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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION

A member of the public reported that there is an issue with graffiti on the railway bridge on London Road and asked the Council to investigate.

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Jenny Flynn presented the documents for submission for the Neighbourhood Plan which had been distributed prior to the meeting and gave an opportunity for questions. The Chairman thanked Jenny and her team for their hard work. Great Shelford Parish Council approved the submission version of the Neighbourhood Plan and its accompanying documents and supporting evidence for submission to South Cambridgeshire District Council (SCDC), and will communicate this in writing to Stapleford Parish Council, the qualifying body for the Neighbourhood Plan.

REPORTS FROM COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCIL MEMBERS

District Cllr Jackson-Wood reported that an informal Cambridge Biomedical Campus (CBC) working group between City and District has been created. District Cllr Fane stated that this group would be happy to meet with the Great Shelford Parish Council (GSPC) CBC working group.

Cllr Ashurst asked for an update of the four-day week. District Cllr Jackson-Wood stated that this is still in a trial period but evidence so far shows that this has been a success. The information used to measure this success includes sickness data, employee feedback and welfare.

Cllr Brown asked whether SCDC had enough information to establish its position on East-West Rail. District Cllr Fane reported that the working group is putting together a formal response.

Cllr Watson asked for feedback regarding the civil parking enforcement and what tickets are issued in Great Shelford.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND WORKING GROUPS

Cambridge Biomedical Campus working group The Chairman and Clerk have attended a meeting with Nick Kirby and Kristin-Anne Rutter. A briefing was held at CBC on the upcoming supplementary planning document. The intention is for the CBC working group to meet with the planning committee to formulate the response to the consultation regarding this document.

East-West Rail The non-statutory consultation has been published. There was a robust discussion regarding the detail of the plans and the effect on Great Shelford. The Traffic and Transport Infrastructure Working Group (TTIWG) will discuss the draft response from the Council, which will be published on the website and Facebook. Parishioners will be invited to comment on the draft, with the decision on the response to be taken at the January meeting of the Council.

HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORT MATTERS

a) The Chairman reported that Cllr Lyn Disley has resigned from the Parish Council. The Council thanked Lyn for her work, especially in the areas of transport and communications. Cllr John Stanton will take over as Chair of TTIWG.

b) District Cllr Fane presented a report on the siting and condition of broadband cabinets on the pavements. The Council will write to the County Council to support concerns regarding the siting and number of broadband cabinets and request further information about these.

c) Options for the 25/26 round of the Local Highway Improvement funding were discussed. The Council will publish an online survey to establish community support for the two options of a raised table at the zebra crossing on Church Street or a pedestrian crossing near Scotsdales, which could be a refuge, zebra crossing or signal controlled crossing.

d) Recommendations for capitally funded highway maintenance were discussed. The council recommends the following:

- resurfacing and white lining in Woollards Lane, Station Road and Tunwells Lane
- drainage at Freestones Corner
- pavement resurfacing and widening in Woollards Lane
- mini roundabout at Granhams Road junction

e) The lease for the permissive path (Jennys Path) from Great Shelford to Hauxton was discussed and it was agreed that the licence document will be executed.

COUNCIL ADMINISTRATION MATTERS

The issue of water scarcity and the recommendation of the Planning Committee were discussed and the following recommendations were approved

- writing to Greater Cambridge Shared Planning (GCSP) to ask what monitoring it is proposing in relation to the publication of Cambridge Water's (CW) final Water Resources Management Plan (WRMP) and CW's performance against this plan, especially as regards its targets for leaks, consumption reduction and smart metering.

- writing to CW to urge it to be more ambitious in its suggestions for use reduction
- writing to GCSP to ask what water availability and/or flood-related planning conditions it typically considers, so that the Planning Committee can make appropriate suggestions when commenting on planning applications
- monitoring the development of the water credits scheme and the emerging Local Plan
- asking CW for the technical report underlying its chalk stream restoration plan proposals for the Granta.

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 JANUARY**

Planning Committee	13 January	7.30pm	Peter Amis Room, Memorial Hall
Full Council Meeting	15 January	7.00pm	Pavilion
Planning Committee	27 January	7.30pm	Peter Amis Room, Memorial Hall

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

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

PARISH COUNCIL COMMENTS (13.11.2024, 25.11.2024)

24/04026/HFUL	18 Ashen Green	Single storey ground floor front extension.
Application supported		
24/04256/HFUL	92 Cambridge Road	Demolition of existing garage and replacement with a new garage in a relocated position.
Refusal recommended		

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Do you care about our community and want to see positive change? If so, keep reading—you might be the perfect fit!

What is a Parish Council?

Parish Councils are the local level of government closest to residents, uniquely positioned to serve the community. Parish Councillors serve four-year terms in this voluntary role.

Could you be eligible?

To qualify as a Parish Councillor, you must:

- be at least 18 years old on the day of your nomination.
- be a British, eligible Commonwealth, or European Union citizen.

You must also meet at least one of the following criteria:

- you are a local government elector for the parish.
- you own or rent property in the parish for at least 12 months prior to the nomination and election day.
- your main workplace has been in the parish for the past 12 months.
- you've lived in the parish, or within three miles of it, for at least 12 months.

But what does the Parish Council actually do?

Here are just a few of their responsibilities:

- representing local interests in planning and development.
- supporting local organisations through grants.
- providing amenities such as streetlights, bus shelters and seating.
- managing green spaces, recreational grounds and children's play areas.

Common misconceptions about becoming a Councillor

'I'm too young.' If you're 18 or older, you're eligible.

