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

REQUEST FOR SSYI GRANT

The Chairman invited a presentation from the trustees (Chairman and Treasurer) of the Shelford and Stapleford Youth Initiative (SSYI), who thanked the council for its continuing support. The SSYI Chairman advised that there are now groups for younger children and that they are now reaching more Great Shelford children and conducting more one-to-one working with particularly difficult children, including providing them with food. The SSYI Treasurer reported that 35% of children now come from Great Shelford and most of the activities are run in Great Shelford. The grant requested is £16,910. Their reserves are less than ideal, but they are working towards holding three months' running costs. The charity is predicting a balanced budget in this financial year.

It was resolved that the grant to SSYI is approved as requested for £16,910.

REPORTS FROM COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

County Cllr Milnes reported that most projects are currently on hold awaiting guidance from the new government. He reported that he had attended the East West Railway meeting the previous night.

Cllr Arnold asked what was happening regarding the old Barclays building in Sawston and Cllr Milnes advised that it is being taken over by Ziggy's fireplaces.

Cllr Brown asked whether Cllr Milnes had seen the letter to Michael Gove regarding the Case for Cambridge and what the County Council's view is. Cllr Milnes advised that there is currently no single view for growth as there is discrepancy between the various groups such as the Greater Cambridge Partnership (GCP) and Combined Authority. He reported that the government still views the golden triangle (Oxford/Cambridge/London) as important for economic growth, including growth around Greater Cambridge.

District Cllr Fane provided a verbal update on his report following the King's speech, which included an ambitious programme of legislation. With regard to planning, Cllr Fane expects the government to use the current model of development corporations, rather than issuing new legislation. Cllr Ashurst asked what Cllr Fane's position is regarding the four-day week. The Cabinet will be discussing the externally produced reports on this study, which shows

that there have been financial savings. Cllr Fane is careful not to take a view until the matter comes before the cabinet. Cllr Brown asked if the reason for development in South Cambs is the emerging local plan. Cllr Fane reported that the members had little involvement in writing the local plan as this was mainly produced by officers.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES & WORKING GROUPS

Cambridge Biomedical Campus (CBC) Working Group

The Chairman gave a verbal update on the ongoing work and invited comments from a member of the public, who advised that one of the working group members is on holiday, but is also drafting a covering statement to go with the meeting minutes to the circulation list. The member of the public attended the CBC open forum, which discussed the Cancer Hospital and the Housing Study.

HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORT

- a) Cllr Brown provided a verbal update regarding the East West Rail webinar held on 16 July, which was also attended by Cllrs Ashurst and Watson. The Chairman invited comments from a member of the public, who reported that a paper has been presented to the upcoming Cambridgeshire County Council (CCC) Highways and Transport Committee and that there are new maps available, which she has circulated. The Chairman reported that he had attended a meeting organised by Liz Watts, chaired by Brian Milnes and with Tumi Hawkins in attendance, to update affected villages and this should be run every two to three months.
- **b)** Cllr Brown provided a verbal update on the work of the Traffic and Transport Infrastructure Working Group. The actions arising from the pavement reports were discussed.
- c) The feasibility study for the privately funded highways improvement to install double yellow lines between Maris Green and Granhams Road was considered. Cllr Ashurst requested a drawing to explain the feasibility study.

COUNCIL ADMINISTRATION MATTERS

- **a)** It was agreed to invite Pippa Heylings MP to an expanded Traffic and Transport Working Group meeting, to be held on a Thursday in September, ideally in person, with all GSPC councillors invited.
- **b)** It was agreed that the Council will authorise expenditure of up to £1000 for the production and distribution of an Annual Report to be delivered to all households.

c) The Council approved the annual insurance policy with Hiscox, through Gallagher, at a cost of £8,398.24 and the Clerk was instructed to obtain updated valuations for the Council's buildings.

- **d**) The Council will enter a five-year Health and Safety deal at a cost of £2975 p.a.
- e) It was agreed that the two named charities for the proceeds of this year's fundraising will be the Arthur Rank Hospice and Cambridge Cancer Help Centre.
- **f**) The Council will defer discussion of the Cambridgeshire County Council Community Energy Action Plan to the Finance and General Purposes meeting in August.
- g) [Standing Item]: The Clerk provided a written update of actions listed in the Strategic Plan. The Council celebrated the Green Flag Award for the Recreation Ground and suggested that the Clerk issue the press release to the local paper.

COMMUNITY MATTERS

- **a)** The Council will approach the contractors for Stapleford Parish Council to obtain a quote for the management of the wildflower areas.
- **b**) It was agreed that the Council supports the safety of Lithium batteries campaign in principle but would like further details on this proposal.
- c) It was agreed that the Council will not install lights on the footpath near the Plough on the Memorial Green at this time.
- **d**) The Council will seek the advice of the Youth Workers at the SSYI with regard to the suggestion for a friendship bench in Great Shelford.
- **e**) The Chairman will accept the offer of a corporate volunteer day to manage the Himalayan balsam on the river bank.
- **f**) The request to conduct walkover surveys by ecologists to review the habitat and check for ground nesting birds in Great Shelford Parish Council land has been approved.

MATTERS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

- the lighting of the path through the recreation ground
- the maintenance of the area around the dental surgery on Woollards Lane
- the overhanging trees and hedges on Cambridge Road

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PARISH COUNCIL & COMMITTEE MEETINGS IN SEPTEMBER

Cemetery & Allotments4 September7.30pm PavilionPlanning Committee9 September7.30pm PavilionFull Council Meeting18 September7.30pm PavilionPlanning Committee23 September7.30pm 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 (24.06.2024, 15.07.2024, 29.07.2024)

24/02126/HFUL	136 Cambridge	Demolition of garage, carport, and
	Road	single storey rear extension, construction of a two-storey side extension with two side dormer windows, a single storey rear extension and adjoined annexe, replace the existing windows, and provide external insulation and
		rendering (part retrospective).
Application suppo	orted.	·

24/02190/HFUL	40 Church Street	Construction of a weather-boarded
		structural shell around existing
		garage. Remove existing steel up-
		and-over garage doors to form one
		open cart-lodge style parking
		space and hang new hinged timber
		doors to other opening.
Application suppo	orted.	

24/02129/HFUL	7A Cambridge Road	Demolition of existing
		conservatory. Single storey side
		extension and front roof light.
Application suppo	orted.	

