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## *Neighbourhood Plan Referendum Result*



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**GREAT SHELFORD PARISH COUNCIL**  
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**SUMMARY FROM THE UNADOPTED MINUTES OF THE  
FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES MEETING ON 20  
AUGUST 2025**

**COUNCIL ADMINISTRATION MATTERS**

- a) The leaflet for the Neighbourhood Plan referendum is being delivered to all households in Great Shelford and Stapleford and there are advertising banners in both villages.
- b) Due to issues with the delivery company, the survey date for the Memorial Hall refurbishment has been extended to 15 September.
- c) The Parish Council will register their expression of interest for the 2026/2027 Local Highways Improvements Scheme.
- d) One quote has been received for the supplementary work to the Pavilion doors. The Clerk will obtain a further quote.
- e) Following the report from the Steel Stair Inspector Ltd, the quote from Panbridge Construction for the works to the emergency staircase leading from SSYI will be accepted.
- f) Steve Bond will be asked to carry out the cleaning and safety painting of the staircase.

**COMMUNITY MATTERS**

- a) The Committee considered whether the Community Awards should continue in 2026. It was agreed to investigate rebranding and leaflets to houses and schools.
- b) A meeting on the Firework display was held on 13 August. Plans are underway for the display and for the organisation of a temporary crossing from Scotsdales to the Rugby Club.

**FINANCE MATTERS**

- a) The monthly accounts to 30 June were approved.
- b) The Clerk will circulate the figures on the current financial situation of the council against the budget.

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*

**PLANNING APPLICATIONS**  
**PARISH COUNCIL COMMENTS (20.08.2025)**

25/02816/HFUL	21 Leeway Avenue	Rear dormer extension and replacement side extension with roof light, removal of existing chimney, changes to fenestrations and associated external alterations and solar shading.
Approval recommended.		

25/029322/HFUL	73 Hinton Way	Single storey side and rear extension and new window to front/side elevation.
Approval recommended.		

**PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS IN OCTOBER**

Buildings & Grounds Committee	1 October 7pm Pavilion
Highways Committee	8 October 7pm Pavilion
Planning Committee	13 October 7pm Memorial Hall
Full Council	15 October 7pm Pavilion
Planning Committee	27 October 7pm 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.

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## GREAT SHELFORD PARISH CHURCH

### Saint Mary the Virgin

<https://www.stmarysgreatshelford.org>

#### Mary's musings

October marks the last few weeks of what we call Ordinary Time, the longest season in the church calendar. Ordinary Time comes in two parts: the first being a short run of Sundays between Candlemas and Lent; the second beginning after Pentecost and lasting nearly half the calendar year until it finishes on All Saint's Day at the beginning of November.

For clergy, it is tempting to liken it to the long school summer holiday, allowing a period of calm between the busy-ness of the two great festivals of Easter and Christmas. But life in the Church is never quiet!

In St Mary's, October begins with our annual **Harvest Festival on Sunday 5 October** and ends with **Bible Sunday on 26 October**. Harvest Festival, at which our thanksgiving collections go to **Christian Aid**, provides us with the opportunity to remind ourselves of God's goodness in celebration of the wonderful created world in which we live. On Bible Sunday we recall the great and timeless story of salvation as told in Scripture.

In between these two, there is a special family and parish Communion service '**Creation, Compassion and Music**' which celebrates the wonder of music in drawing us to God, in connecting us with nature and in making us more compassionate towards others. On the Fourth Sunday of every month we have revived our traditional **Evensong** service. If you have never attended Evensong before do come along at **5pm on October 26** for what is a very beautiful and uniquely English service of meditative liturgy and restful music.

In addition, on **October 10 at 7.30pm** we will enjoy music from voice and organ (which is currently being restored) when the **Nota Bene Choir** will sing, and **Kim Lane** will give an **organ recital**.

October is a chance to catch a breath before the countdown to Advent begins and we can start to look forward to what is, for many, the most beautiful and mystical part of the church year.

*Rev Chris Shore*

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

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<b>Thursday 2 October</b>	
	<b>8.30am Morning Prayer</b> at St Mary's. This is a half hour service of prayer. You are welcome to join us.
<b>Saturday 4 October</b>	
	<b>10.30am to 12noon Coffee Morning</b> in the Community Room.
<b>Sunday 5 October HARVEST FESTIVAL</b>	
	<b>8am Holy Communion</b> using the Book of Common Prayer. <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. Our collections today will be for <b>Christian Aid</b> .
<b>Monday 6 October</b>	
	<b>8.30am Morning Prayer</b> at St Mary's. This is a half hour service of prayer. You are welcome to join us.  <b>2pm Pilgrim Group.</b> This is a weekly study group where we discuss contemporary issues or study the Bible. We meet in <b>the Community Room</b> and welcome newcomers. We will be studying 'The Joy of the Gospel' by Paula Gooder.
<b>Friday 10 October</b>	
	<b>8.30am Morning Prayer</b> at St Mary's. <b>7.30pm Concert</b> 'An evening of Acapella Glory and Resounding Organ Music' <b>Nota Bene Choir and Kim Lane on the organ. St Mary's Church.</b> Tickets £10 which includes complimentary refreshments. Under 16 free.
<b>Sunday 12 October</b> Seventeenth after Trinity	
	<b>8am Holy Communion</b> using the Book of Common Prayer. <b>10am Family and Parish Communion</b> 'Creation, Compassion and Music.' Rowan Staines has been training in music and worship and is bringing creative ideas into this worship.
<b>Monday 13 October</b>	
	<b>8.30am Morning Prayer</b> at St Mary's. <b>2pm Pilgrim Group</b> in the <b>Community Room</b> .
<b>Thursday 16 October</b>	
	<b>8.30am Morning Prayer</b> at St Mary's.