'I'm too busy.' Full Council meetings happen just 10 times a year, lasting about two or three hours each. Expect an average commitment of about 2 hours a week.

'I'm not qualified.' No formal qualifications are required – just an interest in the community. Training and support are available.

'I'm new to the area.' Fresh perspectives are valuable! Becoming a Councillor is a great way to learn about the community.

'I'm focused on my career.' Demonstrating skills in decision-making, teamwork and community engagement can boost your CV.

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- benches for resting and enjoying our surroundings
- regular grass cutting to keep our spaces inviting
- festive Christmas lights that bring cheer to our village each winter

Parish Council highlights: achievements in 2024

Key projects and initiatives that have enriched our community:

- A state of the art skatepark was constructed, providing a safe and fun place for local youth to gather and skate.
- We welcomed Nicola to the team as Clerk, strengthening our operations and community support.
- We proudly achieved the prestigious Green Flag Award, recognising the Recreation Ground as one of the finest green spaces in the country.
- The annual Playscape Fun Run saw the addition of a full Fun Day, bringing even more activities and entertainment to our community.
- Securing LHI (Local Highways Initiative) funding will enable important road safety improvements on Church Street.
- The Neighbourhood Plan is now ready for submission, paving the way for community-led development.
- A new bus shelter was installed on Cambridge Road.
- The Parish Council helped make this year's fireworks event a memorable and safe celebration for all ages.

Looking ahead: Parish Council plans for 2025

The Parish Council has exciting plans for 2025, with several key initiatives in progress to enhance our community spaces.

- **Church Street improvements** With funding secured, the Parish Council will begin implementing important road safety upgrades on Church Street.
- **Memorial Hall refurbishment plans** Next year, we'll be developing detailed plans to refurbish the Memorial Hall, making it more functional for community use.
- **Upcoming elections & potential hustings event** Elections will be held for County Councillors and the Combined Authority Mayor. Would you be interested in attending a hustings event to meet the candidates and hear their platforms? If so, please let the Clerk know.

Aims of Great Shelford Parish Council

Great Shelford Parish Council is dedicated to enhancing the quality of life for all residents by focusing on key areas that strengthen the village and support its long-term vitality. The Council's core aims include:

- 1** Maintaining and protecting the unique character, history, and heritage of Great Shelford through thoughtful planning and development oversight.
- 2** Ensuring that public spaces, recreational areas, and community facilities are well maintained, accessible, and meet the evolving needs of residents of all ages.
- 3** Working towards greener practices in the village, including protecting green spaces, promoting sustainable transport options and encouraging community involvement in environmental initiatives.
- 4** Encouraging a vibrant and connected community by supporting local events, activities and volunteer opportunities that bring residents together.
- 5** Advocating for and implementing traffic-calming measures, improved pedestrian and cyclist pathways and safer routes throughout the village.
- 6** Actively engaging with residents to understand their concerns, keep them informed and represent their interests in local government matters.
- 7** Addressing housing and infrastructure needs in a way that aligns with the community's values, preserves the character of the village and supports sustainable growth.

By working collaboratively and focusing on these goals, Great Shelford Parish Council aims to create a welcoming, safe and sustainable environment for all who live and work in the village and for those who visit it.

Become a Parish Councillor and help shape our village

If you're ready to take a proactive role in the future of Great Shelford as a Parish Councillor, consider stepping forward. You'll have the opportunity to influence key projects, address local concerns and support community initiatives. Whether it's enhancing public spaces, supporting local events, or planning new amenities, your voice and ideas can help shape Great Shelford into a place we're all proud to call home. No special qualifications are required – just a genuine interest in the well-being of our village and the people who live here. Plus, it's a rewarding way to connect with your neighbours, gain new skills and make a real difference.

For more information, contact Nicola at clerk@greatshelfordparishcouncil.gov.uk. Join us in building a stronger, more vibrant community!

Malcolm Watson, Chairman

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EXTRACTS FROM OUR MP'S NEWSLETTER

Health and social care: Terminally ill adults (End of Life) Bill

Today I voted in favour of the Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill: Second Reading. This is a very important, emotive and sensitive issue. I have, therefore, taken the time to read at length and hear from all sides - much of it harrowing evidence from

brave constituents sharing direct personal experience of themselves and loved ones dying or who have died of terminal illnesses, including those receiving palliative care.

Prior to the debate today, I studied the multiple briefings that we as MPs have received from the different professional bodies involved either directly or indirectly in the areas of legal, medical, palliative, psychological and social care. I had an in-depth tour of our local Arthur Rank Hospice and an online meeting with their senior leadership. I have also studied the results of the 14-month inquiry by the Health and Social Care Select Committee into Assisted Dying/Assisted Suicide that looked in-depth at our current state of end of life care, as well as examples across the world where assisted dying has been adopted. I believe we experienced Parliament at its best today, debating meaningfully and with respect on all sides for different views around the right to choice and dignity for the terminally ill.

Health and Social Care: Exempt GPs now from tax hike

We all know how important our family doctors are. That's why it's so worrying when I've heard from GPs all across South Cambridgeshire – from the surgeries in Comberton, Eversden, Harston, Melbourn and Queen Ediths – about being 'pushed to the brink' by the potentially devastating rise in employer National Insurance Contributions announced in the Budget. They see no option but to reduce staff and appointments and some may even have to hand back their contracts, denying patients the opportunity of primary care in their community. I spoke up for GPs on BBC Radio Cambridgeshire. The Government must change course and exempt GPs and independent care providers from this ill thought-through tax hike.

