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SUMMARY FROM THE UNADOPTED MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING ON 19 NOVEMBER 2025

REPORT FROM DISTRICT COUNCIL MEMBERS

The draft local plan, covering the period to 2045, has now been published. A total of 48,195 new houses are proposed. Major development sites include Cambridge East, the Biomedical Campus, Eddington/West Cambridge, Cambourne expansion, a new town at Grange Farm, Abington, the Wellcome Trust Hinxton, Babraham Research Campus and Slate Hall Farm (industrial/logistics).

(See Parish Council News on page 6 for details of the public consultation on the draft plan.)

HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORT MATTERS

The delay in the opening of Cambridge South Station to June 2026 was noted. It was resolved to support Cllr Fane in his quest to have Elms Avenue resurfaced. Cllr Fane is endeavouring to have this completed when Tunwells Lane is resurfaced.

Traffic and Transport Infrastructure Working Group: George Seach, of the Cambridge and Peterborough Combined Authority (CPCA), will be contacted to ascertain who decides where buses can stop and where stops should be located.

COUNCIL ADMINISTRATION MATTERS

The decision made by the Cemeteries & Allotments Committee to cease further action on the cemetery extension was noted.

COMMUNITY MATTERS

Members discussed a response to the Hinton Way/Mingle Lane development consultation.

It was decided to send a letter stating their objections to these proposals. This would include the following issues: lack of infrastructure, doctors, dentists and schools, and access constraints.

Pocket Park (clay pit): It was noted that a badger sett survey had been carried out by ecologists. The working party continued the meadow raking and also moved the bench to a position offering a better view and away from roosting birds to keep the bench cleaner.

It was agreed that the Council would support the Easter Fun Day (29 March 2026).

It was agreed to accept the request from CamSwift to use the funds for individual swift and house martin boxes.

The council agreed to trial a ‘Street Food Feast’ evening in the Memorial Hall car park for three months on the last Friday of each month. Vans would be located along the fence line. There would be no electricity available. The cost would be £25.00 per van per week.

A grant request for £990.00 from the Twinning Association was approved. It was resolved to support the Shelford and Stapleford Youth Initiative (SSYI) Kings Award Nomination with a letter that was read to and accepted by all members.

CPCA Mayor Paul Bristow will be invited to attend the Annual Parish Meeting in April and give an update to the public regarding his responsibilities and intended actions.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS IN JANUARY

Planning Committee	12 January	7.30pm	Memorial Hall
Full Council	21 January	7.00pm	Memorial Hall
Planning Committee	26 January	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 website greatshelfordparishcouncil.gov.uk/minutes

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

PARISH COUNCIL COMMENTS (10.11.2025, 27.10.2025)

25/04334/HFUL	39 Stonehill Road	Hip to gable roof extension with rear dormer and three roof lights to front.
Application rejected as it is out of keeping with the existing street scene, due to its height, also the design does not fit into the existing neighbourhood.		

25/03992/FUL	18 Woodlands Road	Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of self-build dwelling and associated works.
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The Planning Committee recommends this application for approval. The Committee requests that the application be called in and discussed by the South Cambridgeshire District Council (SCDC) Committee, expressing concern that a single individual appears to be referencing a policy that no one else can locate. The Committee also notes that SCDC must adhere to the rules set out in the newly adopted Neighbourhood Plan (NHP).

25/04002/FUL	239 Hinton Way	Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of one self-build/custom build dwelling and associated works.
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The Planning Committee was unable to make a recommendation due to an apparent legal convention indicating that no building or extension is permitted to the north of the existing property, with development only allowed to the south. As the Committee does not have access to this document, it requests that the application be called in and considered by the SCDC Planning Committee. The Committee also wishes to record its view that the proposal represents an over-intensification of the site

25/04339/CL2PD	17 Westfield Road	Certificate of lawfulness under S192 for a roof extension involving hip to gable, rear dormer window with two Juliet balconies and four rooflights to front slope roof, to facilitate a loft conversion.
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Application rejected as the height is inappropriate and not in keeping with the existing street scene.

25/04340/FUL	38 Hinton Way	Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of a replacement self-build dwelling.
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Application supported.

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PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Welcome to 2026!

We hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and New Year. As we look back on the successful events hosted by Great Shelford Parish Council, we'd like to thank all the residents and businesses for their support in helping make our village an even better place to live.

We'll keep you updated on all the events coming up in 2026.

Memorial Hall

We recently invited comments on our survey regarding the modernisation of the Memorial Hall. The consensus was that improvements are needed, but not at a significant cost to the public. The Council is now working on ideas to create a more welcoming venue that can be enjoyed by everyone.

Pavilion and Memorial Hall Hire

Both of our venues are available to hire for weddings, christenings, birthday parties and a wide range of other events. Please contact the Assistant Clerk, Jenny Eldridge, at office@greatshelfordparishcouncil.gov.uk, or visit our website for more information: www.greatshelfordparishcouncil.gov.uk

Defibrillators

While there are several defibrillators located around the village, not all of them are accessible at all times. We are working on a definitive list showing each location and any access restrictions, which will be published soon. The Parish Council is also installing an additional unit on the outside of the Pavilion.

As we enter the time of year when the Parish Council reviews its budgets, more detailed information will be shared in next month's article.

