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GREAT SHELFORD PARISH COUNCIL

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SUMMARY FROM THE UNADOPTED MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING ON 17 SEPTEMBER 2025

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION

Two members of the public from Camswift were in attendance. They advised that numbers of swifts and house martins have fallen significantly in the UK. This is also true in Great Shelford, mainly due to the reduction of insects and nesting options. A grant of £853.80 for the installation of nesting boxes at Saint Mary's Church and around Woollards Lane and Old School Court was approved.

REPORTS FROM COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCIL MEMBERS

County Cllr Damary-Homan presented an update from Cambridgeshire County Council (CCC).

- The CCC have launched a survey on Option A for the Local Government Reorganisation. They are in favour of this option, which proposes two unitary authorities: firstly City, East & South Cambridgeshire' and secondly 'Fenland, Huntingdon & Peterborough'. Everyone was encouraged to feedback via the survey.
- The CCC's new highways system for reporting defects will go live on 22 September.
- Councillors questioned when the work on Church Street might happen, along with the resurfacing of Tunwells Lane and the yellow lines outside the Co-Op. The Clerk will summarise the main highways issues and send this to County Cllr Damary-Homan.

Cllr Jackson-Wood presented an update from South Cambridgeshire District Council (SCDC).

- The plan to move the wastewater treatment facility from Cowley Road in Cambridge to Honey Hill near Horningsea has been halted as increasing costs have made it unaffordable. This means that the new Hartree development on the current site cannot be delivered.
The council discussed how enough fresh water could be delivered to new housing estates and the need for the development of the Fen Reservoir.
- Cllr Watson asked if more feedback could be provided on why planning applications which the Parish Council have not supported have gone on to be granted by the District Council.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND WORKING GROUPS

The Neighbourhood Plan working group was delighted with the result of the referendum. There were 1189 votes of Yes in support of the plan and 62 votes of No. The turnout was 25%. The plan will go to the District Council to be approved on 2 October.

HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORT MATTERS

- Cllr Brown gave a summary of the meeting with East West Rail (EWR) chaired by Pippa Heylings MP. The outcome of the meeting was that EWR will provide a series of single topic follow ups focusing on the impact on housing, finance, environment etc. The Parish Council will write to EWR to continue to ask questions. County Cllr Damary-Homan will also ask the District Council the same questions.
- Submissions related to Cambridge South-East Transport Busway (CSET) were due to be sent to the Department of Transport by September 20 ahead of the public enquiry. The Cambourne to Cambridge (C2C) public enquiry is currently live on YouTube.
- Cllr Howard Kettel gave an update following a meeting regarding the Greenway. The work is expected to start in April. Hinton Way will be narrowed to one lane at the junction with Mingle Lane, with priority given to traffic travelling away from the station. The bus stop on Hinton Way will be relocated closer to Great Shelford Local Store. The road will not be resurfaced but pot holes will be filled.
- The Traffic and Transport Infrastructure Working Group (TTIWG) would like some clarity on how it is decided where bus stops are placed. They also raised the subject of a footpath between Great Shelford and Little Shelford, and asked who now owns the land. The upcoming presentation from Greater Anglia regarding the Community Rail Partnership for CamValley should also provide an update on Cambridge South and Shelford Stations. The TTIWG will contact the Mayor's Assistant. The clerk will check the Land Registry regarding the ownership of land and will speak to Alan Neville at Greater Anglia.

COUNCIL ADMINISTRATION MATTERS

- **Pavilion**
The revised quote from Millen Ltd to install the new pavilion doors was presented. This broke down the overall cost of £9,588+VAT for the additional work needed to prepare for the new sliding doors into three stages: setting up the site, installing the new concrete base and adapting the existing opening. The costs for all three stages were approved.

Two options for the design of new handrails for the pavilion were presented. Option 2 was preferred as it was deemed safer and recommended by the architect. It was agreed to obtain quotes for both options for comparison and to find out if planning permission is required.

- **Cemetery extension**

The assistant clerk presented the pre-application report on stages 2 and 3 of the new cemetery extension which The CDS Group received from the planning department. The council discussed the possible timeline for the cemetery extension and the costs for the next stages of the project. It was also noted that trial trenching might be required by the Archaeological Officer given that the area is of special interest. The council will notify the village about the plans before deciding to go ahead with the next stage and request a revised quote for stages 2 & 3 which will also include the cost for trial trenching.

- **War memorial**

The first stage of the restoration work has been completed and the memorial is now back in its correct place. The second stage will be to explore replacing the stained stone. There is a concern that brand new stone will look wrong against the existing stonework. The clerk will speak to the heritage officer regarding the best course of action.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS IN NOVEMBER

Cemetery & Allotments	5 November	7.30pm	Pavilion
Planning Committee	10 November	7.30pm	Memorial Hall
Full Council	19 November	7.00pm	Pavilion
Planning Committee	24 November	7.30pm	Memorial Hall

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

Full copies of the agendas and minutes of the Parish Council and Committee meetings can be viewed on the Parish Council website:
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PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

STAPLEFORD AND GREAT SHELFORD NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN REFERENDUM

On the 2 October 2025 South Cambridgeshire District Council agreed to adopt the Stapleford and Great Shelford Neighbourhood Plan under Section 38A(4) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004. The Stapleford and Great Shelford Neighbourhood Plan as made now forms part of the development plan for South Cambridgeshire. All planning decisions in our villages will now need to be made in accordance with the development plan, which now includes our Neighbourhood Plan.

The referendum on the Neighbourhood Plan had a great turnout (thank you) and over 95% voted in support of the plan. Cllr Bridget Smith, Leader of the District Council, said at the meeting, ‘This is a tremendous piece of work and well done for getting such a very high response from your community and for the 95% endorsement, which is one of the highest I’ve seen...’

