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Happy Christmas to all our readers



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*“Frozen” and Remembrance Day photos
Christmas Carols and Concerts*

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GREAT SHELFORD PARISH COUNCIL
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**SUMMARY FROM THE UNADOPTED MINUTES OF THE
FULL COUNCIL MEETING ON 15 OCTOBER 2025**

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION

There were 31 members of the public present.

An update on the proposed development at Mingle Lane and Hinton Way was provided by James Stone (Carter Jonas), Matt Tunley (Hill Group) and Dean Fisher (Nightingale). The site is expected to be included in the emerging Local Plan for housing. Although 120 homes would normally require 0.6 hectares of open space, this proposal includes 1.84 hectares, with approximately 40% of the land designated as green space. All homes will meet M42 building standards, ensuring they are adaptable and accessible, and six bungalows are planned. The design also considers multiple countryside viewpoints. The main access point will be from Mingle Lane, pending Cambridge City Council (CCC) Highways approval. Of the 120 homes, 60 will be classified as affordable housing, potentially including social rent and shared ownership units. A public consultation will be held to allow residents to share feedback on the proposals.

Comments from members of the public included positive feedback on the inclusion of extensive green space. It was pointed out that 14 policies in the newly adopted Neighbourhood Plan will apply once the planning application is submitted. There were queries about the ownership of surrounding roads and whether this could enable future development, and also about who will be responsible for maintaining the play spaces. Concerns were also raised regarding construction conditions and working hours as well as potential parking shortages within the site, apparent lack of tree screening and accessibility into and off the site.

One member of the public reported on problems with the pavements and road surface of Elms Avenue. Cllr Fane pointed out that these created a serious trip hazard, especially for older people.

**REPORTS FROM COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCIL
MEMBERS**

County Cllr Damon-Homan reported that the yellow lines for Granhams Road are scheduled for installation in March or April 2026. The application is currently under review by the Policy and Regulation Team.

Cllr Fane advised that the 20 mph Local Highway Improvement (LHI) scheme was not approved, ranking 93rd overall. The 2025/26 LHI budget stands at £1.6 million. He is pursuing clarification on the scheme timetable, noting the delay between approval and implementation. Works on Tunwells Lane are due to commence on 15 January and will continue for approximately three weeks.

PRESENTATION FROM ALAN NEVILLE – GREATER ANGLIA.

The station is scheduled to open in late 2026, with the timeline linked to Network Rail's C3R signalling upgrade project. Cambridge South will provide connections to over 60 destinations through three train operators. Direct services will operate to Stansted and Gatwick airports, with an additional service to Heathrow requiring one change at Farringdon. Timetables have not yet been released. Planned station facilities include Changing Places toilets, multiple ticket vending machines supported by on-site staff, a retail outlet, a drop-off area (but no car parking), and extensive cycle storage. There is no anticipated impact or threat to Great Shelford Station. Mr Neville was asked to confirm what taxi provision will be available.

HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORT MATTERS

An update on East West Rail was provided. Cambridge Approaches has published a blog suggesting a turnback at Little Shelford. A link to the slides from the CBC forum will be circulated to all Councillors. Cllr Watson noted that funds have previously been committed to a judicial review, held in a client account by Leigh Day. It was agreed that the clerk should request these funds be returned to the Parish Council.

COUNCIL ADMINISTRATION MATTERS

It was agreed to endeavour to obtain additional quotes for new handrails for the Pavilion, and if this was not possible, to accept the quote from Mullins.

COMMUNITY MATTER

The Tennis Club has submitted a request to advertise. The Parish Council are content for them to do this providing the lease allows.

Brookfield quote – trench repair and dressing of the mounds was approved.

<p>Full copies of the agendas and minutes of the Parish Council and Committee meetings can be viewed on the Parish Council website: <i>greatshelfordparishcouncil.gov.uk/minutes-agendas</i></p>

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PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS IN DECEMBER

Building & Grounds 3 December 7.30pm Pavilion
 Planning Committee 8 December 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.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

PARISH COUNCIL COMMENTS (13.10.2025, 27.10.2025)

25/03426/HFUL	259 Hinton Way	Garage Conversion.
This application does not comply with the newly adopted Neighbourhood Plan and it also lies in a Green Belt area.		

25/03391/HFUL	4 Poplar Close	Single storey front, side and rear extensions
Approval recommended.		

25/03840/HFUL	11 Maris Green	Single storey rear extension following demolition of existing conservatory.
Approval recommended.		

25/03963/HFUL	273 Hinton Way	Double storey side and rear extension with roof terrace and associated fenestration.
Application rejected due to over-intensification of the site within the green belt.		

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Parish Councillor Vacancies

We currently have a few vacancies on the Parish Council and are looking for enthusiastic, community-minded residents to get involved. Becoming a parish councillor is a great way to make a real difference in shaping the future of Great Shelford. From planning and transport projects to supporting local events and services, councillors help ensure our village remains vibrant and

welcoming and as the Sunday Times continues to describe it ‘A great place to live’.

Whether you’re passionate about improving local amenities, protecting green spaces, or simply want to contribute to your community, we’d love to hear from you. No previous experience is required—just a genuine interest in helping Great Shelford thrive. You’ll gain valuable insight into how local government works and have the chance to collaborate with others who care deeply about our village.

