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## Happy 97<sup>th</sup> birthday, Kaisu



Kaisu Cornish, one of Stapleford's oldest residents, celebrated her 97th birthday in August. Kaisu, the widow of former parish councillor Victor Cornish, is originally from Finland



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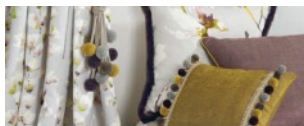
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### Sunday

8am BCP Holy Communion  
9.45am First Sunday of the month: All Age Communion  
Third Sunday of the month: Parish Communion in church and Messy Church in the Johnson Hall  
All other Sundays: Parish Communion in church with crèche and Junior Church in the Johnson Hall  
6.30pm First Sunday of the month: BCP Evensong  
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Other Sundays: please see Noticeboard p4

### Weekdays

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## OTHER CHURCHES

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Sundays 10.30am and 6.30pm fourth Sunday each month

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# From the Rev Dr Simon Taylor

WHO was your favourite band growing up? Mine – I suppose it will often reflect our age – was Queen. And I still like listening to them today; on a run it is generally either them or Dolly. The pain and beauty as Freddie Mercury sings ‘I sometimes wish I’d never been born at all’ is quite something.

So, today’s quiz question. What is the link between Freddie Mercury and this line: ‘Look on every exit as being an entrance somewhere else’?

At risk of sounding like an episode of Round Britain Quiz – the one with convoluted multi-part answers – the link is that that line from ‘Rosencrantz and Guildenstern Are Dead’ was written by Tom Stoppard, born Tomas Straussler, who, like Freddie Mercury, born Farrokh Bulsara, was a refugee. I could have picked lots of other pairings. Former refugees include, to name a few: Madeleine Albright, former US Secretary of



*Freddie Mercury*

State; the Saatchi brothers, advertising magnates; Michael Marks, founder of M&S; Hannah Arendt, political philosopher; Marc Chagall, artist; Frederic Chopin, composer; Thabo Mbeki, second president of a free South Africa; Alec Issigonis, designer of the Mini; Mila Kunis, actor; Anish Kapoor, sculptor and Rita Ora, pop star.

People in dinghies are back in the news, largely, I suspect, because the UK’s daily rate of Covid infections is back above 1,000 for the first time since June. Project Fear (of immigrants) is back in full swing. So my quiz question could have been different. I could have asked what is the link between Freddie Mercury, or any of those other refugees, and the ‘they’re using a plastic container just to try and bail out the boat’ people reported on by the BBC in August. And the answer would have been that at one time they were all just people seeking help to escape something dreadful and make a life.

I remind myself of some of the amazing people who have been refugees not because all refugees are like that – many will simply be ordinary like most of us – but because when we think of refugees as individuals with



human potential in all its glory and ordinariness it is harder to put them in the box labelled 'problem'. A problem incidentally, which is both minuscule and largely of the UK's own making. Minuscule because we have only the smallest ripple furthest up the beach of refugees compared to the ocean wave other countries in Europe experience. And of our own making because rather than integrate refugees, rejoicing in and utilising their grit and endeavour and allowing them to work and pay tax, we make it illegal for them to work and give each a measly handout of £37.75 a week to live on. And instead of seeking a humane and just solution by providing safe channels of entry the UK threatens to call out the Navy (to do what for goodness sake?), intermittently rails against supposed French inaction, fails properly to implement the Dubs amendment and does everything possible to ensure that our treatment of these the most poor and needy remains utterly awful. Still, at least it has diverted attention for a few days away from the news that our excess Covid death level is the worst in Europe and our recession the worst of the G7 nations, so I guess that is a bonus for the government. Who said refugees weren't useful?

Jesus had a lot to say about stuff like this. Once he told a parable called The Sheep and the Goats. It was about his return as King. At that time he will separate people just as a shepherd separates sheep from goats. The sheep, on his right, will receive their inheritance, the kingdom prepared for them since the world began. But the goats won't. Jesus says to them 'I was hungry and you gave me nothing to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not invite me in, I needed clothes and you did not clothe me, I was ill and in prison and you did not look after me.' Having never met Jesus they were puzzled, and asked when this happened. Jesus' answer? 'Whatever you did not do for the least of these, you did not do for me.'

It's a serious warning, one which members of our government should take to heart. The refusal to help those in need – and whether refugees or others, there is always someone we can each help – is counted as a failure to help the one who is king of all and who will return to claim his kingdom.

So – with apologies to Freddie for plagiarising his lyrics – we can 'carry on as if nothing really matters', delude ourselves that we can both 'love [them] and leave [them] to die' or act justly and ensure that 'any way the wind blows doesn't really matter to [them]'. OK, so that mash up is a bit clunky. Ben & Jerry's were smoother: the ice cream makers tweeted Priti Patel 'the real crisis is our lack of humanity for people fleeing war, climate change and torture.'