	<b>11am Cambridgeshire Care Home Service.</b> The St Mary's Team will hold a Service of Holy Communion in the home.
<b>Thursday Evening 16 October</b>	
	<b>7pm The Parish Talks</b> Autumn Programme continues with a talk and discussion by <b>Dr Helena Phillips Robins 'Dante's Divine Comedy: Poetry and Religion in Medieval History.'</b> Helena's knowledge and interest in the culture, history and poetry of Dante's work is infectious. This is a fundraising talk with refreshments and donations invited.
<b>Sunday 19 October</b> Eighteenth after Trinity	
	<b>8am Holy Communion</b> using the Book of Common Prayer. <b>10am Sung Parish Communion</b> including Sunday Club for children. <b>Young People's Group meet after the morning worship.</b>
<b>Monday 20 October</b>	
	<b>8.30am Morning Prayer</b> at St Mary's. <b>2pm Pilgrim Group.</b> This will be back at <b>the Vicarage.</b>
<b>Wednesday 22 October</b>	
	<b>7pm Quiet Space.</b> We meet in St Mary's Church for meditation, silence and prayer.
<b>Thursday 23 October</b>	
	<b>8.30am Morning Prayer</b> at St Mary's. <b>2pm Communion Service at Barley Manor Care Home.</b> The St Mary's Team will hold a Service in the home.
<b>Sunday 26 October Bible Sunday</b>	
	<b>8am Holy Communion</b> using the Book of Common Prayer. <b>10am Sung Parish Communion</b> including Sunday Club for children. <b>5pm Sung Evensong.</b> A reflective evensong service, combining music and readings with opportunities for congregational singing of psalms, canticles and responses.

**Thought for the month:** Violence is the last resort of the incompetent.

*Isaac Asimov*

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*'The Lord will guide you always. He will satisfy your needs in a sun-scorched land and will strengthen your frame. You will be like a well-watered garden, like a spring whose waters never fail.'*  
Isaiah 58:11

It was a long, hot and very dry summer, but as I sit down to write this reflection the rain is beating against the window, distorting my view across the fields and I can hear the downpour drumming on the roof.

For those who were planning late summer outdoor celebrations, this change in the weather might be disappointing, but for the gardens it is a welcome soaking: reviving plants and turning the sun scorched grass green again, bringing renewed growth. Next year's crops, already sown, germinate quickly and shoot up in the remaining warmth of the sun.

This is the time of year when churches give thanks for a gathered harvest, remembering with gratitude God's goodness and provision and acknowledging the work done by many people in bringing the harvest home and food to our tables.

Despite the lack of rain throughout the growing season this year, we can be thankful that crops have been produced and harvested (although farmers report the yield is significantly reduced this year) and I am also grateful for an abundance of fruit on the trees in my own garden this year. Yet, it is easy to take for granted the availability and variety of produce we have access to and to forget to give thanks for the blessings we enjoy each day.

As I listen to the rain, I am reminded that water is not only a necessity for plants to grow and flourish, but also for people to survive: an essential part of our physical well being. The Bible tells us that Jesus referred to himself as the water of life; it is this water that is essential to our spiritual well being, a part of ourselves we often overlook, but which also needs to be cared for and nourished.

Today I am thankful for the rain as well as for the warmth of the sun and for new life in Jesus. I respond to God's provision for my physical and spiritual well being with gratitude. However, I would encourage us all to recognise that it is out of our abundance we can share with those who are in need – as God extends his generosity to us let us also pass this on to others.

Do feel free to drop off items for John Huntingdon's Charity's Food Bank at the church. Our collection basket is located in the foyer of our Ashen Green entrance which is open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 8.30am till 1.30pm (please ring the doorbell to gain entry). For more information about the types of food that the charity would like, visit our website page: <https://www.shelfordfreechurch.org.uk/> then Church Life > Food Bank Donation Point.

## EVENTS

### SUNDAY SERVICES

**Morning Services at 10.30am** Everyone welcome. The service can be watched on our Facebook page live and is also recorded for future viewing (available on our YouTube channel, Great Shelford Free Church – YouTube) .

**Café Church on Sunday 19 October at 10.30am** Informal family service, seated around tables with refreshments served. Please note that this meeting is not livestreamed or recorded for future viewing.

### SPECIAL EVENT

**All Hallows' Eve event. Friday 31 October, 5.30–7.30pm.** Come and join us for this fun family event. There will be activities, games, crafts and food to enjoy. To book your place, please email [administrator@shelfordfreechurch.org.uk](mailto:administrator@shelfordfreechurch.org.uk)

### WEEKDAYS

**Community Café every Monday 10–12noon.** Come and join us for tea/coffee and homemade cake. Everyone welcome!

**Little Steps Toddler Group every Wednesday 10–11.30am.** This group is for toddlers and their parent or carer. To book a place, please email [administrator@shelfordfreechurch.org.uk](mailto:administrator@shelfordfreechurch.org.uk)

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

### MONTHLY

**Friday Prayer Gathering on 24 October 10.30–11.30am.** An opportunity for people to gather for prayer for one another, for the church and community and for the wider world and also an opportunity to learn together as we worship, listen and speak to God. Come along and join us as we seek God's face together.