If you’d like to learn more, please get in touch with either Sue or myself (malcolm.watson@greatshelfordparishcouncil.gov.uk) we’d be delighted to chat about what’s involved.

Update on Cambridge South Railway Station

As some of you may already know, Network Rail has announced that the opening of Cambridge South railway station has been postponed until June 2026. The delay follows an unexpected issue arising from one of the key sub-contractors entering administration. While this news is disappointing, Network Rail has confirmed that every effort will be made to accelerate progress, with the hope of bringing the opening date forward if possible.

In the meantime, representatives from the Cambridge Biomedical Campus continue to work closely with Network Rail, local authorities, and landowners to ensure the new station is well integrated into the Campus—supporting smooth travel connections, clear wayfinding, and a positive experience for all passengers.

Remembrance Service – 9 November

This year’s Remembrance Service was very well attended, both at St Mary the Virgin Church and at the village memorial. Wreaths were laid by a wide range of individuals and community groups, including many young people representing local organisations.

The rededication of the memorial also took place during the ceremony, marking a moment of reflection and gratitude for those who served.

Our sincere thanks go to Rev Canon Dr Julie Norris, Vicar of St Mary the Virgin, and Diana Parr, Pastor of Great Shelford Free Church, for leading the service and supporting this important community occasion

Roadworks

I am pleased to share an update from Peter Fane our County Councillor that the resurfacing of Tunwells Lane is now scheduled to take place in January. Peter

has also requested essential pothole repairs be carried out as soon as possible — these have already been marked up for early action.

Peter is also pushing for maintenance work on Elms Avenue to be included alongside this programme, and he continues to press for overdue patching work on Woollards Lane to be completed without further delay.

Pavilion Works Underway

On Monday 17 November we started work on installing new doors in the Pavilion. Further improvements are planned over the coming months, and we continue to take pride in the excellent facilities it offers to our community.

If you would like to hire the Pavilion or the Memorial Hall, please contact Jenny Eldridge at 01223 616619 or office@greatshelfordparishcouncil.gov.uk. Enquiries can also be made through our website: www.greatshelfordparishcouncil.gov.uk

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!

Christmas Office Closure

The Parish Council office will be closing for the festive break at midday on Tuesday, 24 December, and will reopen on Friday, 2 January 2026.

We'd like to wish everyone in Great Shelford a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! Thank you for all your support throughout the year — we look forward to working with you again in 2026.

For general enquiries or to share any local concerns, please contact us on **01223 61 66 22**. Sue is available during office hours (please leave a message outside these times) or email clerk@greatshelfordparishcouncil.gov.uk. Councillor contact details can also be found on our website — if you email a councillor directly, please remember to copy in Sue as well. Thank you.

Malcolm Watson

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Christmas Greetings

As Christmas approaches, it is important to reflect on the profound impact Christianity has had on our nation's history. The arrival of Augustine in 597AD, sent by Pope Gregory, marked a significant turning point. Augustine established a meaningful friendship with King Ethelbert, which led to the founding of Canterbury Cathedral, establishing Christianity's deep roots here. Christian presence existed before Augustine, with early communities influenced by Roman soldiers; and there is evidence of an ancient church at Butt Road, Colchester, dating to around 330AD. For centuries, Christianity has shaped British culture and traditions. Like the breath we breathe, vitality is given to us, our values and traditions without us thinking about it. This is perhaps more visible during Christmas.

For more than a thousand years, Christians in Britain have prepared for the Nativity of Christ through the recitation or singing of the 'Advent Antiphons'. These ancient verses set out eight different titles or names of Jesus, each drawing on imagery in the Old Testament, helping to deepen our understanding of who Christ is. Each Antiphon serves as an invitation to encounter Jesus anew at Christmas.

This year, we extend a warm invitation to all to join us for three special Wednesday evenings of reflection in church around these eight nativity antiphons. You are invited to join us on **December 3, 10, and 17 at St Mary's Church for Compline with Advent Antiphons at 7.30pm**. This is a chance to step away from the busyness of the season and find a measure of calm, helping you approach the complexity of Christmas with a sense of peace as we enjoy the Advent Antiphons afresh.

The stories and traditions from the past serve to remind us that, just as generations before us made ready for Christ's coming, we are also invited to prepare ourselves — body, mind, and spirit — for the joy of Christmas.

Rev Julie Norris.

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In addition to the normal Sunday services at 8am, 10am, **there is a zoom service each Sunday evening at 6.30pm except on Sunday 21 December.**

The zoom link is on the Pew Sheet found on the Website.

St Mary The Virgin Church is open daily for prayer from 9.30am to 4pm.