**Every blessing to you all, Simon**

## St Andrew's Noticeboard

6 SEPT	10.30am	Communion in Church
	10.30am	All Age Forest Church Communion in the Churchyard
13 SEPT	10.30am	Morning Worship in Church Acts 12.1-19a <i>Get up!</i>
	10.30am	Morning Worship in Church Acts 12.19b-13.3 <i>The Word of God spreads</i>
20 SEPT	10.30am	All Age Messy Forest Church in Churchyard
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27 SEPT	10.30am	Connect
	4.30pm	

TO book your place, please email Gillian, the Parish Administrator, on [admin@standrewstapleford.org](mailto:admin@standrewstapleford.org) or phone 07752 373176 if you wish to come. Information about any changes or additional services will be on our website at [standrewstapleford.org](http://standrewstapleford.org).

We intend to broadcast all the services in church live – check out our St Andrew's Stapleford YouTube channel.

The chancel is open for private prayer.

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# All change



SOMETIMES words miss true conviction, intent or else simply don't seem appropriate. Occasionally they appear lost on a page; hopeless, empty and cold. At magazine time readers deserve interest and enthusiasm. Despite all that has happened inspiration eludes me. Possibly something to do

with the intense melting heat and lockdown. I resist temptation to revisit past writing, although television gets away with endless repeats.

With a calming CD and the sun heightening the green of the outside leaves I pick up my pen hoping for spontaneity. I remember a young pupil would only write when his gold coloured pencil was charged by the power of the desk light. After that he wrote 'magically' to please ... Maybe a plan!

Coronavirus has made lives different; Stephen says weird. Before March we had routines, work, play, get together. Suddenly all change. Rules, restrictions feeding fear and doubt. Keeping safe has meant 'anti' social distancing, wearing masks and cleansing with sanitisers. Hugs would reassure. Technology has stepped up. Streaming, Zooming; words now well understood. Virtual, freezing, 'stuck in the waiting room,' 'locked out,' are recognised terms. Until we grasped the nettle and accepted the advantages of seeing and 'chatting' online we were alone. The phone and emails filled gaps. Isolation can make loneliness even more serious. We see that clearly. It is sad. Heartache and grief through the pandemic cannot fail to touch souls.

Lockdown has been hard. We found creative occupations involving communication. Art has played a big part - bubble wrap printing is great. Paint even managed to get under the newspaper. Selecting poetry has been really enjoyable. An anthology of favourites is a consideration. Friends brought items, standing back after putting them on the step. It felt a bow of respect was in order.

Well-being, stability and security went. Building confidence and motivation has been extremely important. Memory sharing has helped feed and anchor minds. We try to push away the 'what if?' or 'if only' thoughts which inevitably surface when forming a new 'normal.' We face a massive challenge. Who knows or appreciates what goes on behind closed doors. On screen we sense that pang of envy as we view scenes fit for 'Homes and Gardens'. They are not the whole truth. Understanding of one another in a discerning caring way would make for a brighter future; words and touch desirable attributes. **Judith Lee**

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## Forest Church

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We plan to put the area to use in months to come with All Age Forest Church, something we have been toying with for a while but which will now meet the need for Covid precautions by being open air and socially distanced, while still being together for Sunday worship. It is going to be fun – a mix of a bible story, teaching, crafts, music and a fire pit when the weather turns colder. The first two sessions are on 6 and 20 September at 10.30am, a communion service and Messy Church respectively. They will run alongside services in church at the same time. All welcome to any of these!

Please book on [admin@standrewstapleford.org](mailto:admin@standrewstapleford.org) or 07752 373176. Email is best. **Simon Taylor**

## Johnson Hall

THE Johnson Hall is open again! We have done a thorough risk assessment and thought through how events can work safely, installed sanitiser, bought gloves and wipes and done all the things we are all becoming more familiar with. So, please consider bringing your group or event back to use the Hall. It is large enough for many groups to use it even under current restrictions, and we will give you clear instructions for safe use, to be supplemented by any specific harm reduction measures required for your particular group activity or event.

All enquiries to Gillian Sanders on [admin@standrewstapleford.org](mailto:admin@standrewstapleford.org) or phone 07752 373176 on Thursdays or Fridays between 10am and 3pm. **Simon Taylor**

## St. Andrew's Toddler Group (aka Diddly, Diddly, Dee)

OWING to the current coronavirus situation it is with much regret that Toddlers will not reopen this coming Autumn Term. Within the confines of government regulations and the structure of our group I feel that it will be difficult to maintain the necessary appropriate guidelines.