24/02374/HFUL	11 Spinney Drive	Demolition of conservatory and
		front porch. Part two storey, part
		single storey front and rear
		extensions. Canopy to front door,
		alterations to fenestration,
		application of render and
		weatherboard cladding, and
		associated alterations.
Application suppo	orted.	

24/02588/FUL	132 & 134	Demolition of no 132 and 134 and
	Cambridge Road	erection of two dwellings.
Application supported.		

SHELFORD FEAST



As the Shelford Feast organisers recover from their efforts (and prepare for the next one on **6 July 2025**) this is a reminder that applications for a grant from Feast profits (if any) must be made by 30 September.

The application form is at https://www.shelfordfeast.co.uk/grant-applications/

The grants criteria are:

- Being a **local** charity or non-profit-making organisation
- Financial **need**, especially where there is no alternative funding source
- Helping particularly the **young**, the **old** or the needy
- Where a contribution would make most significant **impact**
- Where there is a significant **contribution** to The Feast by the organisation or its supporters

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We hope you had a joyful and restful summer, filled with memorable moments and cherished time with family and friends.

War memorial damaged by vehicle collision

It is with regret that we inform you that our war memorial has suffered significant damage following an unfortunate incident where a car collided with the monument. The impact has unseated the memorial, although it remains stable for now. Additionally, the structure has been covered with a black liquid, likely diesel or oil, which has deeply penetrated the porous Portland stone.

Great Shelford Parish Council is actively seeking quotes for the repair and restoration of this historic monument. Due to the memorial's special nature and considerable size, the restoration process will be intricate and timeconsuming. We are committed to ensuring that the repairs are done with the utmost care and respect for the memorial's significance.

For safety reasons, the war memorial area has been closed off and we kindly request all parishioners to respect the barriers and remain outside the restricted zone.

We understand the emotional connection many of you have with the war memorial and the important role it plays in our community. Rest assured we will keep you updated on the progress of the restoration efforts. Thank you for your understanding and support during this time.

Great Shelford Recreation Ground raises prestigious Green Flag Award

Great Shelford Parish Council is celebrating after receiving a Green Flag Award for the Recreation Ground.

The news that the Recreation Ground has achieved the accreditation – the international quality mark for parks and green spaces – is testament to the hard work and dedication of the team that cares for the green space so that visitors and residents alike can enjoy it.

Keep Britain Tidy's Green Flag Award Scheme Manager, Paul Todd MBE, said: 'I would like to congratulate everyone involved at Great Shelford Recreation Ground on achieving a Green Flag Award.

'Great Shelford Recreation Ground is a vital green space for communities in Great Shelford to socialise, enjoy nature, for children to play safely and it provides important opportunities for park users to improve their physical and mental health.

'We know that staff and volunteers work tirelessly to ensure that it maintains the high standards of the Green Flag Award, everyone involved should feel extremely proud of their achievement.

'It is important that our free to use spaces are maintained to the Green Flag Award standard, making them accessible for all members of the community while ensuring the environment is protected.'

The Green Flag Award scheme, managed by environmental charity Keep Britain Tidy under licence from the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government, recognises and rewards well-managed parks and green spaces, setting the benchmark standard for the management of green spaces across the United Kingdom and around the world.

Join us for the Playscape Fun Run and Grand Opening of the Skate Park!

Mark your calendars for a day of excitement and community spirit! The much-anticipated Playscape Fun Run is set to take place on Sunday 29 September and this year's event promises to be bigger and better than ever.

In addition to the fun run and sensory circuit, we are thrilled to announce the grand opening of our brand new skate park. This state of the art facility provides a fantastic space for skaters of all ages to enjoy and we love to see our community making the most of it.

But that's not all! The event will also feature the postponed duck race, adding an extra splash of fun to the day's activities. Bring your family and friends to cheer on the little ducks as they race down the river, and enjoy the buoyant atmosphere.

Food and refreshments will be available throughout the event, along with entertainment to keep everyone in high spirits. Whether you're a seasoned runner, an eager skater, or just looking for a fun day out, there's something for everyone at this community celebration.

We look forward to seeing you all there for a day of fitness, fun, and festivities. Let's come together to support our community projects and enjoy the wonderful amenities Great Shelford has to offer.

See you on 29 September!

Don't forget to get in touch with us should you have any relevant concerns. Our telephone number is 01223 61 66 22 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 email a Councillor, we ask that you copy in Nicola.



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Let me first thank residents across South Cambridgeshire for giving me the honour of representing you in Westminster. It's my job to stand up for each and every one of you (whether you voted for me or not) and to fight for the interests of our constituency in Parliament, and that is a task that I won't take lightly.

The first week of Parliament was a blur, both thrilling and overwhelming. It started with meeting the other 71 Liberal Democrat MPs and together we now form the largest third party in Westminster in a century. This was swiftly followed by a week of training and induction by The House about Parliamentary business where I learned about the many different ways I can use my new position to best represent you.

Unsurprisingly though, it was not your average first week at work. I made a promise during my campaign that I would fight for fairer healthcare funding in South Cambridgeshire and before I was even sworn in, I felt it was vital to get things underway; co-authoring, alongside my fellow Cambridgeshire Lib Dem MPs, a letter to the new Secretary of State for Healthcare Wes Streeting requesting an urgent meeting to discuss the need to review the funding formula for GPs in our area.

It isn't just healthcare that needs addressing swiftly. I was appalled by the decision last month by Anglian Water to increase household bills by a further 13% whilst people are still struggling with the cost of living crisis. I spoke

out about this on national television on BBC Politics Live and also highlighted the failures of the Water Services Regulation Authority (OFWAT) to stand up to water companies on their lack of investment in infrastructure and their terrible record of polluting our precious rivers and chalk streams.

I also had the pleasure of ITV Anglia shadowing me in my first days as a new MP as I visited the local 'Health Hub' initiative in Melbourn, inspected the River Mel with a local river action group, and visited residents who had written to me seeking help. Similarly, I had a lovely chat on BBC Cambs Breakfast with Dotty about what it's like being a new MP.

Just a few weeks in, I was proud to be called to make my maiden speech in Parliament. I was able to describe the very special place that is South Cambridgeshire, our communities and our contributions to life-saving research and to the UK economy. I focussed on the importance of ensuring that local people and local authorities shape its development; we need to get this right. I also shared my passion about climate change and the environment and paid a special tribute to our beautiful and vital chalk streams that are the blue veins that connect us in South Cambridgeshire.