Family Farm Tax

Having spoken up in Parliament in their defence, it was important for me to

meet with farmers from across South Cambridgeshire and hear directly from them about the impacts of the ‘family farm tax’. I heard heart-breaking stories from family farmers, many of whom have farmed their land for three generations.

They are deeply upset, anxious and call these budget measures ‘cruel’ and wrongheaded. Our farmers feel no one is listening to them. It was disappointing that Daniel Zeichner MP, Minister for Farming, was unable to join us. I will continue to push the government to axe the family farm tax. Farmers have proposals about fairer ways to deal with inheritance tax and the government should be listening to them.

COP29

Last week I represented the Liberal Democrats at COP29 in Azerbaijan, where leaders from countries all over the world came together to collectively try to address the climate crisis - and at the 11th hour reached a final agreement. I spoke about the UK’s Climate and Nature Bill that is to be introduced in January to parliament. The bill has huge cross-party support from all levels of government and civil society. It says that we can only really tackle the climate crisis when we look at these twin emergencies of climate and nature together.

Deteriorating roads and infrastructure

The state of our roads is symptomatic of the mess that the last government left the country in. Like most areas of the country, South Cambridgeshire is struggling with a highways network which has been starved of maintenance or investment for many years.

Without urgent additional government funding to plug the gap left by the Conservatives, Cambridgeshire County Council is unlikely to be able to make any significant progress towards improving our roads. The Cambridgeshire MPs, Charlotte Cane and Ian Sollom, and I have written to the Minister at the Department for Transport asking her to visit our area to see for herself the poor state of our roads

Tackling the crisis in Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) Education

I was inspired by the work of the SEND team at Bassingbourn Community Primary School. Local schools are finding themselves picking up the pieces of the broken systems in health and social care, family support and mental health provision. But they are doing excellent work to integrate some of the highest need children into mainstream education whilst providing safe, high quality education for all. I have called on the Education Secretary to make sure that local schools receive a fair slice of the new SEND funding.



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Rev Chris's New Year Thoughts

New Year comes with so many bits of attendant 'baggage', doesn't it. Whether that's New Year Resolutions (if you make them), New Year's Eve Parties with friends and family, or The Great Countdown to midnight! It's a natural moment to think both backwards and forwards.

When I think back on 2024, July marked the start of my ministry at St Mary's. It's been quite the ride! I have met so many people in the church and village, been privileged to have been part of many life stories and enjoyed joining the team here. I cannot but thank all of you who have been so welcoming to me in the last few months. I have much to be thankful for, and I hope you have too.

Thinking onward to 2025, June will mark the first anniversary of my ordination as deacon, as I look forward to being ordained as a priest in Ely Cathedral. The change from deacon to priest is one which many do not notice but it is very significant in ordained ministry. I will look forward to playing a greater part in the ministry here at St Mary's and in the village.

As we step forward into 2025 as a church and as a community, what are we hoping for? What dreams do we carry with us? For some it will be an opportunity to say farewell to a 2024 that perhaps we did not enjoy as much as we would have liked. But if Christmas has taught us anything it is that we have hope in Christ. And that hope propels us forward into a new year, into 2025. Whatever it brings for you, we at St Mary's wish you a very Happy New Year.

Rev Chris Shore

Julie's Jottings

Rev Chris reminds us that the New Year gives us a chance to look at what we are thankful for and what we may need to do differently. In December the Friends of St Mary's hosted a concert by the Cambridge City Brass Band, with some very beautiful original arrangements. The acoustics of our ancient building assisted the melding of the music of the instruments.

This concert was raising money to make some needed restoration of the organ. St Mary's organ is a fine instrument which has been moved around the church during the last century, and has some problems which need to be rectified. The cost of the proposed work is £30,000. This organ is used for many weddings and funerals and of course is at the heart of our services every Sunday. Donations for our organ fund can be made via our website: <https://www.stmarysgreatshelford.org>.

Happy New Year.

Rev Julie Norris

See our website <https://www.stmarysgreatshelford.org/> for up-to-date information about our services and activities.

Tuesday 31 December	
	Midnight: The New Year will be rung in by the Bell Ringers. Their joyful sound is a traditional celebration welcoming the New Year.
Sunday 5 January: Twelfth Night, and St Mary's celebration of Epiphany (in anticipation of 6 January).	
	8am: Traditional Holy Communion Service (BCP). 10am: Contemporary sung Parish Communion Service. The celebration of the Holy Communion is the Church doing what the Church is, that is experiencing the presence of Christ and being the body of Christ, ready to be sent out into the world to show the love of Christ in the way we act lovingly towards each other. This is a gift of the Church, which mirrors the gifts of the Magi to the Christ Child in the Epiphany story.
Monday 6 January	
	2 pm: The Pilgrim Group will meet at the home of Norma and David Coggins. Please see Rev Julie for more information. This is a lively group of people who look at the Bible and at issues in the world. There is openness and laughter, as well as curiosity and kindness. We welcome new members as this New Year begins. We will be starting off by enjoying Epiphany together on 6 January and setting the programme for the coming months, which will start on 13, 20 and 27 January at 2pm at Norma and David Coggins' home.
Saturday 11 January	
	10.30am–12pm: Maureen's Coffee Morning Do join us for a relaxed morning in good company in the Community Room.
Sunday 12 January	
	8am: Traditional Holy Communion Service (Book of Common Prayer). <i>We are moving our Family Parish Communion to the second Sunday of the month. This avoids a lot of school holidays in the year.</i> 10am: Family and Parish Communion Service. We will be remembering the gifts of the Kings and the Baptism of Jesus. We will be setting off on our journey into the coming year with some things to give us courage and hope.

