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## **GREAT SHELFORD PARISH COUNCIL**

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### **SUMMARY FROM THE UNADOPTED MINUTES OF THE MEETING ON 16 JULY 2025**

#### **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION**

A member of the public advised that that there is a Cambridge Approaches blog that is going to suggest a northern approach for the East-West Railway (EWR).

#### **PRESENTATION**

Liz Watts, CEO of South Cambridgeshire District Council, gave a presentation on Local Government Reorganisation, which will involve replacing the present two-tier system of the county council and district councils, with a single unitary system. There will be no changes to parish or town councils. There was a discussion including the potential for the devolution of discretionary services, neighbourhood area working, transfer of responsibilities from County and District to the new Unitary system, cost implications, potential integration of the four-day week into the new Unitary system and the implication for the Cambridge Growth Company.

#### **REPORTS FROM COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCIL MEMBERS**

County Cllr Damary-Homan presented the report from Cambridgeshire County Council, concentrating on Local Government Reorganisation and the end of year overspend. County Cllr Fane reported that the overspend had been covered by reserves, which is not sustainable. The Accounts and Audit Committee will be reviewing the accounts.

District Cllr Fane reported that the Joint Development Management Committee (JDMC) had reviewed major developments including a pre-application discussion from Astra-Zeneca for a 10,000m<sup>2</sup> mixed use office and conference building. A member of the public asked about coordination within Cambridge Biomedical Campus. District Cllr Fane advised that there had been a review of planning committees and the recommendation is that small applications should be dealt with by officers. The JDMC is concerned that this is inflexible and District Cllr Fane supports the concept that the JDMC should review any applications as requested by Parish Councils.

#### **RECREATION GROUND**

The Chair invited Eleanor McCrone to speak about the proposed trim trail and improved basketball court on behalf of Playscape. The Council approved the concept of the installation of an active trail and 3x3 basketball court in principle.

The Playscape working group will put together a proposal including choice of contractors and equipment for presentation to a future council meeting. The Clerk will make enquiries to establish the requirement for a certificate of lawful development

### **GRANT REQUEST FROM STAPLEFORD AND SHELFORD YOUTH INITIATIVE (SSYI)**

John Greaves, treasurer of SSYI, presented a grant request for a contribution towards their refurbishments. A grant of £4,876 was approved.

### **HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORT**

a) The detailed drawings for the proposed double yellow lines near to the Co-op were discussed. The Council approved the drawings and the expenditure of £7,999.05 and requested that this project should proceed as soon as possible. The Council noted its disappointment that the Co-op will not contribute to this scheme.

b) Cllr Stanton provided an update regarding the Traffic and Transport Infrastructure Working Group's recent meeting regarding the EWR, including the review of the proposed route, the new T3 bus route and an update on the Sawston Greenway. Cllr Watson reported on a meeting regarding the new Cam Valley Community Rail Partnership, which will include Great Shelford and Whittlesford.

### **COUNCIL ADMINISTRATION**

It was agreed that the Council will renew its membership of Action with Communities in Rural England (ACRE) at a cost of £86.40.

The Council agreed that the booster pump and inverter in the pavilion should be replaced at a cost of £2,324.40 + VAT and the windows in the pavilion should be replaced at a cost of £15,170+VAT. The Clerk will work with Tim Page to design and cost handrails for the external steps.

The Clerk, Assistant Clerk, Cllr John Stanton and possibly Cllr Tim Mann will attend the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Association of Local Councils (CAPALC) conference

The Clerk presented a written report on the Strategic Plan.

### **COMMUNITY MATTERS**

a) The correspondence regarding the proposed improvements to the base station at the Rugby Club was noted.

b) It was agreed that the Council will purchase a Stihl petrol strimmer for the pocket park for £445.

### **FINANCE**

The monthly accounts were approved.

## PLANNING APPLICATIONS

### PARISH COUNCIL COMMENTS (14.07.2025 and 04.08.2025 )

25/02333/HFUL	12 Tunwells Lane	Replacement front porch and rear ground floor glazed bi-folding doors and two replacement rooflights to the rear, new roof eave with associated works.
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Application supported.

25/02323/HFUL	140 Cambridge Road	Two storey side/rear extension.
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Application supported.

25/02393/FUL	Land adjacent to Holmfield House, 8 London Road	Erection of one self-build dwelling and associated development.
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No recommendation as additional information is needed on the existing trees, highway access and evidence of bats.

25/02737/FUL	Land south of Addenbrookes Road	Development of a temporary construction compound with storage and welfare structures, access and lighting for Francis Crick Avenue works for a period of two years.
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Rejection recommended. The Parish Council opposes the Cambridge South-East Transport (CSET) scheme and has no comment to make on this application.

25/02545/HFUL	18 Buristead Road	Two storey side and rear pitched roof extensions, single storey rear and front flat roof extensions following the demolition of the existing attached garage. Two roof lights to the north east elevation.
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Refusal recommended as it is outside the existing building line and not in keeping with the existing street scene.

25/01945/HFUL	23 Tunwells Lane	Erection of a single storey rear extension, a first floor side extension, application of white render and grey composite cladding, replace window frames, and associated alterations.
No recommendation regarding this application but the Parish Council would like to refer the residents' comments regarding light to the Planning Officer.		

25/02778/FUL	Arthur Rank Hospice, Cherry Hinton	Replacement cladding to existing Hospice building.
Application supported.		

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](http://greatshelfordparishcouncil.gov.uk/minutes-agendas)

## PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS IN SEPTEMBER

Planning Committee	tbc	
Full Council	17 Sep	7.00pm Pavilion
Planning Committee	22 Sep	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.

## PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

**River Cam Great Shelford Works** to prevent further erosion along the River Cam in Great Shelford have now been successfully completed and the riverbank has been reinstated. A temporary fence will remain in place until at least the autumn to allow the newly restored bank to recover properly. Our contractor will continue to monitor the site regularly to ensure a healthy and stable recovery.

**Memorial Hall – Improvement Plans** A leaflet outlining the proposed improvements to the Memorial Hall will be delivered to every household shortly. We encourage all residents to read this, complete the survey included and return it to the Parish Council, either in the post box on the Memorial Hall

or via our website [www.greatshelfordparishcouncil.gov.uk/survey](http://www.greatshelfordparishcouncil.gov.uk/survey). Although the leaflet states a deadline of 31 August, this has been extended to 15 September due to distribution delays. Your feedback will help guide the future of this valued community facility.

**Buses serving Great Shelford** Several bus routes serve the village, including City 7, T3, 7A, and 17. However, there is currently some confusion regarding routes and bus stop locations. The Parish Clerk will be contacting the relevant bus companies to clarify this information. The goal is to publish an accurate and up-to-date list of stops and timetables, making it easier for residents to use the available services. This is an ongoing project, but we hope it will lead to greater awareness and increased use of public transport in our community.

**War Memorial** The repairs are due to take place on 4 September.

**Welcome to Our New Clerk** We are delighted to welcome Sue Piergianni as the new Clerk to Great Shelford Parish Council. Sue officially joined us on Monday 21 July, bringing with her 18 years of experience as the Town Clerk for Whittlesey. Sue is eager to get to know the parish, learn more about the events that make Great Shelford such a vibrant community, and play an active role in supporting its residents. With her wealth of knowledge and enthusiasm, we are confident Sue will become an invaluable part of the Council and the wider community. Looking ahead, Sue will be hosting a **‘Meet the Team’ Open Day**, where residents will have the opportunity to learn more about the work of the Parish Clerk and her team and how they support the daily running of the parish.

**Green Dog Walkers Scheme** We’re exploring an initiative that has been adopted by many other councils to encourage everyone to clean up after their dogs and keep our community clean and enjoyable for all. This scheme is still in the very early planning stages, but we’ll share more details as it develops.

## **FUTURE EVENTS FOR YOUR DIARY**

### **Remembrance Events**

Sunday 9 November: The service will be held in the Parish Church of St Mary the Virgin, Great Shelford, commencing at 9.30, followed by a procession to the War Memorial for a service of remembrance and wreath laying.

Refreshments will be available afterwards outside the Plough.

Tuesday 11 November: Service at the War Memorial commencing at 10.40.

### **Christmas Light Switch-On**

Sunday 30 November: Santa will be welcoming children from 2–6pm Enjoy fairground rides, community stalls, a Christmas market and delicious food vans.

*Malcolm Watson*



**Free Entry to all events:**

*Friday night party @ The Side Quest*

*A traditional Saturday Village Fete*

*A Sunday Harvest celebration*

*A Village History walk*

**Everyone welcome**

**Friday 12<sup>th</sup> September 6pm onwards**

## **The Side Quest Party – FREE Entry**

Join us for live music at The Side Quest, High Street, Little Shelford. Music from “**Not My Circus**” Food available to purchase: **Barbecue, Hog and Lamb Roast** and a **Vegetarian Option** with catering by the Purple Pepper team. **Real Ales** as well as the usual drinks, wines and liquid refreshments available to purchase from the Side Quest Bar.

**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> from 1pm on the Wale**

## **Traditional Family Fun Village Fete & Show**

Join us with **free entry** from **1pm to 5pm** for family fun, including traditional stalls of local clubs and societies, free bouncy castle assault course for small kids, dog show, maypole dancing, “Animal Experience” petting zoo, face painting and tug-of-war. BBQ, veggie option, Ice Cream cart, Churro Boyz van and licensed bar.

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> September all on the Wale**

**All Saints Harvest Celebration 11am**

**Village History Walk 12.30**

**Picnic on the Wale from 12.30**

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## REFERENDUM ON THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

**Please come along on 4 September and use your vote!**

**What is a neighbourhood plan (NP)?** It is a way for communities to take a proactive approach to deciding the future of the places where they live and work. Communities can use an NP to help shape the future development and use of land in their neighbourhood. This includes the development of homes, green spaces, amenities and infrastructure. Nearly 1,500 NPs have so far been adopted in England. Nine of these are in South Cambridgeshire, where a further 17 are at various stages of production.

### **Stapleford & Great Shelford Neighbourhood Plan is at its final stage**

The Stapleford & Great Shelford NP has passed independent examination. South Cambridgeshire District Council (SCDC) has agreed that it meets the 'basic conditions' legally required of it and that it can proceed to community referendum. This is the final stage of the NP process and it is now up to residents to vote on whether you would like the Stapleford & Great Shelford NP to come into force.

**Arrangements for our community referendum** The referendum will take place on 4 September 2025. Everyone aged 18 and over who is registered and entitled to vote in local elections and lives in either the parish of Stapleford or Great Shelford can vote. Voting may be done in person (don't forget to bring ID), by post or by proxy. In-person voting takes place between 7am to 10pm at:

Stapleford residents: Sheltered Housing Communal Building, Cox's Close (off Church St), Stapleford.

Great Shelford residents: Memorial Hall, Woollards Lane, Great Shelford.

Look out for your polling card for more details.

