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GREAT SHELFORD PARISH COUNCIL

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SUMMARY FROM THE ADOPTED MINUTES OF THE MEETING ON 16 APRIL 2025

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION

Laurence Damary-Homan introduced himself as a candidate for the upcoming County Council elections.

REPORTS FROM COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCIL MEMBERS

District Cllr Fane reported that South Cambridgeshire District Council (SCDC) now meets the requirement for a five year housing land supply. He advised that the upcoming Planning and Infrastructure Bill will authorise the Combined Authority to create spatial development strategies which may have an impact on the local plan. He explained the changes to the criteria for the protection of green belt in the new National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) and the creation of the new classification of grey belt (areas of green belt land that are considered less critical to fulfilling the green belt's purposes).

The Chairman read out a request from a member of the public about a talk by Peter Freeman, Chair of the government-appointed Cambridge Growth Company, entitled 'Making Cambridge a Happy City?' to be given to Cambridge City residents on 15 May.

The member of the public suggested that the Parish Council should ask SCDC to organise a similar talk by Peter Freeman for the residents of potentially impacted villages, since the interests of these residents cannot be assumed to be the same as those of residents of the city itself. District Cllr Fane advised that he would raise this issue with the relevant SCDC officers and recommended that GSPC also contact Stephen Kelly and Cllr Graham Cone.

HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORT MATTERS

Cllr Stanton reported that the Traffic and Transport Infrastructure Working Group (TTIWG) were going to move to four weekly meetings, with more frequent meetings if necessary - at the discretion of the chair.

The feasibility report for the Privately Funded Highway Improvements (PFHI) application for Hinton Way and Church Street was received. There was some confusion regarding whether this feasibility report covered the points required by the PFHI application and it was agreed that the Clerk will organise a meeting with the relevant Cambridgeshire County Council officers and Cllrs Stanton and Mann.

COUNCIL ADMINISTRATION MATTERS

It was agreed to renew the fire risk assessments for the Memorial Hall and the Pavilion, to renew the picket fence around the flower beds in front of the Memorial Hall and to approve the expenditure for phase 1 of the cemetery extension.

COMMUNITY MATTERS

- a) A grant of £300 to Shelford Library was approved.
- b) Permission was granted for the SSYI to install an extractor hood and it was agreed that the Council will pay for the repair of a water leak.
- c) The Christmas Lights Switch On event will be on Sunday 30 November.
- d) An autumn event loosely linked to harvest and food, including a market, will be held on Sunday 12 October.

FINANCE MATTERS

The monthly accounts were approved.

PARISH COUNCIL & COMMITTEE MEETINGS IN JUNE

Buildings & Grounds	4 June	7.30pm Pavilion
Planning Committee	9 June	7.30pm Memorial Hall
Full Council Meeting	18 June	7.00pm Pavilion
Planning Committee	23 June	7.30pm 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.

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

PARISH COUNCIL COMMENTS (16.04.2025, 28.04.2025)

25/01105/HFUL	56 Macaulay Avenue	Demolition of existing conservatory. Part two storey, part single storey front, side and rear extensions.
Refusal recommended due to overdevelopment of the site and overlooking of neighbours.		

25/01453/HFUL	92 Cambridge Road	Single storey front/side, single/two storey rear/side and first floor rear/side extensions. Erection of porch canopy, installation of roof light and alterations to fenestration, enlarged raised patio area.
Application supported.		

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

War Memorial Restoration Update

We're pleased to share some positive news; the insurers have confirmed they will cover the cost of closing the road for the phase one works to reseal the War Memorial. The Clerk is now in the process of booking these essential works.

You may remember the [M](#)emorial was hit by a car last summer, causing it to become unseated (though it remains stable) and resulting in diesel oil damage to the stone. As it is made from Portland stone, which is highly absorbent, this has posed a significant restoration challenge. After a long search, we've secured a skilled contractor, approved by both the insurers and the Conservation Officer, to carry out the work in two phases:

Phase One: Reseat the memorial on its plinth, which requires a temporary road closure.

Phase Two: Replace the stone sections affected by diesel oil, subject to further approvals.

We hope to schedule the reseating soon and in time for Remembrance Sunday. Further updates will follow once permits and dates are confirmed. Thank you for your patience and understanding as we work to restore this important monument with the care and respect it deserves.

What can you do for your village?

Become a Parish Councillor and help shape the future of our community

Do you care about the future of our village? Do you want to make a real difference to the place you live? Then consider stepping forward as a Parish Councillor. We often ask what our community can do for us, better facilities, cleaner spaces, safer roads, but maybe it's time to act. Parish Councillors are the most local level of government, working directly with residents to address concerns, improve services, and plan for the future. Whether it's maintaining green spaces, supporting local events, responding to planning applications, or simply ensuring your village voice is heard, the Parish Council is where it all begins.

You don't need any special qualifications, just a passion for your community, a willingness to listen, and a desire to help. The role is voluntary, but the impact is real.

It's your village. Your voice matters.

- Make a difference: Help shape decisions that directly affect your neighbourhood.
- Give back: Use your skills and experiences to benefit others.
- Be a voice: Represent the views and concerns of your fellow residents.
- Learn and grow: Gain insight into local governance and community development.

If you're over 18, live (or work) near the parish and care about where you live, we'd love to hear from you.

For more information or to express your interest, please contact Malcolm malcolm.watson@greatshelfordparishcouncil.gov.uk or Nicola, or visit www.greatshelfordparishcouncil.gov.uk.

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 – clerk@greatshelfordparishcouncil.gov.uk). Councillors have emails too, which can be found on the website. If you do email a Councillor, we ask that you copy in Nicola.