Local Government Re-organisation (LGR)

Following a special meeting of the full South Cambs Council on 24 November, the Cabinet agreed to support **Option B**, which would create a 'Greater Cambridge' unitary authority made up of South Cambs and Cambridge City. Cambridgeshire County Council had previously voted to invite ministers to consider **Option A**, the 'balanced option', which would also include East Cambs District in the Greater Cambridge unitary. A full public consultation on whichever option is adopted by the Government will take place next spring.

Local Elections 2026

The Government has decided that elections will take place in May 2026 for District Councils, although these councils will cease to exist in 2028 in Cambridgeshire when the new Unitary Councils are due to begin operations. In

2027, there will be elections for the new Unitary councillors who will then serve in a shadow administration. Vesting Day for the new unitary council is likely to be 1 April 2028.

Cambridge City Council and South Cambridgeshire District Council are producing the first joint local plan for Greater Cambridge.

The public consultation on the draft Local Plan is now open. It runs until 5pm on Friday 30 January 2026. The Local Plan sets out how the area should develop up to 2045 and beyond, including where sites for new homes, workplaces and infrastructure will be and what these places should be like. The Plan has been informed by the thousands of comments received through several stages of public consultation.

Have your say

This consultation is your opportunity to help shape the Plan and we would like to encourage anyone with an interest in the future of the Greater Cambridge area to take part. Feedback from this consultation will help shape the final version of the Plan and there will be a final consultation on this next year:

<https://www.greatercambridgeplanning.org/local-plan>

Several in-person and online events are being held where you can ask questions about the consultation. A full list of these events, as well as a link to register, can be found on the Greater Cambridge Planning website.

Malcolm Watson

FRIENDS OF GREAT SHELFORD LIBRARY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Friends of Great Shelford Library Annual General Meeting will take place on Tuesday 20 January at 7.30pm in the library.



There will be a talk by Terri Lewis, District Library Manager for South Cambridgeshire, on 'Eat, Meet, Art', a project to integrate refugees into local communities.



Everyone is welcome to attend the meeting, where seasonal refreshments will be provided.

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Fr. Edward's jottings

By the time you read this, Christmas Day will be behind you and possibly Epiphany too. The days are lengthening and daylight is returning. One of the joys of this coming season is the emergence of snowdrops, which are also known as Candlemas bells. They appear around the feast of Candlemas which the church celebrates on Sunday 1 February this year. Their fascinating biology includes 'anti-freeze' proteins that help inhibit the formation of ice crystals and protect cells from damage. When cold causes them to flop, they seemingly 'resurrect' themselves after the temperature has risen.

Snowdrops traditionally mark the hope that Spring will come after the hardness of winter. An old folk rhyme goes along the lines:

*'If Candlemas Day be fair and bright, Winter will have another fight.
If Candlemas Day brings cloud and rain, Winter won't come again.'*

As Christians we always think of the deeper hope. Candlemas again praises the light that has come into the world, Jesus. Candles were often blessed for the year ahead. Candlemas also marks the presentation of Jesus in the temple 40 days after his birth. Now at Epiphany, the Magi – perhaps Zoroastrian astrologers from Persia – followed the star to find the baby Jesus in Bethlehem. They reveal that Jesus is the long-awaited King. In the reading in Luke's Gospel for Candlemas, Simeon reveals what sort of King Jesus is. Simeon sees salvation and a light for revelation to all. Anna in the temple then proclaims this hope.

Candlemas marks the actual end of the Christmas season, a turning point in the year when we move from Jesus's birth and turn towards Easter. The cross and His resurrection bring the salvation that removes that separation from God caused when we fail to treat our neighbours as ourselves. Our world is badly in need of hope and of reducing separation – the failure to appreciate each other as God does, that breeds fear and distrust. I don't know what New Year resolutions you made, but perhaps as a first step we can all take a little more time to listen to others and to give them the hospitality that Jesus gives to us when we pray.

Fr. Edward Westrip

Thursday 1 January	
	8.30am Morning Prayer at St Mary's. We meet in the Chancel for about half an hour. You are welcome to join us.
Saturday 3 January	
	10.30am to 12noon Coffee Morning in the Community Room.
Sunday 4 January Second Sunday of Christmas	
	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 activities at Sunday Club during part of the service before rejoining for Communion.
Monday 5 January	
	8.30am Morning Prayer at St Mary's. 2pm Pilgrim Group at The Vicarage. Join us for the start of a new year. The first session will look at Epiphany.
Thursday 8 January	
	8.30am Morning Prayer at St Mary's.
Sunday 11 January – Epiphany	
	8am Holy Communion using the Book of Common Prayer. 10am Family and Parish Communion service. All generations gather together for Epiphany – ‘Where do we go to find Jesus?’ The star is over the crib and kings travel a long way to find him. Children and young people take part with their families and friends from 0 to 90+.
Monday 12 January	
	8.30am Morning Prayer at St Mary's. 2pm Pilgrim Group at The Vicarage. In this and following weeks we will be looking at Christian discipleship using material from ‘The Character Course’ exploring the development of character by learning about hope, love, forgiveness, gratitude, humour, persistence and curiosity. 7pm The Friends of St Mary's Chinese Meal. This is a fundraising social gathering at The Forum House Chinese Restaurant.
Wednesday 14 January	
	7.30pm Confirmation class for adults at the Vicarage. Six sessions on the life of the church and a final session on the Confirmation Service. If you would like to be confirmed please let Rev Julie Norris know.
Thursday 15 January	
	8.30am Morning Prayer at St Mary's. 11am Holy Communion in Cambridgeshire Care Home. A team from St Mary's will lead the service. Family and friends can join us.
Saturday 17 January	