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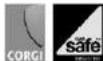


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And finally, it's time for me to say goodbye. After 17 years, I am hanging up my NHS hat! It has been truly both a privilege and a pleasure to work in primary care. While we are all aware of the many challenges facing GP practices and the wider NHS, I feel very proud to have played my small part in it all. I will greatly miss my colleagues and, of course, all of you.

With kindest regards *Sandra East, Head of Patient Services*

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Little Shelford Memorial Hall, 3-5pm Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> October, £5 per child (accompanying adults free) including tea/squash and cake, hosted by All Saints Church.

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## IS YOUR LANDLINE YOUR LIFELINE?



**Landlines are changing.** By January 2027, traditional landlines will be upgraded with digital technology. This national upgrade is known as the **Digital Switchover** and will mean that landline calls will be made over the internet instead of the old telephone network.

Telephone providers are responsible for switching customers to the upgraded service, but everyone is encouraged to check if and how the change will affect them.

### **Do you rely on a personal alarm or telecare device?**

It's important to check how the Digital Switchover will affect you, especially if you also rely on personal alarms or telecare devices (like fall detectors or lifelines), which may stop working.

For many, the change will be simple. All you will have to do is plug your landline phone into a broadband router instead of a traditional phone socket. But if you don't have an internet connection at home, or if you rely on your landline every day, this change might affect you more.

### **Three things you can do now!**

### Three things you can do now to prepare for the Digital Switchover

1. **Call your phone company** – Ask if the change affects your phone line or any connected devices. Ask to speak to customer services and use the number on your most recent bill.
2. **Ask for help if you need it** – A trusted friend, family member or neighbour can help you make the call to your phone provider or speak to your provider on your behalf.
3. **Watch out for scams** – Your phone provider will *not* ask for money upfront. If something doesn't feel right, hang up and call the official number.

The good news is landlines are not going away, you can usually keep your existing phone and number and it's the responsibility of your phone company to guide you through the process.

We know that for many people, the landline is more than just a phone - it's a lifeline. That's why **Connecting Cambridgeshire** is here to help make sure no one is left behind.

## **DON'T WAIT CALL YOUR PHONE PROVIDER TODAY.**

### **Local libraries and community champions providing information hubs for vulnerable residents**

Recognising that older and more vulnerable residents are best supported in trusted, community locations, libraries are acting as information hubs for the campaign.

Every library, including community and mobile libraries in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough has free printed information available about the Digital Switchover.

Particularly vulnerable residents, for whom their landline is a lifeline, should ask for a copy of the leaflet '**Prepare for the Digital Switchover in 3 easy steps**'.



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Monday 27 October to November 2 is Green Libraries week. Celebrating libraries with a focus on the climate and sustainability. We have lots of books on climate and sustainability, why not come and have a look.

### WHAT'S ON IN THE LIBRARY DURING OCTOBER

**Engage Talk** 'Social Prescribing' by Ian Duthrie from Granta Medical Practice. Wednesday 22 October, 2–4.00pm. 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)

**Spooky Garden Crafts** Wednesday 29 October 2–3.30pm, £2 per child.

Come and create a spooky garden for Halloween. Suitable for ages 2-10. Please pre book in the library or via [Cambourne.referral@cambridgeshire.gov.uk](mailto:Cambourne.referral@cambridgeshire.gov.uk)

Children must be accompanied by an adult during events.

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

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Hats and scarves will soon be on display and planning is in hand for our annual chutney tasting mornings in early November. We have again been invited to have a market stall at Apple Day in the Botanic Garden on Sunday 19 October. We always look forward to this event and it makes for a pleasant day in a fine environment.

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*Dorothy Doel*

## **SHELFORD SCHOOL**

It has been wonderful to welcome everyone back to school this September.

We have welcomed many new families into the school with new children joining Year 3 and Year 4 as well as the children who have joined reception. We are also pleased to have welcomed a number of new staff to the school, with Mrs Dawson joining the Year 4 teaching team, Miss Evans as maternity cover in Year 3 and Miss Greenspan, Miss Scott and Miss Jones joining us as teaching assistants. It has been wonderful to see everyone settling into their new classrooms and enjoying a positive start to the new school year.

Parents and caregivers were invited to attend the annual Meet the Teacher event on September 17, giving them an opportunity to hear about the year ahead as well as to meet the Chairs of the PTA and Governing Board. Over the coming term, all families in Years 1–6 will have the opportunity to attend a Class Briefing where they will complete an activity with their child and then stay for Collective Worship. These events are really valued by children, staff and families as an opportunity for everyone to share the wonderful experiences that are on offer at Shelford.

Reception children have begun their learning journey at Shelford by studying the topic Marvellous Me where they are exploring themes of identity and belonging. Year 1 have started the year with their topic, Shelford Stars, exploring their own story so far. Other year groups have begun by exploring identity through the lens of an important historical event, from the battle of Hastings in Year 3, the Romans in Year 4, the space race in Year 5 and Darwin's expedition on HMS Beagle in Year 6.

The term got off to a particularly exciting start for Year 2 children who took part in the Great Fire of London Day in their first week back. The children took part in a range of engaging activities that enabled them to delve into their Great Fire of London topic. Thank you to everyone involved for providing the children with such an exciting, educational experience.