It was a privilege to be part of the debate on the King's Speech around the new government's plans. However, I was deeply concerned when the new Chancellor announced the review of the former Conservative government's 'new hospital programme' because this potentially put at risk the new Cambridge Cancer and Children's Hospitals. I immediately acted on this, raising the alarm with the Secretary of State for Health. I had a hugely informative and productive meeting at Addenbrookes Hospital with the Senior Leadership team for both of the new hospitals and will keep you updated on the next steps of the campaign and how you can help.

I look forward to meeting as many constituents as possible and learning what your priorities are. Please write to me at *pippa.heylings.mp@parliament.uk*. I will be holding surgeries around the constituency, so please do look out for them and come along to either seek help or share any issues that are of concern.

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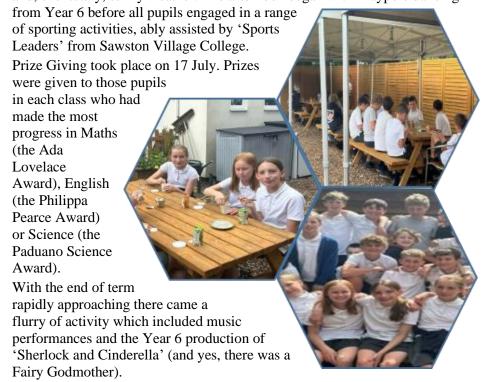
SHELFORD SCHOOL

In 1849, French writer Jean-Baptiste Alphonse Karr wrote, *Plus ça change*, *plus c'est la même chose* (the more things change, the more they stay the same) – a saying that might well have been written to describe the annual cycle of the academic year.

When the school said goodbye to 28 Year 6 pupils at the end of July it had already begun the process of welcoming 30 small four-year-old children into the Reception class (and they always do seem *very* small). At the start of term in September there will be a new class of Year 6 pupils who will not only have grown physically over the summer but will have grown in stature as they take on new responsibilities.

The August issue of the *Village News* went to press before the activities to mark the end of the school year took place. Here is a summary.

On 5 July, despite a dull and drizzly morning, Sports Day took place in dry and, eventually, sunny weather. The afternoon began with Maypole dancing



In the last week of term Year 6 enjoyed an afternoon visit to Cara Coffee where they were able to choose from a selection of drinks, ices, cookies and

cupcakes. Thanks are due to the café staff for their welcome and to the donor who provided the funds.

The term ended with the traditional Leavers' Service in St Mary's Church where parents and other guests were delighted by the singing of the Year 6 choir and a humorous or touching memory from every pupil. The service was followed by a reception at school where each pupil was presented with a Bible and a Year Book.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

* **Applications** will open on 11 September for the admissions round for the 25/26 school year.

For more information contact the school *office@shelford.cambs.sch.uk* or go to *https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/children-and-families/schools-learning/apply-for-a-school-place*

- ** For details of **Rainbow Pre-school** contact: *rainbow@shelford.cambs.sch.uk* or 07965 216603 or go to *http://rainbowshelford.co.uk/*
- *** Wacky After-School and Holiday Club is part of the Cambridge Kids Club (CKC) network. See: https://www.cambridgekidsclub.com/after-school-clubs/great-and-little-shelford-primary-school/

Polly Stanton, Foundation Governor

A FUN RUN, A WHEELZONE OPENING AND A DUCK RACE...

The Shelford 5k will be returning on Sunday 29 September (whistle blows at 10.30am.) Do sign up at *www.shelfordfunrun.co.uk* to raise funds for Great Shelford Playscape and CamRare (Cambridge Rare Disease Network).

This year will be extra special! Given that the Fun Run fundraiser has been instrumental in both the Playscape and the new skating area, it seemed appropriate to do an official opening of the Wheelzone after all the runners have returned, around midday. The Parish Council will then round off the celebrations by running its Duck Race (which had to be cancelled earlier in the year) down at the river.

See back cover for more information. Do come and enjoy this village get together!

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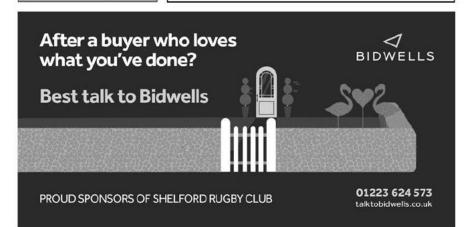
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Julie's Greeting

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Rev Julie Norris

Fr Edward's Ponderings

St Clare of Assisi was inspired by St Francis and one of the first people to join the Franciscan Order. Like Francis she cared for the poor and vulnerable and she also founded a part of the Order which gave women a ministry. Some of her letters still exist and give us profound insights in rich imagery. In her letters she described how when she looked into a mirror, she gazed in prayer, not on herself, but on Jesus Christ the Son of God. She saw Jesus reflecting God's love to her. She also saw him seeing the world as she reflected that world to him. She then carried that reflection of Jesus into her daily life.

Her way of faith was to follow how Christ lived as closely as she could. We can follow her example by reading the bible, meditation and prayer, believing that we can then contemplate upon Christ and become more like Christ who is perfect love.

You might ask what this practically means for today whether you are a person of faith or not. We often today hear talk more about happiness, particularly for our children. Abbot Christoper Jamison, when writing about finding happiness, asks what we mean by happiness and whether we should value being decent, just and honest. Well, we can all question ourselves like Clare as we look in the mirror. Do you see someone who not only values decency, justice and honesty but tries to reflect this in all you do? I believe Jesus is the key role model for this.

Fr Edward Westrip

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SEPTEMBER SERVICES AND EVENTS

Sunday 1 September

8am: Traditional **Holy Communion Service** using the Book of Common Prayer.

10am: Contemporary sung Parish Communion Service.

Monday 2 September

The Pilgrim Group resumes at 2pm in the Vicarage. We will be studying the Book of Ruth using a contemporary commentary called 'Borders & Belonging' by P O Tuama and G Jordan. These sessions are led by the ministry team and others. Meetings will be held on following Mondays: 9, 16, 23 and 30 September.

Saturday 7 September

10.30am: Maureen's Coffee Morning.

In the Community Room -- until 12noon, all welcome.

Sunday 8 September

8am: Traditional **Holy Communion Service** using the Book of Common Prayer.

10am: Contemporary **Family and Parish Communion Service** Our theme for the service is God's including love. We will be having some fun as we break down barriers and discover that God's love goes beyond expectations. This is an all-generations service: the children take part in it along with their families, and friends from 0 to 90+.

Sunday 15 September

8am: Traditional **Holy Communion Service** using the Book of Common Prayer.