Let's see what the future holds for us in the New Year! **Lyn Pepperell**

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Nearly 100 Belonging Bags have been made for Addenbrooke's by MU members around Ely Diocese for patients taken suddenly into the hospital, in which to keep their personal belongings, such as a watch, rings etc. Many MU efforts have been made during the current situation to help hospitals: one outstanding response was by Rochester Diocese who made more than 23,000 items for the NHS (scrub sets, washable sleeves and other useful items). Two thousand members in Rochester Diocese either donated material or sewed the items.

Other MU news from around the country: the annual 'Thy Kingdom Come' service at Coventry Cathedral in May went ahead online, and Mothers' Union welcomed around 550 members and supporters live to join in a global moment of prayer, worship and thanks. Since then around 6,000 people have watched the service. If you would like to see it, go to: [mothersunion.org/news/mothers-union-thy-kingdom-come-service-online](https://mothersunion.org/news/mothers-union-thy-kingdom-come-service-online). The short service included a sermon from the Rt Revd Dr Emma Ineson, Bishop of Penrith, Mothers' Union Central Chaplain and a segment from the Very Reverend Bob Key, Anglican Communion Lead for Thy Kingdom Come. Mothers' Union member Thembsie Mchunu, Mothers' Union Worldwide Trustee for Central Africa, Nigeria, South Sudan and Southern Africa sang a message of thanks with her family. Prayers and the lighting of a candle of hope were led by Sheran Harper, Mothers' Union Worldwide President.

Looking forward to seeing you all at last in September. **Hilary Street**

## The Chestnut Club

IN normal times (remember them?) we would be looking forward to a new season of speakers and social events. However due to the COVID-19 virus the committee have discussed the reopening of the Club and feel it would not be wise to reopen for the foreseeable future.

Stay safe and keep smiling. **Suzanne Watt**

# Stapleford-Nachingwea Link



THE Link has received the message below of thanks from a teacher at Nachingwea High School.. The photographs were taken at the presentation of new school uniforms to students with special needs. **Trish Maude**

*"We are grateful for your support and the love you show to our special needs kids at Nachingwea Primary School. Here are pictures taken when we provided them with some basic needs for the school, bought from the money you sent to us for them. May God's love be upon to you, Amen."*



*Clockwise from top: Some of the students who received new uniforms. Siamini with her new computer. A smiling recipient with Madam Siamini Faraja, teacher; Mr Mmuni, District Officer for students with special needs; Mr Obed Pwirira, Chair of the Nachingwea Link; Mr Godfrey Soiye, Head of Department in Nachingwea primary school.*

# Using the Church



YOU may have seen from St Andrew's Noticeboard that Sunday services in the church have started up again. All are welcome as ever. But we also want to put the church building to wider use. So if your group – or maybe your Christmas event – is too large for the Johnson Hall, please do consider using the church. There is a large open space inside at the front of the church, and we reckon about 30 spots in the pews for individuals or families/bubbles to sit with two metre distancing. We have projection facilities and a good sound system and would like to see it all used and help get community events going again. Catering facilities are modest but certainly run to the preparation of hot drinks and serving cakes etc. There is a toilet off the vestry.

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## From the Editor



BANANA bread consumption across the UK has gone up by an estimated one million percent\* but not so much in our household: here, their skins are rarely given the opportunity to go slightly more yellow let alone the required black.

Older daughter did spot some of a suitable complexion lying around the other day however and dutifully converted into cake format. Inevitably, the results disappeared within minutes, possibly the moment her back was turned. I do hope she got at least one slice herself.

On another occasion, a lone grasshopper was spotted hanging around hopefully on a kitchen window but soon returned from whence it came, no doubt having recognised a plague of more voracious locusts when it saw one.

Lockdown, I hear, has also seen publishers inundated with an unprecedented number of submissions, meaning that 2020 might be viewed by posterity as a golden year for literature if absolutely nothing else. Early on, I contemplated bestowing a children's classic upon the world but soon came to the conclusion once reached by Frank Muir on 'My Word!', that radio favourite of my parents' generation: namely, what's the good of a gnome if you are never Enid?

Much activity of a horticultural nature has gone on across the shires and, against all expectations, even in our back garden.

A tree that on a previous summer bothered to muster a single, tiny apple suddenly decided to make up for lost time and almost bent itself double with fruit. The blackberry bushes have also been prolific (I say 'bushes', we're basically dealing with organic barbed wire here) so crumble consumption has also soared. Yum.

And that's not all. Mrs Editor became seized with the conviction that the rat population of south Cambridgeshire would soon be eyeing up our foundations as a likely winter residence and so ordered defences to be erected. Of mint.

She reasoned that rodents that routinely spend their leisure time in the smelliest of sewers are somehow repulsed by the merest whiff of aromatic herb so out came the spade for me to battle the nettles.

\*Probably

Several hours of digging and a trip to Scotsdales later and installed in a little fenced off area under a window was a row of mint bushes that I couldn't help noticing were dead ringers for the stingers I had just extracted.