Morning Prayers are said in the Chancel every Monday and Thursday at 8.30am

Wednesday 3 December	
	7:30pm Compline with Advent Antiphons at St Mary's. This is a series of three presentations (3, 10, 17 December) set around 'O come Emmanuel Reflections on the Advent Antiphons' by Jane Williams, Phillip North, Lucy Winkett and others. Take this opportunity to pause, find calm, and approach Christmas peacefully as we revisit the Advent Antiphons.
Thursday 4 December	
	10am – 12noon Family Christmas Activities at the Free Church with Christingle. All ages welcome.
Sunday 7 December Second Sunday of Advent	
	8am Holy Communion using the Book of Common Prayer. 10am Sung Parish Communion Families and children of all ages are warmly invited to join us; children can participate in engaging activities at Sunday Club during part of the service before rejoining for Communion.
Monday 8 December	
	2pm Pilgrim Group at The Vicarage. Join us for the penultimate session of the year, featuring an Advent Reflection on Old Testament Messianic Prophecies in Handel's Messiah. No prior attendance is needed. We'll reflect on Bible passages and listen to Handel's music.
Wednesday 10 December	
	7.30pm Compline with Advent Antiphons. See December 3 for more information. Each of these stands alone, so join any of the series.
Sunday 14 December Gaudete 'Rejoice' Sunday, Third of Advent.	
	8am Holy Communion using the Book of Common Prayer. 10am Family and Parish Communion service. All generations gather together to open a box of joy , helping us to understand what joy is, and how we give and receive it as well as work to make it happen. This will help us to find joy in the present time. Please join us.
Monday 15 December	
	2pm Pilgrim Group at The Vicarage. Join us for the last session of the year, featuring reflection on the Messianic Prophecies in Handel's

	Messiah. We will reflect on Bible passages and listen to Handel's music.
Tuesday 16 December	
	6.30pm Village Carol Service outside the Memorial Hall .
Wednesday 17 December	
	6.00pm Carols by Candlelight with Great & Little Shelford Primary School
	7.30pm Compline with Advent Antiphons. See above 3 December for more information. Each of these stands alone, so join any of the series.
Thursday 18 December	
	11am Christmas Service with Carols at Cambridgeshire Care Home. The St Mary's Team will hold a Service of Carols and Holy Communion.
	2pm Christmas Service with Carols at Barley Manor Care Home. The St Mary's Team will hold a Service of Carols and Holy Communion.
Saturday 20 December	
	3pm 'Travelling Nativity' will take place starting at Freestone's Corner and ending up with mince pies at the community room at St Mary's. This is a joint venture between St Mary's and Great Shelford Free Church.
Sunday 21 December Sunday Fourth Sunday of Advent	
	8am Holy Communion using the Book of Common Prayer. 10am Parish Communion in St Mary's Church 6.30pm St Mary's Carol Service. This is a traditional Carol and Readings service which signals the drawing near of Christmas.
Monday 22 December	
	8.30am Morning Prayer at St Mary's. We meet in the Chancel for about half an hour. You are welcome to join us.
Wednesday 24 December Christmas Eve	
	4.30pm The Crib Service We put together the nativity scene to be enjoyed over the coming weeks. All ages take part. 11.30pm Midnight Mass and Carols by candlelight in St Mary's Church
Thursday 25 December <i>Christmas Day.</i>	
	8am Traditional Christmas Holy Communion 10am Family and Parish Christmas Communion
Sunday 28 December First after Christmas	
	8am Holy Communion using the Book of Common Prayer.

	10am Parish Communion at St Mary's Church 'Looking ahead to a New Year'.
Wednesday 31 December	
	The Bell Ringers of St Mary's Church will ring in the <i>New Year</i>
Saturday 3 January	
	10.30am-12noon Coffee Morning in the Community Room

Thought for the Month: 'God loves with a great love the man whose heart is bursting with a passion for the impossible'
William Booth

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PROPOSED CHANGE IN SCHOOL CATCHMENT

Fawcett and Trumpington Meadows Primary Schools

The Trumpington Federation would welcome your views on a proposed change to the catchment area for Fawcett Primary School and Trumpington Meadows Primary School to take effect for the September 2027 intake. The consultation closes on **December 5**. The new catchment area stretches from Grantchester through Trumpington to Great Shelford.

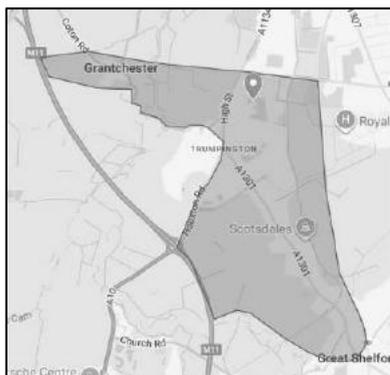
The reasons for this are set out below:

- The current catchment area, decided in 2012, for Trumpington Meadows Primary School is small and partly uninhabited; it does not support the number of residences needed to ensure the school is full. The proposed catchment area extends further north and south to better reflect where children attending our school live.

- Fawcett Primary School's catchment area currently extends into an area to the north of Trumpington which is adequately served by other schools and so does not attract families from that part of Cambridge. The proposed catchment area extends further east and south into Great Shelford.

- The proposed amendments would ensure greater equity with regards to catchment areas amongst local schools.

The consultation response form can be found at <https://tinyurl.com/yjwptraj>





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The angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Saviour has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.' (Luke 2:10-12)

Christmas is Coming

It has been said by many that Christmas seems to come earlier each year, and as I write this in mid-November, I am aware that for some weeks already there have been Christmas songs playing in shops, alongside displays of decorations, lights and expensive Christmas gifts, that I am advised I can't manage without. Some people complain that this is a commercial enterprise to make more money for big companies, but maybe it also indicates a deeper desire within us to connect with something good amid turbulent times. Perhaps, a prolonged Christmas season generates a greater feeling of 'Peace on earth and goodwill to all.'

