawston or via Ticket Taylor online (links are on our website).

Once you have bought your tickets, the week is cashless. On Feast Sunday, token cards to use at the stalls will be on sale inside the marquee. Teas, the bar and the food outlets will all have card readers.

A plea for volunteers. Volunteers are needed to help during the week in all areas. Even if you can only give up an hour on Feast Sunday to help serve food, we would like to hear from you. Please contact coppendales@btinternet.com and offer to help. The Bunch organises the whole week of entertainment, can YOU spare some time to give a hand?


The events:

Saturday 6 July	Beer Festival to finish at 6pm DJ night – Trevor Nelson & Mr Coverman
Sunday 7 July	Feast Day
Monday 8 July	Quiz
Tuesday 9 July	SYD
Wednesday 10 July	Kids' Disco Big Screen Football
Thursday 11 July	Comedy – Marcus Brigstock
Friday 12 July	Natalie Williams Soul Family
Saturday 13 July	Anthems Ibiza Orchestra

See you at The Shelford Feast!

DIARY JUNE 2024

Date	Event	Time	Place
8	Pop-up charity plant sale	9-12noon	Deli Forecourt
13	History Walk	7.30pm	See p 25
6	WI talk: the history of salt	7.30pm	St Mary's Community Room
9	Open garden	2-5pm	7 Dolphin Way Stapleford
12	Annual summer cactus show	2.30-10pm	Memorial Hall
19	Visit of A.S Director for Highways and Transport to allow residents to voice concerns	7pm	Parish Council Meeting in Pavilion – see p 9
22	Village Market	9.30-12.30	Memorial Hall
26	Engage Talk: Local Studies	2-3.30pm	Library
Wednesdays 5, 12, 19, 26 Country Market 9-11.30am - Memorial Hall			

	BIN COLLECTIONS Black bins Tuesday 11, 25 June Blue and Green bins Tuesday 4, 18 June
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HISTORY WALKS



This summer I'll be doing two History Walks. They'll both be about village shops.

Thursday 13 June

The Shelford Shopper – Woollards Lane

I'll be talking about the shops that have come and gone and the families who ran them.

Meet on the corner of Woollards Lane/Church Street (by Old School Court), at 7.30pm. The walk will last between 60 and 90 minutes, ending at London Road. Afterwards, do come and join us for a drink at the Square and Compasses, if you so wish.

There will be a charge of £2 for the walk. No booking required. For further details contact Helen Harwood, email helen_harwood_uk@yahoo.co.uk, tel. 840393.

The second walk will be on Tuesday 30 July,

The Shelford Shopper – Church Street to High Green.

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Of course, if you decide to join us for the next Workshop year (beginning in September) you will be most welcome. If you need an instrument, these can often be borrowed for the year at low cost from our hire stock, meaning that it is possible to gain tuition and experience of playing, for a very modest outlay.

Now in its 50th year of existence, Workshop happens at Duxford School on Saturday mornings during term-time and is very much about enjoying music-making in a supportive and fun environment. All ages, abilities and experience levels are welcome, and we offer both tuition and ensembles, to cater for a wide range of musical interests and tastes.

Instruments included in the Taster Morning are: *ciolin, viola, cello, flute, oboe, bassoon, clarinet, saxophone, trumpet, cornet, trombone, guitar and ukulele.*

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NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN UPDATE

Thank you to everyone – residents, statutory consultees and other local stakeholders – who contributed comments to the Regulation 14 Consultation on the draft Stapleford and Great Shelford Neighbourhood Plan (S&GS NP), which ran for seven weeks to 30 April. Thanks also to all who let us use their hedge or fence to display one of our big banners and raise awareness, including Scotsdales, The Gog Farm Shop and Magog Trust.