One was soon flattened by a deluge from split guttering during the storms; not so pampered now eh?

The lawn, however, remains colonised by dandelions, with the guinea pigs that once feasted upon them long since departed. Half jokingly, I asked a friend if I could borrow his children's for the weekend only to discover that he despises the fluffy rodents so much he

dreams of giving them a 'Peruvian-style' send-off.

Perhaps I should send him a sprig of mint before he does anything too drastic.

**Enjoy the September edition.**

## The Messenger Fund

AS our lives are slowly edging towards some approximation of back to normal we have decided to reopen the Messenger Fund.

The Messenger Fund uses surplus revenue from the magazine to help worthy causes in or related to the village.

Previously, the fund has helped in a variety of ways, including supporting the village warden scheme and promoting youth sport.

Applicants are invited to email [staplefordmessenger@gmail.com](mailto:staplefordmessenger@gmail.com) by 15 September to request an application form to fill in (there's a bit of bureaucracy involved in most things) if they haven't already done so.

We look forward to hearing from you. **Jon West**

## We're waiting for your story!

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KEITH Dixon probably wasn't the only *Messenger* reader whose ears pricked up at the mention of Stapleford's Len Baynes during the BBC's VJ Day 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary tribute programme on 15 August.

Len, who died four years ago, served in the Cambridgeshire Regiment during World War Two and spent the best part of four years as a prisoner of the Japanese following the fall of Singapore in 1942.

This passage from his book 'The Will to Live' was read out during the programme, which was hosted by Joanna Lumley, by LH Jagjeet Singh Grewal, whose grandfather served in the British Indian Army's Signals Corps in the Far East.

"At a quarter to three, I received what I hope will be the greatest shock of my life, as a messenger came with the order to lay our weapons down in front of us and surrender.

"I find it quite impossible to describe my feelings when the order to surrender came. Until now we had felt that we were holding our own, and anticipated pushing the Japanese back off the island before many more days had passed.

"Our wildest guesses had not taken into account the possibility of abandoning the territory to the enemy; we had been told that the island must be retained at all costs, since it was an essential link in our communications with Australasia.

"In any case we did not think of throwing in the sponge while any of us remained alive, that was not the British way. I was unable to grapple with the situation.

"As we awaited the next move our thoughts dwelt on what we had heard of the way the Japanese dealt with prisoners.

"We did not discuss these things as we waited in silence, each kept his thoughts to himself."

A fuller, more harrowing account of his life can be found on the WW2 People's War section of the BBC website. **Jon West**



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# Library update



MANY readers will remember the popular monthly Engage talks and demonstrations at Great Shelford Library, with a guest speaker and followed by Q&A and a cup of tea! With many COVID-19 restrictions still in

place, we've introduced a new Engage Online offer and talks take place on Zoom every Tuesday afternoon until later in the year. Details are under 'online events' at: [cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/libraries-leisure-culture/libraries](http://cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/libraries-leisure-culture/libraries) as well as on the Library Service Facebook and Twitter pages. Virtual tickets can be accessed by emailing: [volunteers@cambridgeshire.gov.uk](mailto:volunteers@cambridgeshire.gov.uk).

Great Shelford Library is open on Tuesdays from 10am to 2pm and on Fridays from 2pm to 6pm, although browsing of books is not possible yet. At present the service is limited to the return of books; collection of reservations; Select & Collect pick up and pre-booked computer use.

The new Sawston Library at New Road, Sawston (next to the Marven Centre) is now open on the same basis as above but on Mondays from 2-6pm and Wednesdays from 10am to 2pm.

Don't forget that Select & Collect and other reservations can be requested either online or by phone – just visit our website or ring 0345 045 5225. **Rosemary Humby**



  
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# The Phoenix flies high at long last



IT has been great fun trying to cram an entire cricket season into a month and a half!

We were planning to play two games a week anyway and getting into a Monday-then-Wednesday routine, though too strenuous for some of our more 'experienced' players, has gone very smoothly indeed thanks to an ever-expanding pool

of talent.

At time of writing we have played nine T20 friendlies and won six of them.

We began with an eight-wicket win over a strong Sharks side, whose total of 122 we surpassed thanks to not out knocks from Dave Garman, Aidan Swain and captain Gareth Everson.

We required a six off the last ball to beat Swaffhams in the next game but couldn't quite manage it after Aidan and Ralph Minter had brought us tantalisingly close.

Jeff Wilson's unbeaten 38 steered us to a two-wicket victory against TTP in a high-scoring encounter and we followed that up by excelling in the field against IPH. Only Aidan prospered with the bat as we were dismissed for 107 but amazingly we were able to record a 30-run win. Openers Fazel Lee and Alex West set the tone with some accurate fast bowling as IPH were skittled out for just 77.