**A simple yes/no vote** If you choose to vote, you will be asked this question:

**Do you want South Cambridgeshire District Council to use the neighbourhood plan for Stapleford and Great Shelford to help decide planning applications in the neighbourhood?**

You will be able to vote 'yes' or 'no'. If more people vote 'yes' than 'no', then SCDC will adopt the Stapleford & Great Shelford NP and it will become part of the development plan for South Cambridgeshire, giving it the same legal status as the Local Plan. Our NP will be used when making decisions on all planning applications within our area. If more people vote 'no' than 'yes' in the referendum, then planning applications will be decided without regard to our NP.

**How can I find out more about the Neighbourhood Plan?** You can view the Stapleford & Great Shelford NP and its supporting documents on SCDC's website at <https://bit.ly/4lyPrkE>.

*Jenny Flynn*

*Chair of the Stapleford & Great Shelford Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group*

## CSET BUSWAY

Our preparations for the public inquiry are well in hand. Many of you who have objected to the plans put forward for the guided busway have asked Better Ways for Busways to represent you at the inquiry – and our solicitors, together with our appointed experts, are putting forward a solid case for the alternative route that provides greater transport benefits, is £100 million cheaper and doesn't trash our countryside!

This will all be included in the Statement of Case. The Secretary of State has pushed back the submission deadline for this to 19 September and we expect the public inquiry to be held in early 2026.

Our professional team includes the solicitors, barrister, transport, landscape and environmental consultants. To date the public fundraiser has supported current costs – this is a great result, but more work is needed. For more information visit [www.bw4b.org](http://www.bw4b.org) where you can still make a donation.

*Howard Kettel*

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## GREAT SHELFORD PARISH CHURCH

### Saint Mary the Virgin

#### Julie's Jottings

September marks a period of transition, with schools reopening, workplaces launching new projects, and community groups starting fresh ventures. The Church also experiences renewed activity during this time.

Starting up again at St Mary's:

- **Monday Pilgrim Study Group:** resumes 1 September, 2pm
- **Saturday Coffee morning:** returns 6 September, 10.30am
- **Family and Parish Communion Service:** includes Pet Service on 14 September, 10am
- **Thursday Lectures:** restart 11 September, 7pm with a talk on ethics and pig-human transplants
- **Youth Group:** launching 21 September after the morning worship in Church
- **Evensong Service:** traditional Evensong on 28 September, 5pm

New beginnings often bring openness to learning and renewed commitment, along with excitement and anxiety. Recently, a four-year-old starting school shared his excitement about seeing nursery friends. When I mentioned that feeling worried is normal and that remembering God is with us can help, he replied confidently, 'I know that'.

Throughout the centuries people have drawn on their faith to steer them into new ventures. Taking space amid daily busyness helps maintain calm, energy and creativity. We offer a monthly Quiet Space – a guided retreat with friendly company – which attendees find helpful for reducing stress, clarifying thoughts, boosting focus and achieving peace. The next Quiet Space takes place in the Church on 24 September at 7pm. This reminds me of something written by T S Eliot in *Burnt Norton*.

*At the still point of the turning world. Neither flesh nor fleshless;  
Neither from nor towards; at the still point, there the dance is,  
But neither arrest nor movement. And do not call it fixity,  
Where past and future are gathered. Neither movement from nor towards,  
Neither ascent nor decline. Except for the point, the still point,  
There would be no dance, and there is only the dance.*

Rev Julie Norris  
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St Mary The Virgin Church is open daily for prayer from 9am to 4.30pm.

<b>Monday 1 September</b>	
	<p><b>8.30am Morning Prayer</b> at St Mary's. This is a half-hour service of prayer. You are welcome to join us.</p> <p><b>2pm Pilgrim Group.</b> This is a weekly study group where we discuss contemporary issues or study the Bible. We meet in the Vicarage (12 Church Street) and welcome newcomers.</p>
<b>Saturday 6 September</b>	
	<b>10.30am–12noon Coffee Morning</b> in the Community Room.
<b>Sunday 7 September</b> Twelfth Sunday after Trinity	
	<p><b>8am Holy Communion</b> using the Book of Common Prayer.</p> <p><b>10am Sung Parish Communion</b> including 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.</p>
<b>Monday 8 September</b>	
	<p><b>8.30am Morning Prayer</b> at St Mary's. This is a half-hour service of prayer. You are welcome to join us.</p> <p><b>2pm Pilgrim Group</b> at the Vicarage.</p>
<b>Tuesday 9 September</b>	
	<b>7.30pm Friends Committee Meeting.</b> The Friends of St Mary's Church care for the historic building and include history and archaeology enthusiasts, not just regular churchgoers.
<b>Thursday 11 September</b>	
	<p><b>8.30am Morning Prayer</b> at St Mary's.</p> <p><b>2pm Communion Service at Barley Manor Care Home.</b> The St Mary's Team will hold a Service in the home.</p> <p><b>7pm Thursday Lecture</b> in the Community Room. 'Pig to human transplants – right or wrong.' Looking at the ethics of xenotransplantation. Talk by Revd Dr Julie Norris, writer and teacher of ethics as well as Vicar at St Mary's.</p>
<b>Saturday 13 September</b>	
	<p><b>Cambridgeshire's Historic Churches Trust Ride &amp; Stride.</b> Information at <a href="https://camhct.uk/ride-and-stride/">https://camhct.uk/ride-and-stride/</a> Join us and get sponsored to visit beautiful churches and chapels by bike, foot, horse or whatever way takes your fancy. All money raised will be shared between the Cambridgeshire Historic Churches Trust and your chosen church or chapel of any denomination and will help to repair and maintain these amazing buildings.</p>