Malcolm Watson, Chairman

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GREAT SHELFORD PARISH CHURCH

Saint Mary the Virgin

At St Mary's we welcome **Rev Sarah West** as a [curate](#). She writes:

'I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God provided the growth'

1 Corinthians 3:6

After 18 months away from our house, we have returned to a very overgrown vegetable garden and spent much time preparing the ground ready to receive the young vegetable plants we wanted to grow. Now all we can do is nurture and tend the plants as they grow in the hope and expectation that they will bear fruit. It strikes me, that June is a time of anticipation, hope and change. It is a time of exams as we approach the end of the academic year, of endings and new beginnings. In the church, we approach Petertide (29th June), when those training for ministry prepare to be ordained and start life as curates in a parish.

Perhaps as we tend the plants in our own gardens in the hope of flowers or ripe vegetables or fruit, June can be a time to reflect on our own spiritual or faith journey; to think about our calling and how we might use our gifts as instruments of God's love in the world. A calling is not just for priests, but for everyone. Whether a call to faith, a calling to a role in community, the church or secular job or your personal calling to do or be that which gives meaning and purpose to your life. Something that God calls out from you to be a gift to others. Something felt like a prompting from within that has a sense of rightness about it.

Identifying our calling and acting on it involves anticipation, hope and change. My calling is to be a priest and for my final year of curacy, I have joined St Mary's for additional experiences to enable growth in inhabiting that priestly identity. For discernment and training are the seeds that are planted and watered, but God provides the growth. It is for us to listen to where God might be calling us and trust in him for the growth, so that we might have the courage to respond: 'Here I am, send me'.

The Rev Dr Sarah West

*See the St Mary the Virgin Great Shelford website for up to date information about our services and activities. Please visit us at:
<https://www.stmarysgreatshelford.org>*

Sunday 1 June 7th Sunday after Easter and Sunday after Ascension	
	8am Holy Communion 10am sung Parish Communion. The Sunday Club for children meets in the Community Room for activities during part of the service and then rejoins the church service for Communion.
Mondays 2 June, 9 June, 16 June, 23 June and 30 June	
	8.30am: Morning Prayer at St Mary's. This is a half hour service of prayer for the church, the village and the world. Pilgrim Group meet at The Vicarage at 2pm. We are working our way through a study course on Romans from the Bible Society. There is a great video to watch. Please join us for any session. Each session will be accessible even if you miss some in the series.
Thursdays 5 June, 12 June, 19 June and 26 June	
	8.30am: Morning Prayer at St Mary's. This is a half hour service of prayer for the church, the village and the world.
Saturday 7 June	
	There is no coffee morning in the Community Room this month.
Sunday 8 June Pentecost	
	8am traditional Holy Communion using Book of Common Prayer. At 10am a service for Children, Families and All Generations. The theme of the service is 'Children of the Spirit' and we will be looking at the coming of the Holy Spirit to the Church at Pentecost and today. This is a Parish Communion in which children and young people take part along with their families and friends.
Thursday 12 June	
	School Governor Meeting at 7.30pm in school. There is a Parish Covenant between Great and Little Shelford School and St Mary's Church, along with the Free Church and All Saints in Little Shelford.
Sunday 15 June Trinity Sunday	
	8am Holy Communion using the Book of Common Prayer. This is followed by sung Parish Communion at 10am. This is a feast day, with choir and music and also a quiet sense of awe. The Sunday Club for children meets in the Community Room for activities

	during part of the service and then rejoins the church service for Communion.
Sunday 22 June First Sunday after Trinity	
	8am Holy Communion using the Book of Common Prayer. 10am sung Parish Communion There is also a Sunday Club for children which meets in the Community Room for activities during part of the service and then rejoins the church service for Communion.
Sunday 22 June Open Space	
	3pm–4.15pm. St Mary's will be hosting this month outside the Community Room . This is a joint venture for families and children, shared between St Mary's and Great Shelford Free Church. There are always lots of activities and time to explore faith together.
Wednesday 25 June	
	Space to Be and Quiet Time in Church at 7pm. We will meet in the Church for prayer. This is a led contemplative prayer that many find very helpful and calming.
Saturday 28 June	
	4pm Rev Chris Shore will be ordained as Priest. Ely Cathedral
Sunday 29 June Feast Day of St Peter and St Paul.	
	This is the first Sunday after Chris's Ordination as a priest and he will be presiding for the first time at the Eucharist. Holy Communion using the Book of Common Prayer at 8am. This is followed by sung Parish Communion at 10am . There is also a Sunday Club for children which meets in the Community Room for activities during part of the service. This will be followed by a lunch in the School Hall to celebrate Chris's ordination.

St Mary The Virgin Church is open daily for prayer from 9am – 4.30pm.

In addition to the normal Sunday services at 8am and 10am, **there is a zoom service each Sunday evening at 6.30pm**. These Zoom Services give space to pause at the end of the weekend to prepare for the week ahead. **The zoom link is on the Weekly Newsletter. A copy of the Newsletter is with the Pew sheets on the Website.**

Thought for the month: 'Live simply that others may simply live' Mahatma Gandhi

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Time to Play

“Anyone who welcomes a little child like this in my name welcomes me, and anyone who welcomes me welcomes not only me but also the Father who sent me” Mark 9:37

In the spring of 1974, three members of Great Shelford Free Church – Mary Smith, Elsie Moody and Edna Winterflood – started a playgroup in the church hall that would serve mothers with infants in the community, in a welcoming, supportive, safe and informal setting. There were very few facilities then for mothers with small children and the team recognised that while children are a gift from God, parenting is hard work!

Come and Go Playgroup started on Wednesday mornings with few guests and a variety of donated toys and books, a painting table and, later, a slide. Tea, coffee, squash and biscuits were provided and the atmosphere was happy and relaxed, with mothers making new friends whilst their children played nearby. Over the years, the playgroup team grew and changed, extra helpers joined, word spread and soon carers with children were coming from both the Shelfords and surrounding villages.

When our new hall was built, more space became available and extra activities were introduced: music, painting, playdough, story time, nursery rhymes and puzzles. Mary retired from nursing and was persuaded back on to the team: Penny Kite became leader. There were other, more formal considerations: safeguarding checks on all helpers, new fire regulations, rules relating to social services and kitchen hygiene. To reflect both the Ofsted definition and changing times, the playgroup became ‘Little Steps Toddler Group’ working in tandem with our new church venture – Tiny Toes baby group for the (roughly) under ones.