10am: Contemporary sung Parish Communion Service.

Youth Group will meet in the Community Room at 5pm.

Thursday 20 September

10.30am: A group from St Mary's will go to the Cambridgeshire Care Home to lead a service of prayers, readings, hymns and Holy Communion at the home.

Sunday 22 September

8am: Traditional **Holy Communion Service** using the Book of Common Prayer.

10am: Contemporary sung Parish Communion Service.

3pm: **Open Space** An opportunity for children and families to have some fun outside, this month outside Cara Café.

Thursday 26 September

Talk by Jody Joy on the Archaeology of the Cambridgeshire area and what local discoveries tell us about our history. This is a fundraising event. For more information contact Rosey Feuell.

Sunday 29 September

8am: Traditional **Holy Communion Service** using the Book of Common Prayer.

10am: Contemporary sung Parish Communion Service.

Other regular weekly services: Mondays and Thursdays 8.30 am. Join us at St Mary's for Morning Prayer (30 minutes).

Sundays 6.30pm: Online Service held via Zoom. 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. You can find the Zoom link on the Pew Sheet.

Thought for the month: Having one child makes you a parent, having two you are a referee. *David Frost*.

For more information about St Mary's, Great Shelford

Vicar: Revd Dr Julie Norris Revjulienorris@gmail.com Administrator: administrator@stmarysgreatshelford.org St. Mary's Great Shelford is a Registered Charity No 245456

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Matthew 10:29-31

When a noisy bird awoke me at an unearthly hour last week - let's say in the hour of four for greater effect - I can't say I was awash with praise for nature. The thoughts running through my head, with a heavy mix of tiredness, were distinctly negative. And the future of that pigeon or magpie (ornithology not being a strong point) would have been limited, if I could have roused enough strength to do anything about it. I rolled over. Nature is annoying.

Since we received our Eco-church silver award earlier last year, work at the Free Church has not stopped. We have worked with local horticulturalists to continue making the land behind Cara Coffee even more nature-friendly. As a by-product I have also benefitted from an expansion in my own arboreal vocabulary! Nature is amazing.

Thanks to some dedicated volunteers within the church, the weeds have come out and new plants have gone in. The transformation from many hands is heart-warming to see. However, the vigorous spring growth meant it wasn't long before the transformation was less evident. Nature is hard work.

Nature is annoying, amazing and hard work, often in equal measure. Not dissimilar to people. And yet embracing nature is a choice, and a necessary one at that. For me, the biggest achievement of our eco-journey has come from seeing how people consider the environment in their everyday decision-making more than before.

And changing the way we think, the way we believe, the way we act, and the way we react is the way a Christian becomes more like Jesus. And that is our aim. Overflowing from God, who has 'loved [us] with an everlasting love' (Jeremiah 31:3). I just need to remember that next time I'm awoken by that bird.

EVENTS AT GREAT SHELFORD FREE CHURCH

SUNDAY SERVICES AND EVENTS

Morning Services at 10.30am. Everyone welcome.

Please note there will not be a 10.30am service on 29 September as we will be supporting the Shelford Fun Run. **Cara Coffee** will be open during the Fun Run. Come in for refreshments before, during or after the race!

Cafe Church on Sunday 15 September at 10.30am. Informal service, seated around tables with refreshments served.

Harvest Thanksgiving All-Age Service on Sunday 22 September at 10.30am

Open Space on Sunday 22 September, 3-4.15pm Outdoor church for families – a joint event with St Mary's Church held in the garden area behind Cara Coffee Shop. A space to explore faith together. This month, we will be exploring through a sports theme.

Evening Communion Sunday 29 September at 6.30pm

WEEKDAY EVENTS

Community Café Every Monday, 10am–12noon, restarts on Monday 2 September. Come join us for tea/coffee and homemade cake. There will also be a light lunch after Community Café on Monday 9 September – please contact the church office for more information, to book a place or to let us know dietary requirements.

Little Steps Toddler Group Every Wednesday, 10–11.30am. This restarts on Wednesday 4 September. This group is for toddlers up to the age of three with their carer. To book a place, please email *administrator@ shelfordfreechurch.org.uk*.

Tiny Toes Baby Group. Every Wednesday afternoon, 1.30–3pm. This restarts on Wednesday 4 September. This group is for babies under one year old with their parent or carer. To book a place, please email *administrator@shelfordfreechurch.org.uk*.

Repair Café Saturday 21 September, 2–5pm. More information about this event organised by 2G3S (Going Greener in the Shelfords, Stapleford and Sawston) can be found on page 38.







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GRANTA MEDICAL: FLU VACCINATIONS 2024

This year NHS England have informed us that the routine annual adult flu programme for adults aged 18 years old upwards will start on 3 October. To ensure you have maximum protection for the flu season you should be preferably vaccinated in October, but certainly by the end of November. Flu numbers start to rise in November and peak in December and January.

Howeverm there are three groups of people who should be vaccinated early and we encourage these people to attend one of our September clinics..

1 Those who are pregnant (especially if near due date) because:

- Pregnant women are at higher risk of complications from flu
- The vaccination protects the baby during pregnancy (e.g. by reducing the risks of the baby being premature or stillborn as a result of flu infection)
- The vaccination protects the baby in the first few months of life (babies under six months are at high risk of complications from flu).

2 Children, because:

- The protection provided by the flu vaccine lasts longer in children
- Children tend to be 'super spreaders'
- Getting your child vaccinated not only protects your child but also vulnerable parents and their grandparents, and will reduce the spread of flu to the wider population.

3 People due to have treatment such as chemotherapy, because:

• If you are due to have treatment which will weaken your immune system, such as chemotherapy, vaccine given before treatment starts will work better as your immune system is stronger.

Flu Clinic dates

Saturday 28 September	Granta Sawston (see September eligibility above)
Sunday 29 September	Granta Royston Health Centre (see September
	eligibility above)
Saturday 5 October	Granta Sawston & Granta Linton
Sunday 6 October	Granta Royston Health Centre
Saturday 12 October	Granta Barley & Granta Shelford
Saturday 19 October	Granta Sawston & Granta Linton
Sunday 20 October	Granta Royston Health Centre
Saturday 26 October	Granta Shelford

To book your flu vaccination, please call 0300 234 5555 and choose the Granta site of your choice, or wait to receive your SMS link via your mobile phone.



