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SUMMARY FROM THE UNADOPTED MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING ON 15 APRIL 2026

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION

Residents requested an update on the fallen tree over the river on the rec.

Requests were made for hustings at the Annual Parish Meeting.

REPORTS FROM COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCIL MEMBERS

County Council

- The Council has opposed any move to merge the local police force into a regional/national body and called for increased funding for community policing, improved vetting standards, technology upgrades, rural crime support and local police desks.
- Targeted holiday support will be explored, including holiday food vouchers where Government rules allow.
- A new defect tracking system for pothole reporting has been created.
- Pavement charging channels for residents reliant on on-street parking are being piloted.
- Low income households reliant on heating oil can apply for financial support of up to £400.
- *Nature Recovery – From the Ground Up:* This newly launched project aims to support parishes in doubling nature-rich land from 8% to 16%. There will be free access to Parish Online mapping software until March 2027.
- Primary medical care is facing challenges due to population growth, workforce shortages and funding formula limitations. There has been a significant rise in autism referrals for children; services are under pressure with long waiting times.
- Combined Authority: work is progressing on a regional water resources plan.
- Development of a Youth Employment/NEET (Not in Education, Employment or Training) Strategy has been approved.

District Council

- Draft Local Plan: The revised plan will be consulted on this summer and the independent examination is expected in December.
- A government decision on the local government reorganisation is due in June or July.

- National Planning Policy Changes: Proposed ‘default yes’ for development around rail stations, including green belt.
- Cambridge South Station is due to open at the end of June.
- Local planning applications include up to 110 homes off Mingle Lane and 120 homes (‘Stone Hill Gardens’) east of the Rugby Club.
- Weekly food waste collections will begin in Shelford later this year.

The Chairman requested that thanks be formally recorded to Cllr Fane and Cllr Jackson-Wood for their support and assistance during their term of office as District Councillors.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND WORKING GROUPS

Highways and Transport Matters

- A Highways Meeting will be held on 1 June to formulate the Council’s response in the East-West rail consultation.
- The Memorial Hall, Scotsdales, the Post Office and Arthur Rank Hospice were suggested as locations for the route extension of the Tiger On-Demand bus service.
- There is a £25,000 shortfall in funding for Better Ways for Busways (BW4B). It was agreed that £5,000 would be contributed to this. This item will be revisited in October and the Clerk will investigate whether the newly elected Council is bound by a decision made by the previous committee.

Council Administration matters

- The leak in the Memorial Hall has been located and costings will be obtained for the repair. The electrical system will be reviewed.
- It was agreed that further works would be carried out to the riverbank at a cost of £1,290.

Community Matters

- A request for a memorial bench on the rec was agreed provided this is made of recycled plastic and placed in the location of the existing green bench.
- A defibrillator will be installed in the phone box on Church Street. Members requested that a defibrillator map be published, listing all locations and the times each unit is accessible.
- The current organisers of the Fun Run have been asked to confirm that the existing volunteers will continue to support the event.

Finance Matters

- Grants of £750 to Cam Valley Rail and £305.70 to the Twinning Association were approved.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS IN JUNE

Building & Grounds	3 June	7.00pm	Pavilion
Planning Committee	8 June	7.00pm	Memorial Hall
Full Council	17 June	7.00pm	Pavilion
Planning Committee	22 June	7.00pm	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 (13.04.2026)

26/00788/HFUL	194 Cambridge Road	Hip-to-gable roof extension and rear dormer with raised ridge and three rooflights to front elevation. Extension of existing wood burner flue to rear. Single storey front extension. New cladding and green roof to existing rear extension.
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GSPC responded to this application following the planning meeting on 23 March 2026.

26/01038/HFUL	22 Cambridge Road	Demolition of existing garage and replacement with a new garage.
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Approval recommended.

26/01082/HFUL	102 Cambridge Road	Erection of outbuilding in rear garden following demolition of existing detached shed and garage.
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Approval recommended.

26/01255/HFUL	11 Poplar Close	Single storey rear extension, additional side window on ground floor and rooflight to front elevation.
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Approval recommended.

26/00762/HFUL	158 Cambridge Road	Loft extension including raising of ridge, Juliette balcony and removal of chimney and existing dormer window. Addition of rooflights and alterations to fenestration.
Approval recommended.		

26/01341/HFUL	23 Hinton Way	First floor side and front extensions with associated works.
The committee could not identify any planning reason for refusal. However, concerns were noted regarding access for contractors' vehicles and the potential impact of their parking.		

26/01465/HFUL	159 Cambridge Road	Single storey rear and side extension to replace existing side conservatory.
Approval recommended.		

26/01577/FUL	The Cambridge Care Home 1076-178 Cambridge Road	Extension and alterations to accommodate 20 new bedrooms with ancillary accommodation and associated external works including new car parking courtyard and secure landscaped gardens.
Refusal recommended. The Committee is not satisfied with the scale of the proposed extension, the likely loss of light to nearby properties and the extent of tree removal, which would significantly alter the existing landscaped garden. There were also concerns regarding the reduction in on-site parking. The Committee also questioned the overall need for an extension of this size within the village. A site visit by the Planning Officer is requested.		

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ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Great Shelford held its Annual Parish Meeting on Wednesday 22 April and it was really good to see so many residents come along. People had the chance to raise a range of topics and the Chairman gave his report, along with updates from Buildings & Grounds and the other committees.

The Clerk also talked through the unaudited figures for this year and the audited accounts for 2024/25. Residents were reminded that they are welcome to get in touch or drop by the Peter Amos Room when the team is working there if they'd like to ask questions, report something, or simply get to know the Clerk and councillors a little better.

County Councillor Peter Fane let everyone know that he will be stepping down from the District Council, although he will continue as County Councillor. He spoke about the recent awards South Cambs has received for its shared planning services and thanked residents for their patience with the temporary road repairs. Cambridge Road is still expected to be resurfaced in the next financial year.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT REORGANISATION.