The story of Christmas, of the nativity and the birth of Jesus, is a story that contains truths of hope, love, joy and peace; truths which bring a reminder that God is good all the time, and as Emmanuel he walks with us through the storms and troubles of life as well as in the joys.

Singing carols is one way in which we can remind ourselves of those truths which are so often expressed in the words we sing. They can help us connect with the real meaning of the season. Perhaps you have a favourite carol, one you always want to sing, maybe because of the memories it evokes or because the words resonate with you in a special way? My own favourites have changed over the years. As a child I loved 'In the bleak mid-winter,' visualising those snowy Christmas card scenes, but lately 'Silent night' has become a particular favourite.

'Silent night, Holy Night, All is calm, all is bright....'

It is a reminder to me of the importance of taking time to stop and be still; to pause in the midst of manic preparations; to welcome silent contemplation, and wonder at the incredible message of God becoming one of us, living and moving and having his being amongst his people; showing us himself through the life of his son, Jesus, who embodies the reality of the words brought by angels, 'good news of great joy ... peace on earth and goodwill to all.'

My prayer for you is that you will find space to step back from the headlong race to meet Christmas; and in that space to meet the One who Christmas is all about. And may you know in that encounter, the blessings of peace and joy that Jesus ushers in with his birth and fulfils through his death and resurrection.

Diana Parr, Pastor

CHURCH EVENTS

Sunday Services

Morning Services at 10:30am: 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) .

Sunday 30 November at 10:30am: Advent 1 - Love reaches out

Sunday 7 December at 10:30am: Advent 2 - Love wraps around

Sunday 14 December at 10:30am: Advent 3 – Love stands with

Sunday 21 December at 10:30am, Café Church: Advent 4 – Love proclaimed.

(This will be an Informal family service, seated around tables with refreshments served. Note that this meeting is not livestreamed or recorded for future viewing.)

Special Christmas Events

Sunday 30 November, 2–6pm outside Great Shelford Memorial Hall:
Community Christmas Light Switch on (organised by the Parish Council)

Saturday 6 December, 10am–12 noon at Great Shelford Free Church: Great Shelford Churches together Craft Morning and Christingle

Tuesday 16 December, 6.30pm outside Great Shelford Memorial Hall:
Outdoor Community Carols (joint event with St Mary's Church)

Saturday 20 December, 3–4.15pm: Travelling Nativity (joint event with St Mary's Church) – Starting point will be at Freestone Corner (near where Village Sign is, close to traffic lights)

Wednesday 24 December at 6.30pm: Carols by Fairy Lights

Thursday 25 December at 10.30am: Christmas Day Family Celebration

Weekday events

Community Café every Monday: 10am–12 noon Come and join us for tea/coffee and homemade cake. Everyone welcome! Please note that there will be no sessions on Monday 22 and 29 December.

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

The last session of 2025 will be on Wednesday 17th December.

Tiny Toes Baby Group every Wednesday afternoon, 1.30pm – 3pm. This group is for babies under 1 year old with their parent or carer. To book a place, please email administrator@shelfordfreechurch.org.uk The last session of the year will be on Wednesday 17 December.

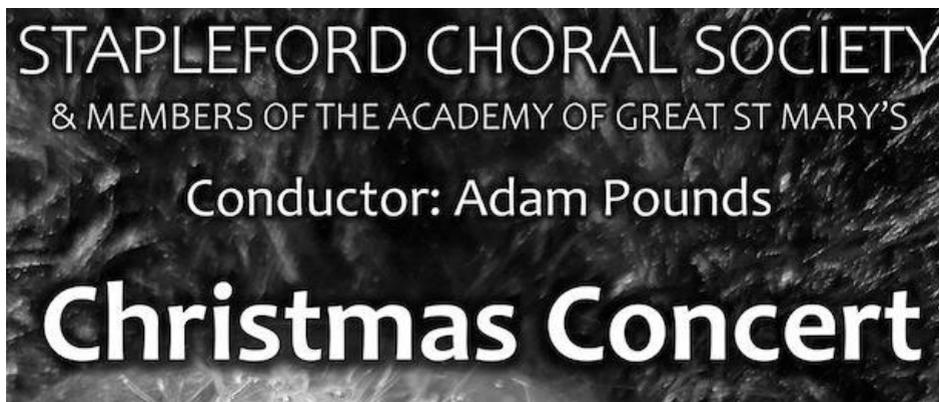


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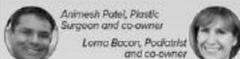
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SHELFORD SCHOOL

There has been a significant change in school this term as we are sharing our headteacher, Mr Grey, with Hauxton Primary School. In July unexpected developments led to Hauxton no longer having headteacher arrangements in place for September. The local authority asked Mr Grey if he would consider taking on the role of Interim Executive Headteacher across both Shelford and Hauxton, a request reflecting his skills and standing within the county's educational community. Governors held a series of emergency meetings in the last two weeks of term to discuss firstly the concept and secondly the practical implications of this arrangement, and after agreeing to go ahead there were further meetings with Hauxton governors to agree details. The nominal split of 3 days in Shelford and 2 in Hauxton reflects the relative sizes and needs of the two schools, but the short distance between them means that Mr Grey can quickly respond to needs in either school. The arrangement is planned to last for a year, but is being reviewed by both sets of governors on a regular basis. We are grateful to all staff for their support that has enabled us to help our neighbouring school.