Sunshine and blue skies certainly brought many folk into the Market during August. In recent weeks we have welcomed many newcomers, some with young families, some on holiday in the area. We hope they have enjoyed the market experience and will keep returning. **Everything** we sell comes direct from the homes and gardens of local producers who are always on hand and happy to talk about products.

After the very difficult growing season, our garden tables are now well laden and quite spectacular with freshly cut flowers, fruit and salad crops. Our central display table is also much admired. The theme changes about every four weeks and we try to display products from each section which are relevant to the subject. We have moved on from a successful Shelford Feast, followed by a 'Summer of Sport', to thinking about relaxing holidays at the seaside.

All too soon, it is September and this will mean 'Back to School' routine for many families. We are hoping the garden section will still be well stocked with fresh produce. No doubt the crafters will have some new lines. For the cooks, we're moving into peak chutney making times. For our much valued café crew there is no seasonal variation – they are always busy!

For the latest market news and many photographs of our produce, follow us on Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/Great Shelford Country Market and if you would like to join us as a producer then please talk to us. We are a social co-operative market and not individual stall holders. Even small amounts of produce will always be welcome. Come and have a look around, a chat and allow time for a coffee with a home-made cookie. We are open in the Memorial Hall every Wednesday from 9 to 11.30am.

Dorothy Doel

OCTOBER ISSUE OF THE VILLAGE NEWS

The deadline for copy for the next issue of the *Great Shelford Village News* is **Friday 13 September** and it should be available on **Friday 27 September**, with subscribed copies delivered shortly thereafter.

DIARY SEPTEMBER 2024

Date	Event	Time	Place
9	Summer reading challenge awards ceremony	4.30pm	Library
11	Annual Succulent Plant Show	7.30–9.30pm	Great Shelford Memorial Hall
21	Repair Cafe	2-5pm	Free Church
25	Engage Talk The Spinning House	2–3.30pm	Library
28	Big Breakfast	8.30–11.30am	Little Shelford Memorial Hall
29	Playscape Fun Run, Skate Park Opening and Duck Race	10.30am onwards	Great Shelford Rec

Country Market 9–11.30am on Wednesdays 4, 11, 18 & 25.

	BIN COLLECTIONS		
	Black bins Tuesday 3,17 September		
	Blue and Green bins Tuesday 10,24 September		
	POST BOXES		
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	LIBRARY		
	Monday 3–7pm, Tuesday 10am–1pm & 2–5pm, Wednesday 10am–1pm, Thursday closed, Friday 10am–1pm & 2–6pm, Saturday 10am–1pm. NB The library is closed on bank holidays.		



THE BIG BREAKFAST IS BACK!

Saturday 28 September 8.30am to 11.30am Little Shelford Memorial Hall, Church Street

The Big Breakfast is back in Little Shelford! Relax and chat with friends. Meet the SSYI Team and hear about their work while enjoying a hearty breakfast, good company and good music. There will be live piano music played by David Adams.

A variety of breakfast food will be available from cereals, toast and waffles to traditional and locally sourced 'Full English'.

We will be raising funds for SSYI, a community-based charity formed by local Christians over 25 years ago. The charity serves the South Cambridgeshire villages of Great and Little Shelford, Stapleford, Sawston, Harston and Duxford, providing youth activities and clubs open to all local 11 to 18-year-olds. We are based in the Youth Centre at Great Shelford Memorial Hall but work with over 250 teenagers each week across the villages.

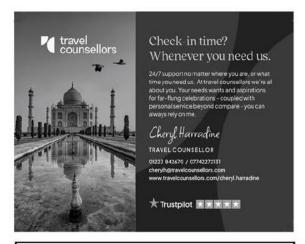
A minimum donation of £10 for your breakfast would be appreciated. Contactless and cash payments accepted.

A great way to start the day!

For more details and offers of help contact Jane Greaves *jegreaves2003@yahoo.co.uk* or David Jones *davidjhjones@btinternet.com*.

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Registration for the 2024–25 Workshop year is on **Saturday 7 September**, **10–11.30am** so if you love music, do come along to see what 'Workshop' can offer you.



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Workshop holds group tuition sessions, where adults and children from Year 5 onwards can learn to play an instrument. There is also a 'junior music group' for children from Year 1 upwards, as well as classes for adult beginners and groups both for improvers and for competent players.

Our members include adults who have always wanted to learn an instrument but haven't had the opportunity, alongside those – so many of us – who 'haven't played for donkeys' years' but would like to get back to playing music again.

As well as tuition classes, Workshop also has ensembles ranging from recorders, strings, jazz and wind bands, to folk fiddlers, ukulele players, guitarists, an adults' community choir and a full orchestra, offering loads of opportunities for you to join in.

A registered charity which has now been going for over 50 years, Workshop is all about having fun by learning and performing together in an enjoyable and supportive environment. Indeed, some of our members find it **so** enjoyable that they have been coming along since the last century! Would you believe that? Honestly, it's true – I'm one of them. So do come and find out why we enjoy Workshop so much, and see what **you** can achieve!

Incidentally, if you're keen to learn but don't have an instrument of your own, don't panic – we have instruments for rental on very reasonable terms so we'll be happy to help you out if we can.

Registration for the 2024–25 Workshop year is at Duxford School, St. John's Street, Duxford, on 7 September and term begins two weeks later, at 9.30am on Saturday 21 September.

For more information, please see the Workshop website at: http://duxfordsaturdayworkshop.org.uk

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The Royal British Legion (RBL), Sawston & District Branch meets on the last Wednesday evening of each month, with the exception of December. This month we meet on Wednesday, 25 September at 7pm in the

Community Centre, Chapelfield Way, Sawston.

We also hold a Breakfast Club at The Plough, Duxford every month. Our next visit to this excellent hostelry is on Saturday 21 September at 9.30am. A really good breakfast is served for a very reasonable price. We welcome non-members to the Breakfast Club, so come along and have a natter!

Our Branch became the focal point for RBL matters quite recently. Our intention is to ensure that the vacuum caused by a recent re-organisation in Cambridgeshire does not impede help to our veterans. We therefore ask any veterans in this village and those surrounding Sawston, to please make contact with either me or our Branch Secretary. We ask to be contacted as we are not given final details when personnel leave the services.

We open our doors to anyone who may wish to join the RBL and be part of the work we do to assist our veterans, young, old and those in between. It would be lovely to see some of you at our Branch meetings (if you can get to Sawston) or at the Breakfast Club in Duxford.