	6.30pm Salvation Army Band Concert at St Mary's Church.
Sunday 18 January - First after Epiphany	
	8am Holy Communion using the Book of Common Prayer. 10am Sung Parish Communion. There is a Sunday Club for younger children during part of the service. 11.15am Young Pilgrim Group. Young people meet to play games, eat cake, and for discussion.
Monday 19 January	
	8.30am Morning Prayer at St Mary's. 2pm Pilgrim Group at the Vicarage.
Thursday 22 January	
	8.30am Morning Prayer at St Mary's. 2pm Holy Communion in Barley Manor Care Home. A team from St Mary's will lead a service in the home. Family and friends can join us.
Saturday 24 January	
	10am-3pm Churchyard clear up day. Please come and help us to clear away some of the heaps of leaves and dead branches, clear the paths and generally tidy up the churchyard.
Sunday 25 January – Conversion of St Paul	
	8am Holy Communion using the Book of Common Prayer. 10am Sung Parish Communion. We will be reflecting on the conversion of St Paul, through hymns, readings and prayers. 11.15am Confirmation class for young people – At the back of church after the 10am service. There will be cake and juice.
Monday 26 January	
	8.30am Morning Prayer at St Mary's. 2pm Pilgrim Group at the Vicarage.
Wednesday 26 January	
	6pm Quiet space to be. A small group meets in the Church for led contemplative prayer. 7.30pm Confirmation class for adults at the Vicarage.
Thursday 29 January	
	8.30am Morning Prayer at St Mary's.

In addition to the normal Sunday services at 8am and 10am, there is an online **Zoom service** each **Sunday evening at 6.30pm**. The Zoom link is on the pew sheet found on the website, www.stmarysgreatshelford.org

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SCHOOL NEWS

Throughout the half term, there have been many opportunities for children of Shelford School to engage with the wider world and delve deeper into topics explored in the classroom. School trips continue to go from strength to strength. Year 4 enjoyed their trip to Verulamium (near St Albans) to learn about Roman life. Here, they experienced a taught session from an expert where they explored artefacts and discussed what each piece could be. Year 1 enjoyed a trip to Pizza Express, where they had the chance to make their own pizzas (and eat them too!) Years 2 and 3 were enthralled by a morning at the pantomime with other local schools (oh yes they were!) as they visited the refurbished Arts Theatre to see the production of *Sleeping Beauty*. The children thoroughly appreciated the participative nature of the production. As part of their Christmas preparations, Year 6 children attended Carols at Kings College Chapel.

Children in years 5 and 6 have also enjoyed opportunities to take part in sporting events with other local schools recently. This included a cross-country event held at Netherhall School with over 200 pupils from other local schools, and a dodgeball tournament held at Coleridge Community College which the Shelford School team won!

Supporting children to be active, engaged citizens, the school raised awareness of the importance of kindness by supporting the Anti-Bullying Alliance's awareness week during November. All children were invited to wear odd socks to celebrate the joy of diversity and individuality.

Shelford School PTA continues to offer fun, entertaining events, raising funds to enhance learning. Recently they provided hot dogs and refreshments, as well as hamper raffle ticket sales and a lucky dip for little ones, at the Shelford Christmas lights switch-on held on Sunday 30 November. This closely followed a new fundraising event for the organisation in the form of Shelford School Pre-Loved Fashion Event earlier in the month, supported by Arthur Rank Hospice. There are many more events planned for the coming months so come along, enjoy and get involved.

As usual, the school is bustling with activity during the second half of the autumn term as children prepare for Christmas celebrations. Reception, Year 1 and 2 wowed audiences on 8 and 9 December with their production of *A King is Born*. As is tradition at Shelford School, KS2's Christmas offering consists of a musical performance from each class accompanied by readings telling the Christmas story. The orchestra and choir also bring the festive cheer. Shelford School choir is also preparing for the Young Voices concert at the O2 in January where they will sing as part of a choir of 8,000 children.

Alice Walker – Foundation Governor



Great Shelford
Free Church

'In their hearts humans plan their course, but the Lord establishes their steps.'

Proverbs 16:9

It's January 2026, and the new year always arrives with a strange mix of familiarity and fresh expectation. This is traditionally the season of new starts and resolutions – though four-fifths of those resolutions won't last past mid-February. Perhaps that says something about how hard it is to change simply by willpower.

January itself is named after Janus, the Roman god with two faces: one looking back, one looking forward. It's an image that raises a good question for us at the start of a year: which direction do we tend to face? Too much dwelling on the past can trap us in rumination and regret. Too much attention on the future can leave us anxious about what might happen next. Often, both extremes grow out of an uneasiness with the present.

The point, of course, isn't to ignore either past or future, but to hold them in balance. The idea that 'those who fail to learn from history are doomed to repeat it' is commonly attributed to Winston Churchill and it captures something important: the past can teach us. But our lives are not meant to be lived backwards. We live here and now, with an eye on what lies ahead.