The second half of the autumn term started with reflections on the past as we welcomed several Royal British Legion veterans who spoke about the importance of Remembrance and shared their own experiences. The children learned about the Royal Standard and took part in an act of remembrance, including listening to the Last Post and the Kohima Epitaph, and observing a two-minute silence. On Armistice Day itself there was a special Remembrance service in school.

Now eyes are already looking ahead to the Christmas celebrations. Sunday 30 November (not as incorrectly stated last month!) sees the Christmas Fair in the Memorial Hall, together with the Christmas Lights switch-on organised by the Parish Council. Come along to pick up some Christmas gifts and try your luck in the raffle for Christmas hampers, and enjoy warming refreshments. December sees the well-loved routine of nativity performances and carol services leading to the school Christmas Day celebrations before everyone signs off for a well-earned break.

Peter Ede, School Governor

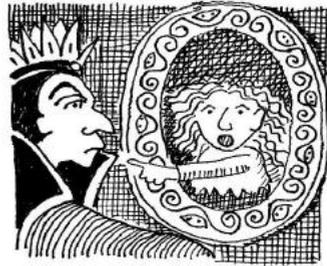
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SHELFORD SUPPORT GROUP

Christmas Break 2025

The community transport service for the Shelfords and Stapleford will close for 2 weeks over the winter holiday.

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Art Club – Every Saturday morning 10.30am – 12noon. Suitable for ages 4 – 10. Drop in event.

£1 donation. Parents and carers must supervise their children at all times.

Christmas Treasure Hunt – We will be running a free fun children's Christmas Treasure Hunt from Monday 15 December.

Christmas and New Year Opening Hours – Great Shelford Library will close for Christmas at 1pm on Wednesday 24 December and reopen at 10am on Friday 2 January at 10am.

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NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

IMPLEMENTING OUR PLAN AND A WEBSITE REFRESH

The adopted Stapleford and Great Shelford Neighbourhood Plan now has a life of its own. It is routinely used by our parish councillors, and by local authority planners, when reviewing planning applications coming forward in our area.

Implementing the NP

Parish councillors are statutory consultees in the planning process. They are notified of and can comment on planning applications in their area, although they do not have the power to approve or reject them. However, their local knowledge adds value to the process and the planning authority must take their comments into account. Since NP policies carry the same weight as a Local Plan and the National Planning Policy Framework in planning decisions, our NP is a highly significant addition to the local knowledge bank.

But the NP is far more than a yard stick against which planning applications are assessed. It has an active role to play in shaping new development long before the planning application stage is reached. Residents who are following Nightingale Land's and The Hill Group's emerging plans for 120 new homes on farmland behind Hinton Way/Mingle Lane may recognise this. The developers' proposed affordable housing numbers, property sizes, on-site biodiversity, drainage plan, play spaces, etc, reflect policies in our NP.

From my perspective, our NP may now be adopted but that doesn't mean that I can cross it off my 'to do' list. At the time of writing, I'm preparing a training presentation to give in person to Greater Cambridge Shared Planning Services' development management officers to support their implementation of our NP policies in planning decisions.

Draft Greater Cambridge Local Plan

The latest draft Greater Cambridge Local Plan has just been released (27 Oct). You can find the myriad of documents associated with it at <https://tinyurl.com/3wywxt2x>

I'm keeping an eye on it for two reasons: first, for its implications for our parishes; and, secondly, because when it is eventually adopted, the NP will have to be compatible with it and hence may need some updates.

The draft Local Plan outlines potential locations for new homes and workplaces over the next 20 years, and the community facilities and public services needed to prop up this growth. It highlights the need for more than 50,000 new homes from 2024 to 2045 to support the projected rise in employment. Of these,

around 37,000 homes are already covered by existing planning permissions and sites designated in local plans adopted in 2018.

One prospective site which has been *removed* from the latest draft is that on greenbelt arable land behind Hinton Way/Mingle Lane, on the basis that this land does not need to be released from the greenbelt for the draft Local Plan to hit its housing target. However, the developers are still proceeding with preparations to submit an outline planning application for this location and held a public exhibition of their plans at Stapleford Pavilion on 15 November.

A new-look NP webpage

Finally, residents who want to know more about the NP – whether for general interest or specific planning purposes – can now benefit from an updated NP webpage. We have replaced the webpages we used while developing the plan with a new, one-stop-shop URL for information and links. Do please have a look at www.greatshelfordparishcouncil.gov.uk/sgsnplan. For anyone who prefers to flick rather than click through pages, a paper copy of the full NP is now held at Great Shelford Library.

Jenny Flynn Chair of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

2G3S

Dr Bike continues to hold its volunteer-run weekly bike repair sessions at the Old Slaughterhouse in Stapleford, 3pm to 5.30pm every Tuesday. Children are welcome to come and learn how to look after their bikes and do simple maintenance and repairs, but please attend with them (for safeguarding reasons). For more information, contact drbikestapleford@gmail.com. You can also book a time slot at that address, though this is not essential. There will be a special session on Saturday 20 December, 3 to 5.30pm, but you must book a slot in advance. It would be very useful if you buy a bike online for someone for Christmas and you need help to assemble it! There may be some further Saturday sessions in the Spring.