<b>Sunday 14 September</b> Thirteenth after Trinity	
	<p><b>8am Holy Communion</b> using the Book of Common Prayer.</p> <p><b>10am Family and Parish Communion and Pet service.</b> Grumpy catfish, stick insects, dogs on leads and other pets are all welcome. Please ensure dogs are on leads, small animals are in pet boxes, or bring a photo if your pet might become distressed. If you do not have a pet, you may if you wish bring a toy pet or an imaginary one. Friends and family are also invited; pets help us feel comfortable and included.</p>
<b>Monday 15 September</b>	
	<p><b>8.30am Morning Prayer</b> at St Mary's.</p> <p><b>2pm Pilgrim Group</b> at the Vicarage.</p>
<b>Thursday 18 September</b>	
	<p><b>8.30am Morning Prayer</b> at St Mary's.</p> <p><b>11am Holy Communion in the Cambridgeshire Care Home.</b></p>
<b>Sunday 21 September</b> Feast of St Matthew	
	<p><b>8am Holy Communion</b> using the Book of Common Prayer.</p> <p><b>10am Sung Parish Communion</b> including Sunday Club for children.</p>
<b>Monday 22 September</b>	
	<p><b>8.30am Morning Prayer</b> at St Mary's.</p> <p><b>2pm Pilgrim Group</b> at the Vicarage.</p>
<b>Wednesday 24 September Quiet Space.</b>	
	<p><b>7pm</b> We meet in the Church for meditation, silence and mindfulness.</p>
<b>Sunday 28 September</b>	
	<p><b>8am Holy Communion</b> using the Book of Common Prayer.</p> <p><b>10am Sung Parish Communion</b> including Sunday Club for children.</p> <p><b>5pm Sung Evensong.</b> A reflective evensong service, combining music and readings with opportunities for congregational singing of psalms, canticles, and responses.</p>
<b>Monday 29 September</b>	
	<p><b>8.30am Morning Prayer</b> at St Mary's.</p> <p><b>2pm Pilgrim Group</b> at the Vicarage.</p>

In addition to the normal Sunday services at 8am and 10am, there is a **Zoom service** each Sunday evening at 6.30pm. The Zoom link is on the weekly Pew Sheet and Website.

**Thought for the month:** *For it is your business when the house next door catches fire.* Horace

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## CHURCH BEYOND SUNDAY

I am writing this after a lovely evening of friendship, food and live music in a pretty garden with over 60 others. We are a diverse bunch of people across generations, with a variety of different interests and backgrounds but we have an important thing in common – faith in Jesus.

According to a YouGov study, more than half of Britons say they find it difficult to make new friends and even in church it can be hard to develop relationships on a Sunday morning – although we do aim to be very welcoming at Great Shelford Free Church! However, we also have midweek house groups which offer a more intimate setting for building relationships within a group of six to ten people. But they are so much more than just for friendship!

They are a place of mutual support where we can be honest and share the ongoing ups and downs of life with people we trust, who will be there to encourage and help us or celebrate with us. We believe in the power of prayer and we bring individual needs to God as well as reaching out on behalf of the community and the wider world. We are encouraged and thankful when we see answers to prayers.

The Bible is the core of our Christian faith but some parts of it aren't always easy to understand. The house groups provide a space for study and discussion, for expanding on Sunday sermons and they give the opportunity to ask any questions in a safe environment. And importantly, we think how we can apply the Bible teachings in our everyday lives.

Each group has its own style but they all feature fun, laughter and food! No meeting would be complete without drinks and snacks, and meals are a frequent part of the programme. Other events have included boat trips, walks and weekends away. Which brings me back to the social event at the start when all the groups came together for a great evening.

The early church set us an example where *'They spent their time learning from the apostles, and they were like family to each other. They also broke bread and prayed together. Everyone was amazed by the many miracles and wonders that the apostles worked. All the Lord's followers often met together, and they shared everything they had.'* Acts 2:42-44

Fiona Joel Deacon

## EVENTS AT GREAT SHELFORD FREE CHURCH

### SUNDAY SERVICES

**Morning Services at 10.30am:** Everyone welcome.

(Please note there will not be a 10.30am service on 21 September as we will be supporting the Great Shelford Fun Run.)

**Evening Communion Sunday 21 September at 6.30pm**

**Harvest Thanksgiving All-Age Service Sunday 28 September at 10.30am**

### OTHER ACTIVITIES

**Community Café every Monday: 10am–12 noon.** Restarts on Monday 1 September. Come join us for tea/coffee and homemade cake. There will also be a light lunch after Community Café on Monday 8 September – please contact the church office for more information, to book a place or to let us know of any dietary requirements.

**Little Steps Toddler Group every Wednesday: 10–11.30am.** Restarts on Wednesday 3 September. This group is for toddlers up to the age of three with their carer. To book a place, email [administrator@shelfordfreechurch.org.uk](mailto:administrator@shelfordfreechurch.org.uk)

**Tiny Toes Baby Group every Wednesday afternoon: 1.30-3pm.** Restarts on Wednesday 3 September. This group is for babies under one year old with their parent or carer. To book, email [administrator@shelfordfreechurch.org.uk](mailto:administrator@shelfordfreechurch.org.uk).

**Repair Café on Saturday 20 September: 2–5pm.** More information about this event organised by Going Greener in the Shelfords, Stapleford and Sawston (2G3S) can be found on the following link: [2G3S Repair Cafes – Cambridge Carbon Footprint](#).

**Shelford Fun Run on Sunday 21 September.** Look out for us at the Shelford Fun Run where we will have a stand with lots of free giveaways!