As Christians, this balance is woven into our faith. We look back to the birth of Jesus – celebrated only weeks ago – and to his life, death and resurrection. These events root us in a story far bigger than our own and they enable us to live 'life to the full' (John 10:10) in him. At the same time, we look forward with hope, trusting in the promise that Christ will come again to renew creation. And in the present, we live by the gift of the Holy Spirit, who equips and guides us day by day. Past, present, and future held together.

Janus was also the god of doors, and the new year often feels like one. Opportunity knocks, as the saying goes. God's path for us is not always the easiest, but it is always good. Before 2026 gathers too much speed, perhaps take a moment to reflect on what has been and to ask God what the next faithful step might look like for you.

A very Happy New Year from all at Great Shelford Free Church.

Chris Smith, Deacon

FREE 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 18 January at 10.30am, Café Church. This will be an informal family service, seated around tables with refreshments served. Please note that this meeting is not livestreamed or recorded for future viewing.

Prayer Week. Monday 5 – Friday 9 January (various times). The church will be open for led prayer sessions. For more information, please look at our website or email administrator@shelfordfreechurch.org.uk

WEEKDAY EVENTS

Community Café every Monday, 10am–12 noon, restarting on Monday 5 January. Come and join us for tea/coffee and homemade cake. Everyone welcome!

Little Steps Toddler Group every Wednesday, 10–11.30am, restarting on Wednesday 7 January. This group is for toddlers and their parents or carers. To book a place please email administrator@shelfordfreechurch.org.uk

Tiny Toes Baby Group every Wednesday afternoon, 1.30–3pm, restarting on Wednesday 7 January. This group is for babies under one year old with their parents or carers. To book a place, please email administrator@shelfordfreechurch.org.uk

Please note that the **Hearing Aid Maintenance Clinic**, which takes place in the back hall of our buildings on the first Thursday of the month, will not be running in January.

Their first session here in 2026 will be on Thursday 5 February.

STAPLEFORD WIND SINFONIA CONCERT INVITATION

Stapleford Wind Sinfonia would like to invite you to their next free concert at St Mary's Church, Sawston, on 7 February at 3pm. The programme includes pieces by Nigel Hess and Adam Gorb, plus a host of other great tunes. Please come along, with family and friends, for music guaranteed to cheer up a winter afternoon.



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PIPPA HEYLINGS MP

Extracts from recent newsletters

Local Businesses

Ahead of the Autumn budget, I spent time talking to some of the fantastic, hard-working people who run local small businesses in our area, including at the wonderful Shelford Deli and Shelford Spice. I think it is extremely disappointing that the government have ignored calls for an emergency cut on VAT for hospitality, accommodation and attractions to enable our local economies to thrive once again. The government should have scrapped the National Insurance hike, cut unfair levies on energy bills and made the big banks pay their fair share to allow our local high streets and businesses to thrive. This is one of the main reasons why this budget is a missed opportunity.

Health

I've created a GP Forum to speak regularly with GPs across South Cambridgeshire. I also met with Cambridgeshire Local Medical Committee Chair and the Chair of the Cambridge GP Network. They raised concerns about GPs being left out of discussions and plans to roll out the Government's new Neighbourhood Health Centre plans, which aim to shift more care into local settings and focus on prevention and integrated support. I had a frank and constructive meeting with Care Minister Kinnock to raise concerns about why the national message on GPs being at the heart of reforms is not being reflected in reality in my constituency. The Minister agreed to help me convene key people to ensure that GPs are properly involved in any future planning.

Water

This week in Parliament I highlighted the growing crisis of water scarcity in South Cambridgeshire and across the Oxford-Cambridge Growth Corridor. Our precious chalk streams are already under severe pressure from decades of over-abstraction, yet development plans continue to expand without a clear strategy for how the water supply will keep pace. Current resource plans from Cambridge Water and Anglian Water do not reflect the scale of new growth being proposed and even the Environment Agency has challenged assumptions that demand can be met. If we are serious about sustainable growth, then plans for housing and plans for water must be aligned from the start. I urged Ministers to take responsibility for ensuring this alignment, including action to increase supply through new strategic infrastructure and to reduce demand by tackling leakage and supporting water storage and reuse. With a fragmented system and public trust in water companies at an all-time low, stronger oversight is essential.

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The group is independent of village churches but we may run seasonal events for Easter and Christmas, by consensus. We aim to offer friendship and variety, rather than to supplement what is happening elsewhere.

Dates for 2026: 8 January to 26 March
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The Centre provides a range of complementary therapies including acupuncture and reflexology, all delivered by qualified practitioners. Others among the 400 or so who use the Centre drop in for coffee or tea and cake, and a chat with like-minded friends. Some will join the art group, or perhaps craft is more in their line. Other will play cards or join in a singalong.



We also offer a range of gentle exercise classes, a very full yoga class or the chance to join the Tai Chi group, as well as Guided Imagery and Mindfulness sessions, delivered face to face or via Zoom. In addition, there is periodically the Macmillan Hope course, as well as several specific cancer support groups. We also run number of ad hoc activities, outings, seasonal fairs and much more. So we're a busy Centre – there's never a dull moment!

We are open from Monday to Wednesday. Working very closely with Addenbrookes cancer support teams, we receive many referrals as there are always many in need of support. All activities are open to all members, ensuring that all those affected by cancer can attend. We already have a good number of members from Shelford and look forward to welcoming more.