The Neighbourhood Plan and additional information is available to view using the following link: tiny.cc/g9zt001

A massive ‘thank you’ to Jenny Flynn, who chaired the working group and all the members of the working group for the time and effort they put in to creating our Neighbourhood Plan.

MEMORIAL HALL

Thank you to all of you who took part in the survey about the Memorial Hall. We will analyse the results and decide where we go with the project, bearing in mind the cost implications.

Here are some of the comments we received:

- Many feel the plans are either too expensive or lack creativity.
- There is concern about potential increases in council tax, which is already considered high.
- Some residents would be more willing to support a tax increase for a new building rather than a renovation.
- Others believe a simpler refurbishment would be sufficient.
- Questions have been raised about project timescales and how existing hall users will be accommodated during renovation.
- Several residents feel that activities at the hall need to be better advertised.

- The current plans do not clearly highlight any environmental benefits.

Summary

- There is strong agreement that the hall needs renovation, as it is considered outdated.
- The hall is valued for its central location, surrounding grounds, sense of community and generous size.
- Around 6 in 10 residents support the proposed design in principle, but only just over a quarter believe that spending £1 million on the project is reasonable.
- Opinions are divided: some believe the project should be more ambitious (a new build or bolder design if costs are high), while others favour a more modest refurbishment focusing on key areas such as the toilets and kitchen.

BUSES SERVING GREAT SHELFORD

Following discussions at the Parish Council Highways meeting, it was resolved that the Traffic, Transport & Infrastructure Working Group (TTWIG) would take this project forward. This will include adding a link to the Parish Council website with details of bus routes and timetables and possibly distributing a leaflet to all residents. The leaflet would show the routes and times on one side and a map of the bus stops on the other. We will need to ensure that all information is accurate and agreed upon by all bus operators.

WAR MEMORIAL UPDATE.

The repairs that were carried out on 3 September are now complete and the cones have been removed from around the memorial. During the Remembrance Service on 9 November there will be a rededication of the memorial.

FUTURE EVENTS FOR YOUR DIARY

Fireworks Saturday 8 November

Great Shelford Rugby Club have once again agreed to host the event for the Parish Council, with Scotsdales Garden Centre providing the parking. We are very grateful for their assistance. Please park in the Garden Centre if you are taking your car and not in Westfield Road or Stonehill Road.

We are hoping to have temporary lights in place to enable the safe crossing of Cambridge Road.

The Rugby Club will be open from 5pm and the event starts at 6pm with the fire work display at 7pm. Food and drinks will be available from the club as well as from additional street food stalls.

Great Shelford Christmas Lights Switch-On – Sunday 30 November 2025

Come and enjoy an afternoon filled with festive fun at the Memorial Hall! Santa will be in his Grotto welcoming children from **2–6pm**.

There will be fairground rides for children, community stalls, a Christmas market and delicious street food vans.

Santa will switch on the lights at **4.30pm**.

Christmas Carol Evening – Tuesday, 16 December 2025

Join us at Great Shelford Memorial Hall for an enjoyable evening of Christmas music with the Cambridge Brass Band. The band will perform a range of traditional and modern carols to help everyone get into the festive spirit.

- Arrive from: 6pm
- Carols begin: 6.30pm
- Approximate finish: 7.15pm

Bring your family, friends and neighbours to share in this community celebration. Wrap up warmly, and enjoy hot drinks and festive treats, which will be available throughout the evening. Everyone is welcome to come and sing along!

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN UPDATE**WE ARE NOW PART OF THE LOCAL DEVELOPMENT
FRAMEWORK**

South Cambridgeshire District Council unanimously agreed to adopt the Stapleford & Gt Shelford Neighbourhood Plan at its full council meeting on 2 Oct 2025. This means that our 20 planning policies now have equal weight to those in SCDC's Local Plan and the National Planning Policy Framework when deciding all planning applications coming forward in our two parishes.

Cllr Bridget Smith, Leader of the Council, said at the meeting, 'This is a tremendous piece of work and well done for getting such a very high response from your community and for the 95% endorsement, which is one of the highest I've seen...'

A job well done!

Jenny Flynn
Chair of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

GREAT SHELFORD SENIORS' TEA PARTY

FRIDAY 28th NOVEMBER 2025

2.30–4.30pm

Great Shelford Memorial Hall



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**The event is free, but ticketed
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St Mary's Musings:

We remember so that we may never forget.

November is a month of remembering. The festival of All Saints is on the first day, where we remember the saints. On All Souls Day, 2 November, we remember departed loved ones and give thanks for their lives. There is a special service at St Mary's in commemoration and to light candles in their memory.

We have Bonfire Night: 'Remember, remember, the fifth of November' so as not to forget the foiled gunpowder plot of Guy Fawkes in 1605. We remember those who lost their lives in war with Remembrance Sunday on 9 November and the Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial on 11 November, both events in commemoration of Armistice Day and the end of World War I.

We mark these occasions so that we don't forget. Sometimes we remember for good reasons, so that we can keep the memory alive of someone we love but see no longer. But sometimes we remember so that we don't forget the bad times. We commemorate Armistice Day and honour those who have died in war so that we don't forget the sacrifice made by those who served, but also to try to ensure that it doesn't happen again. With conflicts ongoing around the world, it is more important than ever to strive for peace.

World Kindness Day, on 13 November, encourages random acts of kindness to overcome our divisions, to focus on the good and, as Jesus also calls us, to love our neighbours, even our enemies, as ourselves to create a more compassionate future.

Kindness is disarming. It bridges over that which divides us and connects us in recognition of our shared humanity. We may not have the power to stop wars, but we can consider what we can do to make our world a better place and to be the change that we want to see in the world.

Rev Dr Sarah West

Thought for the month:

God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. Psalm 46.1

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

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.