Liz Watts, Chief Executive of South Cambs, gave an update on Local Government Reorganisation and what it will mean for residents. She explained how the new shadow council will work ahead of the move to a unitary authority, which will take on any remaining funds or debt from the District and County Councils. She also spoke about the Cambridge Growth Company and the government's consultation on a possible development corporation, with three different options currently being considered.

Residents were then able to ask questions. One comment raised was about the condition of Freestones Corner. The Parish Council has since discussed this and the area is due to be replanted and tidied in September.

The meeting closed at 8.13pm and was followed by a Hustings for the South Cambs elections. Several candidates attended and answered questions from residents on local issues, including roads and transport.

RIVERBANK

Further work has taken place along the riverbank, including extending the fencing to help protect the area. It has also been noticed that American crayfish, – an invasive species – are around. If you spot any, please let the Environment Agency know.

On a lighter note, a cow recently made an unexpected appearance on the recreation ground after being swept into the River Cam further upstream. Thankfully, it was safely collected by the farmer and is now back where it belongs.

COUNCIL NEWS

Following the recent election, all existing Parish Councillors were returned uncontested. We are also pleased to welcome Annabel Sykes to the Parish Council. Annabel brings a great deal of knowledge and enthusiasm, and we're delighted to have her on board.

STREET FURNITURE

You may also have noticed some new benches appearing around the village. The Clerk is currently reviewing all benches and replacing those that can't be repaired with recycled alternatives. If you have suggestions for locations, please email the Clerk.

EVENTS

The Parish Council is continuing to plan events for the year ahead and more details will be shared once arrangements are confirmed.

Malcolm Watson, Chairman

DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORT

Farhan and I are honoured and privileged to have been elected as the two District Councillors for Shelford ward, covering Great and Little Shelford and Stapleford in the District elections on 7 May. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Peter Fane and Will Jackson-Wood, the outgoing District Councillors, for their hard work and dedication over the last eight and four years respectively. Will is moving house and Peter is focussing on his County role having been elected as County Councillor last May.

Farhan and I have got straight down to work, taking over 'in flight' casework from Peter and Will and initiating new casework that was collected while we were calling on people over the last few months. Within eight days of taking office, we had attended our first parish council meetings and are looking forward to working with the three parish councils.

Our diaries have been filled with various induction courses for new councillors, including topics such as introductions to the various departments, code of conduct, council meeting procedures and local government reorganisation. Writing this on 14 May, we are looking forward to our first District Council meeting next week.

We thought we'd mention a bit about ourselves by way of introduction. Mark has lived, studied and worked in the Cambridge area for over 40 years and is now retired having spent many years commuting into London where he worked in financial services. He is married with two grown up children and a wonderful granddaughter who recently turned one. He lives nearby in the Abingtons. Farhan is also married and is one of the council's younger

members. He runs two businesses on Woollards Lane and lives in the Queen Edith's Ward. Greater Cambridge is growing at an unprecedented rate and we are both committed to trying to ensure that the character of the three villages and the surrounding area is preserved.

Local Government Reorganisation

At the moment in Cambridgeshire, we have both a District Council, responsible for planning, council housing, waste disposal and licensing and a County Council which is responsible predominantly for adults' and children's social care and Highways. The government has decided that Cambridgeshire should move to a single unitary authority providing all services. Unitary authorities already exist in other parts of the country. Following recent consultation, we expect the Government's decision on the boundaries of the new Unitary authorities for Cambridgeshire in early summer. Then there will be elections for the new Unitary authority in May 2027. There will be a one-year hand over or 'shadow' period after which the Unitary authority will take over the running of services and the District and County councils will cease to exist and District and County councillor's term of office will come to an end.

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St Mary's Musings

This month, the Pilgrim Study Group will explore a 600 year old spiritual classic, Thomas à Kempis' *The Imitation of Christ*. This book was originally written in Latin in the fifteenth century. We have called our Study Sessions this month, 'Discovering the "Interior Room" – A Journey through *The Imitation of Christ*.'

In a world that can feel noisy, hurried and demanding, many of us find ourselves searching for a sense of inner quiet. This Christian classic has guided readers for centuries as they reflect on questions that remain relevant today: How do we detach from the noise and vanity of modern life? How do we find joy within rather than in the approval of others? How do we listen for the 'still, small voice' of God in times of trouble? What place, if any, do the Sacraments have in that journey?

For many years after it was written, this book was one of the most widely read Christian works after the Bible. In England, many manuscripts survive, especially of the first three books (which are the first three chapters in the volume that we now read). These books have been referred to as 'Musica Ecclesiastica,' or music for the Church, a title which has stuck ever since. It is thought that this title was given by an English mystic called Walter Hilton who died in 1395. The phrase suggests that the book exists for the glory of God and the building up of the Church. Like church music, it may be seen as a prayerful work of spiritual beauty, intended to deepen faith and to accompany the liturgy and worship.

For many centuries, theologians and clerics referred to *The Imitation of Christ* as 'The supreme call and guide to spiritual aspiration.' We hope to revisit this classic together and discover whether its wisdom still speaks into our lives now.

Whether you are a lifelong believer, a curious sceptic, or simply someone looking for a bit of mental 'breathing room,' this book can help us navigate the stresses of the 21st century. We step out of the rush of the world and into the 'interior room' of the soul. All are welcome.