So what happens next? In outline, the steps remaining before we have an adopted NP for our parishes are:

1. collate and review all consultation feedback (this work is well under way) and amend the draft report as appropriate
2. publish all comments (anonymously, other than where responses are on behalf of an organisation)
3. submit a revised version (the ‘submission version’) of the S&GS NP to the local planning authority, which will then...
4. publicise our NP (for a minimum period of six weeks) and arrange for its independent examination
5. the examiner will check whether our NP meets certain mandatory ‘basic conditions’ and may recommend some modifications to meet them
6. if successful at examination, the local authority will organise a NP referendum for everyone on the electoral role in our parishes
7. a majority ‘yes’ vote makes the S&GS NP part of the statutory development plan for the area
8. all planning decisions from that point on must be made in accordance with the policies in the S&GS NP.

This shortish list belies the work that needs to be done. Every point raised needs to be addressed, if only to say that it has been noted or to explain why it is not relevant to neighbourhood planning in general or to the S&GS NP in particular. Many, however, will need more robust responses and the Steering Group will need to decide, with the agreement of the Parish Councils, which comments should be acted upon in the ‘submission version’ of the S&GS NP. We will not be able to please everyone.

This is why, once we’ve submitted this next version of our NP, the local planning authority will make it available for a further six weeks of consultation (step 4 above). This is known as ‘Regulation 16 Consultation’ and is effectively a chance for everyone who gave feedback in the Regulation 14 Consultation to see how/whether we dealt with their comments and to appeal against this if they wish. These representations will be given to the independent examiner when they review our NP. All consultation feedback must be incorporated into a Consultation Statement to sit alongside our submitted NP. Ours won’t look quite the same, but you can view an example at www.scambs.gov.uk/media/14579/consultation-statement-final-120120.pdf.

I keep reminding myself that we have already done an awful lot more than is left to do. One of the frustrations of producing a NP is that some component parts have immutable timeframes attached to them (e.g. there are two minimum six-week statutory consultations) so you must do what you can to work hard and fast during those parts over which you have more control. With The Right Hon. Michael Gove MP and his friends breathing down our collective necks, this has never felt so true.

We are, however, already in a stronger position to respond to planning applications submitted in our parishes. Paragraph 48 of the revised National Planning Policy Framework states that material consideration in decision-making may be given to relevant policies in *emerging* NPs. Since we have now completed our Reg. 14 Consultation, that’s us. Consequently, Stapleford Parish Council was able to cite draft policies S&GS 6 and S&GS 12 when objecting to Rangeford’s recent application (ref. 24/01190/S73) to locate multiple air source heat pumps on the roof of the retirement village’s central pavilion in line of sight of two local landmark views and adding visible urbanising and industrialising clutter to a rural setting.

Find out more at www.greatshelfordparishcouncil.gov.uk/SGSNPlan or write to neighbourhood.plan@staplefordparishcouncil.gov.uk

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Big Green Week 8-16 June. Great Shelford Library will have a display showcasing some of the books covering green issues that we have discussed at our 2G3S book club meetings since these started in 2022.

Stapleford Tree Project 2G3S is proud to support a 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.

Stapleford Village Weekend, 27-30 June We will have a stall at the Show on the Saturday afternoon. On Thursday 27 June at 7pm we will be showing the film 'Pure Clean Water', which we showed in Sawston to a sell-out audience in February. Here is your chance to see the film if you missed it before, or want to see it again – you don't need to be a Stapleford resident! It is beautifully shot in Cambridge and along the chalk streams locally, examines the water supply and usage in the area and its effects on the environment and features interviews with the Environment Agency, Cambridge Water, and other people involved in managing our water. With all the talk about building up to 150,000 new houses in the area by 2040, managing the water supply to all the new developments is crucial and even with the wet winter we've had, the pressure on the underground source of our water is intense. The Environment Agency objected to the proposed new Cancer Hospital on the Biomedical Campus, due to lack of water. See staplefordweekend.com for details and to get tickets, and find out more about the film at PureCleanWater.film.

Saving water Now the weather is warming up, and your plants are growing and need water, think about minimising the amount you take from the tap. Have you a water butt to collect rainwater? Can you use washing up water to water your pots? Choose plants that don't need too much water (lavender, pelargoniums, mediterranean plants) and group pots together to reduce evaporation. Collect up water in the kitchen from rinsing vegetables, fruit, and your hands and put that on your plants. Don't flush the loo after every use and use bathwater to flush the loo, or to water plants. Have short showers and only wash clothes if they're dirty.