Since then, we have been through COVID, spending many weeks meeting on Great Shelford recreation ground and although we are back in our building, we still have occasional outdoor trails. Little Steps Toddler Group continues to thrive on the enthusiasm of carers and children, with a dedicated team of helpers. The Free Church has always given wholehearted encouragement and the group itself has supported a huge range of good causes and charities, including an ongoing Freecycle, with items being passed on to Fenland Family and Baby Bank in Wisbech. From those small beginnings Little Steps has grown and flourished. It is owing to the dedication, hard work and prayers that we thank God for 50 years of serving this community.

Penny Kite

EVENTS AT GREAT SHELFORD FREE CHURCH

SUNDAY SERVICES

Morning Services at 10.30am: Everyone welcome.

Café Church on Sunday 15 June at 10.30am: Informal service, seated around tables with refreshments served.

Open Space: Sunday 22 June: 3 – 4.15pm: Outdoor church for families – a joint event with St Mary's Church which will be held in the land behind Cara Coffee Shop in Great Shelford. A space to explore faith together.

WEEKDAY EVENTS

Community Café every Monday: 10am – 12noon. 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 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 a year old with their parent or carer. To book a place, email administrator@shelfordfreechurch.org.uk

MILL COURT PLANNING APPLICATION

Opcare Ltd of 1 Mill Court have applied to South Cambs District Council for retrospective planning for an extraction/ventilation unit installed on the premises. Opcare is a provider of prosthetic, orthotic, posture and mobility services working in partnership with the National Health Service (NHS). Local residents have for some time been aware of the noise from the extraction unit which is situated on the south side of the building facing Hinton Way.

It would appear that planning permission was not applied for prior to the installation hence the current application (made in February) for retrospective planning permission. On reading through the various documents it would appear that South Cambs Planning are asking Opcare to conduct some noise tests before considering the application. The application (ref No 25/00434/FUL) can be viewed along with links to documents at <https://bit.ly/4dkaTXG>

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Our programme is guided by members' interests. It includes talks by local speakers, sharing quizzes and experiences and occasional gentle outings to places of interest.

The group is independent of St Mary's and other village churches, but some of their folk attend sometimes. We aim to offer friendship and varied activities, with some seasonal events, rather than to supplement what is happening elsewhere.

Dates for 2025

Thursdays. 24 April to 26 June; 25 September to 18 December.

Some additional activities may happen in the summer and at other times.

Inquiries always invited: Rosey Feuall (Anna Chaplaincy trained) 01223 213305/roseyleaf@talktalk.net.

SHELFORD FESTIVAL AND FEAST

It's getting closer! Make sure the dates **5–12 July** are in your diary and your evenings are free to enjoy the biggest event of village year.

5 Beer festival then Scott Mills	6 FEAST DAY	7 The Big Quiz	8 Sawston Youth Drama	9 Country Night with Rattlesnake Johnny
10 Standup Comedy	11 Jason Donovan <i>and</i> Back to the 80s	11 University Gospel Choir at St Mary's	12 Anthems Ibiza Orchestra	

We need volunteers for setting up and taking down, on food and bar rotas, litter picking ... and books and cakes for our Sunday stalls.

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Many thanks to those of you who popped along to our open day at the end of April. We really enjoyed meeting clients old and new and were very

impressed by both the excellent behaviour and agility skills of all the attending dogs!

For those of you who are unfamiliar with the practice, Church Street Vets is our new branch surgery in Stapleford. Located at 65 London Road, Stapleford, we have three consulting rooms, full surgical facilities, separate dog and cat waiting and hospitalisation areas and plenty of parking.

Our main surgery, Clarendon Street vets, has been looking after the pets of central Cambridge for over 60 years. We are a family run practice and the last remaining independent surgery in the city centre. We are very much a part of the local community and are hoping that Church Street Vets will become an equally important part of the Stapleford community.

We are looking forward to running the fun dog show at the Stapleford Weekend from 5pm on Saturday June 28. Classes include Golden Oldie, Best Rescue, Young Handler and more. There will be a prize for each class winner and an overall accolade for the 'Best in Show'! It should be a lot of fun and we really hope to see some of you there. More info can be found on the Stapleford Weekend website.



The spring and summer months are a busy time for surgery as pets tend to be out and about more. This means an increase in cat bite abscesses and allergies in cats and grass seeds, and seasonal allergies in dogs. Dogs also tend to scarp more and scavenge more and do

silly things like getting stuck down rabbit holes, whilst cats may be tempted to wander further. Heatstroke can also be a problem later in the summer.

If you have concerns about any aspect of your pet's health, please do contact us on 01223 776773 and please pop in for a treat if you are passing the surgery with your canine companion!

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LIBRARY EVENTS

In May the library hosted the launch of *Firestarter* by Fraser Grace, the true story of the 19th Century Shelford arsonist. The event was very well attended and Fraser gave a great talk about his book. Why not pop into the library to borrow a copy or buy a copy from Shelford Local Store (aka Kash's)



Engage Talk Lemurs and Crocodiles of Madagascar, Jane Wilson Howarth.

Wednesday 25 June, 2-4pm. 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

Stay and Play Every Thursday (term time only) for children aged up to three years. 2-3.30pm. A relaxed drop in session for families with young children, £2 per family. Toys provided.

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

Story, Rhyme and 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. Parents/carers please stay with your children.

Art Club Every Saturday morning 10.30–12.30pm. Suitable for ages 4-10. Drop in event. Suggested £1 donation. Parents/carers please stay with your children.

Mel Abbis, Community Librarian

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FIRESTARTER by FRASER GRACE

Local resident Fraser Grace's book "Firestarter" concerns the sensational unexplained fires in Great Shelford in the 1830s when fire fighting skills and equipment were limited.

Incidents are recorded in The Cambridge Chronicle of the time, and the Village News has republished these in recent years.