The start of term has also seen the school's extra curricular programme restart for the academic year. The children have the opportunity to participate in a wide range of clubs and activities, from sporting activities such as triathlon club, multi sports or football, to choir and orchestra, dance, musical theatre, languages and public speaking and debating. We look forward to hearing how the children progress in these many areas as the year goes on.

With budget cuts and limited resources, the school increasingly relies on volunteer support and donations. We are very lucky to have a dedicated PTA at Shelford, so do look out for the many events which will be happening this

academic year. You may have already seen the PTA with their famous hook a duck stall at the Little Shelford Village Weekend or bought a new bike at the PTA Bike Sale in September. Do look out for other events later in the term as there are already plans forming for Christmas fundraising activities. These PTA events not only raise valuable money for the school, but also help to bring our wonderful community together so please do consider supporting them if you can.

*Clare Mellor (Parent Governor)*

## The Magog Trust

### Vacancy for Ranger's Assistant

The land set aside for the new countryside park under the planning permission granted for Strawberry Fields retirement village was transferred to The Magog Trust earlier this year. It will be known as Chalk Hill Down and the trustees hope that it will be open to the public in late 2027.

The Trust now needs to supplement its workforce by the addition of an assistant to its rangers on a part-time basis – initially 8 hours per week. In due course, this could increase as Chalk Hill Down becomes more established.

The role will entail maintenance work on both Chalk Hill and Magog Downs, including scrub and weed control, pruning, emptying dog bins and other *ad hoc* duties. This job will suit someone who enjoys working in the open air.

If you are interested in applying and/or learning more about the role, please contact Claire Beale on 07917 097041 or email [admin@magogtrust.org.uk](mailto:admin@magogtrust.org.uk).

## SHELFORD FESTIVAL AND FEAST

The 2026 Shelford Festival and Feast will be held from **July 4 to 11**, with Feast Day on **Sunday July 5**. Add it to your diaries!

We are delighted to be able to award grants of £20k this year bringing our total since 1994 to well over £400,00! Details in GSVN next month.

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## PIPPA HEYLINGS

### National Highways

At last week's Environmental Audit Committee meeting, I led what has been called a 'forensic questioning' session with cross-party colleagues, holding National Highways to account for the shocking failure to ensure that 860,000 newly planted trees on the route of the A14 improvement project survived - and that they delivered the biodiversity commitments made. This was part of our wider questioning into the environmental impacts of major road developments and if schemes such as biodiversity net gain are fit for purpose.

I was shocked by National Highways' inability to answer questions about supposed lessons learned. This one off session by the Select Committee came about as a result of Liberal Democrat County Councillor colleagues Cllr Edna Murphy and Ros Hathorn writing to us, after raising the alarm, getting local and national media coverage and exposing National Highways for refusing to provide data to the County Transport Committee. As a result of the questioning, I was able to secure a commitment by the CEO of National Highways to come to Cambridgeshire and provide the information requested.

### Community Funding

I'm delighted to announce that community groups across South Cambridgeshire are set to receive a major boost in funding. South Cambridgeshire District Council has increased its annual Service Support Grants from £167,400 to £300,000 a year, with this enhanced funding available for the next three years.

This is a vital lifeline for the many incredible voluntary, community and social enterprise groups that work tirelessly to support our residents. I know that the rising cost of living has put immense pressure on these organisations, and this increase acknowledges their crucial role in tackling inequality and social isolation.

From mental health support for young people to advice services and community transport, this funding will help ensure these essential services can continue to thrive. I encourage all eligible local groups to apply for this funding by **31 October** deadline. This support will help build stronger, more resilient communities across our constituency. Applications can be made at <https://www.scambs.gov.uk/grants-and-funding>

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## NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN UPDATE

### WE DID IT!!

#### What just happened?

On 4 Sept 2025, 95% of those who took part in the community referendum on the Stapleford & Gt Shelford Neighbourhood Plan voted to support its adoption. To the people who backed it – whether along the way or on referendum day – **THANK YOU!**



*Watching our ballot papers being counted*

The ‘made’ (ie adopted) version of the Stapleford & Gt Shelford Neighbourhood Plan will be formally adopted at South Cambs District Council (SCDC)’s full council meeting on 2 Oct 2025. Our Plan now carries ‘very significant weight’ (SCDC’s words) and has just as much influence as SCDC’s Local Plan and the National Planning Policy Framework when deciding planning applications coming forward in our area.

#### Thoughts about turnout

I was always optimistic that our Plan would pass referendum; after all, a neighbourhood plan is intended to be overwhelmingly positive thing for a community to have. However, the perverse pre-referendum silence that the Steering Group and parish councils had to comply with (see footnote), coupled with the vagaries of social media, still caused me great anxiety right up to the point at which the ballot papers were being counted.

For me, the big issue was turnout. If only 10 people had voted and six said ‘yes’, our Plan would still have been adopted but it wouldn’t have been respected by our community. In the end 25% of eligible voting adults said

‘yes’. I’m happy with that. Some might think that 25% is nothing to shout about, but I disagree. The returning officer at the ballot count said that it was good for a neighbourhood plan area of our size (ie big, with an electorate of 5,051). Higher turnouts typically occur when a plan area is small, or if the plan contains something particularly contentious, or when another election is happening simultaneously (one neighbourhood plan had a whopping 71% turnout when it coincided with the Brexit vote!). For reference, the Harston Neighbourhood Plan referendum took place on the same day as ours and had a 22% turnout from an electorate of 1,409; Pampisford had 32% from 259 in April 2025; and Fulbourn had 17% from 3,692 in Feb 2023.