Birdsong Some of you may have read about how the soundscape of birdsong has changed over the years – a man in the US has been recording at dawn on the same day every year for 30 years at the same spot in Yellowstone Park and has evidence of the gradual reduction in birdsong in recent years, until this year his tape was silent. Closer to home, Tony Juniper (who used to run Friends of the Earth) has done a similar thing in Cambridge, with similar results. He reckons the heatwave in 2022 was a significant reason for the recent sudden decline in birdsong. Songbirds have declined for a number of reasons, including a loss of habitat due to intensive farming and loss of woodlands, and less available food due to the effects of climate change and pesticide use on numbers of invertebrates. Thus our gardens are so important in supporting wildlife, and we can help this by not using pesticides, keeping corners where creatures can shelter, planting a tree if possible, making a pond (even a small one) and planting nectar-rich plants.

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At our May meeting we congratulated Sue Tombs on becoming our Vice President. Our members have certainly demonstrated resilience this month. It was very disappointing for the Parish Council organisers to have to cancel the Great Shelford Fun Day. The WI were due to serve refreshments including cakes which have in some cases been frozen ready for the Shelford Feast, our next contribution to village life.

The speaker for our May meeting cancelled at short notice for medical reasons so out came the Beetle Drive sheets and dice. 18 members thoroughly enjoyed this sociable activity with the highest and lowest scorers moving tables at the end of each round. Prizes were awarded to Vanda Butler (highest overall) and Veronica Stower (lowest overall). Its amazing/annoying how some can throw sixes easily while others can wait for many throws to start. It is hoped to invite the speaker to come later in the year.

Our speaker on 6 June, Helen Green, has the topic The History of Salt. As always if this is of interest to you, we would welcome you as a visitor at 7.30pm in the Community Room beside St Mary's Church.

There will not be a speaker in July as we will enjoy a trip out and a few days later be serving refreshments at The Shelford Feast.

Eleanor Witter, President

OPEN GARDEN

We are inviting you to our Open Garden at 7 Dolphin Way, Stapleford on Sunday 9 June from 2pm until 5pm.

Ours is an established, treasured garden, with perennial plantings and trees set around a lawned area, a small pond, greenhouse and vegetable patch. There is plenty of seating around the garden and if the weather is kind to us on that day, you can sit under the shade of our beautiful Indian Bean Tree enjoying a cup of tea and homemade cakes and scones, which will be for sale in the garden. There will be plenty of plants for sale too.

The entrance fee will be £3 per adult, children's entrance free, and all the proceeds from the day will be donated to the Brain Tumour Charity, a charity very close to our hearts. Put the date in your diary, folks, and we look forward to seeing you on Sunday 9 June.

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It's also Pride Month, celebrating LGBTQ+ diversity. Come and read the rainbow at the library!

June is National Crime Readers Month, too. The library has a huge selection of crime fiction and we're always ready to help you solve the mystery of what to read next.

REGULAR ACTIVITIES

Engage Talk Local Studies – join Mary Burgess, our Local Studies librarian, as she discusses Cambridgeshire's local collection. Wednesday 26 June, 2–3.30pm. A donation of £2 is appreciated. Please stay for a drink after the talk. Pre-book via Cambourne.referral@cambridgeshire.gov.uk or in the library.

Craft & Chat Every Friday morning 10.30–12noon. Pop in to craft and chat with others. £2 donation for tea or coffee. No need to book.

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Stay and Play Fortnightly, Thursday 13 and 27 June. 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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TENNIS CLUB

It's June, which surely means summer's here. Tennis club players were distracted for a couple of days in May by a mysterious and bright orange disc which appeared in the sky above the courts. Some of our senior members recall years past when the so-called 'sun' was an almost regular feature of the summer months, but few believe them. Several matches have already been postponed by rain, which might be as well for some of the men's teams, in what is proving a challenging season.