We are constantly in need of funds as we receive no formal funding. The Cambridge Half Marathon and our own Cycle Ride (see photo) were our main fundraisers in 2025. Anyone wishing to donate or take part in the 2026 bike ride can find more details on the website: www.cambridgecancerhelp.org

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SENIORS' TEA PARTY

After several meetings, emails and shared shopping, our willing team of volunteer friends and helpers met in late November to hold the Seniors' Tea Party in Great Shelford Memorial Hall. We are very grateful to Bob and Dorothy Doel for once again arranging the tables and chairs for this delightful event, and of course folding them up and fitting them miraculously back into the cupboards around the hall afterwards! This free event has been supported by many local businesses including Redmayne, Scotsdales, Barkers, Days Tesco, The Deli and the Coop, who also contributed raffle prizes. The Committee is happy to hold this event once again. It continues to be supported by the Shelford Feast, which helps to finance the delicious homemade sandwiches, cakes and other good things to eat served to the 40 guests. From the sounds of laughter and chattering around the hall, our guests settled quickly. We poured copious cups of tea, held a quiz, and were entertained by the Stapleford Hand Bell Ringers, who selected their arrangements of popular musical and Christmas songs for us all to enjoy. Thank you to Jill Butler and her team of 13 for contributing to make this a happy start to the festive season. The ever-popular raffle was organised by Jane Wilkey with many donated prizes from local organisations and Care Homes.

I would like to thank Rosey Feuell, who chaired the Volunteer Committee, and also friends from the Free Church who helped in the organisation of this event. The party was enjoyed by all the residents in and around Great Shelford attending this annual event. A Healthy New Year to everyone.

Rosemary Livings

Seniors' Tea Party (STP)

We, the STP team, desire to thank all those who lent us a hand with this November tea party, including enthusiastic helpers who joined us on the day, Jill Butler's lovely Handbell group and Dorothy and Bob Doel for much appreciated logistical work before and after the party. We also thank Shelford Feast and others who backed us. I personally thank the team members from my heart for their splendid planning, offers of help, baking, and serving all afternoon. We jointly thank many caring people and businesses for help with advertising, and Helen Harwood and Great Shelford Free Church for distributing tickets. Naturally we thank local churches across the villages for publicising the event as appropriate.

Personal thanks: I'd particularly like to thank very warmly all who have assisted me in this and other tasks around the time of my knee operation and recovery, including various drivers, CARA coffee, and other problem solvers.

Rosey Feuell Chair, STP



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PETE'S PATCH: AN ALLOTMENT DIARY



Now, it is coming up to the second anniversary of my dad's passing. My family are having a remembrance meal on 26 October. It is good to all get together to remember Ken and all he did for us. We were never hungry as children and always had fresh fruit and vegetables on the table, often grown by his skilled hands and hard work.

The asparagus I bought in the spring are still in pots on my patio. They had grown ferns, which is part of their growth cycle, and now I decided to start digging the allotment again and make an asparagus bed. This entailed making a ten-inch trench and filling it with manure and soil, then placing the six fronds of asparagus with their roots astride the mound, at wide intervals, and covering them over again with soil.

I hope there will be some asparagus shoots next May to savour and enjoy. My partner, Jill, and I have a favourite dish of asparagus tips eaten with fresh Scottish salmon and new potatoes. It is delicious with a squeeze of lemon and very healthy for a slimming diet.

With digging starting again I can reflect on what has been a good start on the allotment. Now I know what the soil is like for growing crops, I am in a good position to order seeds and think about buying fruit plants for next year. I hope that 2026 will be a more benign year weather-wise. But with climate change I

will have to adapt to what the weather brings. I will definitely grow legumes next year, and potatoes and onions and courgettes, but may not raise my own plants. I may experiment with root crops and brassicas. Other allotment holders have grown them this year with success and failure, and autumn pumpkins and squashes that I've never grown could also be on my list. I hope at least to extend my fruit garden to half the plot. My flat cannot compete with a greenhouse for conditions that some crops require to grow. My energy costs are high enough as it is. So extra indoor heat is out of the question.

I have enjoyed being on my allotment for my first year. I have seen red kites and kestrels overhead and have liked being in my garden gym when digging and trenching were required. I feel healthy just now, having eaten and shared this year's vegetables, and worked out physically over the seasons. I'm sure my dad would have approved. And that's good too.

Peter Dean

SHELFORD TWINNING ASSOCIATION WINE TASTING EVENT

The Twinning Association was delighted to welcome 60 people to our latest wine tasting evening held on 28 November. It was a most enjoyable occasion, and we are very grateful to all those who came along to support the event and enjoy the *degustation* (tasting) of the wines.

Once again we are indebted to Jillian Hardwick, who introduced each wine. We tasted six wines in all, one sparkling, two whites and three reds. A plateful of little snacks – olives, pâté, salami, oat biscuits and cherry tomatoes – was offered on each table, intended for clearing the palate between wines. It is surprising what a difference food can make to the taste of a wine.