### Our new planning policies

Planning policies shape how land and buildings can be used and developed in a particular area. They apply to all development requiring a planning application. The 20 new policies in the Stapleford & Gt Shelford Neighbourhood Plan are specific to our villages. Many of them are too lengthy and/or technically complex to reproduce here, so readers wanting the full detail and supporting evidence should refer to the adopted version of our Plan on SCDC’s website at <https://bit.ly/4lyPrkE>. Here, though, is how they should result in new development being done *with us* and *for us*, not to us:

TOPIC	POLICY NUMBER AND NAME
Housing	S&GS 1: Housing mix (type, size, affordability and design) S&GS 2: Prioritising local people in the allocation of affordable housing S&GS 3: Rural exception housing S&GS 4: Meeting the needs of the older population S&GS 5: Residential annexes to facilitate multi-generational living
The built environment	S&GS 6: Development and design in Stapleford and Great Shelford
Climate change	S&GS 7: Mitigating and adapting to climate change through building design S&GS 8: Renewable energy schemes in Stapleford and Great Shelford

Biodiversity	<p>S&amp;GS 9: Protecting and enhancing nature networks and sites of biodiversity value in Stapleford and Gt Shelford</p> <p>S&amp;GS 10: Mitigation hierarchy and biodiversity net gain in Stapleford and Gt Shelford</p> <p>S&amp;GS 11: Trees and development</p>
Our rural setting & landscape	<p>S&amp;GS 12: Protecting and enhancing Stapleford's and Gt Shelford's landscape character</p> <p>S&amp;GS 13: Important Countryside Frontage</p> <p>S&amp;GS 14: Local Green Spaces and Protected Village Amenity Area</p> <p>S&amp;GS 15: Preserving our dark landscape</p>
Community amenities & infrastructure	<p>S&amp;GS 16: Delivering community infrastructure priorities alongside new development</p>
Active travel	<p>S&amp;GS 17: Facilitating active travel in Stapleford and Gt Shelford</p>
Managing the impacts of traffic movement	<p>S&amp;GS 18: Managing the impacts of new development in the neighbourhood area with respect to the movement of people and vehicles</p>
Countryside access	<p>S&amp;GS 19: Protecting and improving routes into our countryside</p>
Countryside enhancement	<p>S&amp;GS 20: Delivering Stapleford and Gt Shelford's 'Improved Landscape Area'</p>

### Final thoughts

Over the next few weeks, I'll produce a summary of our Neighbourhood Plan and its supporting materials and use village magazines and local Facebook groups to signpost you to it. The Neighbourhood Plan is a community document and it's important that it is accessible to everyone.

In the meantime, thank you again to residents for your support and suggestions, to the magazine's editors for allowing us to champion the cause via their pages, and to the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group for turning goodwill into good

policy. This is what we can achieve when we come together to shape the future for Stapleford and Great Shelford.

**Jenny Flynn**

*Chair, Stapleford & Gt Shelford Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group*

### **Footnote**

It was enormously frustrating that, in the weeks running up to the referendum, we were prohibited from directly or indirectly promoting a ‘yes’ vote. Why? Section 4(1) of the Local Government Act 1986 requires parish councils to have regard to The Code of Recommended Practice on Local Authority Publicity from 2011.

Section 35 of this Code requires parish councils to act like local authorities in elections and referendums and local authorities are not permitted to issue any publicity which seeks to influence voters.

Where a statutory provision permits it, campaign related expenditure is allowed, but no such statutory provision exists to allow parish councils to campaign for a yes vote in a neighbourhood plan referendum.

In effect, we are bound by a code which has not been updated to accommodate the introduction of neighbourhood planning legislation in 2012 and all that this may imply. Madness.

## **CAMBRIDGE FLOWER CLUB**

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- October 16      Workshop led by Christine Carter  
                          ‘Autumn Willow Door Wreath/Table Arrangement’
- November 20    NAFAS Demonstrator David Wright  
                          ‘The 12 Days of Christmas’

Further information from co-chairs:

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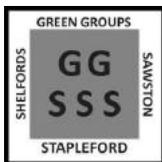
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For more information, contact [drbikestapleford@gmail.com](mailto:drbikestapleford@gmail.com). You can also book a time slot at that address, though this is not essential.

**Repair Cafés** – if you missed the café in September at Great Shelford, our next one will be on Saturday 22 November from 2pm to 5pm, at St Mary's Community Hall in Sawston. Bookings at [cambridgecarbonfootprint.org/events](http://cambridgecarbonfootprint.org/events).

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 – 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.

Please note that we will not be able to replace cracked screens on phones or tablets. But we will collect portable non working (unfixable) electrical items and ensure these are properly disposed of.

**Planning Meeting** – our next one is on Tuesday 14 October at 8pm at Cox's Close Community Room, Stapleford. More information from the email address below, or check our website.

**Discussion Evening** - if you missed our conversation evening in September about reducing your home's energy use, we are having an informal Good News evening on Thursday 27 November at 8pm at Cox's Close Community Room, Stapleford. Let's try and find positive news and environmental stories in the face of all the dramatic and devastating climate events there have been this summer.