Here are some extracts:

1 March 1833

On Monday afternoon last, between two and three o'clock, another fire was discovered upon the premises of Mr Henry Headly. The flames were, however, confined to a cart shed (where they were first observed) but which was destroyed. We sincerely regret to state that this is the fourth or fifth incendiary fire that has taken place in that neighbourhood, without any satisfactory clue having been obtained to lead to the detection of the offender.

19 April 1833

FIRES AT GREAT SHELFORD – Last Saturday evening, about six o'clock, a haulm stack on Mr Wm Headly's premises was discovered to be on fire and was speedily consumed. And yesterday ... a fire broke out in a barn

Now suspicion landed on a local man who was seen near the premises of William Dean when a fire was found ...

SHELFORD SUPPORT GROUP



**Summer Break
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This year the community transport service for the Shelfords and Stapleford will close for 3 weeks in the early summer.

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Spring 2025 Update

What is SSYI? We are a community-based charity founded by local Christians serving young people in the villages of Great and Little Shelford, Stapleford, Sawston and Duxford and beyond.

What do we do? We provide youth activities and clubs open to all local 11-18-year-olds. We particularly focus on those who are marginalised, isolated, at-risk or not accessing other youth provision.

We do this by building positive relationships with young people and providing access to activities, to enable them to overcome their challenges, learn, succeed and make a positive contribution to their communities. We have our dedicated Youth Centre above the Memorial Hall in Woollards Lane, Great Shelford where we run 6 youth clubs a week, as well as 3 sessions in Sawston, and a weekly club in the Community Centre in Duxford. Employing 4 Youth workers and working with six volunteers, we reach over 150 young people each week.

Over the winter months activities have included our regular sessions in Great Shelford, Sawston and Duxford, attracting well over 100 young people each week. We also ran 1-2-1 sessions for young people at Sawston Village College and in the local Community, supporting up to 21 young people a week. In the run up to Christmas we ran multiple Christmas meals and parties and took 18 young people to the Winter Wonderland on Parkers Piece. We were also involved in the Shelford light switch on and set up the football cage which despite the cold was a great success.

Spring and Summer 2025 Plans

With Spring fast approaching, alongside our regular sessions, we are hoping to run a 2 night residential in the Easter Holidays, plus various other trips and activities including during the Summer holidays. For our regular program schedule visit:

www.ssyi.club

Funding for SSYI is a continuous challenge and currently costs over £140,000 per year to run. We get funding from our Parish Councils, Local Churches, the Village Feast and put a lot of effort into obtaining other Grant funds. One of our most reliable sources is regular private giving. **We have only 22 supporters who give regularly from £10 per month but, there are over 15,000 adult residents in the Villages we serve so it's a tiny proportion who support us in this way. We need your help and want to encourage you to become a regular donor.** In doing so you will get regular updates on our work and opportunities to meet our youth workers.

To become a regular donor, contact our Treasurer: John Greaves, 15 Cabbage Moor, Great Shelford, Cambridge CB22 5NB (jragreaves@yahoo.co.uk)

Can you help by becoming an occasional volunteer?

We are also looking for more volunteers, especially for the regular weekly sessions. If you can come along, even occasionally to help at our sessions or to help behind the café counter serving snacks in the Youth Centre that would really help, and enable us to maintain and grow the number of sessions and reach more of those who value our provision. **Interested? Please contact Zac Britton, our Lead Youth Worker zac.britton@ssyi.club**

(Note: All volunteers will be given appropriate training and support and are subject to DBS checks).

HISTORY WALKS

This summer I will be leading three History Walks round the village.



Thursday 5 June at 7.30pm

‘The Return of the Shelford Shopper’

More tales of shops and shopping in Great Shelford.

Meet on the corner of Woollards Lane/Church Street (by Old School Court).

Wednesday 25 June at 7.30pm

‘A Railway Walk’

The arrival of the railway and how it changed life in Shelford for ever.

Meet on the London Road railway bridge.

The walk will end on the DNA cycle path.

Monday 28 July at 7pm,

“The River, the Church and the Mill”

The walks will last about 1½ hours.

There will be a charge of £3 for each walk. No booking required.

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DIARY JUNE 2025

Date	Event	Time	Place
5	Shelford Shopper History Walk (p22)	7.30pm	Old School Court
5	WI Talk – unexpected inheritance	7.30pm	St Mary's Community Room
7	LIT Super Sevens Rugby	All Day	Rugby Club
11	Cactus Society Annual Show	7.30pm	Memorial Hall
19	Cambridge Flower Club Garden Visit	7.15pm	Cavenham
21	Arthur Rank Hospice star shine night walk (p29)	7pm	Shelford Rugby Club
25	A Railway Walk (p22)	7.30pm	London Road Railway Bridge

Country Market

9–11.30am, Memorial Hall, Wednesdays 4, 11, 18 and 25 June.

	BIN COLLECTIONS Black bins Tuesday 10, 24 June Blue bins and green bins Tuesday 3, 17 June
	POST BOXES Coppice Avenue, Mill Court (Hinton Way), Library, Old Vicarage, Church St, High Green bus stop, Stonehill Road, Macaulay Avenue. Usual post box collections are 9am. The latest collection is from the Post Office at 4.45pm.
	POST OFFICE The Post Office is at Great Shelford Local Store 35 Hinton Way. Open Monday to Saturday 7am–8pm, Sunday 9am–6pm.
	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.

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN UPDATE

I have some excellent news to report: after a thorough review of the submitted Stapleford and Great Shelford Neighbourhood Plan and its supporting documents, our independent examiner has recommended that it meets all necessary legal requirements and should proceed to referendum. This is truly something to celebrate.

As is par for the course, some modifications to the Plan have been recommended, but I believe we have achieved most of what we set out to do. At the time of writing, the examiner's 'fact-check report' is not a matter of public record so I can't provide any further details in this respect. However, you will soon be able to read it at <https://bit.ly/3FeUSWu>.