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Last year nearly 12 million boxes were filled and sent to many countries. This is just a little bit of a nudge if you wanted to take part this year, to start collecting items such as stationery, soap, small toys, knitted items, balls, games, small clothing items and knitted toys or to get knitting or sewing pencil cases or tote bags. No sweets or toothpaste. More details next month.

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## RAINBOW PRE-SCHOOL

The second half of the summer term at Rainbow saw the children able to enjoy the garden area, exploring the sand and mud kitchen. This now has its lovely new sail, which we were able to purchase with a kind donation from The Shelford Feast. We will also be updating the mud kitchen over the summer holidays, ready for the Autumn term.

Inside, the theme of curiosity saw the children happily engaged with dinosaur activities which included exploring a selection of real fossils and digging for bones in the sand tray, as well as making their own fossil imprints using salt dough. They also took part in bug hunts in the wild meadow. The preschool children also attended some playtimes in preparation for starting school.

The end of the summer term saw the preschool children having their party and leavers' ceremony, which many of the parents attended. It was a day mixed with happiness, seeing how far the children have developed, and some sadness saying goodbye. Looking forward, all the staff would like to wish the children the very best in their new school settings.

In September the staff are looking forward to welcoming our new starters and getting to know them and their families, as well as moving the Sunbeams into the preschool room for the start of their last year at Rainbow. *Allison Tomlin*

## WI

The Shelfords WI final summer activity was our own garden party, which was held in Vanda's very pretty garden in early August. No problems with rain or low temperatures. We sat outside surrounded by an incredible display of flowers, enjoyed the range of savoury and sweet dishes that members brought and toasted ourselves with a glass of Pimms. Many thanks to Vanda for hosting.

The Community Room where we meet will hold quite a few more than our current membership and we would welcome an influx of new members. New to the village? Young or a little older? We are a chatty friendly group and I'm sure you would enjoy getting to know us, initially as a visitor perhaps.

Our first autumn talk will be on 4 September when Fiona Chesterton will give a talk on 'Secrets never to be told'. On 2 October we will welcome East Anglian Air Ambulance for CPR training and how to use defibrillators. Neil Callan will be back on 6 November to tell us of 'The History of the English Silver Spoon'.

Visitors and prospective new members will be made very welcome on the first Thursday of each month at 7.30pm in the Community Room behind St Mary's Church, Great Shelford. Our programme can be found on our website:

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- Additionally, the Charity provides grants and makes donations in support of local organisations, good causes and villagers in need.

Further details can be found on our website [www.gsvc.org.uk](http://www.gsvc.org.uk)

### **What do our directors do?**

Our eight directors are unpaid volunteers, who oversee everything the charity does, from setting strategy through to service delivery and financial management. While some directors provide professional expertise in areas such as finance or law, others bring managerial, pastoral and other life experiences.

We meet monthly to discuss our properties and hold a bi-monthly board meeting. Some directors take a lead role in specific projects. Typically, the commitment amounts to one or two days per month.

We have legal and regulatory responsibilities similar to those of charity trustees and we are all required to undergo a basic DBS check.

### **What sort of people are we looking for?**

We welcome applications from local people who are committed to village life, who have an interest in the well-being of our community, its people and its green space.

### **How do I find out more, or express interest?**

For further details or to submit an expression of interest please get in touch with our clerk – [clerk@gsvc.org.uk](mailto:clerk@gsvc.org.uk), 07979 184273 – or contact us via the website [www.gsvc.org.uk](http://www.gsvc.org.uk)

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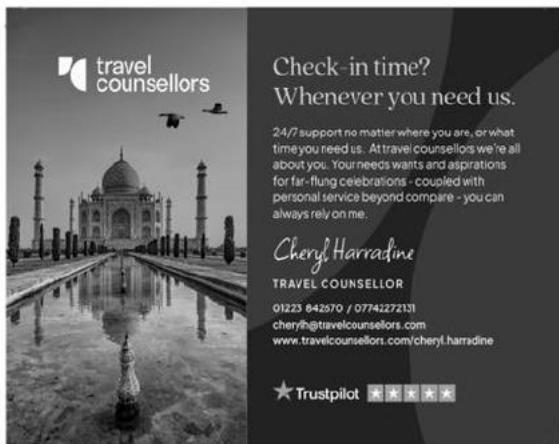
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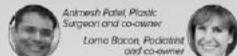
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All that we sell is made or grown by a market member: fresh home baking and preserves, home-grown garden produce and hand-crafted products where most weeks there is something new to see. Though we like to think we have a good range of products, we welcome feedback and suggestions from our customers. The garden section is most affected by the one factor we cannot change, which of course is the weather. At the moment (mid-August) the section is looking bright and cheerful with freshly picked produce. But, with no sign of rain, it is likely to be a short season for vegetables and the colourful autumn flowers.

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**Great Shelford and Stapleford Neighbourhood Plan** Don't forget to vote on 4 September in the Yes/No referendum, which is asking the question 'Do you want South Cambridgeshire District Council to use the neighbourhood plan for Stapleford and Great Shelford to help decide planning applications in the neighbourhood area?'

**Repair Cafes** Our next repair café will be in Great Shelford Free Church on Saturday 20 September from 2–5pm. Bring along your broken item and a skilled volunteer will help fix it. We can tackle a wide variety of repairs including jewellery, electrical and electronic devices, as well as clothes and fabrics. Please do book in your item for repair at [cambridgecarbonfootprint.org/events](http://cambridgecarbonfootprint.org/events) – this helps us plan our schedule so we can avoid people having to wait and also means we can do our homework in advance to assess the repair. The repairers are brilliant and can fix a lot of things but there are no guarantees.

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**Little Shelford Village Fete** We will have a stall at this on 13 September, do come and say hello. And we will have a treasure hunt!