It all began with a welcome glass of sparkling wine or fruit juice while people arrived and found their tables, and a buzz of conversation soon arose which continued throughout the evening, creating a warm and convivial atmosphere. Then the tasting itself began: firstly, two whites – a Gavi (Italy), then a Sauvignon Blanc (France); these were followed by three reds – Rioja Reserve 2018 (Spain), Primitivo (Italy) and lastly a Trivento Malbec (Argentina). The wines were all very palatable and of course in the end it depends entirely on one's own preference as to which is perceived to be the best! One difference this time was that whereas on previous occasions most of the wines for our tastings have been sourced in France, for this event they were all purchased in local supermarkets, meaning that if anyone wished to buy the same wines for themselves they are easily obtainable.



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After the tasting a three-course meal was served – coq au vin mopped up with slices of baguette, followed by cheese, and choice of dessert – all washed down with the remaining wines.

We would like to thank everyone warmly for making the evening such a success –all the cooks, wine servers and energetic helpers who worked so hard behind the scenes before and after the event.

All the profits from our evenings go towards the expense of entertaining our French visitors who come over for a long weekend in early July. The arrangement for both countries for financing the visits is that all expenses are borne by the host country; these inevitably mount up with a day's visit for all the visitors to a place of interest, a party for everyone, including a ceilidh, and another half day visit for the adults. Accommodation is always provided in families, so for the visitors the only expense is the cost of the fare plus a small present for their hosts. Primary age children are particularly encouraged to participate and in addition to the outing a morning in school is arranged for them to add to the experience of life in a different country. We are most grateful to Great and Little Shelford Primary School for welcoming our young French visitors and to Mr Grey, the head teacher, for facilitating this. For all ages, the advantage of staying with a family provides a unique opportunity to be immersed in the other's culture and many lasting friendships have been forged that way.

With reference to our exchange visits, as mentioned above. the French visit here will take place on 4–7 July 2026, with our trip to Verneuil planned for 28–31 May 2026 (see below for more details of the Verneuil trip).

Of note: Our wine tasting evenings have proved extremely popular in the last few years, with tickets selling out within just a few days of being advertised!

Penny Pearl

TWINNING ASSOCIATION: VISIT TO FRANCE

Did you know that our villages of Great and Little Shelford are twinned with a village in France, and that visits are organised by the **Shelford Twinning Association** every year?

The visits are open to people of all ages: single adults, couples, family groups and teenagers. All we ask is that primary aged children are accompanied by a parent, grandparent or approved guardian.



What are the benefits of the visit?

You get to see a lovely part of France. Verneuil en Halatte is a village of a similar size to Great Shelford, surrounded by the Halatte forest and some beautiful open countryside. It is just north of Paris and is close to some interesting towns: Chantilly, Compiègne, Pierrefonds and Senlis, with its beautiful medieval architecture.

The visit is an opportunity to experience life with a French family and develop friendships with those of a different culture and language. Most families speak some English and are happy to do so but are delighted if you are prepared to have a go at their language. New friendships are forged with your hosts and others whom you meet in the village ... they are a very welcoming and homely group. Visits and entertainment – as well as food and wine – provide for an excellent experience.

If you have children, you have a wonderful opportunity to spend time with them, away from the busyness of home, as well as helping to broaden their experience.

Travel to/from Verneuil is by executive coach via the Channel Tunnel or Ferry.

When is the visit in 2026?

In 2026 the visit is planned for Thursday 28 to Sunday 31 May (the beginning of the school half term).

What is the cost?

For adults the cost will be £140. For Primary School aged children (up to Year 10) £55 and £110 for teenagers in Years 11,12 and 13.

Any extra expenditure?

All travel and trips are included in the cost of the visit. As you will be staying with a family, your only other expenses would be a small gift for the host family, a little pocket money and your travel insurance for the four days.

How many will there be in the group?

We hope that the group will consist of approximately 48 people.

I'm interested! What is the next step?

If you think that this is something you would enjoy, please contact either me (sarah.haddow@talk21.com) or Colin Jefferson (colin@frenchfrogs.net) to register your interest. You will then be sent the relevant information and a more detailed form to fill in so that we can match you with a suitable family in France.

Throughout the year, we offer a range of events – illustrated talks, wine-tasting, quiz evenings – to name but a few. Please visit our website for further information: www.shelfordtwinning.org.uk

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But 2026 will not be just another year: it will be a very special year for the Market. We will be celebrating our fiftieth birthday, so look out for details a bit later in the year. Great Shelford WI Market opened in the Memorial Hall in the summer of 1976. We have two or three founder members who can recall those early days. Though we have evolved into the Country Market, our basic principles haven't changed, but so many of the rules and regulations have become far more demanding and time-consuming.

We look forward to seeing you in the Market when we **re-open at 9am on Wednesday 14 January**. It's a good place for a shop, browse, chat and freshly made coffee (or tea) and a home-made cookie. You'll find free entry and free parking so make it a date for your Wednesday mornings.

Best wishes for the New Year.

Dorothy Doel

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Dr Bike continues to hold its volunteer-run weekly bike repair sessions at the Old Slaughterhouse in Stapleford, 3pm to 5.30pm every Tuesday. 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. The Saturday sessions may resume in the spring.

Planning Meeting Our next planning meeting is on Monday 5 January at the community room in Cox's Close, Stapleford, where we will be arranging our upcoming events. Do come along and meet us, and suggest activities you might like us to do.