It is now up to our local planning authority – South Cambs District Council – to decide whether it accepts the examiner's recommendation or requires more changes to be made. This is far from being a mere formality, but we have worked closely with, and sought advice from, SCDC officers throughout the production of our Neighbourhood Plan, doing our best to ensure that there are no last minute surprises for either party.

I'm going to be optimistic and look towards a referendum and here's what I think you can expect.


SCDC will organise a referendum in our neighbourhood area in which all registered voters in the parishes of Stapleford and Great Shelford area can vote, either in person or by post. You will be asked something along the lines of "Do you want SCDC to use the Neighbourhood Plan for Stapleford and Great Shelford to help it decide planning applications in the neighbourhood area?" It does not matter how many people vote, but if more than 50% of those voting say "Yes", then our plan will be approved. This means that it will become part of the Local Development Plan and must be used in all planning decisions relating to our neighbourhood area.

Please, please, **PLEASE** vote when the opportunity arises. Don't assume that enough others will do it so you don't need to. The bigger the turnout, the stronger the message we send that the residents of Stapleford and Great Shelford want to be heavily involved in shaping the future of place where we live for the better.

Our neighbours in Pampisford went through this process last month and achieved a 99% 'Yes' vote, so their Neighbourhood Plan has been duly adopted. Thriplow and Heathfield have their own referendum coming up on 12 June. Harston is slightly behind us in the process.

Do keep an eye on local community Facebook pages and our villages' magazines for further news. But we're in a good place.

Jenny Flynn: Chair, Stapleford and Great Shelford Neighbourhood Plan steering group neighbourhood.plan@staplefordparishcouncil.gov.uk



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Dr Bike continues to hold its volunteer run weekly bike repair sessions at the Old Slaughterhouse in Stapleford, 3pm to 5.30pm every Tuesday. Come and get your bike ready for cycling over the summer. 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.

‘Wilding’ film - at the Stapleford Village Weekend, we are showing this fascinating film. It will be shown in the marquee on the Recreation Ground on Thursday 26 June at 7pm. The film is based on the book of that name by Isabella Tree and describes the transformation of poor farmland in Sussex that was bankrupting the family, into an environment as close to its original state as possible. They have longhorn cattle, Exmoor ponies and other animals that graze the land as old wild herbivores did. They have been rewarded by the appearance of rare butterflies and other creatures and the whole site is a wildlife haven. This is a beautifully shot film to inspire you and there will be an online interview to follow featuring Isabella Tree and her husband. With the opportunity to buy a drink at the bar and order pizza from the nearby van, what better way to spend a summer evening! Tickets are £5 and can be bought on the door or at staplefordweekend.com/thursdayeveningentertainment

Cambridge Nature Festival, 25 May - 30 June. The Cambridge Nature Festival comprises a series of events during late May and June. Details not yet announced as I write, but keep an eye on the Cambridge Nature Network website.

89% Some of you may have read of a survey that indicated that 89% of people across the world want strong government action on climate. But these people didn’t think so many other people thought that way, they thought they were in the minority. The 89 Percent Project has been set up by journalists to spread the word, investigate what kind of action people want and lobby governments to take action, citing this groundswell of public opinion. See 89percent.org/. The study also found that in most countries surveyed, almost 50% people would be prepared to give 1% of their income to fight climate change. So let’s be the vocal majority, not the silent majority! Talk to your friends and colleagues about what you can do to reduce your carbon

footprint and boost nature and biodiversity. Your actions (and where you spend your money) affect everyone else.

Ways to try and get change on climate policy were discussed at an event at the Cambridge Literary Festival at the end of April, at which veteran environmental campaigners/writers Tony Juniper and Mike Berners-Lee talked about their new books. They were both eloquent speakers and stressed the need to change the way economics works, rather than assuming neoliberalism and its endless call for growth in consumption is the only way to do things. Instead of measuring a country's growth by GDP, look at growth in health, education, happiness, employment, nature, biodiversity – these measures exist and all help to measure how we thrive. We need to challenge our politicians and businesses to be honest, to not hoodwink us about their green credentials, to not keep putting off difficult decisions. As David Attenborough said, 'infinite growth on a finite planet is madness'. Let's call out the madness.

You've probably heard the phrase '**Reduce, Reuse, Recycle**'. But have you heard an extension of this, to include Repair, Rehome, Refill, Regenerate? Reduce by buying less, only what you need, and avoid single use plastic if possible. Reuse nappies, makeup wipes, cups in coffee shops and shopping bags. Repair at one of our Repair Cafes, see the Cambridge Carbon Footprint website to find out all the cafes in the area. Rehome via Cambridge Re-Use, British Heart Foundation, Emmaus, charity shops, or online at Gumtree, Vinted etc. Refill at low waste shops such as Green Weigh in Sawston, and buy loose vegs and fruit. Regenerate by composting your veg and fruit waste and garden trimmings.

Water - one thing we all need to be careful with in this area. Cambridge Water say that the average consumption is 140 litres per person a day. If you can reduce your usage the water companies can extract less water from the aquifer and have less waste to deal with. Water the garden with water from a water butt or from washing up, don't water the lawn and plant drought tolerant plants. Group pots to reduce evaporation. Collect water that you run while waiting for it to run hot (or cold) and use that to water the garden. Don't flush every time you use the loo. See if you can get your consumption to under 100 litres a day!

If you are interested in green matters and the environment at all levels (individual, local, national, international), send an email to mail2G3S@gmail.com to sign up for our 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. Also see our Facebook page and our website 2g3s.staplefordvillage.org.uk/.

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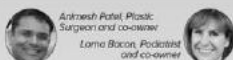





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Some may argue that he has no powers to do this (he has also promised to scrap the unelected Greater Cambridge Partnership which is promoting the busways), but he has some significant levers of power that he that he can pull, not least his responsibility for bus franchising. The Mayor now has the powers to organise all bus routes in the county to provide a better service.