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Saturday 1 November	
	10.30am – 12noon Coffee Morning in the Community Room.
Sunday 2 November – Feast of All Saints	
	<p>8am Holy Communion using the Book of Common Prayer. 10am Sung Parish Communion including Sunday Club for children. 5pm All Souls Service: ‘Lead Kindly Light’. We warmly invite you to a reflective service of remembrance. Through sacred music and readings of scripture and poetry, we will remember those we have lost and light a candle in remembrance and hope. The Byrd Club singers will contribute reflective choral music.</p>
Thursday 6 November	
	<p>8.30am Morning Prayer at St Mary’s. We will meet in the chancel for about half an hour. You are welcome to join us. 2pm Memorial Service at the Cambridgeshire Care Home and Blessing of the Home. The St Mary’s Team will hold a service in the home when those who have died will be remembered.</p>
Sunday 9 November – Remembrance Sunday	
	<p>8am Holy Communion using the Book of Common Prayer. 9.30am The United Church and Village Remembrance Day Service takes place this year in St Mary’s Church; Great Shelford Free Church will be joining us. At the end of the service, we will make our way to the War Memorial for the Remembrance. 10.45am Service of Remembrance and Rededication of the War Memorial. Following the service in St Mary’s Church, we will make our way to the War Memorial for a short service. Names will be read from the Roll of Honour of those from the village who laid down their lives for our peace and liberty. We will remember them in the two minute silence at 11am and honour their sacrifice. There will be a rededication of the War Memorial following the substantial repairs.</p>
Tuesday 11 November	
	10.45am Remembrance Day Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial. The Roll of Honour will be read out of those from the village who laid down their lives for our peace and liberty. We will remember them in the two minute silence at 11am and honour their sacrifice.
Thursday 13 November	
	8.30am Morning Prayer in the chancel for about half an hour.
Sunday 16 November – Second before advent	
	<p>8am Holy Communion using the Book of Common Prayer. 10am Sung Parish Communion including Sunday Club for children.</p>

	11.15am The Youth Group, (The Young Pilgrim Group) will meet after the morning worship.
Thursday 20 November	
	8.30am Morning Prayer in the chancel for about half an hour. 11am Cambridgeshire Care Home Communion Service. 12noon Chapter Meet at St Mary's for Communion Service. 7pm The Parish Talks Rev Prof Alasdair Coles 'Can Christian Ethics help the NHS?' Alasdair Coles is a neurologist specialising in immunological disorders of the brain. He also serves as a Church of England priest and is a member of the chaplaincy team at Addenbrooke's. Drawing upon his extensive background in teaching, medical practice, research, and chaplaincy, his presentation promises to offer valuable insights for all who attend this fundraising talk.
Sunday 23 November Christ the King – Last Sunday before Advent	
	8am Holy Communion using the Book of Common Prayer. 10am Sung Festival Eucharist to celebrate Christ the King. There is a Sunday Club for children. 5pm Sung Evensong. A reflective service, combining music and readings with opportunities for congregational singing of psalms, canticles and responses.
Thursday 27 November	
	8.30am Morning Prayer in the chancel for about half an hour.
Sunday 30 November Advent Sunday	
	8am Holy Communion using the Book of Common Prayer. 10am Sung Advent Service. This is the beginning of the new church year. We start preparation for the celebration of Christ's birth and reflect on his ultimate return. There is a Sunday Club for children.

Every Monday at 8.30am (November 3, 10, 17 and 24)

Morning Prayer at St Mary's. We meet in the chancel for about half an hour.

Every Monday afternoon at 2pm in the Vicarage, The Pilgrim Group

We discuss contemporary issues or study the Bible. Newcomers welcome.

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CHURCH EVENTS

SUNDAY SERVICES

Morning Services at 10.30am (except 9 November – see below), Everyone welcome. Our morning services can be watched on our Facebook page live and are also recorded for future viewing; available on our YouTube channel, *Great Shelford Free Church - YouTube*.

Café Church on Sunday 16 November 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 EVENTS

Sunday 9 November at 9.30am – Joint Remembrance Service with St Mary's Church at St Mary's Church. After the service, the High Street will be closed to traffic to allow for a procession and for people to walk down to the village's War Memorial where there will be a short service at 11am.

Saturday 15 November, 10am–12.30pm – Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Filling Party with cake and plant sale.

Join us for this fun event where empty shoe boxes are available with lots of items arranged on tables so that you can fill a box (or more!) with contents that you choose. Feel free to bring along boxes that you have already filled.

WEEKDAY EVENTS

Community Café every Monday: 10am–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

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

MONTHLY

28 November Friday, Prayer Gathering as we enter the Advent period 10.30–11.30am. An opportunity for people to step out of the busyness of the day to day and pause as we 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.

**FREE CHURCH
OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD**

Gt Shelford Free Church would like to invite you to a

***SHOEBOX FILLING PARTY
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SATURDAY 15th November 10am - 12.30pm



Everything is provided but you can bring fillers if you have them. Great fun for all age groups: children, families, or the not so young.

Refreshments available or Cara coffee is next door. Also, the opportunity to buy a cake or biscuits or a plant.

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We would love to see you, you will be very welcome!

To find out more please phone the church office: 01223 842181
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email jane.furlow@gmail.com

www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child

This month, Great Shelford Free Church is engaging with Samaritan's Purse charity as we are a collection point for their annual shoebox appeal. At this busy time of year, it is good to continue to remember to give generously out of the abundance of God's good provision for us.

“And let us not grow weary of doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest” Galatians 6:9

Operation Christmas Child is a Christian charity which sends filled shoeboxes to many countries all over the world. The boxes are given to any needy child regardless of colour or race, whether of faith or no faith. As they receive their box, the children are told the gospel story and if they want to know more, can engage in a course called 'The Greatest Journey'.

The boxes are a tangible way of showing God's love, providing much joy and delight, as well as practical items to children and their families. The gifts inside each box may be the only gifts the child receives and can include items such as stationery, soap, a toothbrush, small toys and games, picture books, balls, hats and gloves and a WOW item. Sending a note or photo with a box means so much because it makes the box more personal.