**Quiz** - a shout out for the Quiz Evening at the Three Horseshoes in aid of Stapleford Tree Project, on Monday 20 October at 8pm. Have a fun evening and support nature locally!

**Film** - Haslingfield and Harston Eco Group is hosting a film evening on Sunday 12 October at 7pm at Haslingfield Village Hall. The film is 'The Ants and the Grasshopper', and tickets (free, but donation welcomed) on Eventbrite. Some more information:

'Anita Chitaya has a gift; she can help bring abundant food from dead soil, she can make men fight for gender equality and she can end child hunger in her village. Now, to save her home from extreme weather, she faces her greatest challenge yet: persuading Americans that climate change is real. Travelling from Malawi to California to the White House, she meets climate sceptics and despairing farmers. Her journey takes her across all the divisions shaping the US, from the rural-urban divide, to schisms of race, class and gender, to the thinking that allows some Americans to believe they live on a different planet from everyone else. It will take all her skill and experience to persuade us that we're all in this together.'

Her courage, sensitivity and belief in the possibility of change are moving and inspiring. As well as climate change the film considers issues of race, class and gender and provides much food for thought. After the screening there will be time for a discussion around some of the issues, feelings and ideas the film has raised.

**Camswift** – is a local group set up to look at installing bird boxes to attract more swifts to nest in the area. Swifts live almost entirely on the wing and their numbers are decreasing as newer houses don't have eaves where swifts and similar birds can nest and because insect numbers are down. The group has agreed several sites to install boxes in three of our villages. More news in due course.

If you are interested in green matters and the environment at all levels (individual, local, national, international), send an email to [mail2G3S@gmail.com](mailto: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](http://2g3s.staplefordvillage.org.uk)

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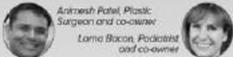
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## READER'S LETTER: LOST DRAMA SCRIPT

Dear Great Shelford Village News

Might any of your readers have a connection - through perhaps parents or grandparents - to Shelford Drama Circle? The late Cambridge based writer and academic Valerie Grosvenor Myer (1935–1986) wrote a play that was performed by the Drama Circle in April 1980.



It was called 'Nitty Gritty' and was described by Valerie as a 'suburban comedy'. It was said to have given a 'piercing insight into a bored, middle ageing couple's life' (Cambridge Evening News, 28 November 1980).

At present there is no known copy of the script, apart from a single page stumbled upon in the Newnham College archives. Did someone who appeared in the play keep a copy for their script, stashed away amongst their papers or stored in a loft? It's the only

play currently known to have been written by Valerie - but maybe there were others?

A modest collection of Valerie's papers – including an unpublished novel - is now housed at the Dean Heritage Centre in Soudley just a few yards from the house in the Forest of Dean where Valerie was born and grew up. We would love to set eyes on the full script of 'Nitty Gritty' and perhaps one day soon see it performed again.

Please do get in touch if you have any information: Dr Jason Griffiths, senior research fellow University of Gloucestershire, project manager The Forest of Dean Writers Collection.

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More details on the Big Breakfast and offers of help: Jane Greaves ([jegreaves2003@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:jegreaves2003@yahoo.co.uk)) or David Jones ([davidjhjones@btinternet.com](mailto:davidjhjones@btinternet.com))

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## WI

### **Secrets never to be told**

Our first talk of the autumn was on 4 September when Fiona Chesterton gave a talk on 'Secrets never to be told'. What a complicated true family story of how she gained an inheritance from a deceased relative in Canada. Was the letter Fiona first received from a solicitor a scam? No, it was real. The authorities in Canada had spent nearly 20 years trying to find the beneficiaries of the estate of one William Underwood who died in 1994. At the time of his death Fiona's mother was still alive so she was one beneficiary but she died so Fiona and several others shared a significant sum. Fiona was sent a huge box of old photographs and other memorabilia. The start of her inheritance adventure. The challenge was, using a birthday book and the photographs and much information from researchers in Canada, to trace the life of a Jessie Heading an illegitimate child who was born in 1877 and subsequently looked after by a housekeeper, Harriet Rooke.

Jessie became a children's nanny for a Dr Ackroyd in High Street Great Shelford but in 1912 when Mrs Rooke died she emigrated to Canada, supported by the Girls' Friendly Society.

Our speaker travelled to Canada twice to find out more about Jessie's life. She found evidence of a brief marriage to an elderly man called George Underwood in 1920 and the sudden appearance of Jessie's son William who, DNA has shown, was not related to Jessie's husband, George. This was the William Underwood whose inheritance Fiona had received.

Can anyone help Fiona with any more details of Jessie Heading or Dr Ackroyd? I would be pleased to pass any information to her.

### **Do Join us**

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

### **Next Meeting**

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 another passion, '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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## OLD NEWS

*Extracts from The Great Shelford Chronicle 1774-1868*

*Compiled and re-published by Anne George, Glynis Trundle, Margaret Ward  
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19 October 1861

EMBEZZLEMENT – William Blinkhorn, merchant's clerk, was charged on several indictments, with embezzling certain sums of money, the property of his master. After hearing the five indictments against him, the Chairman found him guilty on one of them. He was sentenced to 12 months hard labour, 3 of which to be spent in solitary confinement.