*Aidan Swain*



*Damon Rainsford*

TTP returned for a replica of the first game as they posted 147 again and we overhauled it thanks to clean hitting from Gareth, Dave and Simon Lancaster.

Damon Rainsford was the top scorer as we overtook St Barnabas' score of 105 in fewer than 15 overs but Sharks returned to the Rec to inflict revenge in our lowest-scoring match of the summer.

The visitors mustered just 91 as we switched to 15 eight-ball overs to make best use of the light. But their bowling was even more miserly and once again we found ourselves searching in vain for a six off the last ball.

This season has also introduced a three-match mini-series against Great Shelford, who are our Saturday sister club as we share both players and facilities.

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At time of writing the three-game series was tied at 1-1. Phoenix took the first one comfortably after Gareth decided to bowl himself and took three wickets. Shells levelled things up a week later when Gareth decided to bowl himself and was pummelled around Cambridgeshire.

**Wed July 15 Sharks: Won by 8 wickets.**

Sharks 122-8 (J Wilson 3-14), Phoenix 126-2 (D Garman 26\*, G Everson 26\* A Swain 26\*)

**Mon July 20 Swaffhams: Lost by 5 runs.**

Swaffhams 135-7 (J West 2-22), Phoenix 130-8 (R Minter 26\*, A Swain 25\*)

**Wed July 22 TTP: Won by 2 wickets.**

TTP 147-4, Phoenix 150-8 (J Wilson 38\*, D Garman 25\*, R Minter 24)

**Wed July 29 IPH: Won by 30 runs.**

Phoenix 107 (A Swain 25\*) IPH 77 (G Rolls 2-7, J West 2-10, A West 2-15, V Reddy 2-16)

**Mon Aug 3 TTP: Won by 7 wickets.**

TTP 147-7 (S Rushby 3-31), Phoenix 153-7 (D Garman 27\*, S Lancaster 25\*, G Everson 25\*)

**Wed Aug 5 Great Shelford: Won by 3 wickets.**

Shells 128-6 (G Everson 3-16), Phoenix 129-7 (J Creed 25\*, G Everson 24\*)

**Mon Aug 10 St Barnabas: Won by 5 wickets.**

St Barnabas 105-7 (G Rolls 2-18), Phoenix 109-5 (D Rainsford 26\*)

**Wed Aug 12 Shells: Lost by 5 wickets.**

Phoenix 155-7 (A Swain 30\*, R Minter 28\*, S Lancaster 27\*), Shells 157-5 (S Rushby 2-16)

**Mon Aug 17 Sharks: Lost by 5 runs.**

Sharks 91-6 (N Hamid 3-22, G Rolls 2-12), Phoenix 86-8 (G Everson 23, V Reddy 20)



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## Quiz time



RICHARD Osman (left), he of Pointless fame, sends subscribers a rather excellent quiz every week that is centred around a particular letter of the alphabet (he does so to promote his new book, The Thursday Murder Club, which I appear to have just done).

So here is a round I have borrowed from him. The first five questions are doubly difficult, or easy maybe.

Answers on page 31.

1. The 31<sup>st</sup> American president, and NOT a vacuum cleaner, despite what a contestant on Pointless once said.
2. Host of shows with names including the words 'Capsule', 'Eyes', 'Framed' and 'Burp'.
3. Twice the temporary leader of the Labour party.
4. Bandana-toting moustachioed wrestler from Georgia.
5. The female lead of the movie 'As Good As It Gets' and the female lead of the movie 'The Piano'. Point each.

It's movie database tagline time for the next three questions.

6. Christmas / burglary / child swearing (1990)
7. Vehicle driving by itself / fruit in title (1980)
8. Male Inventor / ray / comma in title (1989)
9. Which snack launched a very short-lived 'Yee-hah It's Chicken!' variant in 2004?
10. What does an 'H' in a circle mean on an Ordnance Survey map?

And in case you need a hint or two, here are four ...



Question 1



Question 2



Question 3



Question 4

# Blue sky thinking on a green belt and a red flag

*COULD the £1billion research and development centre Huawei are bringing to Sawston also be the solution to our busway problem?*

*The Chinese technology giant may be on Donald Trump's blacklist but South Cambridgeshire district councillors approved the move to the old Spicer's site in June.*

*Whether or not the relocation from Ipswich is a Trojan Horse donated by the Chinese Government is a subject for debate (our Government has already been forced to shrink the firm's involvement in the UK's 5G network to zero by 2023 after caving to backbench pressure).*

*But could the need to improve transport routes to the site turn out to be a blessing in disguise as far as the busway through our green belt is concerned? Barbara Kettel has been doing some blue sky thinking on the subject, independently of her role as a parish councillor for both Stapleford and Shelford.*

AT the moment the idea seems to be that the only way to connect South East Cambridgeshire to Cambridge is by doubling the Babraham Park and Ride, building an enormous P&R on the A11 and then joining them with a 14m tarmac busway through the chalk downs, ensuring sure that Green Belt areas become a developer's licence in the future.