Water – we are planning a conversation evening about water. We hope to have speakers from Cam Valley Forum and Cambridge Water, and our councillor Peter Fane will talk about planning issues. It will probably be on Thursday 22 January at Cox's Close Community Room in Stapleford, but more details next time.

Repair Café – if you missed our last one, the next one will be on Saturday 7 February at Great Shelford Free Church. Do try and book your repair in advance, see our website for more details.



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Neighbourhood Plan – now that the Plan for Great Shelford and Stapleford has been passed, we and our Parish Councils need to ensure that the planning authority takes it on board when looking at planning applications eg size of houses, exterior lighting to minimise the effect on wildlife, surface drainage not going into the drains and rivers, energy saving measures in new houses. The Plan can be found on scambs.gov.uk, click through Planning to Neighbourhood Planning, and Appendix 2 gives a useful checklist of things to look at when examining a proposed planning application.

Greater Cambridge Local Plan - Cambridge City Council and SCDC have released a draft of the new local plan for 'Greater Cambridge' for the next 20 years. This includes, in our part of South Cambs, a new settlement of 6,000 houses near Little Abington, expansion of the Cambridge Biomedical Campus into the Cambridge Green Belt and plans for large logistics warehouses adjacent to the A14 and A11. There is obviously a risk that these further conversions of countryside and farmland into built environment will increase pressure on water resources and cause a loss of habitat for wildlife. More information can be found at Greater Cambridge Shared Planning. A public consultation on the draft plan is due to begin on 1 December and will run until 30 January next year.

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.

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Helen Hale

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For many of us, Christmas is an exciting time, but while some of our pets might enjoy the fun, nervous, elderly or ill pets may struggle. And even those who do enjoy the festivities can get themselves into trouble with Christmas treats! Read on for our top tips on keeping your pet happy and safe this Christmas ...

If you have a pet who is likely to help themselves to presents, we suggest you don't store them under the

Christmas tree ahead of the big day! Even if your pet is an angel, it's still worth checking if presents are edible. Avoid hanging chocolate baubles or similar on the tree, and if your dog or cat is prone to climbing and destruction, consider putting the tree in a room to which they don't have unsupervised access.

There is a long list of foods that are harmful to pets. Foods to avoid include dried fruits (think Christmas pudding, Christmas cake and mince pies) grapes, onions, leeks and garlic, chocolate, alcohol, macadamia nuts and the sweetener, xylitol. Cooked bones can easily splinter and cause injuries and blockages, and raw bones can damage teeth and contain harmful bacteria. There are plenty of safe and tasty treats available if you want to spoil your pet, or a small serving of plain cooked meat will suit most pets.

And Christmas foods are not the only hazards. Holly and mistletoe berries from Christmas decorations are poisonous, and, whilst not limited to Christmas time, antifreeze is highly toxic to cats, so any spills should be cleaned up straight away.

If you are worried about something your pet has eaten, call your veterinary practice as soon as you can for advice. If your practice is closed, you can call the Veterinary Poisons Information Service helpline on <https://www.vpisglobal.com/animal-poisonline/>

Vets Now also have a very helpful chocolate toxicity calculator that you can access free of charge online. How much chocolate can a dog eat? use our calculator to find out <https://dog-chocolate-calculator.vets-now.com>

It's also worth bearing in mind that all the noise and visitors, and disruption to routine can be quite stressful for pets, so try and make sure they get their usual walks, lots of opportunity to snooze, and have a safe, quiet place to which they can retreat. And as fun as it might be to dress your pet up as a reindeer or elf, remember that this might not be their idea of fun!

Wishing you a safe and Happy Christmas!

Patrick and Harriet and all the Church Street Vets team.

PLAYSCAPE BREAKING RECORDS!

This is a belated update about September's Shelford Fun Run: A record number of finishers and a record fundraising total! Thanks to our generous sponsors, willing volunteers and inspiring runners, charities CamRARE and Great Shelford Playscape will be sharing the amazing £7000!

Would you like a share of this success next year? Could your local organisation or charity come on board to help keep this wonderful village event alive whilst raising funds for your initiative? Do you love the event and just want to help on the committee? We'd love to hear from you! Please do contact us at funrun@shelfordplayscape.org

Active Trail and Basketball improvements

We had a great response to the proposals through our survey earlier this year with 93% supporting the active trail proposals and 88% supporting the basketball improvements. Results on our website in *About us/Downloads*.

In light of this support, Great Shelford Parish Council has given us the green light to pursue these two initiatives and so quotes are coming in and the team is now looking at grants thanks to the money raised at the Fun Run which will go towards this phase. Wishing you all a merry Christmas and a happy new year!

The Playscape team

PIPPA HEYLINGS MP

One of the proudest moments in my time as an MP so far has been delivering our petition to save Arthur Rank Hospice's beds to Number 10 Downing Street in November. I was joined by my fellow Cambridgeshire Lib Dem MPs and the most amazing group of people who have felt Arthur Rank Hospice's care first-hand or whose family members have – and the petition we delivered was more than 15,500 strong!