Wednesday 15 January	
	7pm: St Mary PCC meeting will meet at the Vicarage . We will be considering the organ restoration and the replacement of the roof of the Sacristy which adjoins the chancel.
Thursday 16 January	
	10.30am: A group from St Mary's will be leading a Communion Service at Cambridgeshire Care home .
Sunday 19 January	
	8am: Traditional Holy Communion Service using the Book of Common Prayer. 10am: Contemporary sung Parish Communion Service .
Wednesday 22 January	
	The Friends of St Mary's will share a meal. This is a fund-raising event as well as a social gathering. For more information about this meal, or about how to join the Friends of St Mary's, please contact Bob Doel (843946), Richard Glandon (843146) or Trevor Ward (843146). (All numbers +01223).
Thursday 23 January	
	7pm for refreshments, 7.15pm start: Fund-raising talk. Rev Chris Shore will talk to us about ' <i>Colossus at Bletchley Park</i> '. We are inviting those attending to pay £5 to help us raise funds for the Church. St Mary's Community Room
Sunday 26 January	
	8am: Traditional Holy Communion Service (BCP). 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.

Other regular weekly services: St Mary the Virgin Church is open daily for prayer 9.30am to 4pm on Mondays and Thursdays. Join us for Morning Prayer (30 minutes) at 8.30am.

Sundays 6.30pm: Online Service held via Zoom. These services give a lovely space to pause and listen to music and readings which can prepare us for the week ahead. You can find the Zoom link on the Pew Sheet and on the website.

Thought for the month: The sun is new each day *Heraclitus*

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SHELFORD COUNTRY MARKET

After three busy markets in December, producers were ready for our annual Christmas and New Year break. 18 December was not only the last market of 2024 but for Hazel, the lady at the checkout, it was her



last morning as our treasurer, a post she has held for over twenty years. Her commitment and care for the market and contribution to the food section will be greatly missed. Over the years she must have made many, many sausage rolls, Eccles cakes and a lot more!

Over the year, support for the market has grown. Almost without exception, each week we have found a queue of customers waiting for us to open. This is a great reward for our producers. To be successful, the Market needs both producers and customers. If you'd like to join us as a cook, gardener or crafter, we will be waiting to hear from you in the New Year.

We will feel recharged and ready to go again when we re-open at 9 am on Wednesday 15 January. We look forward to seeing you in 2025 – the market is the place for a browse, shop, chat and a good coffee (or tea) and home-made cookies. Make it a date for your Wednesday mornings: a welcome awaits you in Great Shelford Memorial Hall.

Best wishes for the New Year.

Dorothy Doel

2G3S

As I write, the news has been full of floods in England, Wales and Spain, pollution smog in Indian and Pakistani cities, US climate deniers and 'drill, baby, drill', and COP meetings that get gridlocked. It is easy to be overwhelmed by gloom and feel that we might as well give up. But every little thing that each of us does to help nature, or reduce our emissions, or reduce or use of packaging, all helps – perhaps for the new year you can eat less meat, buy fewer items in plastic packaging, be careful with your water usage, not drive if you can get there another way, not use chemicals in the garden, try a repair café instead of throwing things away that get broken, think about how much you fly (one longer trip is better than lots of short ones), or try the train.

Events to come:

- **AGM and Social** on 7 January at 7.30pm at Cox's Close Community Room, Stapleford. Come along and meet us!
- **Dr Bike** continues its volunteer-run weekly bike repair sessions at the Old Slaughterhouse in Stapleford, 3–5.30pm every Tuesday. Children are

welcome to come and learn how to look after their bikes and do simple maintenance and repairs, but please attend with them (for safeguarding reasons). For more information, contact drbikestapleford@gmail.com. You can also book a time slot at that address, though this is not essential.

- **Repair Café and SWISH** at Great Shelford Memorial Hall from 2 to 5pm on the afternoon of 22 February – put it in the diary if you have things to repair. We will utilise the extra space available to us to run a SWISH clothes swap – bring along well-loved, clean garments and take away items you like.



Help at the repair café

If you are interested in green matters and the environment at all levels (individual, local, national and international), send an email to mail2G3S@gmail.com to sign up for our monthly 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 sustainably.

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This is what the LORD says: 'Stand at the crossroads and look; ask for the ancient paths, ask where the good way is, and walk in it, and you will find rest for your souls.'

Jeremiah 6:16-20

I recently had the privilege of spending five days at the home of the Northumbria Community, on a retreat entitled 'Life at the Crossroads', based on the verse above. Looking ahead to a new phase of life, I wanted some guidance for the years ahead. Much of my life so far has been measured out in plans, be they for a year, or maybe three or five, with key indicators and reviews along the way. This is how many of our organisations, be they educational, governmental or charities, are programmed to work.

Living in the community and talking to others likewise seeking guidance was interspersed with time alone in silence, walking in one of the few glorious weeks of autumn weather we've had this year. I walked on Lindisfarne, the Holy Island, through woods and by rivers and along glorious vast and empty beaches.

However, far from coming away with some plans for the days ahead, this is what I learnt. Life has a habit of throwing curved balls, be they freak accidents, devastating medical diagnoses or financial catastrophes. Kingdoms and governments rise and fall, and none of us know what is around the next corner. We face moral and ethical dilemmas that cause us anguish and turmoil, and life is full of unresolved questions. But that is OK; the poet Rainer Maria Rilke says *'Be patient toward all that is unsolved in your heart and try to love the questions themselves, like locked rooms and like books that are now written in a very foreign tongue. Do not now seek the answers, which cannot be given you because you would not be able to live them. And the point is, to live everything. Live the questions now. Perhaps you will then gradually, without noticing it, live along some distant day into the answer.'*

As I walked and allowed myself to become immersed in God's glorious creation, sensing his deep love all around, I realised that there is a profound satisfaction to be found in the waiting, that it is a wonderful thing in itself. I don't know what the future holds, and neither do any of us, but I do know that God holds me, and that is more than enough.