If you would like to pack a box at home, the boxes can be received at the church during collection week from 10–17 November, with the Shoebox Filling Party towards the end of this week (see separate advert above). Empty boxes for filling can be collected from the church office during opening hours, if desired.

We would love to see you on the 15 November at our Shoebox Filling Party.

SHELFORD COUNTRY MARKET

Shortening daylight hours, falling leaves and almost time for our popular chutney tasting mornings. It must be November!



The two dates for your diaries are both Wednesdays, 5 and 12 November. You will have the chance to sample many varieties of homemade chutney on a bit of cheese and cracker before you select and buy.

The garden section has had a busy few weeks with a good choice of apples, pears, tomatoes and a few raspberries. The amazing selection of freshly cut garden flowers has been quite spectacular. Maybe now it is time to treat yourself to a new woolly hat, perhaps some fine hand knitted socks, a bracelet, necklace or hand cream. The list goes on. For the latest market update, you will find many of our products on our facebook pages at <https://www.facebook.com/gtshelfordmarket>

We think of ourselves as a welcoming social hub with free entry to a friendly and warm environment, plenty of chatter, plenty to look at, the place to make new friends and a busy café area.

A few customers now use our ordering system especially for food items and we would welcome more. Popular lines sell out quickly so why not order! It's easy at the market, call on 01223 843946 or email dorothy@woodlandsroad.plus.com

Whatever the weather, whether you have cash or card, we look forward to seeing you in the Memorial Hall on Wednesday mornings 9–11.30am.

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Year 5 at Burwell House, 1–3 October

The longest term, shortening days, falling temperatures, Harvest Moon and harvest abundance, busy pupils, staff and parents – all features of the Shelford academic year so far.

Tuesday 30 September saw Year 3 visit Hedingham Castle. The children were taken back to the 1100s, meeting musicians, archers, soldiers, doctors and even the Lady of the Castle, who told them all about life under King Stephen. They jousting and explored what imposing and withstanding a siege involved, so next time you are planning to besiege a castle, you know where to go for expertise.

Year 5 pupils enjoyed the annual Burwell House residential visit from 1–3 October. They explored the ropes course, made batik bags <https://shorturl.at/ryN3a>, and learned about how to produce and present a television programme in the on-site TV studio, a particular highlight of this well-established trip

The annual Harvest Service took place on Wednesday 8 October at St Mary's. This featured the collection of donations to Jimmy's Cambridge as part of their Harvest appeal. Thanks to all who contributed.

The Parent Teacher Association (<https://shorturl.at/wLziC>) has been as busy as ever, holding a productive AGM on Wednesday 15 October. Forthcoming events include the 'Shelford Pre-Loved Fashion Event' at 7.30pm on Wednesday 19 November (more details and tickets coming soon) and the

Christmas Fair at Great Shelford Memorial Hall on Sunday 20 November, 2–5pm. This will feature hot dogs, hamper raffles and a lucky dip.

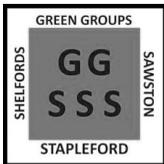
Governors held their first Full Governing Board meeting of the year on Thursday 9 October, covering a wide range of topics including the school budget, staffing, pupil numbers and a forward look across the academic year ahead and beyond to the next three years. Details about the school governors, and minutes of the governor meetings, are on the school website.

Any families looking for a Reception school place in September 2026, please note Admissions Tours are scheduled for 1.30pm on Thursday 13, Tuesday 18 and Thursday 20 November. Please email the school office to book your place: office@shelford.cambs.sch.uk

Douglas Leckie
Chair of Governors

2G3S

Dr Bike continues to hold its volunteer run weekly bike repair sessions at the



Old Slaughterhouse in Stapleford, 3–5.30pm every Tuesday. We have also been trialling running Saturday afternoon sessions (3–5.30pm), on the last Saturday of the month, so there will be one at the end of November. Children are welcome to come and learn how to look after their bikes and do simple maintenance and repairs, but please attend with

them (for safeguarding reasons).

For more information, contact drbikestapleford@gmail.com. You can also book a time slot at that address, though this is not essential. There will also be a session on Saturday 20 December, 3–5.30pm, but you must book a slot for this one. It would be very useful if you buy a bike online for someone for Christmas and you need help to assemble it!

Repair Cafés Our next one will be on Saturday 22 November from 2–5pm, at St Mary's Community Hall in Sawston. Bookings can be made at 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.

Book Group Our next meeting is on Tuesday 18 November at 8pm in the Three Horseshoes, Stapleford. The book is 'Land Smart' by Countryfile's Tom Heap and is an easy and interesting read. It is full of examples of using land really cleverly to gain the maximum biodiversity, food production and/or energy. Pertinent to our area is stopping the drying out of peat in the Fens while still producing food.

Good News Discussion Evening 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 and the backtracking of politicians on net zero.

Open Eco Homes throughout November Cambridge Carbon Footprint is once again running a number of talks about saving energy, heat pumps and retrofitting your home, with several visits to homes that have been adapted or built to save energy (and therefore reduce the bills). Talks and visits are free of charge, but you'll need to book. More details at cambridgecarbonfootprint.org.

Help shape climate and nature work in Cambridge and South Cambridgeshire The climate and ecological crises are one of the biggest challenges facing Greater Cambridge, now and in the years to come. Real progress has been made in the area but there is more work to be done. Cambridge City Council and South Cambridgeshire District Council are creating new strategies to guide how our area responds to the challenges and opportunities of climate change and nature recovery. Respond to their joint survey by 5 November to share your views on the Councils' approaches to tackling climate change and nature recovery, at cambridge.gov.uk/climate-change-strategy.

Contacts If you are interested in green matters and the environment at all levels (individual, local, national, international), send an email to mail2G3S@gmail.com to sign up for our monthly newsletter, or to get more information about our meetings. We are a friendly group and welcome anyone who wants to come along to one of our events or to find out more about how we can live sustainably. Also see our Facebook page and our website 2g3s.staplefordvillage.org.uk/.