We continue to fight to restore the funding to ensure all 23 beds at the hospice remain open because everyone deserves access to excellent care right up until the very end of their lives. Thank you so much to the group that travelled as well as all the passionate constituents and colleagues across the county.

A South Cambridgeshire District Council and Cambridgeshire County Council joint campaign has led to more than 80 extra children in South Cambridgeshire now receiving free school meals, following a pioneering initiative between our two local councils. I'm particularly impressed by their use of smart technology and data-sharing to actively identify families eligible for support but who are not currently claiming it. I wanted to share this with you as it demonstrates how things can be done better, when we all work together.

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OLD NEWS**Extracts from The Great Shelford Chronicle 1774-1868**

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14 December 1861

POACHING – David Robinson and Alfred Brand, both of Great Shelford, were charged with night poaching on November 17th in an enclosure occupied by Mr. J Lester, the property of E. Law Esq., at Little Shelford. Robinson was sent to gaol for six weeks, at the end of that time to find 2 sureties not to offend again for 12 months; Brand was sent to gaol for 1 month and to find sureties in the same manner. The difference in the punishment was that Robinson had been previously convicted.

9 December 1865

FATAL ACCIDENT ON THE RAILWAY – On Thursday morning last a fatal accident occurred on the railway in this village. It appeared that two men named James and Thomas Bowtell (brothers) were engaged in carting coals from a truck on a siding at the Shelford Station. Thomas was on the truck, unloading, and James, the deceased, caught hold of the reins to stop it from going onto the main line, and his brother called out to stop. It is supposed that the train touched the horse, for it turned sharply round, and, catching the deceased by the coat lappet, threw him under the train, and about twelve of the trucks passed over him, killing him on the spot. An inquest was held on the body at the Railway Tavern, yesterday before F. Barlow Esq., County Coroner, when the facts above stated having been sworn to, the jury returned a verdict of accidental death.

1 December 1866

RARA AVIS – A very fine specimen of the “Bohemian Wax Bird”* was shot in the neighbourhood of Shelford, on the 17th inst., and is now in the possession of Mr. Reynolds, bird stuffed, for preservation. Perhaps some of the readers of our paper will be able to give a description of the instincts, etc of this bird. About 23 years since three birds of this class were shot in this neighbourhood.

* *Possibly a Waxwing*

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We do not seem to have the best of luck in welcoming our advertised speakers. Our November speaker was ill but we were very pleased to welcome Sara Phipps, a Burwell WI member, to talk about Bingo. Bingo was popular during both World Wars as an activity for women while their husbands were away from home. It was a social event that didn't cost much and got them out of the house. It may

have originated in Europe but has spread widely and is played in many settings. For those not familiar with the calls, 'line' and 'house' were explained.

The main part of Sara's talk was about the Lingo, the words that follow the announcement of a number. Some numbers e.g. 15 and 50 sound very similar when 'called' in a huge room with hundreds of players, so a word or phrase before or after the number made things quite clear. Some of the phrases are very old, others, particularly from America are more modern. Some are linked to old rhymes – One, two buckle my shoe, three, four lock the door etc refers to lace makers both going to and at work. '6 Pick up sticks' (the lace makers pins), '8 Lay them straight', '10 a big fat hen' (possible the cushion on which lace is made). Some are descriptive e.g. 'Legs 11' describes a tall slim lady. Some numbers elicit a response from the players. For '2 Two little ducks' the shout is 'quack', for '2 and 2, 22' shout 'quack-quack'. Numbers associated with eggs also feature e.g. half a dozen and one dozen. All 90 numbers featured in this interesting talk.

Our meetings are not just about listening to a speaker. There was plenty of time for notices, coffee, cake and chat after the talk. It's a great opportunity for ladies of all ages, perhaps new to the villages, to meet others.

For a Christmas Party on December 4 we will entertain ourselves with a craft activity, festive food and drink, a raffle, and sing some Christmas songs.

We will meet on Thursday 8 January (NOT 1 January) to hear from Evelyn Nallan about 'An Instrument of Torture – the Recorder'.

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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Original gifts, Christmas wreaths and natural dog treats

The market is the place for original and interesting gifts; so, do come, allow time to have a good browse. Craft producers are always pleased to talk about their individual products. In the garden section, customers will find Christmas wreaths, table arrangements etc. New to this section are bottles of locally produced apple juice, and for your pets, ethically produced dried venison bites and special treats.

Christmas Orders

Your advance orders for Christmas baking will be much appreciated. Always popular are our mince pies, stollen (a fruit bread of nuts, spices, dried fruits, marzipan and coated with icing sugar) and panettone (an Italian dome shaped light textured, long keeping sweet bread enriched with butter and citrus fruits).

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Looking back over the year our Market and café area has been very well supported and continues to be a Wednesday morning social hub offering good service and refreshments.

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PETE'S PATCH, AN ALLOTMENT DIARY

As 2025 came, at the end of January, I planted forty-eight broad beans seeds in a large tray of compost. I hoped the early sowing would give me an earlier



harvest. The beans soon germinated in my warm living room. I let them grow to two true leaves until I tentatively put the tray outside to harden them off.