Rev Julie Norris

Saturday 6 June	MONTHLY COFFEE MORNING
	10.30am to 12noon Coffee Morning in the Community Room. This is open to everyone from the village.
Sunday 7 June	FIRST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY
	8am Holy Communion using the Book of Common Prayer. 10am Parish Communion: A sung contemporary Communion service, with a children's Sunday Club for children and families.
Sunday 14 June	SECOND SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY
	8am Holy Communion using the Book of Common Prayer. 10am Parish & Family Communion: Children are present throughout the service and are encouraged to participate. At this service we are going on an adventure and thinking about what we are going to need to take with us and what will make us resilient.
Thursday 18 June	
	11am Holy Communion at The Cambridgeshire Care Home.
Sunday 21 June	THIRD SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY
	8am Holy Communion using the Book of Common Prayer. 10am Parish Communion: A sung contemporary Communion service, with a children's Sunday Club for children and families.
Wednesday 24 June	
	7pm in St Mary's Church Learning from Icons. An opportunity to explore different ways of praying by looking at icons.
Thursday 25 June	
	2pm Holy Communion at Barley Manor Care Home.
Sunday 28 June	FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY
	8am Holy Communion using the Book of Common Prayer. A traditional said service. 10am Parish Communion: A contemporary sung service. There is a children's Sunday Club. 5pm Evensong: A calm way to prepare for the week ahead with traditional evening prayer and music.

Morning Prayer takes place in the Chancel at St Mary's. We welcome people dropping in to join us. We include the prayers of those who have made special requests.

We meet on the following Monday and Thursdays:

8.30am Monday 1,8,15,22 and 29 June for Morning Prayer in the Chancel.

8.30am Thursday 4,11,18 and 25 June for Morning Prayer in the Chancel.

EACH SUNDAY ZOOM SERVICE

6.30pm Online EWorship zoom service. The link can be found in the newsletter which can be accessed at <https://www.stmarysgreatshelford.org/>

ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

Each Sunday morning there is a **Sunday Club** where the children go out to do activities, games and prayers in the Community Room for part of the service.

YOUNG PILGRIM GROUP (YPG) Those who are in Years 5 and above meet together on **third Sunday of the month (21 June)** after the morning worship at 11.15am for an hour of fun, food and reflection. It is a group where the YPG discuss ideas about how the church can engage in the world. They have already started a music group and they will be making plans for summer activities.

THE PILGRIM STUDY GROUP

2pm on Monday afternoons

We meet at The Vicarage (12 Church Street). Join in at any time.

Discovering the 'Interior Room': A Journey through *The Imitation of Christ* by Thomas à Kempis.

Monday 1 June Who was Thomas à Kempis and why was this book so significant?

Monday 8 June How can we detach from the 'noise' and vanity of modern life?

Monday 15 June How can we find happiness within our own heart rather than in the approval of others?

Monday 22 June How can we listen for the 'still, small voice' of God in times of trouble?

Monday 29 June How can we find strength and community in the tradition of the Sacrament?

Thought for the month: If we are to share our lives with others and give generously of ourselves, we also have to realise that every person is worthy of our giving... because like us they are God's handiwork. *Pope Francis*

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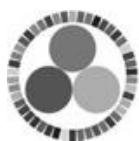
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FATHER'S DAY

‘See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are!’ (1 John 3:1)

Have you ever thought about the roles of parents in fairy tales? They’re often missing completely (why didn’t Goldilocks’ parents tell her not to enter strange houses and eat whatever she finds there?), or only around long enough to make way for the evil stepmother. I imagine there would be some very complicated feelings around Father’s Day in fairy land!

Back in the real world, there can also be really complicated feelings around Father’s Day. Some of us have never known a father. Some have unfulfilled dreams of being a father. Some have really happy memories of fathers. Some are in the middle of the daily grind of parenting and the struggle for work-family balance. Some are getting so much joy out of being fathers, or being with their fathers. Some are missing fathers. Some fathers are missing their children. Sadly, for some Father’s Day is a really painful reminder of the ways men have hurt us or not looked after us as they should (sorry to bring it up).

The Bible tells the story of God as the most loving, compassionate, wise, strong, with-us-to-help-us parent in the world. It tells us that anyone who receives Jesus and believes in him becomes adopted into the family of God, entering a special parent-child relationship with him. Christians around the world call God ‘Father.’ Whatever your associations with the word ‘Father,’ whether happy or sad, the Bible tells us that God is better than that – better than even the best parent you can imagine! All our efforts pale in comparison with how perfectly God knows and loves and looks after those who trust in him. Maybe this Father’s Day is a chance for you to ponder that.

And to all the fathers out there who are doing your best, day in and day out, to love and look after your children, thank you. We need you. I hope this Father’s Day you can know how much God loves you, too.

God bless

Monica Cragg

EVENTS AT GREAT SHELFORD FREE CHURCH**SUNDAY**

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).

Café Church on Sunday June 21 at 10.30am: Informal family service, seated around tables with refreshments served. Please note that this meeting is not livestreamed or recorded for future viewing.

WEEKDAY

Community Café every Monday: 10am – 12noon - Come join us for tea/coffee, homemade cake and chat!

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

Tiny Toes Baby Group every Wednesday afternoon: 1.30 – 3pm.

This group is for babies under one year old with their parent or carer. To book a place, please email administrator@shelfordfreechurch.org.uk

SPECIAL

Great Shelford Churches Together Family Craft Morning: Saturday June 6, 10.30 – 12noon at Great Shelford Free Church: Come join us for a morning of craft and fun for families! This will take place in the main hall where there will be several different craft activities for children to enjoy on the theme of Pentecost. The morning will conclude with a short gathering in the church. Refreshments provided.

Friday Prayer Gathering: June 26 10.30 – 11.30am: Come join us for this monthly event - an opportunity to gather for prayer for one another, the church and for the wider world. *Margaret Cletheroe, GSFC Administrator*

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MYSTERIOUS EGGS

THE MYSTERY CONTINUES

In last month's Village News I reported finding mysterious hens' eggs in my garden. Who put them there and why? Now I can report that I am not alone, and that eggs – always commercially stamped – have been found further afield.



The Village News article prompted several people to reveal their own experiences and thanks to them I can now say that within a 200 metre radius of my house there have been at least **nine** gardens discovering over **twenty** eggs in total in the last two months. Most of the eggs were broken into but least two were still complete, which suggests the culprit can climb over quite high fences while carrying an egg whole – and which does narrow down the range of possible thieves.

While magpies are not discounted, suspicions now rest firmly on foxes and a particular vixen who has been spotted in the area.