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LOSS OF PALLIATIVE CARE BEDS AT ARTHUR RANK

Over parliamentary recess I took the opportunity to meet and hear from residents and organisations in South Cambridgeshire. One issue has dominated – the serious funding cut facing the Arthur Rank Hospice. This wonderful organisation, which provides vital end of life care for the terminally ill, is being forced to plan for the closure of nine of its 23 beds – a reduction of 40% of its inpatient capacity. At the time of writing, the hospice is facing a funding deficit of £829,000.

I have visited the hospice on several occasions and heard from their CEO Sharon Allen, their amazing staff and the patients and families who treasure this resource. Together with Cambridgeshire's Liberal Democrat MPs Charlotte Cane and Ian Sollom, I have set up a petition to call on the government to save these vital palliative care beds. Over 14,000 people have signed our petition calling for a rethink, with 4,500 signatures in just the first 24 hours! I have been so heartened by the extraordinary response of residents as news of this became public. This is a resounding call to action that has been well reported in the media.

Given the level of response and the concern shown, our petition is now addressed directly to the Prime Minister as well as to the Secretary of State for Health. If we can get more signatures, we plan to hand in the petition to Number 10 Downing Street - so please do sign it here:

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and share as widely as you can to save these precious Arthur Rank Hospice beds and the skilled staff that provide the care for them.

If you would like to help the hospice further, you can find details to donate to their Protect our Care campaign at:

www.arhc.org.uk/donate.

Alongside campaigning to save the hospice, I've also been out on the doorsteps listening to residents, holding surgeries and meeting constituents at my 'meet your MP' events. These are just a few of the things I've been working on over the last few months that I wanted to share with you. If you would like to keep up to date with my work, you can register for my e-newsletter, available at:

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SUMMER READING CHALLENGE GREAT SHELFORD LIBRARY



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For every book read, the children tell a local volunteer all about it and receive a themed sticker for their chart. This year's challenge was

entitled, **Story Garden – Adventures in Nature and the Great Outdoors.**

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256 children signed up for the Reading Challenge, and an impressive 169 children completed it, creating a new record for Great Shelford library!

The volunteers were mainly teenagers, keen to help with this initiative and thanks are due to Kamran, Razi, Aashna, Thomas and John supplemented by adults, Sarah and Polly. Their help was much appreciated by the staff, parents and children.

John Stanton, Vice Chairman of Great Shelford Parish Council kindly awarded the certificates and medals to those children who could attend on Monday 15 September in the library, assisted by Polly Stanton and Mel Abbiss, the Great Shelford Librarian. Some of the children are pictured here proudly displaying their certificates and medals.

Those children who were unable to attend the recent awards ceremony, are welcome to call in at the library during opening hours to collect their medals and certificates.

Congratulations to all those who completed the 2025 Summer Reading Challenge!

*Sarah Coppendale
Secretary, Friends of Shelford Library*

‘A COMPLETE UNKNOWN’

A Little Shelford Memorial Hall Film Show

Saturday 22 November 2025

Doors open at 7pm for a 7.15pm start.

We will not be serving supper with this film but there will be a licensed bar.

A Complete Unknown is a 2024 American biographical film about the early career of American singer-songwriter, Bob Dylan. *A Complete Unknown* examines the period of 1961-1965, beginning with Dylan's start as an American folk singer and ending with his controversial use of electric instruments at the 1965 Newport Folk Festival. Dylan is portrayed by Timothée Chalamet, who also produced the film.

The film earned eight nominations at the 97th Academy Awards, three nominations at the 82nd Golden Globe Awards, four at the 31st Screen Actors Guild Awards (winning Best Actor for Chalamet) and six at the British Academy Film Awards (including Best Film).

Tickets (£7.00 per person) are available from
Sarah Coppendale: (842498) coppendales@btinternet.com
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THE FESTIVAL AND FEAST

I have a spreadsheet which, if printed off, would cover 16 pages of A4. In 32 columns and 100 rows it's a list of the grants given to deserving good causes by The Feast since it was revived in 1994. These are not just numbers – impressive as they are – but numbers that tell a lot about the local good causes this village has supported over the last 31 years.

Looking at big numbers, we can see that Shelford School has been given over £53,000. You'll remember that it was the school's financial position in 1994 that inspired Jerry Brown to organise the first modern Feast, raising funds to pay for an extra teacher, supporting young people. The Feast has helped the school ever since.

By 1997 donations were being given further afield and we see that the mobile warden scheme for the elderly was being helped. Our spreadsheet shows they have received nearly £32,000.

My list of 100 organisations includes Scouting and Guiding, sports (badminton, bowls, football, cricket), medical (Cambridge Cancer Help, first responders, Magpas, Sick Children's Trust), Arts (Friends of the Library, young people's dance groups, Sawston Youth Drama, Sawston cinema, Cambridge Brass Band) and many many more. All of those who could, helped us out by holding a stall at The Feast or volunteered during Feast Week. People from the village and beyond helped by attending our Feast events, whether music, the quiz or comedy night. This system of helping us to help others has worked well.

This year we are proud to announce that The Shelford Festival and Feast has given away £20,000, including £3,000 for Shelford School, £2,500 for Shelford Mobile Warden Scheme and £1,000 for Arthur Rank Hospice. The rest has gone to 32 local good causes.

Those good causes may have changed over time but the list covers organisations that support the needy, embrace the young and the old and everyone in between. In doing so they create a better community, a volunteering spirit and a positive village. Well done, Shelford!

My spreadsheet also tells me that The Feast, which made £1,800 in its first year and gave it all to the school, has now given away, in total, **£411,855**. And he blank column headed 2026 reminds me that next year we all have another chance to entertain and to help. Please support the Feast next year by attending some of the events and especially by becoming one of the volunteers. We hope to see you at The Shelford Feast on Sunday 5 July and at Festival Events from July 4–11 2026. Come to The Shelford Festival and Feast!