I also bought six asparagus thongs which I potted up in large pots and watered so they wouldn't dry out in my warm living room. I bought a larger tray to put all the pots and the bean tray on. This kept the carpet clean,

before hardening off and planting out in Spring. My flat living room acted as my conservatory. I was lucky to live alone as not many women would have accepted it. Jill visited me most weeks but said nothing.

At the end of February, I sowed eight pots of Shirley and Alicante tomatoes, and four seeds of Zucchini courgettes. This proved to be a mistake. The seedlings grew initially but my living room was not hot-enough to allow good growth. They are summer plants and need heat to thrive. So they all died! I should have grown them later on when it was getting hot outside. I live and learn. And, as it turned out, my brother, Jeff, gave me some heritage tomato plants that he had grown in his greenhouse. I remember one tomato variety was named Bloody Butcher. I had not heard of it. I planted four substantial plants out into a compost bag on my patio when all chance of frost had gone, in May.

Back to the end of February, the broad beans were transplanted into their final growing position on the allotment. I got four long rows of beans. To keep mice and birds away from these plants I put a chicken wire fence around them and covered it with a fine mesh net. I had to water every day and weeded them as regularly as I could. I got my hoe out and hoed between the rows.

Also, at the end of winter I planted onion sets. I had rows of red and white varieties. Hercules and Red Baron. I covered these with breathable fleece too to keep blackbirds from uprooting them, pegging the corners.

My first early potatoes were planted at the start of April in growing sacks. I couldn't face digging furrows in the soil to plant them. Growing sacks with compost at the bottom worked well for me. They have drainage flaps on the sides, near the bottom. I placed the seed potatoes in each of the four sacks and covered them with more compost as they grew. It was a lot less work than planting them on fresh earth.

Peter Dean



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GREAT SHELFORD FOOTBALL CLUB



After a hectic start to the season, it was a quiet month with both teams only playing three matches. The first team maintained their position at the top of the Premier Division table with two home wins against Newmarket Town Reserves and Wisbech St Mary respectively. Newmarket always give us a hard game and a 2–0 win was a good reward for an excellent performance. The game against Wisbech was a lot more comfortable and the 3–0 scoreline a fair reflection. For the final game of the month it was off to Over Sports for a second round Cambs Challenge Cup tie. The game itself was, as often between the sides, hard fought and could have gone either way before ending 1–1 after 90 minutes. Unfortunately, it was Over who held their nerve in the penalty shoot-out, edging us out 5–4.

It was another disappointing month for the reserves. Sawston United gained revenge for our earlier league win against them with a 2–0 home win in the William Cockell Cup, before pride was restored with a hard fought 1–0 win at

home to Haverhill Rovers Reserves in the same competition. Unfortunately, due to previous losses it was too late for us to progress to the semi-finals. It was back to the league for the final game but a 5–0 reversal away to Wimblington left us lying midway in the Senior A division.

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*

TENNIS

The results are in. The GSTC Championships took a while to complete, but finally the club's valuable trophies are safely in the hands of royal jewellers Mappin & Webb for engraving with the following victors' names:



Ladies' Singles: Keri Tobin.

Ladies' Doubles: Monika Jacquinot & Keri Tobin

Men's Singles: Andrew Greenaway.

Men's Doubles: Martin Miller & Jamie Blundell.

Mixed Doubles: Mel Boyle & Pierre Rodriguez.

Men's Singles Plate: Harry Madden.

Congratulations to all our champions, and extra congratulations to Keri who now must build an extension

to accommodate her trophies. In one of the delayed finals, Andrew Greenaway (pictured, L) saw off a spirited challenge from Cliff Humphreys (R). Cliff is a multiple singles champion at the prestigious Grove TC in Saffron Walden. Despite his dynamic all-court style, Cliff was eventually overpowered by Andrew's big hitting. Mel Boyle impressed by crawling off her sick bed to win the mixed doubles with Pierre Rodriguez, which provided some solace for Pierre's nail-biting loss to Harry Madden in the men's plate. Big thanks to tournament organiser Monika Jacquinot for getting the competition over the line. Keener-eyed readers will see that Monika picked up a trophy too!

Stephen Chittenden

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February	Fri 16 Jan	August	Fri 17 July
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19	The Christmas Spectacular
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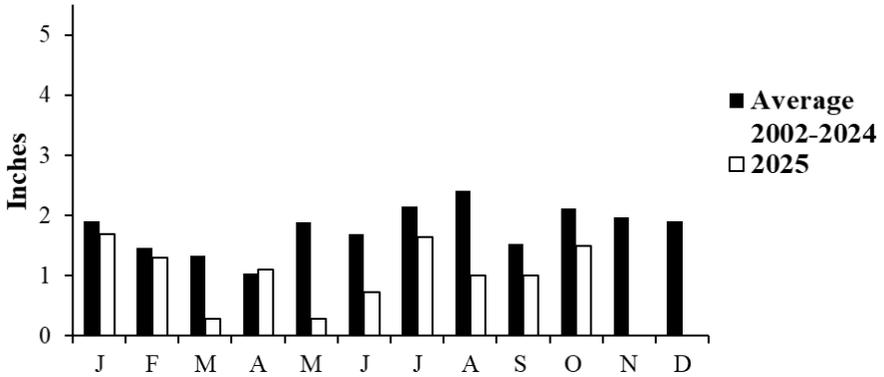
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