Better Ways for Busways has submitted a robust objection to the busway and you can read it here www.bw4b.org/whats-next-march-2025 and is preparing its Statement of Case for an impending public inquiry. More funding to support the Better Busways campaign will be needed - but is it possible that the Lib Dems controlling the County Council could be persuaded to work with the new Mayor and abandon the illogical busway?

There are glimmers of hope in our newly elected Lib Dem County Councillors Peter Fane and Laurence Damary-Homan. Let's give them (and the Conservative and Green Councillors) all the encouragement they need to continue to oppose the destruction of our beautiful countryside and to build the better alternative. For more information visit www.bw4b.org

Howard Kettel

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There is now an all stops timetable on <https://bustimes.org/services/t3-grantchester-fulbourn>

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SHELFORD COUNTRY MARKET



Every Wednesday, at 9am, the doors of the Memorial Hall open for the Country Market. Our logo reads 'COOK-CRAFT-GROW'. Everything we sell is homemade, home grown or hand crafted and with our freshly made coffee or tea you can select a homemade cookie.

We value our loyal customers who come in all weathers but it is always pleasing when new customers find us and then return. We were all really saddened to learn that our oldest customer, Professor John Davis died on 4 May just three months short of his 102nd birthday. His last visit to the market was about three weeks before Easter. In more recent years he was accompanied by a family member or friend, but he always carried his own big shopping bag and knew just what he wanted from the food table and the bag was quickly filled up. He so enjoyed coming each week and over the years he grew to be a special friend and customer whom we will greatly miss.

The garden section is now in full swing. At the moment the tables are well laden with fine healthy annuals alongside a wide range of perennials and houseplants. Do remember that the best plants are snapped up early. We all welcome blue skies and sunshine but the ground is now very dry. Until it gets a good soaking of warm soft rain it is difficult to say just how much fresh produce and soft fruit there will be. Fortunately, we have already had small bunches of early spring flowers and last week (midMay) saw the first of the freshly picked bunches of sweet william in full flower.

The food section is always busy. We sell an interesting range of fresh home baking, preserves and local honey. Our crafters are always surprising us with what they produce and soon you may find pottery on their stall!

We would be very pleased to hear from you if you'd like to join us as a cook, gardener or crafter. Lots of ways to make contact: come into the market, visit our facebook page, phone 01223 843946 or an email to

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July 17 'Summer Flower Festival' by Kate Bass,
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Further information from co-chairs:

Freda Orgee - 01223 891464; fredaorgee@gmail.com

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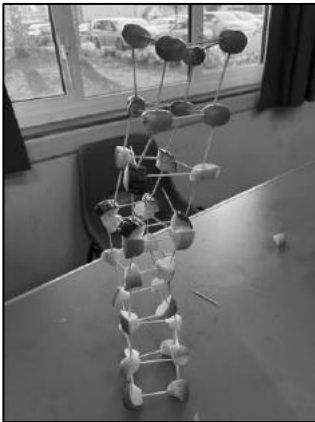


DISTANT VIEW

Did you know that from Wandlebury you can see Ely Cathedral, 20 miles away?

This photograph was taken by Ian Stanton using a mobile phone and a pair of binoculars from Ely Viewpoint.

GIRLGUIDING



Shelford Brownies are having lots of fun this term finishing off their Express Myself Theme Award, with lots of team building games and craft activities. Building tall structures with pieces of fruit or vegetables and cocktail sticks was particularly popular.

All but a few pieces of carrot were gobbled up by the Brownies as they dismantled their towers! The Brownies will also be completing a challenge badge about the Azores and will finish for the summer term with a campfire with s'mores, singing and games.

Shelford Guides have recently had fun cooking pancakes on camping stoves, playing board games and being active with various parachute games. They also did a 'Penny Hike' around Stapleford (a walk where you use a coin toss to choose which way you go at each junction).

We'd love more adult volunteers for our other local Rainbow, Brownie and Guide units. Please visit bit.ly/volGuiding to find out more and get in touch with the local team at: shelforddistrict@gmail.com. Thank you.

Lisa MacGregor

ICKLETON VILLAGE GARDENS OPEN

Just six miles south of the Shelfords is a village with many high flint walls that might leave you wondering what lies on the other side. Ickleton Open Gardens on Sunday, 15 June from 11am – 5pm offers the rare opportunity to look behind some of those walls to take in the floral delights of 15+ varied private gardens.

As well as beautiful gardens there will be lunch, teas and homemade cakes, sale of plants and local produce and beekeeping. Gardens open include cottage gardens, newly planted, drought tolerant, family friendly, nature loving, a magical 'fairy land' garden and 20 acres of formal gardens surrounding a Manor house.

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THE SHELFORDS WI

On 1 May we were very pleased to welcome three Guide Dogs and their hosts, a meeting arranged by WI member, Cornelia Ede.

With many amusing stories, Gill Bane outlined the work of Guide Dogs in breeding dogs with suitable temperaments, the puppy training stage of up to about a year, more advanced training at a Guide Dog centre and finally passing to a blind owner.

We were surprised to learn that puppies are removed from their mothers when as young as eight weeks old so that 'potty training' on command can start immediately. Puppies are cuddled to aid bonding and taught how to play nicely. They are fed three weighed meals per day and taught to eat quietly. No jumping up as soon as the tin or packet is opened. They learn to sit quietly at checkouts when taken to shops or garden centres. Puppies quickly learn many skills such as directions left and right by the age of about ten months. Learning and obeying commands and being taken out in cars, buses or trains and into busy places is all part of the training. Quite a challenge for the trainers.

Dee Bevan brought Pepi with her to expand on the puppy training stage. Jackie Keenan brought a lively Brodie who is boarding with her while his owner is on a foreign holiday. During advanced training dogs are taught to lead a blind person, crossing roads safely and avoiding obstacles. Guide dogs are carefully matched with blind recipients such as owner, Diane Rose who came with Zen. They have been together for several years and Zen has made a huge difference to Diane's life. She can access places that neither she nor Zen have been to before and have no fear of being in a tricky or dangerous position. What a lifeline for her. And for us, what an entertaining and informative evening.