At least there's Wimbledon. Qualifying starts later this month while the tournament proper gets underway on July 1. Great Shelford Tennis Club player, former Lawn Tennis Association (LTA) representative for Cambs, and current Member of the Month Mark Sanders (pictured) will be there for what he believes is Andy Murray's farewell, 'Andy's been absolutely fundamental for UK tennis,' says Mark. 'He's encouraged others to aim high so now we've got quite a few men and women in the top 100. Can Emma Raducanu do what Andy

did? It's a big ask, but she's so talented and can get back into the top 20 - 30.'

Mark is now the seniors' county organiser, and says you're never too old to play, 'The LTA has just introduced a new competition age category for the over 90s, and there's research showing people who play tennis live longer.' If Wimbledon inspires you, why not try tennis at one of our Wednesday evening club sessions?

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FOOTBALL CLUB



As stated, the mathematics were clear and if both teams won their remaining games they would both win their respective divisions. As it happens, they both clinched the titles with a game to spare. Before embarking on the run-in the first team had a Challenge Cup semi-final at home to old rivals Foxton. After three first-half goals and an early strike in the second period the game looked over, but a sending off and goal from the resulting penalty with still 20 minutes to go seemed to inspire the visitors. A further penalty brought a second goal and it was a great relief when the referee finally blew the whistle for full-time.

Despite our recent success, Witchford away has always been a bit of a banana skin, but a defeat for nearest rivals Over Sports in their latest match meant we only needed three points from our remaining two games. On a very windy evening the game was true to form and closely fought, but a late Tommy Barham goal and great defending saw us win the game 3-2 and take league title number 19. The league trophy was presented at our last game at home to Wisbech St Mary and although we didn't need to win, a Luke Upcott goal secured the points and meant that we had won our last nine league games in one of the most openly contested campaigns ever.

Unfortunately, we didn't manage to complete the double after going down 1-0 to Ely City Reserves in a particularly good closely fought Challenge Cup Final at Histon. The reserves still had four games left in their run-in, the first being away to March Town Reserves, who were still hoping for promotion themselves. Under floodlights on a superb pitch, both teams contributed to an excellent tight game, which was settled late on when Tommy Barham completed what can only be described as a team goal. Abington United were then beaten 1-0 at home meaning like the first team three points would suffice. The nerves were evident in the performance away to Over Sports and with the score at 1-1 with not long to go, it looked like the title chase would go to the wire. That was, however, until news filtered through that nearest rivals Wimblington Old Boys were losing 5-1 in their game. Their trophy was presented at the last match away to St Ives Town Reserves and a 3-3 draw ended what turned out to be a momentous season.

Thank you to everyone connected to the club in whatever capacity and we look forward to doing it all again next season.

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A week later we were away at Cambourne. After getting some early wickets a couple of lapses in the field allowed Cambourne to pass 200, but with a fast outfield this looked within range. We kept up with the required rate but Mark Milne's 65 was not quite enough and we lost by 19 runs. In both the first two matches we slightly handicapped ourselves by only having ten players, so if there's anyone interested in joining us, please get in touch!

The Under 11s have played twice at the time of writing, losing against City of Cambridge but bouncing back to beat Royston. The Under 13s lost against Haddenham, but put up a creditable performance with a young mixed team, including two players very new to the game.

We would like to install an artificial pitch at the edge of the cricket square. This is mainly to benefit our growing junior section, but it will also be very helpful for practice sessions throughout the club, particularly at the beginning of the season when the groundsman's work preparing pitches means that we generally cannot use the square. The Parish Council have given us their blessing for this change on the Rec, and we have therefore started fundraising. If anyone can support us we would be most grateful.

More details are at this website: <https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/great-shelford-cricket-club>. Alternatively, we would be delighted to receive any donation by cheque, or by transfer to the club bank account (Great Shelford Cricket Club, 30-91-74, 31390368).

Peter Ede, Chair

JULY ISSUE OF THE VILLAGE NEWS

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OLD NEWS**Extracts from The Great Shelford Chronicle 1774–1868**

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21 JUNE 1851

HORTICULTURAL SHOW – The annual show of the Horticultural Society established in this village, will be held at the Railway Tavern on Wed. next. The numbers of the society have increased since last year, so that a pleasant party may be anticipated: those who joined the one which assembled last year will readily believe this. The subscription is very low and the good effect the society has already had upon the morals of the labouring portion of the inhabitants, in fostering habits of industry, unquestionable.