Photo: Duncan Grey

There is an additional clue. Most of the eggs found had traces of the red stamp used on commercial eggs which means they are not from local hen houses. In fact, we believe many of the eggs – though surely not all twenty? – have been stolen from an early morning doorstep delivery. Though amazingly, one of the eggs was hard boiled! As I can't contemplate a fox with a hob or a primus, I have to conclude that the village is knowingly contributing to the fox's diet!

As Sherlock Holmes said, 'when you have eliminated the impossible, whatever remains, however improbable, must be the truth.'

As a one-time hen keeper who lost many chickens to local foxes, I am not at all fond of them and I know that some folks treat fox cubs as pets rather than pests, but I'm sure both sides can agree that a vixen is the most likely culprit.

Unless, of course, there is an even more improbable theory for The Mystery of the Appearing Eggs.

Duncan Grey

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*

7 June 1856

BAZAAR – A bazaar, the profits of which were devoted to the building fund of the new Baptist chapel in this village, was held in a barn kindly let for the occasion by Mr John Clark, on Tuesday and Wednesday last. The building was decorated with flags and evergreens and Mr Lagee's cornet band was in attendance and played several delightful airs on both occasions.

The management of the bazaar was entrusted to a committee of ladies, consisting of Mrs Clare (wife of the Rev. Mr Clare, Baptist minister), Mrs Wood, Mrs and Miss Peck and Miss Daffin. These ladies presided at the stalls, which, of course, abounded in all sorts of handicraft.

The attendance was numerous, and the receipts of the first day amounted to £60. On the second day it is probable that a good sum was realised and that the building of the new chapel will not be discontinued for want of funds.

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GRASS SEEDS AND YOUR DOG

How to avoid, spot and treat them



Walking dogs in the late spring sunshine is a welcome change after the long, wet months of winter. However, the warmer weather does present a few pet care challenges, one of which is grass seeds. Grass seeds are perfectly designed to make their way into the ear canal, but the sharp barbs then prevent them coming out. They can cause a lot of discomfort and in some cases infection. Grass seeds can also get lodged in eyes, up noses and between the pads of the paws, from where they can work their way under the skin and in some cases then migrate round the body. Signs of a problem grass seed can include sneezing, head shaking, redness, soreness, excessive licking and limping.

Some dogs are more prone to issues with grass seeds than others. Dogs that spend a lot of time romping through long grass, shorter dogs whose ears are level with the long grass and dog breeds with particularly hairy ears and paws are most affected. The best way to prevent grass seed problems is to avoid long grass where possible and to check ears, paws and coat for seeds after walks where long grass is unavoidable. Keeping the hair on paws and ears well-trimmed during the summer months can also be helpful.

Treatment for grass seeds depends a little on the area affected and how long the grass seed has been in place. In some, lucky cases, where the seed is close to the surface and the dog is cooperative, we may simply be able to fish the offending seed out without sedation, but in most cases, sedation is required to find and remove the seed. If the seed has worked its way under the skin, surgery may be required. In cases where the grass seed has been in place for a while and caused an infection, antibiotics and pain relief may also be necessary.



If your dog has been out and about and displays any of the above symptoms, please do seek veterinary advice.

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It will bring an easy link to Addenbrooke's, Royal Papworth and the Rosie Maternity Hospitals; Long Road Sixth Form College and the Cambridge Academy for Science and Technology; and the Biomedical Campus.

Where is the station located?

- Cambridge South is on the southwestern edge of the Cambridge Biomedical Campus, across the road from Royal Papworth Hospital.

Can I walk to my hospital appointment?

- From the station, it's about a ten minute walk to Addenbrooke's and the Rosie Maternity Hospitals.
- Cross the road, move straight ahead through 'The Green' between AstraZeneca and Royal Papworth. Continue straight on the very short Keith Day Road, which brings you to the Addenbrooke's south entrance.

Bus connections

- Cambridge South Station will be staffed to assist customers.
- A bus station is located on the northern edge of the campus, adjacent to the vehicle entrance off the Hills Road roundabout.
- A small patient courtesy bus makes a continuous loop around the site.

Cycle networks

- The station sits alongside the Guided Busway multi-user path, leading to Cambridge Station and city centre, Trumpington Park and Ride, Great Shelford and beyond. It will have 1,000 cycle parking spaces, all protected by CCTV.

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- For Whittlesford Parkway and Shelford stations: greateranglia.co.uk

Bus timetables

- <https://www.stagecoachbus.com/timetables>

With up to 20 services calling at Cambridge South in peak hours, concerns have been raised over the status of Shelford Station and the number of times the barriers stop traffic at Granhams and Hinton Way crossings.

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Friday July 3

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Sawston Youth Drama (SYD)

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Quiz

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Summer Concert in St Mary's

'Back to the 80s' + 'What's Next'

Clear up – with volunteers!

We need volunteers!

Shelford Festival spans eight days, prolonged due to the clashes with FIFA World Cup matches on some nights. Before that, there is the setting up, building the compound, erecting the bar and after it is all over, the clearing up. This is too much for the Bunch who organise the event to manage alone. We need volunteers; volunteers to man the bar, volunteers to serve food, volunteers to help with teas, help set up, help take down. Could **YOU** help for even a short time **PLEASE!** There are short shifts of just an hour and a half on a rota serving food on Feast Day (Sunday 5 July) that need filling if your time is at a premium. Could you run the second-hand book stall on Feast Day? – that needs volunteers. Please contact us to offer help with any of the above tasks at volunteers@shelfordfestival.org

Even if you aren't up to volunteering perhaps you could make a cake for tea? Eleanor Witter from the WI (eleanorcwitter@gmail.com) would like to hear from you as the WI will be serving teas in the pavilion and need both volunteers and cakes.

It is a great organisation but it can't take place without helpers. Thank you!

Tickets on sale now in the village and online!