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THE SHELFORDS WI

It is so appropriate to be writing this on World Start a Heart Day, 16 October. The WI's national campaign is 'Bystanders Can Be Lifesavers' aiming to increase public confidence and training in the delivery of cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and working with local organisations to improve access to defibrillators.

Few of us were sure what to expect when East Anglian Air Ambulance (EAAA) trainers David and Robert came to our October meeting. The yellow EAAA helicopters based at Norwich and Cambridge Airports attend medical emergencies across Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire, Norfolk and Suffolk. One quarter of all call outs for EAAA are for heart attacks and cardiac arrests so the organisation is sending volunteer trainers to groups like ours to enable us to provide the rapid help that's needed to keep a cardiac arrest patient alive prior to the arrival of professional aid.

David explained the difference between heart attacks that are a plumbing problem with narrowed arteries not supplying blood to the brain or muscles and a cardiac arrest which is an electrical problem that stops the heart beating. The outcome for cardiac arrests is greatly enhanced if CPR is given quickly. Maintaining the blood flow keeps important muscles alive increasing the patient's chance of survival when a defibrillator is then used to restart the heart which in turn restarts breathing. During Covid when mouth to mouth resuscitation was not permitted, it was found that keeping the blood flowing just with CPR was saving more lives. Mouth to mouth is not now used.

Robert and David acted out a situation in which you find an unresponsive person. If the patient is breathing put them in the recovery position. If the patient is not breathing, administer CPR to keep blood flowing. At the same time shout for help for a 999 call to be made. The ambulance service will decide whether to send an ambulance or helicopter. Only if the patient is not breathing should a defibrillator be used. The ambulance service will tell you the location of the nearest available defibrillator and the 4-digit code necessary to get it out of its locked box.

Several 'Resuscitation Annies' were available for us to demonstrate to our trainers that we could deliver CPR pressing down about 5 centimetres on the sternum at a rate of 120 per minute. Applying CPR is tiring so try to get someone else to take over every two minutes. The defibrillator kit was also opened. Voice prompts talked us through how to use it. As the pads must be placed on bare skin we should not hesitate to cut off a garment which is worth much less than a life.

Robert and David made helping a collapsed person seem possible and less scary than I'd originally thought. What an inspiring and informative evening.

On 6 November Neil Callan will tell us of one of his passions, 'The History of the English Teaspoon'. Do come, bringing a favourite teaspoon.

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:

<https://theshelfordswi.wordpress.com>

*Eleanor Witter
The Shelfords WI President*

GIRLGUIDING 4 SHELFORD BROWNIES AND GUIDES

Shelford Brownies have started the Know Myself theme from the Girlguiding programme this term. As well as lots of games, we had a wonderful noisy, messy session all about asking questions.

The Brownies explored things like bubbles, mirrors and ooblek (cornflour and water) and asked all the questions they could think of – there were lots! The Brownies are looking forward to having a go at the 18 new Brownie interest badges recently released by Girlguiding and some have already completed the new Folklore and Guiding Glow badges. We have a campfire to look forward to after half term and of course Christmas is coming.



In September, Shelford Guides kicked off the autumn term with some games and we voted on some activities to do together in the coming weeks. We also spent a fun weekend camping at Grafham Water Activity Centre with other Guides and Rangers from across the county, where we did lots of adventurous activities (including sailing, kayaking, climbing and archery) and enjoyed singing together around a campfire.

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OLD NEWS

Extracts from The Great Shelford Chronicle 1774-1868

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20 November 1812

ELIZABETH ELLERM was on Wed. last committed to the county gaol by F.C. Mortlock, Esq., charged with feloniously stealing 100 guineas and upwards, the property of her master, Richard Tunwell, of Great Shelford.

28 November 1834

NINE WELLS – WATERCOURSE – It having been ascertained that the expense of preserving the water-course from the Nine Wells, on Shelford Common in this town (ie Cambridge) would amount to about £200, and the University having agreed to pay £150 towards that sum, the Corporation having passed an order to pay the remaining £50.

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PETE'S PATCH, AN ALLOTMENT DIARY

Two years ago, on 24 October 2023, my Dad, Ken, sadly died in hospital. He was 91 years old. Dad had always loved gardening. He kept a productive vegetable and fruit garden at our family home; a home that now had to be sold.

I had cared for him from 2019, through lockdown, up until he passed away - five years, and then he just deteriorated. Luckily, he didn't get Covid. Then, I had to move out and set up a new home elsewhere.

I bought a retirement flat on the other side of our village in June 2024. The flat had a small flower garden and patio outside the back door window. But nothing of any size. I planted daffodils and tulips to over winter and produce colour for the next spring.



My brother, Jeff, suggested I get an allotment so I could grow my own crops and continue Dad's legacy. So, in October 2024 I approached the Parish Council allotments' officer to see if there were any plots available. I was lucky, they had two sites and on one there were two free plots. One of these was a lot weedier than the other, so I chose the cleaner one. The allotment was very cheap to rent. Just a nominal deposit and £15 a year rent to pay.

Now it was November 2024 and I started digging the ground to remove what weeds it had. The silty, light soil was, for the most part, easy to dig. Groundsel, sow thistles, bindweed, volunteer parsnip roots and little potato plants

were the main weeds. But there were also perennial grasses from the grass border paths that had invaded. All the weeds were discarded onto my compost pile as I dug.

Once a strip of land was cleared, I bought and planted six raspberry canes and followed this with getting a white currant, a blackcurrant, and a gooseberry bush and a rhubarb and a strawberry plant. Now, I had a small fruit garden which I hoped would over winter well and grow on the next year. I knew that I

wouldn't get any fruit the first year. So, I was content to just get the roots established for now.

I carried on digging the plot in half hour stints so as not to get too tired. The majority took two months, before covering dug areas with weed-suppressing breathable matting. It was now Christmas time so I took a break. I spent Christmas Day with my partner, Jill. She said she was looking forward to helping me plant seeds and tasting the vegetables once they were available. Jill is a good cook and had lots of ideas for meals for us to enjoy.