At the 5 June WI meeting we will welcome Fiona Chesterton whose topic is 'Secrets never to be told – a story about an unexpected inheritance'. As usual visitors, and prospective new members will be made very welcome at 7.30pm in the Community Room behind St Mary's Church Great Shelford.

The following two WI meeting involve gardens. In July we will visit the garden of Neil and Clare Cullen, regular speakers at our WI. Our own garden Party will be in August.

Our programme can be found on our website:

<https://theshelfordswi.wordpress.com>

Eleanor Witter The Shelfords WI President

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*

27 June 1863

MALICIOUS DAMAGE – Philip Colville was charged with having maliciously broken two panes of glass in the window of John Sand Wright, landlord of “The Compasses” Great Shelford on the night of Sunday, June 7th, doing damage to the amount of 2s. The defendant went to the public-house in a tipsy state, used very bad language and when asked to go out, refused. After some trouble the landlady got him into the passage, where he commenced kicking an unoffending door, and threatened to break Mrs Wright’s neck. When the man got outside, the door was locked inside, and not being able to get in again he broke 2 windows. Defendant alleged that Mrs. Wright admitted taking his clothes, but did so because he owed her 4s. Fined 6d, 13s costs and 2s damages. Paid.

SHELFORD TWINNING QUIZ

The Shelford Twinning Association held a quiz evening on 16 May and was delighted by the good attendance and most importantly, the high standard yet again of the quiz set by our usual quiz master David Beresford.

Once again David taxed our memories and our brains with a wide variety of excellent questions. As has become the tradition, the food served midway through the quiz was fish, sausage or chicken and chips, with a colourful frittata vegetarian option supplied by the deli. The atmosphere throughout the evening was warm and convivial with a lively buzz of conversation resuming as soon as there was a lull between questions.

We are as ever most grateful to Richard Patterson for organising this event, and to his willing team.

All the money raised at our fundraisers go towards the costs of entertaining the French group when they come over in July (when we have to organise a full day’s outing, a half day’s outing and a party for everyone).

Our own visit to Verneuil is imminent as I write – we depart on 24 May. The programme includes a visit to Chantilly Castle and a big party for the group and hosts.

If you would like any further information on the Twinning Association and our activities, please visit our website: Shelfordtwinning.org.uk, or email twinningsec@gmail.com.
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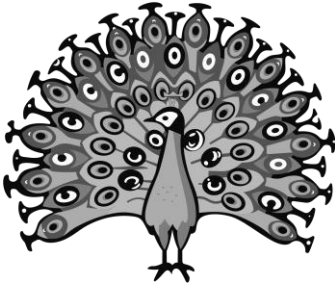
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The free entry event will feature 40+ men's and women's teams, 28 elite level 7s sides, food trucks, music and all day entertainment.

The LIT Super Sevens Series is the largest rugby sevens competition in the UK and Europe and Shelford's 7s Festival promises to be a spectacular celebration of the sport and its community spirit. The event will be packed with international talent, rising stars and Premiership pedigree.

Shelford Rugby Club invites everyone from rugby diehards to families and first timers to come and enjoy a **free, action packed day of top tier sport, food, music and entertainment**. Gates open from 9.30am, with matches and festivities running all day. Parking will be available to book online soon, along with overnight camping.

"We're absolutely thrilled to bring this level of rugby to Cambridgeshire," said our Club President - Rory Finlayson. "This is a chance for the local community to witness world class sevens up close - and all for free. Whether you're a lifelong fan or completely new to rugby, this will be a brilliant day out."

The Shelford leg is the midpoint of a six stop national series that combines the high performance pedigree of the Super Sevens Series with the fun, inclusive festival spirit of LIT7s. As part of the 2025 schedule, Shelford joins other leading clubs such as Oxford Quins, Harpenden RFC and Wasps FC in hosting a leg of this groundbreaking competition.

With no Twickenham 7s scheduled this year, this is one of the best chances to experience elite international rugby live in the UK - and at no cost.

For full event schedules and team announcements visit

www.shelfordrugby.co.uk

Mike Nettleton

TENNIS

NEIL RUFFLES 1947–2025

We are all saddened at Great Shelford Tennis Club to lose our former chairman Neil Ruffles, who has died aged 78. Our thoughts and sympathy go to his wife Christine and sons Shaun and Nick.

Neil was the architect of the current club pavilion and is pictured cutting the ribbon at the opening ceremony.



Photo of Neil Ruffles by Sue Fox

During Neil's chairmanship from 1997 to 2000, GSTC stalwart Sarah Coppendale was the club's secretary. She writes, 'He was a warm, friendly and truly lovely man. His widow Christine used to be the secretary at Shelford School. He was a good player, fun to be on court with and later played real tennis. He was known by everyone in Little Shelford and as someone said the other day, he always made you feel special when he

greeted you, as if you were the one person he wanted to see.'

For club coach Matt Sanders, Neil was his first doubles partner, 'He was a phenomenal guy. I was about 12 years old and he would pick me up from school for fifth team club matches. And more recently in the pub he would always come over to say, "Hello how are you doing?" One of life's good guys.'

Neil's life was celebrated at the Cam Valley Crematorium and afterwards at Little Shelford Memorial Hall. Donations will be gratefully received for the Arthur Rank Hospice Charity and can be made via Neil's In Memory Page where friends and family have paid their own tributes.

Former colleague William McCloy writes, 'Neil was a fantastic architect with whom I'm pleased to have worked over the best part of 20 odd years on various projects. Deepest condolences to the family.' Tansy Challis writes, 'It was such a privilege to know Neil - what an amazing, funny, kind and thoroughly good person he was. He will be greatly missed by so many.'