At the same time, a new South Cambridge station is to be built to connect the Cambridge Biomedical Campus to Cambridge and London, and the new East/West Railway will link into the King's Cross line at Great Shelford causing more Green Belt destruction.

Stapleford and Great Shelford are therefore set to become an island within a transport moat - unable to access any of the surrounding countryside and cut off from the rest of Cambridgeshire by a series of level crossings and traffic controls!

But does it have to be this way? I believe it does not.

At the moment we have a very well-used station at Great Shelford which links us via Whittlesford to Liverpool Street station or one stop north to Cambridge. We have a P&R at Babraham and one at Trumpington, and three M11 links at Trumpington, Duxford and the A11 Junction 9.

The latter is a restricted junction and hence does not help the congestion in the area with traffic trying to get to the Wellcome Genome Centre on the junction. If that became a fully working junction then much of the Duxford traffic along the A505 would be eliminated and the M11 would link Haverhill in a much more convenient way.

The Mayor is keen to connect us all with his CAM system. Whittlesford Parkway is subject to high level development plans, our MP would like to link Sawston with a new station and the A1307 is being redesigned with traffic controls, cycle ways, bus routes and two P&R sites.

My suggestion, then, is as follows: bring the CAM route to Whittlesford Parkway through Great Shelford, Stapleford and Sawston alongside the existing main line railway.

The railway stops would be at Whittlesford and Cambridge South thus keeping the mainline trains moving straight through to their destinations.

Great Shelford Station would become a CAM stop with mainline trains no longer stopping there.

There would also be a CAM stop by the level crossing at Sawston (or nearby) thus allowing for employees at Huawei and Sawston residents to use the CAM, a CAM stop (if needed) at Dernford Farm for Stapleford, one at Great Shelford and one at Cambridge South.



*How the Huawei site in Sawston will look*

This would mean using a section of new route alongside the A1301 from the Sawston station and parallel to the disused Haverhill railway to the London Road bridge in Great Shelford.

There would need to be a P&R at Whittlesford or even further out if the CAM line were to go beyond Whittlesford but there is land from the A1301 along the A505 to Whittlesford station

which would be better used than for more development of houses as so many are being built at the Genome Centre just half a mile further south, especially as this is a more commercial area.

Cars coming through from local roads would still be a problem so why not close Station Road/Hinton Way to through traffic? Provide a footbridge/tunnel for pedestrians/cycles to access the new CAM station and to link the two halves of Shelford. We would have an improved bus route (No7 at present) which should find its route and timetable easier to manage due to less congestion into Cambridge.

What do readers think of the proposals? Send us your thoughts to the [staplefordmessenger@gmail.com](mailto:staplefordmessenger@gmail.com) address.

# Busway and Retirement Village

## Latest Developments

THE dual prospect - or, as many see it, double threat - of both a guided busway and a retirement village being built on green belt land next to the village unsurprisingly dominated the discussion in the August meeting of the parish council.

A public meeting (on Zoom) was held on August 26 about the latter and will be reported on in the next issue of the *Messenger*.

As for the busway, the council is set to divert thousands of pounds of public money towards fighting proposals that have featured heavily in this magazine for more than two years, and are unwanted by a majority of villagers.

Greater Cambridge Partnership board members have so far rejected alternative proposals for the route to follow the railway line instead. Opponents to the busway have therefore decided to establish once and for all whether their plan is indeed viable. If not, then focus will switch to the environmental impact assessment that will precede a public inquiry.



Chosen and alternative routes for the busway

Parish Council chair Howard Kettel writes: “The Chair put forward a proposal to expend up to £10,000 of Stapleford Parish Council funds on retaining consultants jointly with Great Shelford Parish Council.

“Three firms will be approached and a specialist Transport Consultant with a high degree of standing will be appointed.

“Cambridge Connection (who are providing the professional support to both Councils) have prepared a scoping document and Terms of Reference for this initial desktop survey. Without securing this report there is no obvious way forward, and it would be an essential piece of evidence for next year’s Public Enquiry.

“It is well worthwhile undertaking the desktop viability study – already Cambridge Connection are reporting back on numerous anomalies they have discovered in the GCP’s assessment. It was noted that a good number of village people had already written expressing offers of financial help and more were expected.

“The Council voted to wait for the actual cost to come in before making a decision, with some Councillors expressing concerns over affordability but there was general consensus that the Council is the standard-bearer and pump primer in these matters.”