**Conversation Evening** The topic will be low energy houses, featuring at least two local examples where the owners will talk about the process of achieving this. Come and find out more before the winter bills begin to bite. The date is September 23, at Cox's Close Community Room in Stapleford. More details on our website.

**Greater Cambridge Chalk Stream Project** As you probably know, our chalk streams are under threat because of over-abstraction to provide water to houses

and businesses and by pollution. Here is a chance to do something to help. This project has been launched by Cambridge City Council and Anglia Ruskin University and aims to restore and preserve the region's chalk streams, increase biodiversity, introduce sustainable water management practices and support communities to enhance and sustain their local environment. See [cambridge.gov.uk/greater-cambridge-chalk-stream-project](http://cambridge.gov.uk/greater-cambridge-chalk-stream-project) for more information, where you will find there is the opportunity to do something practical and hands-on. Local people can get involved by:

- joining a volunteer day to help with restoration work
- taking part in 'citizen science' projects, such as monitoring water quality or surveying wildlife
- donating to the project
- advocating for the project to help spread awareness.

**Earth Overshoot Day** is the point in the year when human demand for materials obtained from nature exceeds what the Earth can naturally regenerate in one year. For 2025, Earth Overshoot Day fell on July 24, the earliest it has been since the event was first calculated in 2006. Read more about how this is calculated and how it is changing year by year at [ecowatch.com/earth-overshoot-day-2025.html](http://ecowatch.com/earth-overshoot-day-2025.html).

To end on a more positive note, **Cambridge Biodiversity & Regenerative Food Festival** is on Parker's Piece on Saturday 27 September, 10.30am–4pm. Free entry. See [regenerativefoods.co.uk/events/Cambridge](http://regenerativefoods.co.uk/events/Cambridge). The festival brings together and celebrates the growers, producers and organisations that contribute to a regenerative local food system and a wilder, more biodiverse region. You'll find a collection of regenerative and organic growers, bakers, makers, street food vendors, crafters, charities, community groups, demos, workshops and more.

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*Helen Hale*

## **‘THE ARTISANS KEEPING THEIR HERITAGE CRAFTS ALIVE’**

### **LOCAL CRAFTSMAN FEATURES IN BBC NEWS REPORT**

Great Shelford’s Daniel Bangham, a maker of woodwind instruments, is described as being from an endangered species in an article which accompanies an item shown on the East of England lunch time news on 5 August.

Daniel was interviewed along with two other East Anglian craftsmen, a pargeter and a flintknapper, each talking about their work and the future for their craft.

Daniel, who runs his internationally renowned workshop in Linton, explains that ‘without the instrument maker, you can’t have musicians at the top of their game because a top musician will need constant contact with a maker and repairer to get the very best of their instruments’. He worries that there is too little support for potential makers saying ‘the trade could die out because apprenticeships are not easy or affordable ... as a nation we need to do primary manufacturing ourselves, everything from steel, through to making microscopes and musical instruments.’

To read the full article see <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/c98w718e7g7o>

Find out more about Cambridge Makers, the umbrella company Daniel created to house the woodwind business and Cambridge Art Makers, a complementary organisation running arts and crafts courses, at [www.cambridgemakers.org](http://www.cambridgemakers.org)

## **BRITISH CACTUS & SUCCULENT SOCIETY (BCSS) CAMBRIDGE & DISTRICT BRANCH**

At our meeting on Wednesday 10 September at 7.30 pm in Great Shelford Memorial Hall we welcome our speaker, Julian Cooke, from the Berkhamsted Branch of BCSS. Julian will be giving a slide presentation about his adventures in Chile and the many and varied species of cacti he saw there in their natural habitat. A cacti grower of many decades, he knows a great deal about these unique and fascinating plants.

Refreshments will be available and there will be cacti and succulents for sale, together with a raffle.

To discover what we are about, and to join the BCSS, why not visit our main website at [www.bcss.org.uk](http://www.bcss.org.uk) or alternatively, just drop into one of our monthly meetings: you will be made most welcome.

*Jacqui Arbon, Branch Secretary*

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## TOP TIPS FOR A FLEA-FREE PET

This summer has been a bumper season for fleas.

Increasingly mild summer temperatures and less chance of a winter cold snap to kill off dormant populations, a rise in pet ownership plus increasing resistance to available treatments all play a part. So what is the best way to keep your cat or dog flea free?



Prevention is always better than cure. There are lots of products available, but some are more effective than others. Some treatments are available over the counter in pet shops or online, while others are only available on prescription, meaning your pet will need to be seen by a vet who can then provide you with the medication or a written prescription to use at an online pharmacy. Prescription treatments are usually much more effective, especially if your pet has a bad infestation.

Most treatments for cats are 'spot-on' treatments that are applied directly to the skin on the back of the neck. Some of these last up to three months and also treat worms. Most treatments for dogs now come as palatable tablets and again, some of these only need to be given every three months and also treat most of the worms that affect dogs in the UK.

Alongside treating with effective products, regular hoovering of the areas that fleas like to inhabit, such as the edges of carpets and underneath furniture, can be helpful. Be sure to change the hoover bag regularly as this can be a lovely breeding ground! Wash pet bedding on a hot wash and if you have seen fleas active in the house you may need to pop back to your vet and buy a household spray to kill any fleas or larvae before they hatch out and reinfest your home.

There is increasing environmental concern about the use of parasite treatments for pets. If you have a dog that likes to swim, tablets are better than spot-on treatments to avoid contamination of lakes and rivers. You should also avoid washing your pet after applying flea treatment. And whilst some very active animals might benefit from year-round treatment, others may be lower risk, so to avoid over-use of products it's always worth asking your vet about what is most suitable for your pet.