The Future of Water We are organising a conversation evening about water, a very important issue around here. We will have speakers from Cambridge Water and Cam Valley Forum (or another water quality organisation) and our councillor Peter Fane will talk about planning issues. It will be on Thursday 22 January at 8pm at Cox's Close Community Room in Stapleford. Check our website or Facebook page nearer the time to confirm details.

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Repair Café If you missed our last one, the next one will be on Saturday 7 February at Great Shelford Free Church, 2–5pm. Do try and book your repair in advance. Bookings can be made at cambridgecarbonfootprint.org/events. This helps us plan our schedule so we can avoid people having to wait and also means we can do our homework in advance to assess the repair. We can tackle a wide variety of repairs including jewellery, electrical and electronic devices, as well as clothes and fabrics.

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Good News evening We held this event at the end of November and people came along with items of good news and shared them over refreshments. We all felt a little more cheerful about the state of the environment and had hope for the world by the end of the evening. We heard about groups of people getting together to change things, with momentum growing for change at government level. At international level we considered how although COP30 didn't achieve much in relation to phasing out fossil fuels, there was progress for indigenous groups' voices to be heard. Jonathan Porritt, a well-known green campaigner for many years, has written that solar and other renewables will promote energy security, democracy and fairness and reduce climate change, referring us to evidence that this will be so. The magazine 'Positive News' discusses lots of issues such as these and can be seen at Cara Café in Great Shelford (care of one of our members).

We heard about an artist with Cambridge Carbon Footprint, Hilary Cox Condon, who has designed the mural on a bridge along the Chisholm Trail. She has also worked with local schools to help pupils express through art their lives, what they love about where they live and about nature, and their dreams for the future, including making pledges to improve their local environment in some way. What the primary school children said in her video was very impressive, so articulate and informed.

Another member reported on how a group of villagers in Fowlmere have collated the times of the various different buses that call in the village to make one simple timetable, which they posted through every letterbox and displayed at the bus stops. Bus usage has increased since this has been done, thus helping to ensure the bus services continue to be run in the future.




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And locally, we heard from the Stapleford Tree Project, which has already planted well over 100 trees around the village, mostly on public land such as verges or street corners, and at the primary school with the help of children, and which plans to plant further trees this season.

Stapleford St Andrew's church has a link with a church of the same name in Nachingwea, Tanzania, and for many years they have raised money to support projects to help improve life in the African village and its surroundings, by donating bicycles and sewing machines, supporting school libraries and educating girls, in addition to a number of other projects that have been identified by people in the two villages. Most recently they have facilitated the setting up of a women's group to meet regularly and make sanitary towels that can be washed out and reused. Girls used to miss school because they didn't have adequate protection, and it's a big societal step that the women can meet regularly and talk about periods, contraception, and other problems that were considered taboo.

It was heartening to talk to people who have got up and done something to help make the world a fairer, greener, kinder place to be. Perhaps, thinking about new year resolutions, we could all be kinder to each other and our surroundings, consume less and spend our money wisely.

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. In our part of South Cambs. this includes small housing developments, 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 runs until 30 January, so do voice your concerns if you have them.

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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We look forward to seeing you in the library during January. We welcome our new librarian, Vikki, in the afternoons.

Great Shelford Library would like to say a huge thankyou to the Shelford Wednesday Country Market and the Feast, which have both made donations to the library in 2025. These funds will help us buy more adult books and update some of the rugs and furniture in the children's library.

LIBRARY EVENTS IN JANUARY

Craft & Chat Every Friday morning 10.30am–12noon. No need to book.

Tea & Games Every Friday afternoon 2–3.30pm. No need to book.

Engage Talk The History of Papworth Village Settlement, on Wednesday 28 January 2–3.30pm. A donation of £2 is appreciated. Please stay for a drink after the talk. Please pre-book via cambourne.referral@cambridgeshire.gov.uk or in the library.

Story, Rhyme & Duplo Time Every Tuesday at 10.30am. For children aged 0-4 years. Come and enjoy stories and rhymes led by our wonderful volunteers. This is a free drop-in event. Parents/carers please stay with your children.

LEGO and DUPLO Club/Children Games Club Alternate weeks, Mondays 4–5.30pm. Suggested donation £1. Suitable for ages 2–10. Parents/carers please stay with your children during all library activities.

Art Club Every Saturday morning 10.30am-12noon. Suitable for ages 4-10. Drop-in event. £2 donation. Parents and carers must supervise their children at all times.

Stay and Play Every Thursday 2–3.30pm. For children aged 0–3 years. A relaxed drop-in session for families with young children. £2 per family. Toys provided.

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Shelford Brownies enjoyed singing and s'mores at a campfire one evening in early November. Many have now completed their Know Myself Theme Award, working on one of the new Brownie badges in the process (eg Folklore, Guiding Glow and Passions). The Brownies also enjoyed participating in the Remembrance Sunday service and Act of Remembrance in Great Shelford, making Santa decorations for their entry to the Christmas Tree Festival at St Andrew's Church, Stapleford and making gingerbread-style houses from biscuits, icing and sweets.

Shelford Guides have had a lot of fun both indoors and out. Highlights include a rugby session with Cambridge Rugby Club, a campfire, a night hike, making Christmas decorations and confectionery and a visit from a computational chemist for a session about computer algorithms. They've also been learning money skills and other practical life skills for the Live Smart badge.