The costs will be split between the two parish councils. “I appreciate this is pushing the boat out,” Coun Howard Kettel told the meeting. But we do need to bottom this out sooner rather than later. The grass is growing under our feet.”

Cambridge Past Present and Future, which runs Wandlebury, has set up a crowdfunding page at [cambridgeppf.org/appeal/sss-green-belt](http://cambridgeppf.org/appeal/sss-green-belt).

Axis, the firm that wants to build a retirement village between Haverhill Road and Hinton Way - the same land that will be earmarked for the busway of course - has put in an application for outline planning permission.

Councillors opposed this for a number of reasons but deferred a decision until after the public meeting.

Axis representative Andrew Adams logged in to the council meeting and promised the surrounding land would retain its green belt status.

“From both our perspective and the landowners’, it is not our intention for some form of back-filled development by trying to release green belt,” he said. “This is a very special circumstances application based on an identified need on a district-wide basis.”

Coun Barbara Kettel argued that granting outline permission would be a grave error however.

*continued on page 28*

“The issue is around the word ‘outline’,” she said. “What it is actually saying is that at some point in the future an application will be put in for something but we don’t yet know what it is.

“If we give permission for outline planning we could have literally anything built on that site.”

Axis have promised the retirement dwellings will come with a country park, swimming pool and hairdressers, which would all be open to village residents (see map below).

“There are a lot of issues about carrots that are being thrown to us in an attempt to get an outline planning permission in place,” Coun Barbara Kettel continued. “If they got a full plan in place and put that forward then we would see what we would be getting.”

Proposed nationwide changes by the Government, on planning and local government, are also likely to have a significant effect on both developments.

“The Government is insistent that green belt - now to be referred to as protected areas - will still be protected but it is not clear how any planning applications within the green belt will be taken,” District Councillor Peter Fane told the meeting.

A White Paper on devolution of local powers could see the county council cease to exist and a more localised South Cambs and Cambridge City council merging to take on additional unitary powers.

“There is no certainty that GCP won’t accelerate their proposals in anticipation of this development, or continue them in a different form post-unitarisation, if that takes place,” Coun Fane added. **Jon West**



*Proposed Retirement Village plan  
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# Puzzle Corner

## Telescopes

A telescope consists of two words with their letters in the correct order 'telescoped' together; e.g. BORATEST is a telescope of BOAT and REST  
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| DENISRCOOL   | SALITUBING   | BRIDESIENT   |          |
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## Eight-letter words with unusual endings

The solutions are commonplace words, although in some cases you may find more obscure alternatives. How many can you find?

- |           |           |           |           |           |
|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| .... IPOP | .... HASE | .... ALOW | .... DSON | .... PEDE |
| .... GAGE | .... ETTI | .... OMAT | .... HAGE | .... ALTY |

## Anagrams

- |          |           |            |         |
|----------|-----------|------------|---------|
| MONO     | TUESP     | WEDSIP     | THURSOP |
| FRIHEIST | SATURNGEM | SUNCREAMLB |         |

*Set by Hermes - Answers on page 43*

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# Return of 2G3S conversation evenings!



WE held a meeting to try and organise some Conversation Evenings for the Autumn/Winter months. You will recall we had these in one of the Stapleford pubs before COVID-19 hit us. We are going to use Zoom for the time being, as to meet in reality needs strict cleaning and distancing protocols.

Our first date is 28 September at 8pm, when Bill Powell will talk to us and answer questions. He was to have spoken at our April meeting about the need for cleaner and more efficient cooking methods using farm and forestry waste in Uganda, including demonstrating a stove that he had seen used.

Lockdown didn't only stop the UK in its tracks, it also came to Uganda, with all education closed. This left an instructor from the main forestry college stuck in Kampala and running out of money. Benedictor Waniale is an expert on many kinds of biomass stove and suddenly had time to work closely with Bill, who together with his family paid Benedictor to build ten large efficient family stoves of a kind used in remote areas of Latin America. Bill will describe some of the people and cookstove projects he has been involved with in Uganda. Actual demonstrations of stoves will have to be postponed of course!

To take part in this meeting, please email the address below and the Zoom link will be sent to you just before the meeting. If you haven't used Zoom before there are some little tutorials on their website, or on YouTube.

Subject to confirmation, we plan to hold future Conversation Evenings on 26 October and 2 November, on the topics Sustainable Dietary Choices, and Extinction Rebellion.