4 October 1862

GAROTTE ROBBERY – It is our unpleasant duty this week to chronicle one of those now happily infrequent occurrences, to wit, a highway robbery, effected through the agency of the garotte system. It would appear that an elderly gentleman, of this place, named Burrell, was returning from Cambridge market on Saturday evening last, and, unfortunately for him, he happened to be walking, and, on arriving at that part of his journey where the Shelford and Hauxton roads run into the main one to Cambridge, he was accosted by a man with the usual salutation of 'Good night', and having returned it with his usual affability, he was immediately afterwards seized by the throat, thrown violently on the ground, and his pockets ransacked, the two despoilers carrying off a much-valued family chronometer and cash to the amount of 14s. The unfortunate gentleman was reduced to a state of insensibility, and during the time the cowardly scoundrels made off, caring not whether their victim recovered his senses, or his life thus criminally sacrificed. The intelligent and energetic officer stationed here is on the 'qui vive' for the malefactors; and we trust speedy retribution will follow on those dastardly outrages on peace and safety.

25 October 1862

NATIONAL SCHOOLS – The wonted annual concert in connection with the above schools took place on Thursday the 16<sup>th</sup> inst. And we feel the greatest pleasure in characterising it as a decided success. The boys' school room served as the concert room for the occasion, and on entering we found it most tastily decorated, and the following appropriate inscription, serving as the sole representative of the usually large family of mottoes, 'In sweet music is such art, killing care and grief of heart.'

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## CRICKET CLUB

After the defeats of July and early August the last few weeks of the season provided a welcome change, with battle for promotion remaining alive to the final day. Playing at Royston, Fazel Lee and Mark Milne shared 7 wickets to dismiss the home side for 172. With contributions down the order, led by Tom Macfarlane's 46 not out, we got home by 5 wickets.

The following week saw our last home match against NCI, main rivals for the second promotion place behind leaders Whittlesford. Despite Henry Wilson's 40 our half-way score of 80 for 5 was disappointing, but Gion Medica hit 76 not out including four 6s and we ended on 231 for 8. Despite this high target, and losing a couple of early wickets to Fazel Lee, NCI kept up with the required rate and looked well set until Fazel returned and completed career best figures of 6 for 27. His hopes for a 7<sup>th</sup> were scuppered when Graeme Leese made a direct hit run out to take the final wicket. The final victory margin of 48 runs sounds more comfortable than it actually was. Despite the win we were still two points behind NCI heading to the final Saturday of the season.

Playing away to Harlton, it looked like an early and disappointing finish when we were soon 10 for 5, but Jonathan Ede's patient innings eventually got us to 147 for 9. The official scoresheet credits Jonathan with 70, though his batting partners think the scorers may have inadvertently credited some of their runs to him! At 96 for 3 Harlton were feeling very confident, but young Ollie Waters got his first wicket for the club and the other batsmen had no answer to Mark Milne's spin. Mark ended up with 5 for 16, his best figures for more than ten years, and at 108 for 8 the game looked over. However, Harlton's tailenders had other ideas and they got to within six runs before Henry Wilson bowled the last man. NCI could have finished above us but they actually tied their last match and finished two points behind us in the final standings. So next year we look forward to the greater challenge of Junior League Division 1.

The season was celebrated at the Square & Compasses (many thanks to Hans for arranging the food and for his support through the season). It was a successful team performance, exemplified by the fact that no fewer than seven players received votes for the player of the season award; this went to Fazel Lee who took 20 wickets in the season (and also threatened his career best score batting at number 11). The batting and bowling awards went to Jonathan Ede and Mark Milne respectively, while the Terry Radford award went to Henry Wilson who stepped up to open the batting, taking on additional responsibility when his opening partner (father Jeff) was out injured. Henry was also one of our most reliable fielders, including taking a memorable catch to contribute to the win in the final match.

*Peter Ede, Chair*

## FOOTBALL CLUB



Forgive me for repeating myself but I cannot believe I am already reporting the first month of another new season. Where did the summer go!

As part of our pre season preparation we held the second Great Shelford Memorial Trophy, extending the number of teams to six and with a league format used to decide who played the final. We are pleased to say our 'B' team, consisting mainly of last seasons young reserves, took the trophy by beating Premier Division side Comberton United 1-0, upstaging our 'A' side who went out at the group stage. The proceeds from the tournament will again go to the Arthur Rank Hospice and special thanks are due to the Parish Council for waiving the pitch fees.

Due to the cricket season still going on the first team, as usual, had to play their opening Premier Division games away from home, which in recent years has not always resulted in the best of starts. This year however, four excellent performances brought wins at Hardwick (3-1), Foxton (3-1), Wisbech St Mary (4-0) and Newmarket Town Reserves (4-0), to leave us topping the table, albeit very early in what will be a longer season than recent ones given the league has been extended from 13 back to 16 teams.

The reserves also had to play their first two Senior 'A' Division games away from home. Evening kick-offs against reserve teams whose firsts play higher up the football pyramid can often prove difficult, so a hard fought 1-1 draw at Eaton Socon Reserves was seen as a good result.

The following Saturday against Saffron Walden Reserves proved even better when the lads fought back from two goals down to win 4-2. Local rivals Sawston United won last season's Senior 'B' Division by thirteen points and beat our first team along the way in the Cambs Challenge Cup. The local 'derby' was as expected hard fought and a rebound netted from a saved penalty proved to be the only difference between the teams and saw us secure three valuable points. Only three games in but like the first team, also top of the table.

There will be games on the rec on most Saturdays throughout the season so why not come along and support your local club.