Coffee morning: Saturday 17 January 10am–12.30pm at the Scout and Guide HQ, Woollards Lane, Great Shelford (entrance opposite the skate park).

Please join Shelford Guides for coffee and cake to raise funds for a trip for local Girlguiding members (aged 14–18) to Kenya in 2026.

£5 entry per adult/£1 per child – refreshments included.

Lisa MacGregor

OLD NEWS

Extracts from the Great Shelford Chronicle 1774-1868 Compiled and re-published by Anne George, Glynis Trundle, Margaret Ward and Alan Bullwinkle, 1993

24 January 1863 CHURCH CHOIR – On Wednesday evening last, the church singers of Great Shelford, numbering 40, sat down to an excellent supper in the Boys' school room, kindly provided for them by the Vicar and Churchwarden, the Rev. A.T. Crisford and Peter Grain Esq. After supper they repaired to the girls' school room, where Mr Nicholls of Cambridge, with the aid of his magic lantern, exhibited a number of beautiful, instructive and amusing views, which gave delight and satisfaction to all present. Upon returning to the supper room they found a plentiful supply of cakes and wine, with which they regaled themselves. After singing a favourite glee in praise of the 'Roast beef of Old England', also the National Anthem, the party broke up, everyone highly pleased with the evening's entertainment.

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It was an unbeaten month for the first team with three league wins and progression to the semi-final of the Premier League Cup. After a few seasons struggling in the top division Milton are flying high this term, so a 2–0 away win was seen as a particularly good result. Conversely, newly promoted Isleham

United are finding it really difficult and the 10–0 win was not a big surprise given their results so far. Regular readers will know that Witchford 95 away is always difficult for us and the away cup fixture continued that theme. After going in at half-time 2–0 up after a good performance, the second was anything but and we were pleased see the game out 2–1. A young Soham Town Rangers Reserve side are also finding it hard in the top division, so when they went into an early 2–0 lead on their own ground the supporters were a bit shell shocked! Normal service was resumed, however, and after pegging them back to lead 3–2 at the break, five second half goals saw us remain top of the division.

The reserves only had two games in the month, and the results reflected their season so far. After some disappointing results, a 3–0 win at home to Histon Reserves raised hopes, only for a 6–0 reverse away to Saffron Walden Town Reserves to dash them. The good thing was, however, that the game was a dead rubber in the William Cockell Cup so did not mean a loss of points or cup progression.

We would like to thank everyone for their continued support and wish them a very Happy New Year. 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

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WHAT'S ON IN JANUARY

ARTS THEATRE	
Until 4 January	Sleeping Beauty
14–17	Guys and Dolls
21–24	Twelfth Night
29	An evening with Sir Derek Jacobi
30–31	Murder, She Didn't Write
<i>https://www.artstheatre.co.uk/</i>	

CAMBRIDGE ADC THEATRE	
14-17	Hadestown: Teen Edition
20–24	The Comedy of Errors
20 (11pm)	Cambridge University Musical Theatre Society presents: the 24-hour musical.
27–31	Noises Off
<i>https://www.adctheatre.com/</i>	

SAWSTON CINEMA	
22	Hamlet (National Theatre Live) To be confirmed.
<i>https://sawstoncinema.org/cinema-screenings/</i>	

FITZWILLIAM MUSEUM	
Until 3 May.	Call to Art: William Morris & the Pre-Raphaelites
Until 8 Feb.	Journeys with Mai
Until 12 April	Made in Ancient Egypt (ticketed)
<i>https://fitzmuseum.cam.ac.uk/</i>	

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY	
24	British Vocal Music – at Clare College Chapel
26	Botany Taster Day – at the Botanic Garden
<i>https://www.admin.cam.ac.uk/whatson</i>	

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GSVN was designed from the outset to be a publication for news and information about our village, our societies, our businesses and our events. We are pleased to receive articles, letters and notices for community events for consideration. We don't invite poems or fiction because that would change the nature of the magazine.

For guidance, please note that an article of around 400 words, without a photo, will fill a full page. Notices for events work best as a half page (half A5) in landscape format and usually in black and white.

Please send your contribution, preferably as a Word document, by email (see below). You may also send items by post to Judith Wilson, 11 Elms Avenue, Great Shelford CB22 5LN. Please include your contact details. The copy date is usually the second Friday of the month.

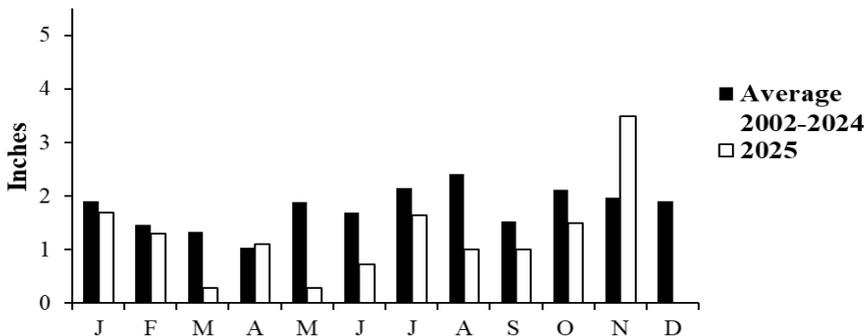
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Sunday 25 January | 3:00pm

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Ian Buckle: A Nordic Collection

Saturday 31 January | 5:00pm

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