Liz Jenkin, Elder

EVENTS AT GREAT SHELFORD FREE CHURCH

SUNDAY SERVICES

Morning Services at 10.30am. Everyone welcome.

Café Church on Sunday 19 January at 10.30am. Informal service, seated around tables with refreshments served.

Open Space on Sunday 26 January, 3–4.15pm. Outdoor church for families – a joint event with St Mary’s Church which will be held in the garden at the rear of Cara Coffee shop. A space to explore faith together. This month we will be exploring ‘Light in the Darkness’.

SPECIAL EVENT

Prayer Week: Monday 6 to Friday 10 January (various times). The church will be open for led prayer sessions and reading of psalms. Please email administrator@shelfordfreechurch.org.uk for more information and for times.

WEEKDAY EVENTS

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

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

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

Margaret Cletheroe, GSFC Administrator

FRIENDS OF GREAT SHELFORD LIBRARY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday 21 January at 7.30pm in the library

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SHELFORD SCHOOL

With the start of a new year comes the start of a new school term and children are back and enjoying exciting learning opportunities and the nurturing school community. Here are some details of the many activities children enjoyed in the build up to Christmas.

Year 2 and 3 at the Pantomime

In the first week of December, Years 2 and 3 were lucky enough to watch *Cinderella* at Cambridge Arts Theatre. With songs and laughs throughout, a very enjoyable time was had by all.

Christmas performances

In the weeks before Christmas, school was filled with the hubbub of happy singing and costumes aplenty as all classes practised for their Christmas performances.

Reception and KS1 children invited families to enjoy their rendition of *Christmas with the Aliens*, with Year 2 taking the acting roles and Reception and Year 1 providing fantastic vocals. The enthusiasm was clear and children and staff had been working hard to practise and perfect these performances.

KS2 children invited families to enjoy *Carols by Candlelight* on 16 December at St Mary's Church. Each class performed a Christmas song and the service was narrated by readings. The orchestra and choir also performed fantastic Christmas offerings.

Class briefings

Year 6 wowed families with an afternoon of learning during December, bringing to a close this term's class briefings. During these sessions, families are welcomed to a short workshop, led by the class teacher, then joined by the children where they work on a chosen topic together. The afternoons conclude with whole school celebration assembly where achievements of the week are celebrated and the focus class presents some recent learning and work.

PTA events

The PTA were proud to be part of the Parish Council's Christmas Light Switch On event at Great Shelford Memorial Hall on Sunday 1 December. Providing the hot-dog stall, lucky dip and the ever-popular Rainbow hamper raffle tickets, families and children joined the other stall holders, games and rides to contribute to an afternoon of festive fun.

Shelford Christmas Day

The last day of the Autumn term has traditionally been celebrated as Christmas Day for children and staff at the school. This year was no different! Children enjoyed dressing in smart clothes, a Christmas service at school and a full roast dinner (as well as music and games) as part of their last school day before the holidays.

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Date	Event	Time	Place
8-11	Little Shelford Pantomime: <i>Peter Pan</i>	7pm	Little Shelford Memorial Hall
15	Country Market	9–11.30am	Memorial Hall
21	Friends of Great Shelford Library AGM	7.30 pm	Library
22	Country Market	9–11.30am	Memorial Hall
22	Engage Talk: Helen Harwood: <i>A little bit of Shelford History</i>	2–3.30pm	Library
29	Country Market	9–11.30am	Memorial Hall

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	<p>LIBRARY</p> <p>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.</p>						

SHELFORD SWIFTS AND MARTINS



In the 1990s Shelford had a huge population of swifts. On summer evenings, they'd race round the village in screaming parties. It was the sound of summer. They nested in the roof of the old British School which had plenty of holes into the roof space. When the building was reroofed, they lost those nesting holes. These days our Shelford swifts are hanging on by a thread, with one known nesting site.

Nationally swifts are in trouble, but up and down the country, groups are forming to try and turn this round, and there's a lot of expertise about how to go about doing this. Fulbourn, in particular, has successfully increased their population to about 90 birds. We could do the same! The Fulbourn group has offered to advise us. If you'd like to read about their successes, here's a link to their web page: fulbournforum.org.uk/fulbourn-swifts-group/

House martins too are struggling, and our local population is small, but has possibilities for growth under the right conditions.

I am interested in forming a Shelford Swift and Martin Group to try and help our birds to a recovery. The goal is to try and find new nesting sites, source grants to help our work and discover how to increase the insect populations that feed the birds.

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'In 2025 I would like to ... stay healthy.'

If you are aged between 40 and 74 and do not have any pre-existing long term medical conditions, you may be eligible for a free NHS Health Check. Please ring us on 0300 234 5555 for further information and to book an appointment. Further information can be found at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/nhs-health-check/>


Also, are you up to date with the vaccinations for which you are eligible, for example flu, shingles, respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) or pneumonia? If you are unsure, please do not hesitate to contact us and we can check for you.

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Library Events in January

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

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

Engage Talk Helen Harwood: A Little Bit of Shelford History. Wednesday 22 January 2–3.30pm. A donation of £2 is appreciated. Please stay for a drink after the talk. Please pre-book in the library or via Cambourne.referral@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

Story, Rhyme & Duplo Time Every Tuesday at 10.30am. For children aged up to four years. Come and enjoy stories and rhymes led by our wonderful volunteers. This is a free drop-in event.