> John McCarthy Branch Chairman Ann Barton, Acting Branch Secretary: 07898 732307

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

First of all, thank you to all those who took part last year, by either filling a box, sending an online box, giving items for the boxes or coming to pack a box at the shoebox filling party.

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This is a gentle reminder to those who would like to, that it is the time of year to think about filling a shoebox to send to disadvantaged children this year.



Collection week is November 11-18 but it is never too early to knit items, buy items or make items.

More details next month Thank you.

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GREAT SHELFORD CARPET BOWLS CLUB

Great Shelford Carpet Bowls Club is restarting after our summer break on Thursday 5 September at 7pm.

We are a small friendly club so if you would like to come along and try something new and have some fun and gentle exercise, come to Great Shelford Memorial Hall on a Thursday evening and have a go. Last season we arranged some friendly games with local clubs and hope to do this again. You will be most welcome.

If you would like more information please give me a ring.

Wendy Seekings (Secretary) Tel 01223 843416

OPEN ECO HOMES 2024 21 September to 20 October



Open Eco Homes is dedicated to promoting sustainable living through showcasing eco-friendly homes and providing expert advice on energy efficiency and home improvements. Now in its 15th year, the event continues to inspire and educate the community about the benefits of green living. Open Eco Homes is a

project of Cambridge Carbon Footprint, a local charity dedicated to inspiring and empowering communities to take action on climate change

This autumn, attendees will have the opportunity to participate in free expertled talks and tours of eco-homes across Cambridgeshire, featuring cuttingedge technologies such as heat pumps, solar photovoltaic (PV) panels, battery storage systems, electric vehicle charging, and more.

Open Eco Homes event offers a unique opportunity for individuals to gain insights into making their homes more environmentally friendly, while also considering the economic costs and advantages of such improvements, with early adopter hosts eager to show you around their eco homes and share the fascinating stories behind them, including their triumphs and setbacks.

'Our hosts this year started their home improvement journeys for a variety of reasons, including improving accessibility, investing to lower bills, wanting greater resilience to future energy shocks and just wanting to create a greener, healthier home for their family. The majority have reached the same conclusion: it is possible to create your dream home whilst cutting bills and carbon. I've been blown away by their enthusiasm to share their stories and what they have learned to help others feel more confident in taking the step

towards a more energy efficient and environmentally friendly home,' says Fran Sutton, Open Eco Homes spokesperson.

This year's programme will feature a diverse array of technologies aimed at improving home energy efficiency and sustainability *in situ* in hosts' homes. For example, there are several homes with air source heat pumps, which are used for heating and cooling homes more efficiently than traditional systems. Solar PV panels and battery storage systems are also common, allowing homeowners to generate and store their own electricity

Other features in this year's homes include mechanical heat ventilation and recovery systems, advanced insulation, natural materials, draught-proofing, high-performance windows and doors, and rainwater harvesting.

'One of the best things about Open Eco Homes is the diversity of homes and technologies on display. We have hosts offering tours of both new builds and retrofitted homes, demonstrating a range of approaches to achieving lower carbon emissions and energy costs,' says Fran.

With nine trailblazing homes opening their doors, there is an opportunity for everyone to find out something that interests them. The event will also feature a series of talks, including:

- Low cost Home Energy Improvements
- Heat Pump Myths by Bean Beanland, founder of the Heat Pump Federation
- How to Use a Heat Pump A panel of experts and users
- Climate Friendly Gardening with expert speakers
- Retrofitting Older Homes A panel of experts

Expert speakers from across the UK will offer fresh insights on topics for anyone interested in sustainable living, whether merely eco-curious or considering a full home retrofit in one of Cambridgeshire's ancient villages and towns.

Eco home tours and talks are available both in person and online. All events are free, but advance booking is required. Come along and be inspired to start your journey to a greener home.

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Congratulations to all the children who completed this year's Summer Reading Challenge! We hope you enjoyed reading and coming along to events. The awards ceremony is at Great Shelford library on Monday 9 September at 4.30pm. Please come along if you can. We will keep the certificates and medals safe for children who cannot attend the ceremony.

With children heading back to school this month, don't forget that the library is a great place to find books to help with projects. In addition to books, with a library card you can access Britannica Online, on our computers or from home. This amazing online encyclopaedia has information on a vast range of topics, suitable for different age groups and available in different languages. Check our website https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/libraries-leisure-culture/libraries or ask in the library for details.

Heading into autumn our regular activities resume, including:

FOR CHILDREN

Story and Rhyme Time and Duplo Every Tuesday morning at 10.30 am. For children aged 0–4 years. Come and enjoy stories and rhymes led by our wonderful volunteers. This is a free drop-in event. Parents/carers please stay with your children.

Lego Club Monday 4–5.30pm Fortnightly. No need to book.

Games Club Monday 4–5pm Fortnightly. No need to book.

FOR ADULTS

Craft & Chat Every Friday morning 10.30am–12noon. No need to book.

Tea & Games Every Friday afternoon 2–3.30pm. No need to book.

Engage Talk: The Spinning House – Caroline Briggs. How Cambridge University locked up its women in private prisons. Wednesday 25 September 2–3.30pm. A donation of £2 is appreciated. Please stay for a drink after the talk. Please pre-book in the library or by email (see below).

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South Cambs Organic Gardeners For information on meetings, contact Helen Harwood, email *helen_harwood_uk@yahoo.co.uk*, phone 840393.

Repair Café The next one is on Saturday 21 September from 2pm to 5pm at Great Shelford Free Church. Don't bin it, repair it! To book in a repair please see the Cambridge Carbon Footprint website. We can accept drop-ins, but you may have to wait a while – you can always indulge in tea and cake! Repairs are free though donations are welcome. We can repair electrical items, but not items with screens or e-bikes.

'Wilding' film Some of you may have seen this at the Arts Cinema in Cambridge or at Saffron Screen. It is based on the book of that title by Isabella Tree and has the most beautiful photography of animals, birds and landscapes. She and her husband were farming land in Sussex which was marginal, and it was only the subsidies, together with vast amounts of fertilisers and pesticides, that kept them going. Inspired by rewilding projects in the Netherlands, they decided to stop farming the land and create conditions to allow it to go back to nature. They have tried to make conditions as near to those of ancient times as possible, with Exmoor ponies, old cattle breeds, Tamworth pigs, and deer. You may have seen the Konik ponies at Wicken Fen, they are a wild breed too. The herds are managed but roam free. These large herbivores create conditions that increase insect life, butterflies, and birds, and rare species have found their way to their land, such as turtle doves nesting. The couple have 're-wiggled' the river, which has reduced the risk of flooding downstream, even introducing beavers, and over the years have built a successful eco-business there, with visitors, tours and workshops. For marginal land which cannot be farmed economically or sustainably, this is a wonderful success story for nature.