To brighten up my flat I had forced some treated hyacinth bulbs that I bought in the autumn from a garden centre. They were kept in a dark, frost free cupboard and not left to dry out. Flowers followed in January and I had blue, pink and white blooms giving off their delicious fragrance in my living room to take away the blues of a dark cold winter.



Peter Dean

Pete's diary will continue next month!

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Author Talk:– **Clueless at Christmas** – authors Nicola Upson and Mandy Morton introduce their new books. Wednesday 19 November 2–3.30pm, £5 per person. Please pre-book in the library or via – Cambourne.referral@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

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As you will have read in the August edition of GSVN, a new bus service, the No17 now runs from Monday to Saturday. This has replaced the No 31 Service which ran mainly between Fowlmere and Addenbrookes with one journey each way between Barley and Cambridge Drummer Street. The replacement service 17 run by A2B Travel Group has been extended to Royston and Guilden Morden, thus giving the opportunity to travel to Royston without changing buses. In fact, there has not been a direct service from Great Shelford and Stapleford to Royston since the Wednesday only 139 service stopped running in the early 2000's.

So, my wife and I thought we would give the new service a try. The best day to go is a Wednesday which is still Market Day in Royston; not as busy as in days past but there are still a number of stalls set up on Market Hill plus a good selection of shops in the High Street. Although Royston is not the bustling market town it used to be, sitting as it does on the main A10 to London, it is still a good place to visit. Apart from the shops, also worth a visit is the famous Royston Cave and St John the Baptist Church – the nave and aisles of which were built around 1250. It was converted to a parish church following the dissolution of the monasteries. On 9 December 2018 the church was severely damaged by fire. All eight bells in the tower, three of which dated from 1739, cracked due to the extreme heat. The bells were recast by John Taylor & Co in 2020 and are hung in the original 1901 bell frame, which survived the blaze. The interior of the church was restored with modern seating and an electronic organ, the original pipe organ being destroyed in the fire.

The best bus to catch is the 10.20 from Mingle Lane (The Limes) or 10.26 from High Street (Ashen Green) stop. The bus then takes a pleasant rural route through Little Shelford, Hauxton, Harston, Newton, Fowlmere and Melbourn, arriving at Royston bus station at 11.10, a journey time of around 50 mins. Our bus arrived dead on time. With the return journey leaving Royston Bus Station at 12.37 this gives around one hour and 27 minutes to have look round, do a bit of shopping and have a coffee. If you prefer you can stay on the bus and spend your time at the Gateway Retail park but your time there would be reduced to around one hour. The full timetable can be downloaded on the A2B web site <https://www.a2bbusandcoach.com/bus-timetables>

So, give it a go! More passengers using the service will keep it running. Although it's run by A2B it's subsidised by Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority, so is paid for via our Council tax. Use it or lose it!

John Wakefield

READER'S LETTER



25 YEARS OF BRIDGING THE GAP

On Sunday 14 September my special friend Jenny Ayres of Hinton Way and I completed the Bridge the Gap Walk which raises funds for Arthur Rank Hospice and Romsey Mill.

This marked the 25th anniversary of the walk which takes place in the centre of Cambridge and goes through several of the colleges' grounds. Jenny has taken part and completed every walk, an amazing feat.

I'm very proud and wanted to congratulate Jenny on an incredible achievement.

Yvonne Richardson

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GREAT SHELFORD TENNIS CLUB (GSTC)

The highly prestigious and deeply glamorous GSTC Awards Night took place in the glorious surroundings of Stapleford Granary. Just like reports from the Oscars tend to concentrate on best actress rather than foreign animation, the *News* can report the night's biggest winners from the red carpet:

- Most Improved Players of the Year – Bella Seymour and Nick Wells.
- Newcomer of the Year – Luke Sikkema
- Club Member of the Year – Monika Jacquinot.

After a superb buffet supper, the night's auction raised nearly £3,000, thanks primarily to the very generous donation of a whole year's weekly tennis coaching by Matt Sanders. Thank you also to Ashley Powter for his generous offer of tennis hitting sessions and Scotsdales for donating a magnificent garden bench and trellis. All funds raised will go towards the club's ambitious plans for a new clubhouse.

The evening was organised superbly by our ever active social subcommittee (pictured L–R Sarah, Pippa, Judith & Caroline). Theirs is the only committee at the club with its own waiting list,



Bella Seymour with her trophy and also Member of the Month – November!



currently understood to be around seven years. Little wonder, it looks like such fun!

Next month's dispatch from our old green clubhouse will hopefully contain the results of the GSTC championships. Finals day was in September, but due to illness, bad weather and diary clashes not all matches were completed.

Meanwhile the Cambs Winter League rolls on for our ladies', men's and mixed teams. If you fancy a go at tennis don't let the dark nights put you off - we have floodlights. They luminate social sessions on Wednesdays from 7pm. New members are always welcome.

Steven Chittenden

GREAT SHELFORD FOOTBALL CLUB



The first team continued their great start to the season with two more wins, making it six in a row. Bottom of the table Comberton United were comfortably beaten at home 4–1, but as usual the away fixture at Witchford 95 was anything but and a 2–1 win in a very tight game may be looked upon later as a particularly good three points.

Over Sports have been close runners up to us in the past two seasons and in fact doubled us last year, and another defeat, 2–1 at home, sadly ended our unbeaten run. Two cup matches brought respite from the league campaign and brought contrasting results. Wimblington United from the division below us were easily beaten 5-0 away to see us through to the second round of the Cambs Challenge Cup. Our away match under floodlights at Histon, who play two leagues above us, was a complete reversal however, and a 4–0 defeat saw our annual tilt at the Cambs Invitation Cup come to an untimely end. The final match of the month was away to Comberton United, who put up in a much better performance than in the home clash, but a hard fought 1–0 win saw us remain top of the table.