Lego and Duplo Club / Children's Games Club Alternate weeks, Mondays 4–5.30pm. Suggested donation £1. Suitable for ages two to ten.

Art Club Every Saturday morning 10.30am–12noon. Suitable for ages four to ten. Drop in event. £2 donation.

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Stay and Play This will resume in March due to staff shortages. Apologies

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This year had an exceptionally good turnout, with new members entering and one of them winning their group. The winners and runners up were:

Mixed triples

Winners: Christine Wilcox, Christine Gregory and Richard Girdlestone
Runners up: Graham White, Gill Taylor and Kevin O'Farrell

Men's pairs

Winners: Richard Girdlestone and Colin White
Runners up: Alan Edwards and Graham White

Mixed pairs

Winners: Jacque Arbon and Graham White
Runners up: Christine Wilcox and Richard Girdlestone

Ladies' pairs

Winners: Christine Wilcox and Averil Webster
Runners up: Christine Gregory and Gill Taylor

Men's singles

Winner: Graham White
Runner up: David Webster

Ladies' singles

Winner: Christine Wilcox
Runner up: Betty Gelsthorpe

TWINNING ASSOCIATION WINE TASTING EVENT



Shelford Twinning Association was delighted to welcome 60 people to our most recent event, a wine tasting on 26 November. The evening followed our now established format for such events: a welcome glass of sparkling wine or fruit juice, the wine tasting itself, then a meal.

We tasted five wines which were accompanied by various nibbles, intended to clear the palate – olives, p ate, salami, oat biscuits, cherry tomatoes. We started with the two whites – first, a pleasant Sauvignon Blanc, then an excellent (higher priced!) Pouilly Fum e; these were followed by three reds – Saumur Champigny, Chinon, Bourgueuil – all three made with the cabernet franc grape, but being grown in three different areas in the Loire valley, the taste varied greatly. Opinion varied of course as to which were the best wines, which is inevitable as palates vary and everyone has their own wine preferences; in the end it boils down to what you like!

A three course meal followed the tasting – a chicken and vegetable one pot served with slices of baguette, then cheese, and dessert – washed down with the remaining wines.

The Association would like to thank everyone warmly for making the evening such a success – the organisers and the many helpers who set up, served the wine, cooked, cleared up and tidied up all deserve a special mention, but especially thanks to all those who came to support the occasion

and enjoy the *degustation* (tasting) of wines. The chink of glasses and lively buzz of conversation and laughter throughout the evening resulted in a warm and convivial atmosphere.

We plan to hold our next wine tasting in the spring.

All the profits from our evenings go towards the expense of entertaining our French visitors in early July. The arrangement for financing the visits by both countries is that all expenses are borne by the host country; this does mount up, with a full day visit to a place of interest, a party for everyone, and another half day visit for the adults. Accommodation is always provided by families so for the visitors the only expense is the cost of the fare plus a small present for their hosts.

The French visit here this year will take place on 5–8 July but before that we will be taking a group – for all ages including primary age children – over to Verneuil from 24–27 May, at the beginning of half term. If you are interested in coming on this visit or would like any further information on this or any other aspect of twinning please contact sarah.haddow@talk21.com, colin@frenchfrogs.net or twinningsec@gmail.com.

Penny Pearl

PLAYSCAPE 2024 ROUND UP AND PLANS FOR 2025

Spring 2024 saw the arrival of the **Wheelzone**, the fabulous mini-skatepark that has slotted in perfectly to the Playscape and invited people of all ages and abilities to try some wheeled sports. The response has been tremendous and this new facility is being as well used as we'd hoped. It was officially opened in September by District Cllr Peter Fane, Chair of South Cambs District Council, just before we kicked off the 2024 Shelford Fun Run, as previous years' proceeds were instrumental in bringing the Wheelzone to life.

The **Shelford Fun Run 5k** was a sell-out (again!) and was our biggest event to date with 436 finishers. Despite rising costs all round, it raised an amazing £4,000 for the two charities who run the event: Great Shelford Playscape and CamRARE. George and Jasmine Christmas took back their titles of first male under 18 and female under 18, with George taking the double (coming in first overall). He was swiftly followed by Commonwealth athlete Georgina Schwiening, coming in second overall as well as first female runner. Jack Scott finished in 19:00:8 for under 11 male and Lelaini Collier was the first female under 11 with a time of 25:35:0.

The Great Shelford Parish Council's additional 'fun day' elements (tasty food, bouncy castles and a duck race!) and the Power2Inspire Super Sensory 1k added an extra family-friendly festival vibe to the day.

A huge thank you to everyone who helped on the day, gave up their time to marshal, sponsored the event and ran the 5km. Many thanks also to Cara Coffee for opening and donating proceeds from that morning. We couldn't do this without you all!

3x3 basketball and a workout anyone?

When this project got started, a master plan was drawn up to address the various elements the Rec had to deliver for the community: play provision, sports storage and increased biodiversity to name a few.

With the Wheelzone completed, we're making it down the to-do list! Next up is supporting the council to introduce a safer pedestrian entrance and also to look at the basketball provision.

Since the masterplan was agreed, however, patterns of use on the Rec have subtly changed and so the working group have a new proposal to improve basketball facilities. Instead of bringing the practice hoop up to the top of the Rec (which is now much busier) we think we can improve it in situ by upgrading it to a playable 3x3 basketball court. This is where teams of three play on a half size basketball court with one hoop; this creates a fast and furious but very entertaining game, as seen at the Olympics this summer. The footprint would increase ever so slightly, but the playability would be greatly improved.