Finally, fleas are not the only thing that may cause your pet to itch. Just like us, dogs and cats can suffer from allergies to pollens, foods, mites and moulds.

Church Street Vets in Stapleford are hosting a FREE client evening on 'Understanding and Managing Allergies in Pets' on Wednesday 24 September at 7pm. All welcome. For more information or to register, visit

<https://www.churchstreetvets.co.uk/news-articles>

*Patrick, Harriet and all the Church Street Vets team*

## GREAT SHELFORD FRIENDSHIP CLUB AUTUMN TERM

**Thursday 25 September until Thursday 18 December**

Great Shelford Friendship Club (for older men and women) is re-starting on 25 September, meeting weekly on Thursdays, 2.15–3.45pm at St Mary's Church Community Room.

The varied programme includes talks and discussions, activities, cakes and simple local outings. It's inclusive of different abilities, interests and tempos! The group is not religious but we celebrate Christmas and other seasonal things by agreement amongst ourselves. We have some new folk joining in September – would you like to be one of them?

Contact Rosey Feuall on [roseyleaf@talktalk.net](mailto:roseyleaf@talktalk.net)

### SAVE THE DATE! SENIORS' TEA PARTY

**Friday 28 November in Great Shelford Memorial Hall 2.30–4.30pm**



Eats and quiz and seasonal music

The event is free, but ticketed, on a first-come, first-served basis.

Once again organised by Rosey Feuall and others from Great Shelford.

We may well be recruiting helpers from other groups in our villages!

### FEAST GRANTS

A reminder that applications for Feast grants must be sent to [grants@shelfordfeast.co.uk](mailto:grants@shelfordfeast.co.uk) by **September 30**.

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**Wednesday 10 September | 7:45pm**

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### Little Black Book

**Saturday 13 September, 7:45pm**

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### Apollo Saxophone Quartet

**Friday 26 September | 7:45pm**

Celebrating 40 years of innovative musicianship, the Apollo Saxophone Quartet presents a programme of new commissions alongside their brand new Vintage Cartoon project; four early cartoons from the Silly Symphonies, Merry Melodies and Looney Tunes era, with the original scores painstakingly restored and rescored for saxophone quartet by the members of the quartet, played live to the cartoons.



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## LIBRARY NEWS

Thank you to all the children who joined and took part in this year's Summer Reading Challenge. We so enjoyed hearing about all the wonderful books that you read during the summer. The awards ceremony will be in the library on Monday 15 September at 4pm. Please come along if you can. We will keep certificates and medals safe for children who cannot attend the ceremony.

As we head into autumn our regular activities will resume.

**Engage Talk** Wednesday 24 September, 2–4pm. A talk by Dr Kevin Bryant on Autism and ADHD today. 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](mailto:Cambourne.referral@cambridgeshire.gov.uk)

**Stay and Play** Restarts on Thursday 11 September 2–3.30pm. For children aged 0–3 years. 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 0–4 years. Come and enjoy stories and rhymes led by our wonderful volunteers. This is a free drop-in event. Parents/carers please stay with your children.

**Art Club** Every Saturday 10.30am–12noon. Suitable for ages 4–10. Drop-in event. Suggested £1 donation. Parents and carers must supervise their children at all times.

We look forward to seeing you in the library this autumn.

Mel Abbiss – Community Librarian

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## **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*

21 September 1844

**RAILWAY WORKS** – Operations for carrying on the line of the Eastern Counties Railway are gradually extending in this neighbourhood. At Great Shelford some cottages which stood in the way of the intended line have been taken down. Their proprietor has received notice to clear their former site by the 26<sup>th</sup> inst. The price given for the land for the intended line is considered to have been on a liberal scale, and generally satisfactory to those who disposed of it.

7 September 1850

**PETTY SESSIONS** - JOSEPH WAKEFIELD, THOMAS RAWLINSON AND JOSEPH WATERS, 3 lads belonging to Gt. Shelford were charged by Joseph Shadwell, superintendent of police to the Eastern Counties Railway Company, with having at Trumpington maliciously obstructed the free passage of the Eastern counties Railway, by throwing stones at a train, whereby the glass and window frame of a first class carriage attached to the said train were broken. Fined 10s and 7s 6d expenses or 1 month imprisonment, and all committed.

## **GREAT SHELFORD CARPET BOWLS CLUB**

Great Shelford Carpet Bowls Club is starting up again after their summer break on Thursday 11 September at 7pm.

We are a small friendly club meeting on Thursday evenings. If you would like to try something new and have some fun and gentle exercise, come along to Great Shelford Memorial Hall and have a go, you will be most welcome.

Not only do we have enjoyable evenings playing against one another but we also go out to local village clubs and compete in friendly matches and they have return matches with us.

If you have any questions or would like to know more, please give me a ring on 01223 843416.

*Wendy Seekings (Secretary)*

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## TENNIS CLUB



The club's plans for a smart new HQ continue at pace. Great Shelford Tennis Club has now changed its charitable status to allow gift aid to be added to donations. In late July an open day fundraiser took place to help raise the £140,000 required to build a new clubhouse with meeting rooms, lavatories and a better viewing experience

for matches. Tennis professional Harry Wendelken kindly donated his time to have a hit with members. This gave us all the chance to see what it's like facing a properly struck forehand. Impossible to see, as it turned out. Harry's exhibition match against Chris Little, captain of the recently successful Cambs county team, was curtailed by heavy rain. Yet the day went well, with drinks and a barbecue run by maintenance guy John Coleman and treasurer Simon Lancaster (pictured above left). Congratulations to the committee for organising this.