DIARY JUNE 2026

Date	Event	Time	Place
4	History Walk	7.30pm	Jenny's Path
4	2G3S planning meeting	8pm	Cox's Close Community Room
17	Country Market 50th anniversary	9–11	Memorial Hall
20	Duxford Workshop Taster	11–12.30	Duxford Primary School
24	Engage Talk: Master of Lies with author Piers Blofeld	2pm	Shelford library
27	School Summer Fair	1–4	Shelford Primary School
27	Rainbow Pre-school open afternoon	1–3	Shelford Primary School
28	Spanish Baroque music by the Lowe Ensemble	7.30pm	Holy Trinity Church, Hildersham
25–28	Stapleford Village Weekend		

	BIN COLLECTIONS Black bins Tuesday June 9, 23 Blue and green bins Tuesday June 2, 16, 30	
	POST BOXES Coppice Avenue, Mill Court (Hinton Way), Library, Old Vicarage, Church St, High Green bus stop, Stonehill Road, Macaulay Avenue. Usual post box collections are 9am. The latest collection is from the Post Office at 4.45pm.	
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2G3S

Planning meeting – our next one is on Thursday 4 June at 8pm, at Cox's Close Community Room in Stapleford. Come along and meet us and find out what we're planning, perhaps suggest something you think we should be looking at.

National Emergency Briefing – I have discussed this event in previous issues and now a film has been made featuring all the experts talking about an aspect of climate change that is affecting us in the UK right now and what needs to be done by government and business to help. There have been a number of local showings of the film and if you want to see it you can do this on Saturday 6 June, 6 – 8.30pm, at the NCI Community Centre off Victoria Road in Cambridge (free tickets via EventBrite). Or alternatively on Sunday 5 July, 7pm-9.30 pm at Haslingfield Village Hall (free tickets available at tickettailor.com/events/haslingfieldandharltonecogroup/2145810).

Dr Bike continues to hold its volunteer run weekly bike repair sessions at the Old Slaughterhouse in Stapleford, 3 – 5.30pm every Tuesday. It is also now running sessions on the last Saturday of every month, same time as Tuesdays. For more information and to book a slot, contact drbikestapleford@gmail.com. It will soon be possible to donate by card as well as by cash.

Stapleford Village Weekend – once again we are showing a film on the Thursday evening, 25 June, at 7pm. 'Six Inches of Soil' is a film made in the UK by a production team based in Cambridge and first released in 2024. It features the inspiring story of British farmers breaking out of the industrial food system and transforming the way they produce food – to heal the soil, benefit our health and provide for local communities.



We screened this film in Sawston in May last year and liked it so much we are screening it again. Find more details of this regenerative kind of farming at sixinchesofsoil.org. There will be an opportunity for discussion after the screening and we hope to have some local organic food producers/sellers there. A pizza van

will be on the Rec from 5pm so you can grab something to eat before the film starts. There will also be a bar and tickets are on sale via the Stapleford Weekend website.

We also plan to have a stall at **Shelford Feast** on Sunday 5 July.

Swift boxes – the group has now installed 20 boxes in Sawston, 16 in Stapleford and 13 in Shelford. Accommodation for martins and swallows has been less popular than swifts as they are messier birds. Let's see if swifts visit the new boxes!

Two ways your garden can help wildlife this month:

Hedgehogs – as you probably know, hedgehog numbers have declined sharply in recent years. You can help them by putting out food and by ensuring there are gaps in the fences between you and your neighbours (a 'hedgehog highway'). If you want to find out where hedgehogs have been recorded in your area, go to *bighedgehogmap* and type in your postcode. The website also gives lots of information about hedgehogs, how to help and campaigns being run.

Make a Metre Matter – this is a campaign run by Gardeners World magazine encouraging you to dedicate just one square metre of your garden to doing something to help wildlife, a great way to get kids involved. You could for instance plant wildflowers, build a bug hotel, grow vegetables, make a pond, build a compost heap, or plant a tree. Last year 15,532 people registered their metre on the website, and it's hoped they can beat that this year. Register at *gardenersworld.com/make-a-metre-matter/pledge-to-win*.

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If you are interested in green matters and the environment, send an email to *mail2G3S@gmail.com* to sign up for our monthly newsletter, or to get more information about our meetings. We 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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PETE'S PATCH

SUMMER FRUIT AND VEGETABLES ON MY ALLOTMENT



As spring merges with the summer, once again, here on my allotment there is lots of watering to do. My crops are all growing well thanks to this water, but we could definitely do with a heavy downpour of rain.

In June, I have broad beans coming to the end of their flowering time. I sowed two packets of seed this year, so should get double the harvest of last year's crop, I hope.

I also have four courgette plants that were planted into a well dug and liberally manured bed. I know they are likely to produce more fruits than I will need, so I will give some away to family and friends. Courgettes, unlike broad beans, can't be stored in a freezer. So,

giving them away is a good option and usually one that is well received by people I know.

There are several rows of cauliflower plants near the courgettes. The plants are growing where I had broad beans last year. I have not planned a definite rotation system, but by not growing the same thing in the same place year on year, any soil-borne diseases will be kept low.

Cauliflower curds should form by the end of summer. I have covered the young plants with a fine net cloche, for now. Eventually, when they grow bigger, I will net them properly to stop the cabbage white butterfly from laying her eggs on the leaves.

Any hatched caterpillars love to eat brassica leaves and would gorge themselves and strip the plants bare. And, no leaves, no photosynthesis and no plant growth – so no curds!

I have forty onion sets growing into bigger onions in a separate bed. These are growing well too.

There are two wide rows of peas that, at the start of summer, are just pea shoots. But they will grow into mature pea plants and be ready to flower and produce pea pods with peas to harvest by the end of July.

My potatoes are in four bags, like last year. The haulms are out of the tops of the bags and they are producing new tubers. Hopefully, harvest will be done in July too. But I pick out the new potatoes from one bag at a time as and when they are needed. Leaving the other bags for later. They will still taste good, if left a while.

At the end of my plot, I have made an asparagus bed. I planted several thongs last autumn. The bed now needs weeding but has thrown up some spears of asparagus. These are thin and spindly so I will leave them. They take three years to mature, so I'll wait. Just two years to go!