We'd also like to introduce a set of level monkey bars onto the Rec (the bars on the Playscape have been replaced with a scramble net) as they are great for improving strength and coordination. And ... if we're going to do that, we would like to install some other static fitness apparatus to create an activity trail that will appeal to adults and teens alike. The Parish Council has asked us to get some quotes and investigate suitable locations and grant opportunities. Keep your eyes peeled for proposals that we'll consult with you on shortly!

Happy New Year everyone and thank you for your continued support!

See www.shelfordplayscape.org/phases for more information.

Eleanor McCrone

FEBRUARY ISSUE OF THE VILLAGE NEWS

The deadline for copy for the next issue of the *Great Shelford Village News* is **Friday 17 January** and it should be available on **Friday 31**

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EAST WEST RAIL

NON-STATUTORY CONSULTATION CLOSING 24 JANUARY

East West Rail published its consultation documents in November, continuing with a southern approach to Cambridge and joining the existing Royston line at Harston. There is nothing new about its business case in these documents. There will be another consultation process before the Development Consent Order application.

The more important proposals around Great Shelford are:

Track alterations – some track reconfiguring at Shepreth Branch Junction (SBJ) and two new tracks from there to Cambridge station on the western side of the existing tracks. These require extensive works outside normal working hours (including mid-week night, weekend and public holiday line closures). Long Road bridge also has to be replaced and will be closed for several months. The pedestrian bridge at SBJ will also be replaced.

DNA path – to be diverted. The proposals look cyclist unfriendly and seem to be around a balancing pond (used to regulate water flow) and a rail systems compound. It is not clear whether a temporary closure of the cycle path will be needed.

Hauxton Road level crossing – to be closed, with the road realigned to the Harston side of Little Shelford and the possibility of a footbridge closer to the level crossing. Construction traffic would come from the A10.

Harston – almost every road to Harston is to be altered and realigned, including the A10. The existing railway line is being altered to create a grade-separated junction where the line goes over a new EWR line and there are to be two freight loops.

Construction compounds and access – a large compound is proposed off Granhams Road near the level crossing, which will be accessed via Granhams Road.

Other railway infrastructure – track access routes are proposed next to the A1301 bridge and (seemingly) along Jenny's path. We may also have an infrastructure maintenance depot.

EWR favour discontinuous electrification with overhead lines only be installed on some sections of the route and, for the remainder, trains would use onboard batteries for power. This means freight trains using the line will continue to be diesel-powered.

Two freight services per day are proposed initially. The consultation document says, 'Additional services, particularly from the east of England ... would only be possible with significant additional

investment and infrastructure both on the East West Rail and the national network.' Could these later improvements include additional tracks through the village or a flyover junction at SBJ? Neither is proposed in the consultation documents.

Detailed plans and profile drawings can be seen at <https://eastwestrail.co.uk/consultation2024>, and these documents can also be seen (but only at A3 size) in Shelford library. Members of the public can also attend drop-in consultations at the Clayton Hotel in Cambridge on 19 January (12–5pm) and St Andrew's at Cherry Hinton on 21 January (2–7pm).

Annabel Sykes

OLD NEWS

Extracts from The Great Shelford Chronicle 1774-1868

*Compiled and re-published by Anne George, Glynis Trundle,
Margaret Ward and Alan Bullwinkle, 1993*

31 January 1857

AUDACIOUS ROBBERY – On the afternoon of Saturday last, as Mr Creasey, a chemist and druggist of Linton and Sawston, was indulging himself and some friends with a pipe and glass, and giving illustrations of his vocal abilities, his horse and cart were missed from the yard of the De Freville Arms Inn, in this place, where he was stopping. One of the company was also missed, whom Mr C. had picked up on the road, being a stranger in the neighbourhood. After a short time, Mr Creasey became uneasy at his horse and vehicle not being returned. At length the policeman was applied to. A search was made, but no horse, cart or driver could be heard of for many hours. Eventually the horse and cart were discovered at West Wrattling, where they had been offered for sale, but detained. The thief escaped and we have not heard whether he is yet captured.

31 January 1857

COCKFIGHTING – One of these disgraceful and unlawful exhibitions at the public house in this place, took place on the 22nd inst. It was what was termed by lovers of the brutal amusement “a grand day”, as we hear it was patronised by many persons, and not of the lowest class. Several of the poor creatures were killed. A cock from Stapleford won six fights out of eight.

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NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN UPDATE CONSULTATION ON THE SUBMITTED PLAN IS UNDERWAY

The Stapleford and Great Shelford Neighbourhood Plan (NP) and its accompanying documents were submitted to the Greater Cambridge Shared Planning (GCSP) team on 21 Nov 2024. This effectively means that, after three years of community consultation, research, development, mapping and writing, we have done as much as we can.

There now follows a final ‘Regulation 16 consultation’ on the NP, organised by GCSP. This is running from 18 December 2024 to 12 February 2025, with an extra two weeks added to the statutory six weeks to compensate for holiday closures.

Individuals and organisations who contributed comments to the Regulation 14 consultation held in March/April 2024 will, if they supplied their personal details, receive notification from GCSP that the submitted NP is available to view.

Further comments can be made – this is mainly an opportunity for people who have contributed ideas to see whether or how they influenced development of the Plan – and these will be returned to the NP steering group to review and respond to before being submitted alongside the NP to an independent examiner in early Spring 2025.