*Terry Rider*

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## TENNIS

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We have raised nearly two thirds so far and by the time you read this the club will have held its latest event at the Stapleford Granary, with an auction at the club dinner. November's *News* will contain all the details of the fabulous prizes and trophy winners, but this month we can reveal the whizzy new QR code that lets donors stump up directly.



In a radical departure from tradition, it was sunny and warm for the Bank Holiday mixed handicap competition. So warm, in fact, that it saw a rare appearance by our old friend Gary 'Gaz' Ebo who provided welcome shade for sweaty players in between matches.

The event was so well attended (see photo) that players had to be split into two groups with the two winning pairs meeting in a final. Special commendation



must go to Tom Cope for playing in both groups...paired in one with his wife, and his daughter in the other group. What if, you ask, he had won both and had to play himself in the final?

Luckily for organiser Monika Jacquinot that didn't happen. Tom may have missed out on the trophy but he scoops the prestigious GSTC Member of the Month award!

*Stephen Chittenden*

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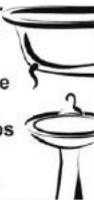
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14–18	Dial M for Murder
15–18	This Side of Life: Matt Williams
21–25	Brassed Off
28–1 November	The Addams Family
<i><a href="https://www.adctheatre.com/">https://www.adctheatre.com/</a></i>	

<b>CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY</b>	
22 July – 18 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
4 October	Fungi Field Day at the Botanic Gardens
9	Brodsky Quartet at Kettles Yard (Haydn, Shostakovitch, Smetana)
10	Choral Music spanning five centuries (Downing Place URC, St Luke's Church)
18	Music from Finland (Sibelius, Lindberg) City of Cambridge Symphony Orchestra at West Road Concert Hall)
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<b>CAMBRIDGE PAST PRESENT AND FUTURE - WANDLEBURY</b>	
1	Screening of Our Blue World: A Water Odyssey (Babbage Lecture Theatre)
5	Hinxton Watermill Open Day
11	Willow Weaving
27–31	Holiday Bushcraft for 5–14 year olds
29	Woodlands and wildlife - guided walk
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<b>SAWSTON CINEMA</b>	
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<b>ARTS PICTURE HOUSE</b>	
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4	Strangers on a Train (Hitchcock)
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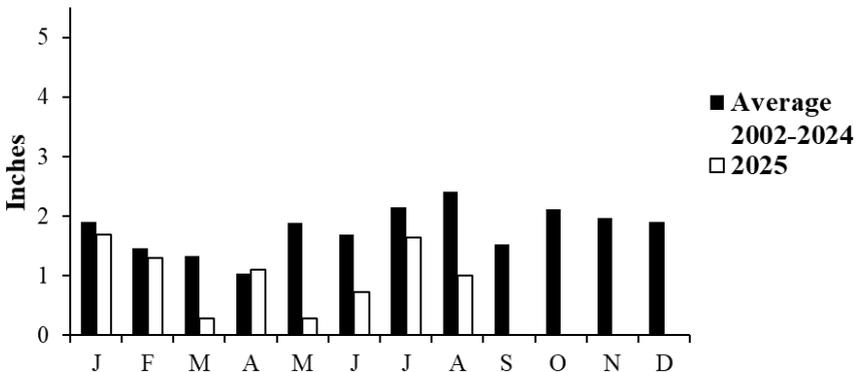
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Country Market	Dorothy Doel	dorothy@woodlandsroad.plus.com	01223 843946
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Football Club	Terry Rider	footybeast63@sky.com	01354 680661
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Shelford Bridge Club	Tony Cliff	anthony.r.diff@gmail.com	07532 737794
Shelford Primary School	Chris Grey (Headteacher)	office@shelford.cambs.sch.uk	01223 843107
Shelford Spokes Cycling Club	Brian Connellan	www.shelfordspokes.co.uk shelfordspokes@gmail.com	07941 574663
Shelford Support Group (transport to hospital, etc.)	General enquiries: To book a journey:	shelfordsupport@googlemail.com	07804 041173 07514 542282
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### Joe Webb Trio

**Friday 3 October | 7:45pm**

A leading force on the global jazz scene, pianist Joe Webb and his trio take inspiration from 90's Brit-pop, seamlessly blending nostalgia and traditional jazz with contemporary flair.



### Charlie Dore

**Saturday 4 October | 7:45pm**

One of the UK's most respected singer songwriters, Charlie's music moves from folk and Americana to jazz and art-pop, with humour, pathos and razor-sharp observations woven into her lyrics.



### The Marian Consort

**Friday 10 October | 7:45pm**

The award-winning Marian Consort, brilliant discoverers and exponents of rare repertoire, present a programme of extraordinary beauty and hidden meaning from Renaissance Portugal.



### Mishra

**Saturday 18 October | 7:45pm**

Global folk band whose music ranges from meditative raga-inspired improvisations to high-energy Celtic dance tunes underpinned by percussive grooves.

### Aaron Azunda Akugbo & Ryan Corbett

**Sunday 26 October | 3:00pm**

Two virtuoso players and 2024 Classic FM Rising Stars join forces in a gloriously eclectic programme of music for trumpet and accordion.



### Tabea Debus & Steven Devine

**Friday 31 October | 7:45pm**

An imaginative programme of music for recorder and harpsichord by J S Bach, Alex Nante and Tomaso Albinoni, performed by this renowned, charismatic and virtuoso duo.