My fruit patch has grown this year, as I bought two more blackcurrant bushes and one other gooseberry bush. These will not produce fruit this year though. But I do have white currant and gooseberry bushes that were planted last year and which are laden with berries.

To stop the birds eating all of these I have invested in a fruit cage and net. I look forward to enjoying white currant and gooseberry pies later this summer. A rhubarb plant I planted last year bolted this spring, due to stress. I quickly cut off the stalk to stop it flowering. Now it is producing more stems that can be pulled and eaten.

Everything I am growing needs a lot of water regularly, for optimum growth. The soil does dry out quickly. But I'm hoping there will be plenty of fruit and vegetables for me and my friends and family to share. And that's so satisfying for year two on my lovely allotment plot.

Peter Dean

SWIFTS AND MARTINS

On 10 April, four members of Great Shelford's CamSwift began our installation of swift and martin boxes around the village. Calum, our installer, whipped up and down the ladder at lightning speed, fitting the boxes one by one. We progressed along the High Street, installing swift boxes as we went, nipped along to St Mary's Church Room to put up 3 house martin cups, then along Woollards Lane and up Hinton Way with our swift boxes. By 2.30 we'd installed a total of 13 swift nestboxes and 3 martin cups around the village.

As I write, the birds are returning from their winter in Africa. It's so exciting to see them back! We are hoping, of course, that they'll spot their new luxurious homes and move in, but in reality, it's the younger birds who'll arrive in another month that are most likely to be tempted. Putting up nestboxes is a waiting game. Some will find occupants, some not; it may take a few years. The boxes are homes for what we hope will be a growing population and as such are our hope for the future.



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CamSwift has now used up its Parish Council grant, but a number of villagers have expressed their willingness to buy their own boxes – for swifts or for house martins - and pay the £20 installation fee, provided we at CamSwift can organise installation.

If you, too, would like to buy your own box, please get in touch. The more boxes we have, the more swifts and house martins we will have and once again these high fliers will light up the summer – the swifts with their high speed manoeuvres and screaming parties, the martins with their more measured flight and gentle twittering.

Lastly, we wish to thank Great Shelford Parish Council for its generous grant, which has allowed us to get our project off the ground in Great Shelford.

To get in touch, contact Helen Harwood, tel 01223 840393 or email helen_harwood_uk@yahoo.co.uk

CamSwift, working for swifts and house martins in Great Shelford, Stapleford and Sawston

HISTORY WALKS FOR THIS SUMMER

This year I'm going to talk about 'the village old and new'. There will be a total of three walks.

Thursday 4 June The Old Village, a walk along Church Street and High Street
This walk will look at the old agricultural village which transformed over the course of the century into the village we know today. We will take in the church, the farms, the manor house and the mill and talk about farmers and corn merchants, artisans, shopkeepers and agricultural labourers. I will weave all this into a portrait of a working village in which farming is the main business.

Meet by Jenny's Path at 7.30pm. The walk will last between 60 and 90 minutes, ending at the corner of Woollards Lane.

Afterwards, do come and join us for a drink at the Square and Compasses, if you so wish.

There will be a charge of £3 for the walk. No booking required.

For further details contact Helen Harwood, tel. 840393, email helen_harwood_uk@yahoo.co.uk

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The Shelfords WI continues to thrive. The Community Room behind St Mary's Church is plenty large enough to accommodate more members. We welcome women of all ages to come, as visitors in the first instance and hopefully join us subsequently.

Our speaker in May was the very energetic artist, Amanda Sutherland. Not art as in painting but creating beautiful jewellery and accessories using the most unlikely materials. Amanda told us of her creative journey from making wedding bits and pieces as a child, via college, as a buyer for the Royal Opera House wardrobe, as a wardrobe assistant in West End shows to starting her own business, initially in bridal accessories. Her advice to all young people is, don't just sit on a sunny beach or in a ski resort during your vacations, get some work experience in your chosen field because employers will look more favourably on someone with experience, not just a qualification.



Amanda makes flowers from drinks cans, beautifully painted and mounted either as pendants, brooches or fixed to hats. Leaves stripped of their flesh with the remaining veins metallised become jewellery too. Her interest in bridal wear led to an experiment with plastic milk bottles, heating them gently until they distort, then creating a fascinator/head piece – classy and quite unrecognisable after being coated first in an adhesive so that paint could then be applied. What an imagination to create such wonderful pieces from common materials. We have an energetic summer planned. Our own members will lead the meeting on 4 June giving short talks on rowing, fundraising and

playing with a brass band at the Whit Marches around Manchester.

As usual The Shelfords WI will be serving tea, coffee and cakes on 5 July, the first Sunday of the Festival. Offers of cakes would be gratefully



received. We are a small group of bakers and often sell out. We have arranged a trip to Gransden where some of us will be gliding and barbequing in mid-July, followed by a summer party in a member's garden in August. Visitors and prospective new members will be made very welcome on the first Thursday of each month (except July and August this year) at 7.30pm in the Community Room behind St Mary's Church Great Shelford.

Our programme and other information about The Shelfords WI can be found on our website: theshefordswi.wordpress.com

Eleanor Witter The Shelfords WI President

BRITISH CACTUS & SUCCULENT SOCIETY

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We look forward to Julian Cooke's presentation on *Thelocactus* at our next meeting in Gt Shelford Memorial Hall CB1 - Wednesday 10 June at 7.30pm. All are most welcome.

If you can't make it to our monthly evening meetings, why not come to our Summer Cactus and Succulent Show, in Gt. Shelford Memorial Hall on Sunday 9 August, open to the public from 10.30am to 4pm.

As well as some prize-winning outstanding cacti and succulents to view, there will be plant sales, refreshments and a raffle.