After a promising start to the season, it was a disappointing month for the reserves with three defeats and a draw. Eaton Socon Reserves at home (0–1) and West Wrating Reserves away (1–2) were both disappointing results given they were both tight games but a 1–1 draw at home to March Town Reserves restored some belief. Four teams unfortunately dropped out of the Senior A Division before a ball was kicked so the Willam Cockell Cup, usually a straight knockout competition, was reformed into a two division event to give the remaining teams sufficient games to make the season worthwhile. Our final game of the month was at home in the new format but a 6–1 thrashing to old rivals, West Wrating Reserves did not bring a particularly good start.

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, Great Shelford FC

PETS AND FIREWORKS

Bonfire Night is just around the corner, and whilst most of us enjoy a firework display, our pets are often not so keen. We receive lots of enquiries from anxious owners about how best they can help their pets during firework season, so thought it might be useful to share our ‘top tips.’



Kaspar, safe in his bed!

Providing your pet with constant access to a secure refuge can be helpful. If your dog is crate trained, cover the crate and provide plenty of soft bedding. Consider adding an item of clothing that carries your scent, especially if your dog is home alone. Mildly anxious dogs might appreciate a Kong filled with treats or liver paste, as licking can be a soothing activity.

Some cats will seek confined dark places under beds and behind sofas. If they retreat when fireworks start, try not to coax them out to comfort them. Allow them to stay put until they choose to come out when the display is over.

Disguise the sights and sounds of fireworks by shutting the curtains and leaving the radio or TV on with the sound turned up. Classic FM usually put together a soothing playlist for pets on Bonfire Night and there are plenty of other pet friendly soundtracks available online.

Your pet will pick up on your behaviour too, so try and remain calm and cheerful and avoid reinforcing anxious behaviour. If your pet is comforted sitting on or near you, this is fine but try not to make too much fuss of them when they are scared, instead waiting until they are relaxed and happy and then giving them plenty of praise.

There are a variety of calming supplements and pheromones available which may also benefit your pet and for pets that are severely anxious, medication can be used with good effect for the short periods around Bonfire Night and New Year's Eve.

If you would like further advice about helping your pet cope with fireworks, or any other aspect of pet care, please feel free to contact the Church Street team on 01223 776773 and we will be very happy to help.

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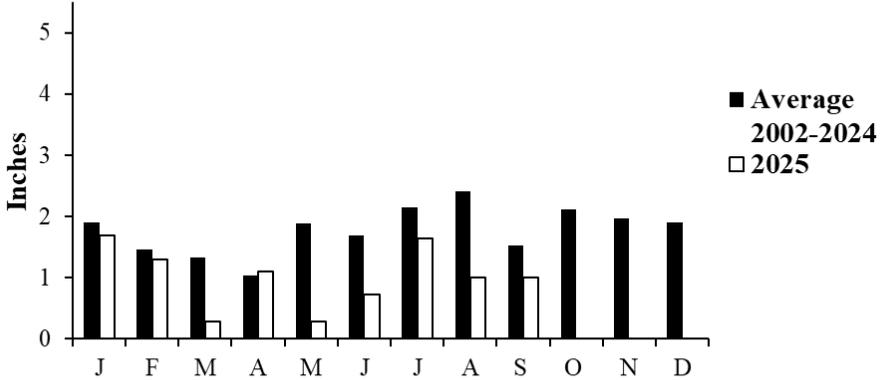
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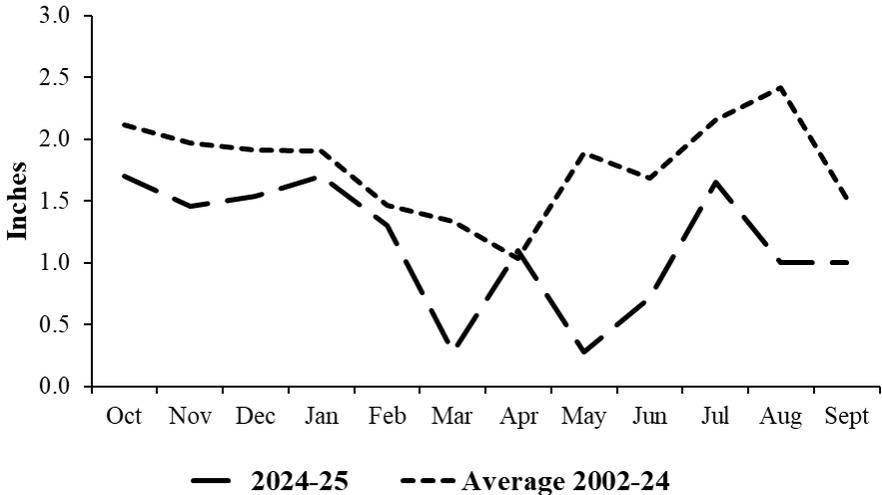
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Lukas DeRungs Quintet

Friday 7 November | 7:45pm

New generation quintet fast making a name on the international jazz scene for their extraordinary sound world, from dreamy ballads to explosive virtuosity.



Andy Cutting & Gudrun Walther

Saturday 8 November | 7:45pm

Two of the UK's foremost folk musicians perform a rich collection of traditional and modern tunes for fiddle, melodeon and voice.



Danny Driver

Friday 14 November | 7:45pm

Recognised internationally for his sophistication, insight and musical depth, Danny Driver performs J S Bach's towering and beloved keyboard masterpiece, Goldberg Variations.



RANT

Saturday 22 November | 7:45pm

One of Scotland's finest folk groups, RANT return to the Granary with music for four fiddles, drawing on old reels, jigs and strathspeys alongside their own compositions.



Matt Ford Trio

Friday 28 November | 7:45pm

Granary favourite Matt Ford makes a welcome return with a programme of Broadway and Hollywood classics that define the golden age of stage and silver screen.