We fully anticipate that the various land agents who have given extensive and often negative feedback on several aspects of the Plan will once again repeat their concerns. But I guess it would be unusual for developers’ and residents’ aspirations for the future of any area to closely align because competing factors are at play.

At the time of writing (late November 2024), I cannot supply a definitive link to the Regulation 16 consultation, but I anticipate that the relevant materials will be available at www.scamb.gov.uk/planning/local-plan-and-neighbourhood-planning/stapleford-and-great-shelford-neighbourhood-plan.

Paper copies are being held for the duration of the consultation at Great Shelford Library. Take a pipe, slippers and sustenance: there are several hundred pages of documentation to wade through!

Jenny Flynn

Chair, Stapleford and Great Shelford Neighbourhood Plan steering group

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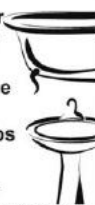
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The New Year sees two arrivals at GSTC. Firstly, great news for any children keen on tennis matches, as our latest committee member Daniel Fitzsimmons is going to be working on running match play and friendly competition for juniors.

Says Dan, 'I'm thrilled to take on the responsibility for the junior tennis section at Great Shelford Tennis Club. This is a fantastic opportunity to nurture young talent, foster a love for the sport, and create a positive, inclusive environment. I can't wait to get started and get a few events in the calendar, allowing

our juniors to experience competition in a friendly and supportive atmosphere.'

Club chairperson Angharad Harris is equally excited, 'We've not had junior competitions at the club since before Covid so it will be really good to have someone on board focussing on this.'

Sadly there's no picture of Dan, but we can show you our second arrival who has an electric personality, loves food and drink and is very cool. Meet

... the new fridge (pictured incoming with outgoing coach Olly). At last we have something big enough to hold all the free champagne that gets drunk after a club session.

To see if that's true, come along at 7pm on Wednesdays. As they say at fridge school, out with the old and in with the new.



Stephen Chittenden

FOOTBALL CLUB



The first team bounced back from the unexpected Challenge Cup defeat to Sawston United with a hard fought 2-2 draw at newly promoted Hardwick. After going behind a week later to two early goals at home to Witchford, supporters' fears were quickly allayed with five goals to secure the points. Bottom team Milton were dispatched 4-0 at home in the first round of the Premier League Cup before a superb performance away to West Wrattling saw them come away with a 4-2 win. A satisfactory month ended with a close 1-0 home win against Hemingfords United.

Our annual foray in the Cambs Invitation Cup usually ends in the first round after a good performance but close defeat. This year, however, away to Parsons Drove from the Eastern Counties league first division, an excellent 2-1 win took us to the next round for the first time in many years. Over Sports had already beaten us away this year and unfortunately, after another very close hard-fought game, two converted penalties saw them complete the double against us. Foxton had been going well since we beat them earlier in the season, so the home second round Premier League Cup game was expected to be difficult. However, an excellent performance saw us through to the semi-final with a repeat of the 3-0 league win. Cambridge University Press were next up on the day Storm Darragh arrived and a 4-1 home win in difficult conditions justified the decision to go ahead with the game.

The second round of the Invitation Cup saw us drawn away to Ely City, who are flying high in the Eastern Counties league Premier division. After an even first half with one goal apiece, Ely turned up the heat in the second period, but an exceptional display from keeper Robert Smyth ensured the tie went to penalties. Unfortunately, after four successful spot kicks from both sides we failed with the last and Ely converted to go through to the next round.

The reserves team had started well in the higher division and continue to hold their own. 4-1 and 4-0 league wins away to Orwell and Bluntisham respectively were followed by a hard fought 1-1 draw to fellow promoted team Wimblington, leaving the team sitting comfortably in the top half of the table. An excellent 1-0 home win against West Wrattling reserves saw them proceed in the William Cockell Cup, but the joy was short lived when Bluntisham took revenge with a 2-1 second round win.

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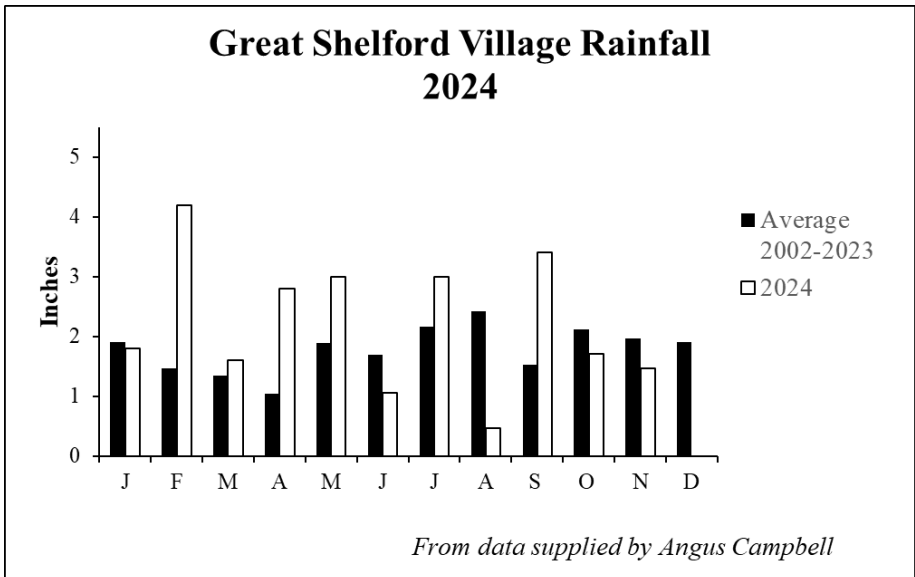
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