There's much more on our website – it is well worth a browse:

<http://bcss.org.uk>

Jacqui Arbon, Branch Secretary

SHELFORD COUNTRY MARKET

50th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS ON 17 JUNE



Every Wednesday at 9 am, the doors to the Memorial Hall open for the weekly market. But, there will be something special on Wednesday 17 June. Our members are getting excited about making that morning quite an occasion for celebrating the market's 50th birthday!

Back in 1976 the market opened as the WI Market and we have been serving the local community every week since then with the exceptions being the first couple of weeks in January each year and during COVID restrictions. Over the years we have become the Great Shelford Country Market, Apart from the name changes, more rules and regulations and inevitably a changing membership the principles have not changed. We are a social non profit making enterprise and everything we sell must be home made, home grown or hand crafted.

Our cooks take great care to offer a good range of quality fresh baking, jams, marmalades, chutneys and local honey. Our growers have excellent value plants, flowers and wholesome seasonal garden produce and our crafters offer so many fine craft items.

In more recent times our café area has really taken off and we have become quite a social hub each Wednesday.

We value our many customers who come in all weathers. Please keep coming. Enjoy the market experience with free entry, no sales pressure and a chance to relax over a cuppa with friends old and new.

Please join us on the 17 June and help make the day a landmark celebration.

Dorothy Doel

JULY ISSUE OF THE *VILLAGE NEWS*

The deadline for copy for the next issue of the *Great Shelford Village News* is **Friday 12 June** and it should be available on **Friday 26 June** with subscribed copies delivered shortly thereafter.

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DUXFORD SATURDAY WORKSHOP MUSICAL INSTRUMENT TASTER MORNING



Would you (or your child) like to play a musical instrument, but you aren't sure which one?

Would you like to try out one or more instruments before making up your mind?

If so, Duxford Saturday Workshop Taster Morning is for you!

At this event, experienced tutors and players will help you to have hands on, practical experience of one or more instruments. They will be available to answer your questions and to help you to decide which instrument is for you.

This is completely free. There is no need to book in advance, and you do not have to be a current member of the Music Workshop to attend – so just come along and have a go.

Of course, if you decide to join us for the next Workshop year (beginning in September) you will be most welcome. If you need an instrument, items can often be borrowed for the year at low cost from our hire stock, meaning that it is possible to gain tuition and experience of playing, for a very modest outlay indeed.

Now in its 52nd year of existence, Workshop happens at Duxford School on Saturday mornings during term time and is very much about enjoying music making in a supportive and fun environment.

All ages, abilities and experience levels are welcome and we offer both tuition and ensembles, to cater for a wide range of musical tastes and interests.

Instruments included in the Taster Morning are: *Violin, Viola, Cello, Flute, Oboe, Bassoon, Clarinet, Cornet, French horn, Saxophone, Trumpet, Trombone, Guitar and Ukulele.*

When? Saturday morning 20 June, 2026 from 11am – 12.30pm

Where? Duxford Primary School, St John's Street, Duxford CB22 4RA.

For further information, see: www.duxfordsaturdayworkshop.org.uk

Peter Howarth, Duxford Workshop Management Team
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GREAT SHELFORD LIBRARY

In the first two weeks of June, Hearing Impairment and Visual Impairment Support UK (HiVis) fortnight gives libraries the opportunity to highlight their services.

The Big Green Week takes place between 6 and 14 June. People come together to take action in their communities for nature and the climate. We will have a display of books to support the Green Week. Pop in to find books on how you can get involved and improve your local environment.

Activities for Adults

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 – Master of Lies with author Piers Blofeld. Wednesday 24 June at 2pm. Please stay for a drink after the talk. Please pre-book in the library or via Cambourne.library@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

Activities for Children

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.

LEGO Club – Mondays 4 – 5.30pm. Suitable for ages 2–10.

Children's Games and Chess Club – Tuesdays 3.30 – 4.30pm. No need to book, just drop in to try your hand at chess or other games. Suitable for primary school aged children.

Art Club – Every Saturday morning 10.30am - 12noon. Suitable for ages 4 – 10. Drop in event. £2 donation.

Parents/carers please stay with your children during all library activities.

Mel Abbiss and Vikki Keppey, Community Librarian Assistants

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PIPPA HEYLINGS



An update from your local MP, Pippa Heylings

Following May's local elections, I am looking forward to working closely with the newly elected councillors to serve our community. I would also like to offer my commiserations to all those who stood for election but were unsuccessful and I would like to thank all councillors, regardless of political party, for their service over the last four years.

Charity skydive for Arthur Rank Hospice

Some of you will know that Arthur Rank Hospice, which provides truly amazing palliative and end-of-life care for hundreds of patients every year, has had its NHS funding cut. It is therefore imperative for the hospice to urgently raise funds to close this funding gap. In April, along with an extraordinary team of campaigners devoted to raising money for the hospice, I did a tandem skydive to raise vital funds.

It was the scariest thing I've done and yet so exhilarating to jump out of a plane over Cambridgeshire at 15,000 feet! For a full 60 seconds we plummeted to the ground in tandem freefall at 125mph and then for five minutes floated down under the parachute. I am delighted to say that together we raised over £26,000. Thank you to everyone who gave so generously.

Championing our Chalk Streams

I have continued to champion one of South Cambridgeshire's most precious natural assets. Our chalk streams are globally rare, with only 260 in the world and 85% of them in England. They are essential to biodiversity and provide unique habitats for wildlife. They are being damaged by the twin threats of over abstraction of water and pollution by sewage. I introduced a Bill in Parliament calling on the Government to nominate the UK's chalk streams, including those flowing through our own constituency, such as the Rivers Cam, Granta, Mel, Rhee and Shep, as a UNESCO Natural World Heritage Site. UNESCO designation will help galvanise public engagement and investment in their recovery.

CAMBRIDGE FLOWER CLUB



Our meetings are held at
Whittlesford Memorial Hall,
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on the third Thursday of the month at 7.15pm.
Refreshments at 6.45pm.
Annual sub: £45; visitors £10 each meeting.

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Raffle of flower arrangements after the demonstration.