25 June 1853

THE FARMERS AND LABOURERS – The farmers of this parish and neighbouring villages are already endeavouring to engage their labourers for the ensuing harvest and they have offered considerably to raise their wages above those given last harvest. This has, in nearly every instance, been refused by the men. It has been generally anticipated that labourers would be very scarce at the ensuing harvest, in consequence of so many able-bodied men emigrating, and as Ireland is so drained by the emigration mania, we must not expect many labourers from there. The crops have such a prospect of being abundant that we fear the farmers will be short of hands to secure them in good time.

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The third annual Festival will include over 90 events and activities with something for all ages, abilities and interests. There will be hands-on creative activities, nature walks, live music, bat punt safaris, BioBlitzes and much more. Most of the events will be free or affordable and will take place in Cambridge and the surrounding countryside.

There are events every day, including

Cambridge AstroPlus – Rockets A talk for 11-18 year olds on 3 June at the Institute of Astronomy.

Building Stones Tour – Geology walk around central Cambridge on 7 June.

Willow Weaving Workshop – Fen Drayton lakes, all day on 8 June.

Early Morning Nature Wander – guided walk at the Botanic Garden at 6.30am on 13 June.

The Festival is being organised by the River Cam Climate Action through Nature project which is hosted by Cambridge Past, Present and Future and part of Cambridge Nature Network, a partnership of organisations working hard to increase the amount of nature in our area. It is being supported by the National Lottery Community Fund. Events will also be run by The Wildlife Trust Beds, Cambs and Northants, The National Trust, the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds, Cambridge City Council, Cambridge Sports Lake Trust, South Cambridgeshire District Council, Magog Trust, Cambridge University Botanic Garden and many, many more.

Festival Organiser Penelope Chaney says ‘We’re excited to bring you another great programme of nature based events and activities from bat hunting and guided walks with wildlife experts to creative sessions and the screening of wildlife films. This is a great opportunity to connect with and explore nature and your local environment. There will be events for all ages and interests – we’re looking forward to seeing you.’

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12	10.30am–12.30pm Gentle guided walk
14	5–6pm Mindfulness-in-Nature Wellness Walk
19–22	8pm Bacchae by Euripides performed by In Situ:
26	10am–12noon Guided walk – Tree identification
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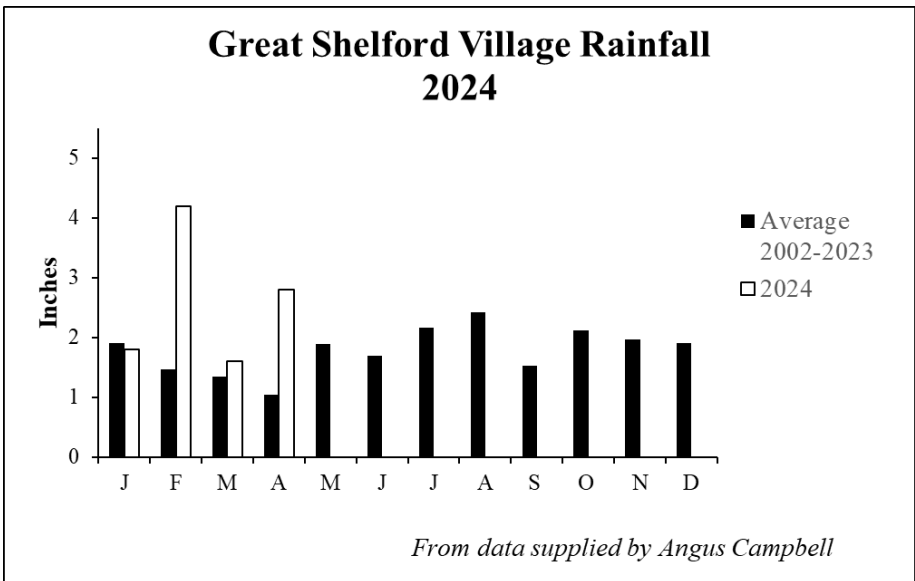
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