If you are interested in green matters and the environment at all levels (individual, local, national, international), email 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 2g3s.staplefordvillage.org.uk.

Helen Hale

GREAT SHELFORD BOWLS CLUB PRESIDENT'S DAY



Some of the members of the bowls club who attended President's Day, sporting a fancy hat theme as part of the day's fun, which included the annual light-hearted competition between the men and the ladies for the Thoroughgood Trophy, won this year by the ladies. This was followed by a buffet. A day enjoyed by all.

Gill Taylor, Secretary

SHELFORD TWINNING ASSOCIATION VISIT TO SHELFORD BY VERNEUIL EN HALATTE

Members of the Twinning Association were delighted to welcome a party of French visitors to the Shelfords from 6–9 July for their annual exchange visit. At the appointed time, 39 friends, old and new, arrived and were taken home by their host families for a relaxing evening.

The following day, Sunday 7 July, was the family day when hosts were able to spend time with their guests: take them to a place of interest, get together with friends, or chill out at home. It was also of course Feast Day, which offered a great opportunity for our visitors to see Great Shelford coming together at this wonderful community event. For our own guests it was only the second time they had visited Shelford and they hadn't seen the centre of Cambridge, so the morning passed happily as we explored Christ's College, admired the Round Church and the river at Magdalene Bridge, then came back past Trinity and Kings, which they much enjoyed.

A late lunch at the Feast before a brief rest was followed by one of the visit's highlights, the now traditional ceilidh and party for all visitors and their host families at the Rugby Club. We are most grateful to Great Shelford Parish Council for their support of the occasion this year with a speech by the chairman, Malcolm Watson, and also the generous provision of the *vin d'honneur*. Everyone enjoyed the event where participants of all ages and nationalities mingled, chatted and danced away the evening. At least one of the children announced that the ceilidh was the highlight of their visit!



On the Monday, all the French were taken on a full day's outing, starting with a tour round Saffron Walden, and then moving on to the Imperial War Museum. Everyone came home expressing delighted appreciation of their day, although they were perhaps somewhat tired!

For the final morning of the visit the younger children went to Shelford Primary School for the morning – children of primary age are always warmly encouraged to join in the family visits both to England and to France, and are especially catered for in the programme. Teenage children were invited to attend Sawston Village College, and we are most grateful to the head teachers and staff at both schools for welcoming these youngsters.

The adults enjoyed a leisurely walk to Little Shelford with our guides, David Jones assisted by Judy Boothroyd. In various places we stopped to hear David telling us about the river, bridges, houses, people and stories of the village over many years. Sarah Haddow had produced a very informative document in French describing the highlights of the walk. Our French friends

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Laden table at Little Shelford

marvelled at the picturesque views and architecture of the thatched houses. The visit concluded at All Saints Church followed by lunch in the North Building, most kindly provided and served by Little Shelford Parish Council. followed by the traditional photo shoot before we waved au revoir to our guests. This visit marked the 35th anniversary of the signing of the twinning charter in the Shelfords, and we are so grateful to both our Parish Councils for their generosity and support for this occasion.

In addition to this highlight of our year, the Twinning Association continues to offer social events locally, the next ones being a quiz and wine tasting in the autumn. Watch for details of dates in the *Village News* and on our noticeboard on the Memorial Hall. *Penny Pearl and Janet Jefferson*

TENNIS CLUB



Congratulations to two Great Shelford Tennis Club (GSTC) coaches for making it to the Cambs Over 35s County Cup competitions in Eastbourne last month. Matt Sanders was in the men's team which kept its place in national group three, and Kat Deudney in ladies' group four. Says Kat, 'I really enjoyed Eastbourne, we were well beaten by a very strong

North of Scotland team but beat Dorset 3-1 on the last day. Cambs are a really nice team and it's great to play on lovely grass courts.'



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Closer to home it's the club finals day on the afternoon of 14 September. All are welcome to come and enjoy what could be a very high standard of tennis. Among the competitors is the county's top male player Harry Wendelken. Harry has had great success recently, winning two doubles titles at consecutive professional tournaments at Roehampton. He is pictured earlier this summer signing autographs for young fans at Surbiton.

Finally, a reminder for club members, paparazzi and gossip columnists about the annual club dinner at the Three Horseshoes Stapleford on Saturday 12 October. It is the biggest night of the year.

Stephen Chittenden

CRICKET CLUB

We were undefeated this month, including two friendly matches against our neighbours in Stapleford. With the senior team on a run of six consecutive victories there is at the time of writing all to play for at the top of the league table. We survived a bit of a scare against the bottom club, Helions Bumpstead, before winning by 15 runs, grateful in particular to Rajesh Rangasamy's 5 wickets. Next was a comfortable 6 wicket win at Coton when Nusrat Hamid's 4 for 8 led a good all-round bowling performance to dismiss them for 112. Despite some early losses Jeff Wilson led us safely home.

Having been heavily beaten in the away match, the visit of league leaders Great Chishill was awaited with some trepidation, but in an astonishing reversal of fortunes Jeff Wilson and Stuart Creed reduced them to 33 for 9, Stuart taking 5 wickets for 4 runs in 8 overs. Some lusty hitting by the last pair got them to 71, but surely that wouldn't be a problem? Nerves were frayed when we lost four batsmen all for ducks, but there were no further alarms as Gowtham Rajendran reached 50 when hitting the winning runs.

All of our junior teams had successful and enjoyable seasons. The Under 9s led the way, winning 11 of their 12 matches and comfortably topping the league table. The Under 11s and Under 13s couldn't quite match that but both finished second in their respective leagues. The Under 11 Girls team played a series of festival matches and won half their games played. As well as congratulating the players on their performances and good sportsmanship I would like to thank the coaches and all involved in managing the junior teams, because without all that volunteer effort none of the junior activity would be possible.

Peter Ede, Chair

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NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN UPDATE

Work continues on responding to and amending our Neighbourhood Plan in light of comments received during our Regulation 14 Consultation earlier this year. We are on track to produce the next version of our Plan (known as the Regulation 15 or submission version) in early October for review by Stapleford and Great Shelford Parish Councils. All being well, it will then be submitted to Greater Cambridge Shared Planning, which will put it out for Regulation 16 Consultation and arrange its independent examination.