May 21	Janet Dye	'Reuse and Recycle'
June 18	Garden Visit	Isaacson's' Burwell
July 16	Jennifer Thompson	'Let there be Music and Flowers'

Further Info: Alison Drake – 01223 840117

READER'S LETTER

I would like to thank the person or organisation that chose the team who resurfaced the main road in Shelford this month.



I have never seen such a well-choreographed team at work.

There was no wasted time, energy or manpower, everyone was effective and polite and their operation appeared to work without constant radio contact between operators.

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Cheers,

Daniel Bangham

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CRICKET

After the last gasp promotion at the end of last season the reality of playing in a higher division was clearly shown by heavy defeats in our first two matches, first away against Cambridge Old Monks and secondly at home against Ashdon who had just pipped us to promotion in 2024 (despite losing heavily to us that year).

By contrast our junior teams have started the season in fine form, with victories across the board from Under 9 to Under 13. The Under 9s won their first match against Thriplow in fine style (see picture), with captain Bertie Green leading the way with the top score of 22 and taking 2 wickets. The Under 10s also started with a win over Thriplow, while our two Under 11 teams have each won two matches out of two at the time of writing, including a victory over Coton in the first round of the cup.

The Under 13s started with a cup match against Royston. We restricted Royston to 106 for 8 in their 20 overs through a good all round bowling performance, led by T Jayasinghe who had impressive figures of 4 for 8 in 4 overs. After a good start from J Bhattacharya who top scored with 20 we were always ahead of the target rate and won by 5 wickets with nearly 5 overs to spare.

Peter Ede, Chair



FOOTBALL CLUB



Usually, our final report of the season announces whether the first team have won the league or come runners-up, but regular readers will know this was put to bed with two games to spare. In the circumstances the players could be forgiven for taking their feet off the pedal and on a windy day a drab 1-1 draw at home to relegation threatened Orwell confirmed this.

The final game was the away fixture at West Wratting and the hospitality of the hosts, including a guard of honour for the players, was first class. Although there was nothing riding on the game it was a typical hard fought encounter between the league’s top sides. Both had chances throughout the game but a single first half goal from Wratting’s top scorer proved to be the match winner. The league trophy was presented after the game, and very satisfactory beverages were enjoyed afterwards!

For most of the season it had been a disappointing season for our reserve team but for the past few games they seemed to have had found the form that we have come to expect. The first game of the month was away to the newly crowned champions and local rivals Sawston United, and the 3-1 defeat was no disgrace. The final two games were at home to Saffron Walden Town Reserves and Somersham Town respectively and 2-1 wins continued their resurgence and will hopefully give them confidence for next season.

That is it for another season and it just remains us to thank everyone connected to the club, whether participating or supporting, for their efforts.

Terry Rider

SHELFORD SUPPORT GROUP	
	Summer Break 2026
This year the community transport service for the Shelfords and Stapleford will close for 2 weeks. We will not be taking any bookings between June 27 and July 11.	

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TENNIS

Have you ever wondered, as you trot with Tiddles across the rec or push little Penelope on the swing, just who exactly is shouting 'Brilliant! Too Good! Shot!' from behind the tennis court fence? Well wonder no more because this month we meet Great Shelford Tennis Club's newest coach, Jack Pearson.

26 year old Jack joined the club in the new year after five years at Ely Tennis Club where he was head coach, and City of Peterborough club before that. 'I'm loving Shelford', says Jack, 'Very nice community, nice club members and I'm glad to be getting to know more and more people every week.'

Jack has already taken on one or two of the club's groups for coaching including the notorious Tuesday night Duffers. But he's also available for individual lessons which can be booked through *OverandIn.com*. 'I'm also starting to get involved with the County Under Tens with Michael King at Cambridge Lawn Tennis Club.'



Jack Pearson's fun fact...if he wasn't coaching tennis he could be designing Hermione Grainger's broomstick. 'I've got a degree in model design and special effects from the University of Hertfordshire that I haven't used in any way, shape, or form. But some of my friends from university are now working on the new Harry Potter series.'

Jack's heart was always in tennis though, 'I think I went to university so I had something to fall back on in case I got injured, really. But I was always going to become a tennis coach and I think a lot of it isn't just the coaching, but the relationships you build with people.'

Welcome to Shelford, Jack. Make us all wizards on court!

Stephen Chittenden

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18	Song Sung Blue.
25	Les Liaisons Dangereuses by Christopher Hampton.
https://sawstoncinema.org/cinema-screenings/	

ARTS THEATRE	
17–21	The Gruffalo. Tall Stories' musical adaptation of the classic picture book. Songs, laughs and fun for children aged three and up and their grown-ups.
23–27	Malory Towers. For girls, boys and grown-up children who still dream of midnight feasts and clifftops.
28	Michelle Wolf: Best Job In The World (comedy).
https://www.artstheatre.co.uk/whats-on/	

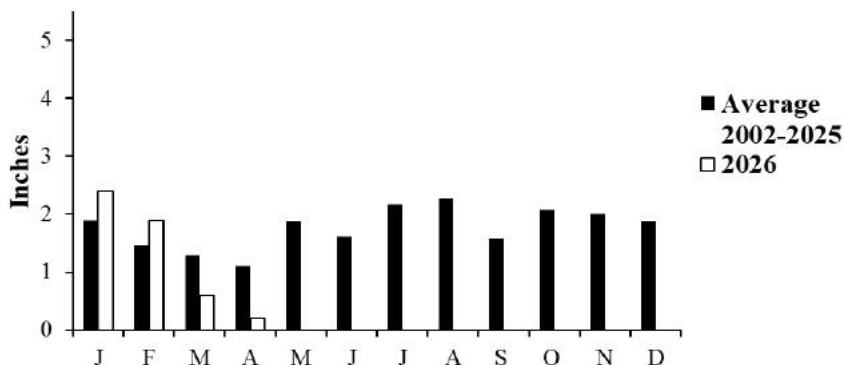
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Great Shelford Village Rainfall 2026



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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.

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