Mixed matches continue in the Cambs league. The club's finals day is Saturday 20 September. There has been a great turnout in singles and doubles this year, so the day promises some red-hot tennis accompanied by ice-cold beverages for spectators.

Finally we welcome the youngest ever member of the month, and the latest member of the Sanders tennis dynasty. Nine-month-old Andrea (pictured with mum Claire) is the beautiful baby daughter of head coach Matt. Could Shelford produce the next Emma Raducanu?

*Stephen Chittenden*

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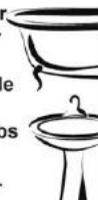


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## CRICKET CLUB

A very disappointing month as our only home match fell victim to that rare thing this year, a wet day, and the three away matches were all lost, meaning that we are now well down the league table approaching the end of the season. There were several good individual performances, but not sufficiently coordinated to seriously trouble the opposition in any of the matches. The best bowling figures were Luke Cawthorn's 4 for 31 against Coton, but overall we just haven't made enough runs, with a highest total of 156 across those three matches. We have been feeling the absence of opener Jeff Wilson through injury – get well soon, Jeff!

Turning to our junior teams whose seasons ended in July, we have had a large number of youngsters training hard and enjoying generally competitive matches. The U9s had a great season, working hard to finish well in a division with some strong teams. Winning three matches, losing three and having the rarity of a tie against Histon was an excellent outcome. They had good fun and developed a strong sense of friendship within the team.

We had two Under 11 teams who finished the season with a loss and a win, but it was enough to secure top spot in both their respective leagues. More importantly, the spirit of both U11 teams remained excellent with some great examples of sportsmanship on and off the field. The Under 13s were up against some much better resourced teams but they fought hard to win one match and have narrow defeats in three more.

Our Girls-only teams were a joint effort with Little Shelford. The Under 13s led the way, winning four out of six matches. The Under 15s had more of a challenge, but with several younger girls stepping up the matches provided good experience looking ahead to next season.

Next year we will have more junior teams so that more people will be able to join in. Along with the new artificial pitch and batting cage, both of which have proven real assets for training, the future of the junior section of the club looks secure for the years to come. Huge thanks to all coaches and other volunteers who gave up so much time to help our young players.

*Peter Ede  
Chair*

## WHAT'S ON IN SEPTEMBER

<b>CAMBRIDGE ADC THEATRE</b>	
10–13	Unfolding
16–20	Some mothers do 'ave 'em
23–27	Gypsy: a musical fable
<i><a href="https://www.adctheatre.com/">https://www.adctheatre.com/</a></i>	

<b>CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY</b>	
22 July – 17 October	Cultured canines – exhibition on the history and mythology of different dog breeds at the Museum of Classical Archaeology
Until 1 December	Hidden Histories at the Polar Museum
9 September	Talk: Black holes in the Infant Universe Ray Dolby Centre – booking required
12–21	Open Cambridge 2025 – over 70 free events, including tours of the Senate House, Mullard Radio Astronomy Observatory, college gardens, Biomedical Campus, and community events organised by Mill Road History Society, Cambridge Samaritans, Cambridge Quakers and Cambridge Access Surgery.
24	In Your Own Words – Storytelling Open Mic (Zoom)
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<b>CAMBRIDGE PAST PRESENT AND FUTURE - WANDLEBURY</b>	
1, 3	Holiday Bushcraft for 5–12 year olds
5	Late summer wildflowers – guided walk
7, 12	Outdoor Mini Retreat
8, 15, 22, 29	Story Meadow Toddler Retreat 2–5 years
10	Woodlands and wildlife - guided walk
14	Broom making workshop
26	Calm under the canopy – mindful meditation
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<b>SAWSTON CINEMA</b>	
18	Mr Burton
25	Inter Alia (National Theatre Live) China National Centre for the Performing Arts Orchestra
<i>Sawstoncinema.org</i>	

<b>SAFFRON HALL</b>	
12	Foyer jazz with the Dan Forshaw Quartet
14	Saffron Opera Group: Der fliegende Hollander
20, 21	Fascinating Aida
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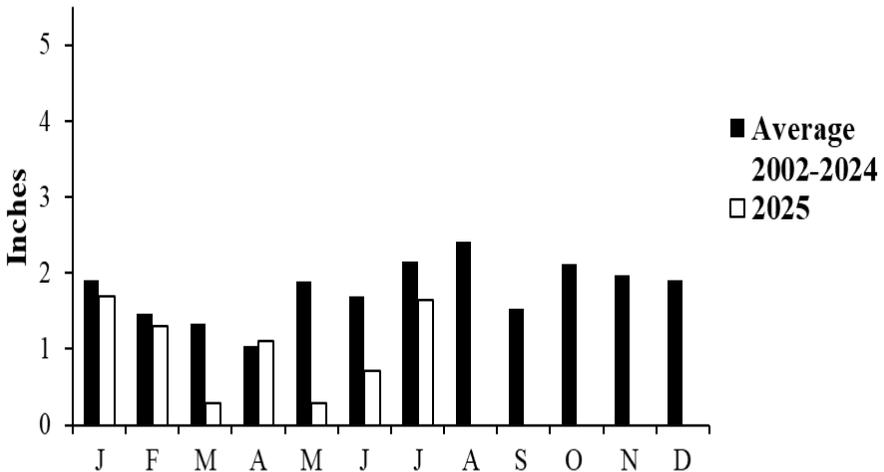
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Shelford Support Group (transport to hospital, etc.)	General enquiries: To book a journey:	shelfordsupport@googlemail.com	07804 041173 07514 542282
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