Confused by all these regulations? Welcome to my world ...!

In other neighbourhood planning news, in early August the submission versions of the Neighbourhood Plans of two nearby parishes' – Pampisford, and Thriplow & Heathfield (combined) – were made available for Regulation 16 Consultation. This is a final opportunity for stakeholders to comment on the Plans, and feedback received during this Consultation will be sent to the independent examiners alongside the Plans themselves. Pampisford and Thriplow & Healthfield are one step ahead of Stapleford & Great Shelford. If you are interested to see what they have submitted, go to: https://tinyurl.com/mrxa5h9k and https://tinyurl.com/mrxa5h9k and https://tinyurl.com/mws8anhz

As you would expect, some of the planning policies within each of these Neighbourhood Plans reflect specific circumstances in each of the parishes, but there are clear overlaps in the concerns and aspirations of residents living in the necklace villages of South Cambridgeshire. These include a desire to ensure that new residential development addresses local housing needs, protect valued sites of biodiversity and enhance local landscape character. If successful at examination stage, Pampisford and Thriplow & Healthfield Neighbourhood Plans will proceed to referendum. This is a simple yes/no vote by people on the respective parishes' electoral registers. A 'yes' outcome means that a Neighbourhood Plan can be adopted and sit as an

equal alongside the National Planning Policy Framework and Local Plan

when decisions on local planning applications are taken. This is the outcome which Stapleford and Great Shelford Parish Councils are looking to achieve for our combined Neighbourhood Plan early in 2025.

Jenny Flynn

Chair, Stapleford and Great Shelford Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group Find out more at www.greatshelfordparishcouncil.gov.uk/SGSNPlan or write to neighbourhood.plan@staplefordparishcouncil.gov.uk

BETTER WAYS FOR BUSWAYS UPDATE

The Greater Cambridge Partnership (GCP) appears determined to build CSETS, a five-mile bus road between Babraham and the Biomedical Campus, and is planning to get approval for the next stage when the GCP Joint Assembly and GCP Board meet on 12 September and 2 October, respectively. If approved, the next stage is to submit plans to government for approval. This will trigger an expensive public inquiry at which Better Ways for Busways (BW4B!) will make the case for an alternative scheme running alongside the A1307, which delivers similar transport and economic benefits but is less environmentally damaging and £100m cheaper. You can support this option by writing to our GCP Councillors (see below), signing the petition and/or donating to the fighting fund.

To do all this and get further information, please go to www.cambridgeppf. org/south-east-cambridge-busway or Better Ways for Busways at bw4b.org.

The Councillors to write to are:

- *cllr.milnes@scambs.gov.uk* (Cllr Brian Milnes, South Cambs District Council)
- elisa.meschini@cambridgeshire.gov.uk (Cllr Elisa Meschini, Cambs County Council)
- *nik.johnson@cambridgeshirepeterborough-ca.gov.uk* (Nik Johnson, Mayor of Cambridgeshire & Peterborough)
- Cllr.BridgetSmith@scambs.gov.uk (Cllr Bridget Smith, Leader South Cambs District Council.

Here are some ideas on what to write.

- The alternative provides similar transport and economic benefits, better serves the Biomedical Campus and is £100 million cheaper. It can also be built in stages with benefit at each stage, meaning quicker benefits for public transport and the science campuses.
- The bus road through the countryside will build three bridges over chalk streams and harm habitats of species like water voles. The alternative requires no bridges or harm to chalk streams and their wildlife.
- The bus road through the countryside goes along the slopes of the Gog Magog Hills, harming views and creating parcels of green belt land which will inevitably be subject to future development. The alternative does not.
- The bus road stops are too far from the built-up areas of both Stapleford and Great Shelford so won't be used by villagers.

Howard Kettel
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September 1855

FALL OF SEBASTOPOL – we are informed that five young men belonging to this village, named respectively David and Henry Trudgett, Daniel Thorn, William Wright, and Richard Poulter, were engaged in the storming of the Redan, and were all so fortunate as to escape without a scratch. The three first are in the 20th regiment and one of them, David Trudgett, was in the battles of Alma and Inkermann, from both of which he came out uninjured.

[The siege of Sevastopol (at the time called in English Sebastopol) lasted from October 1854 until September 1855, during the Crimean War.]

CAMBRIDGE CAKE CREATORS

After our August break, **Cambridge Cake Creators** will be meeting again on Thursday 20 September, when our very own Jules will be demonstrating how to apply a stencil to a cake. The meeting starts at 7.30pm in Stapleford Pavilion. Cost: £10pp which includes tea/cake.

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LITTLE SHELFORD BADMINTON CLUB

Little Shelford Badminton Club meets every Thursday night at 7.30pm at Little Shelford Memorial Hall for very sociable games of doubles. We have a good group and are always keen to see new faces. This season will start on Thursday 5 September and run through to 19 December 2024 (15 weeks) pre-Christmas, then from Thursday 16 January 2025 (after Little Shelford Pantomime) to 24 April, a further 15 weeks. New members can come free for the first night to make sure it is for you. Thereafter they can pay £5 per session for up to six weeks, after which we are keen for them to join us properly and pay the £100 annual subscription, which works out at only £3.33 per night! (Students half price at £50.)

In the past we have run coaching session for the juniors and entered teams in the Cambridge league. Not just yet but coming again soon – we hope! For more information, contact James Newman on 07717 394176 (james@jamesnewman.org).

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8	An evening with Simon Russell Beale			
11	Dad's Army Radio Show			
13–15	Horrible Histories: Rotten Royals			
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22	An audience with Robert Lindsey			
23-28	Birdsong			
29	Sandi Toksvig: Friends of Dorothy			
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8	Ivo Neame Quartet		
13-15	Larkin Weekend (poetry, photography, music)		
20	Sean Shibe, guitar		
28	Sarah Dowling Quartet		
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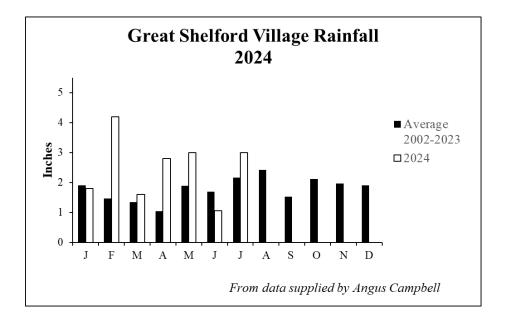
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