Stephen Chittenden

FOOTBALL CLUB



Regular followers of the club would have been aware that just like last season the first team entered the final month knowing that if they won their remaining four games they would again be crowned Premier League Champions. A hard fought 0-0 draw at home to Ely City Reserves was not the best start but a much superior goal difference than Over Sports meant we were still in the driving seat. Over themselves then obliged by playing out a 0-0 draw away to Hemingfords United, coincidently our next opponents, which gave us a little leeway again. Given that result we expected a really hard game, but a convincing 5-0 win meant a win and a draw from our final two games would suffice. We had already beaten West Wrating away, but the league deemed we had to replay the game due to a refereeing error! The hosts still had a slim chance of the title themselves and were certainly up for the game from the off, but a superb, disciplined performance saw us come away with a 4-0 win and three points, meaning only a draw was now required in our last game away to Cambridge University Press. Two early goals settled the nerves and a controlled defensive display, after we had a player sent off, saw the game out and clinch Championship number 20!

Our reserve team still had a chance of runners up spot in the Senior A Division, which would have been a remarkable achievement for such a young and newly promoted side. A home 2-1 win against March Town Reserves, themselves still hoping for that spot, was followed by a hard fought 1-1 draw away to the same opponents, which kept the hope alive. When Bluntisham Rangers could not field a team and the three points were automatically awarded to us, it meant a win in the final game away to Wimblington would see us in second spot. The hosts had also been near the top of the table for most of the season, so a hard game was expected – and transpired.

Unfortunately, the match was moved to an all-weather pitch and even though winter seemed to have returned with a vengeance the teams produced a match worthy of the seasons they had both had. After going behind to three first half goals our boys fought back well, scoring two of their own, before being edged out 3-2 and ending up in a very credible fourth spot in the table.

Thanks to everyone who has supported the club in another successful season and we look forward to doing it all again come August. *Terry Rider*

CRICKET

Just before the start of the season we were delighted to get the artificial pitch installed at the edge of the cricket square on the Rec. This will provide great benefit for training at all levels of the club and will be used for some junior matches. We are very grateful to the Parish Council for firstly supporting our plans for an artificial pitch and secondly making a generous contribution of £4,000 to enable us to reach our fundraising target of £13,000. We are very grateful to well over a hundred members and supporters for donating the bulk of the target sum. We also have a new cricket net, though it took a sizeable group of club members many hours to construct the frame and then fix the net. The process was not helped by the available instructions being limited to a set of rather small and difficult to decipher diagrams.

The senior team opened on the first Saturday of May when conditions ranged from apparent high summer (with spectators eating ice creams) to what felt like a bitterly cold early spring day. Cambourne struggled on a tricky early season pitch, though that probably doesn't explain their two broken bats. Our fielding was also notable, the first wicket falling to a good catch by Nusrat Hamid after which Stuart Creed probably rendered any "catch of the season" competition irrelevant with an extraordinary take when it appeared that even arms as long as those of the legendary Mr Tickle would not have been enough to reach the ball.

Faz Lee led the way amongst the bowlers with 4 for 16, after which the spin twins Nusrat Hamid and Mark Milne snuffed out Cambourne's hopes of recovery with combined figures of 3 for 33 off 16 overs. A target of just 91 looked straightforward, but less so once we lost our first three wickets for just two runs. The game remained in the balance until Mark Milne and Theo Wilson added 40 unbroken to take us to a 5 wicket win.

The season for our junior teams is also well underway, as are the All Stars and Dynamos sessions for children from age five upwards. One of our two Under 11 teams has made a flying start with victories in their first three matches.

Peter Ede, Chair

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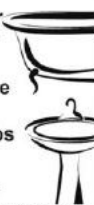
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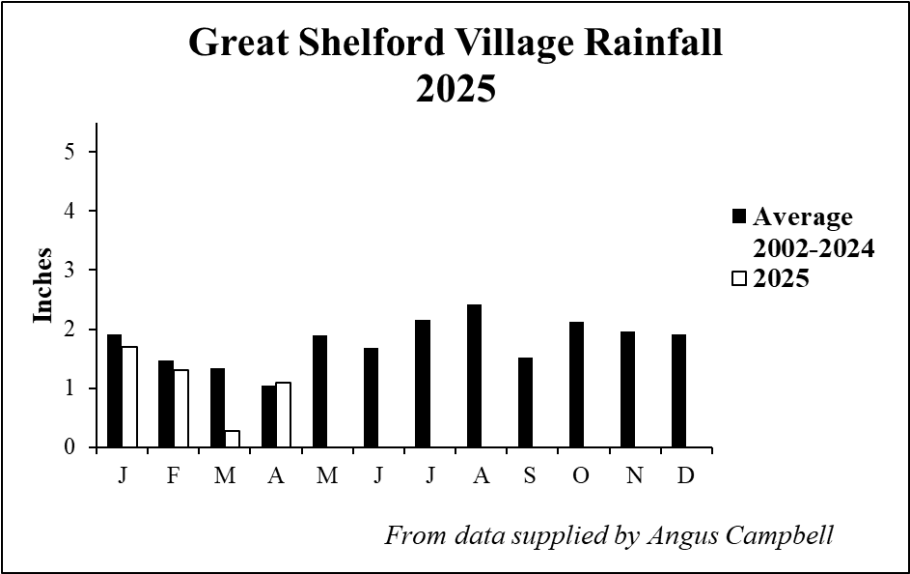
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Breabach

Saturday 21 June | 7:30pm

Performing for over two decades, Breabach remain securely ranked amongst Scotland's most skilled and imaginative contemporary folk acts.

Claire Martin celebrates the Divas

Friday 11 July | 7:30pm

Multi-award winning jazz vocalist and BBC Radio presenter Claire Martin OBE, is joined by pianist Rob Barron and bassist Jeremy Brown, for a celebration of some of the greatest jazz vocalists of the 20th century.

The Jeremiahs

Saturday 14 June | 7:30pm

One of the freshest bands in Irish traditional music, The Jeremiahs are applauded for their musicianship & vocal work that is '*nothing short of astounding*' (Live Ireland).

Misha Mullov-Abbado Group

Friday 4 July | 7:30pm

A stellar sextet made up of some of the finest multi-award winning musicians on the London jazz scene, led by BBC New Generation bassist Misha Mullov-Abbado.

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