And if you are interested in green matters and the environment, consider signing up for our newsletter. Send an email to [greengroupssss@gmail.com](mailto:greengroupssss@gmail.com). **Helen Hale**

## Quiz answers

- |                                |                             |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1. Herbert Hoover              | 6. Home Alone               |
| 2. Harry Hill                  | 7. Herbie Goes Bananas      |
| 3. Harriet Harman              | 8. Honey, I Shrunk The Kids |
| 4. Hulk Hogan                  | 9. Hula Hoops               |
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# Stapleford Strollers: Walk 86

## Green Lanes and Fine Views: a circular walk at Weston Green

### To get to start of Walk

DRIVE to Balsham. Go though the village on the B1052, heading in the direction of Newmarket. Pass through West Wratting keeping on the main road. Weston Colville is the next village. Turn right here (signed Cricket Ground) and continue until a side road to the right is reached. This is Weston Green. Just beyond the side road is an old phone box. Horseshoe Lane (CB21 5NU) is after this, on the left. Park on the roadside.

### Length of Walk

4¼ miles. It should take a very leisurely two hours. The countryside is attractive and undulating.

### OS Map

Explorer map 210. For free map extracts, use [footpathmaps.com](http://footpathmaps.com) or [maps.the-hug.net](http://maps.the-hug.net). The route map on the next page may also help.

### Extra Information

The Colville bit of the place name Weston Colville is the surname of the Lords of the Manor from the 13C to the 18C. Weston Green is regarded as a part of Weston Colville. The Reading Room in Weston Green is still used for local events and there is a really nice village cricket ground next to Horseshoe Lane. The name evokes The Three Horseshoes pub, which closed in 1957. The nearest watering hole these days is The Chestnut Tree at West Wratting.

### Route of Walk

Park in Horseshoe Lane, Weston Green. Walk along the lane and, where the road ends, bear left on a farm track (no footpath sign) with a hedge to the right. Do not cross the often-dry River Stour.

Keep on ahead and, when the Permissive Path sign appears, follow the grass track. Pass a wood storage area and enter the next field. There is a short uphill pull just after this point leading to a path junction. Turn left and then, shortly afterwards, go right through a hedge gap (no signage) following a grass path which reaches a road via a gap between houses.

Go right, walking carefully along the wide grass verge. Cross a side road and there is a footpath sign at this point pointing through a gap in the hedge. Follow this path, through several gates between horse paddocks, and then allotments to the right.

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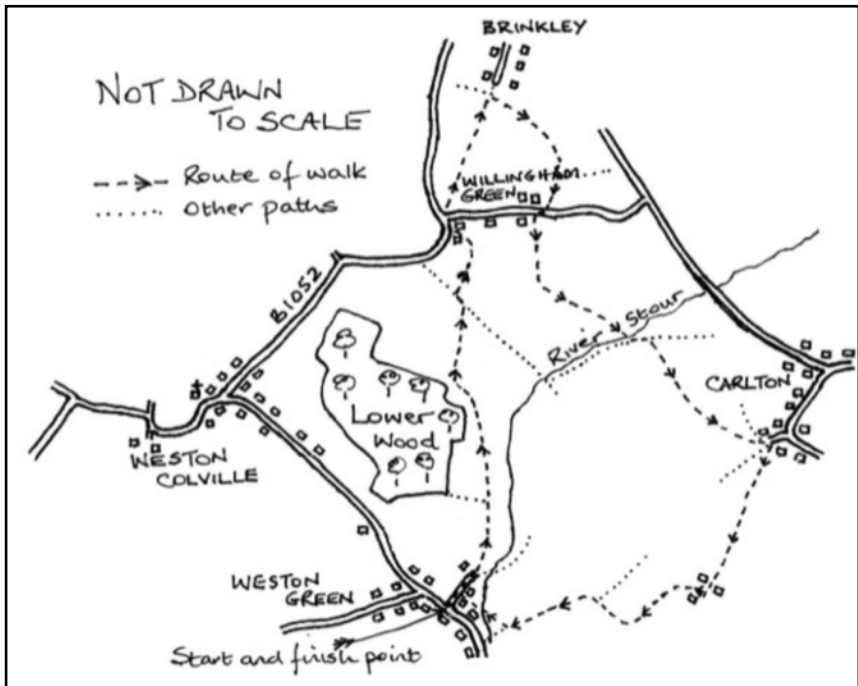
Before the green at Brinkley go right on a cross path (no signage) through scrubland and then cross a field. Go over a stile and keep ahead, coming to a minor road. Turn right and walk along the road for a short distance, turning left on to a field-edge track (no footpath sign), immediately opposite Willingham House. Go downhill, turn left at the bottom and walk with hedge line and ditch to the left. Cross a bridge and go through a small gap in another hedge.

Turn left on a track, swinging right shortly afterwards and heading uphill on a tree-lined green lane. The lane heads towards Carlton but, just before the village is reached and where several paths meet, go right (sign: Weston Green) and head for some farm buildings.

In the farm yard, turn right (waymark arrow on barn) and go through the new gate into a pasture, then follow the left hand side of a very large field for much of the rest of the way. The path turns sharply right and later turns sharp left. Weston Green will then be seen ahead.

Near the houses, go right on a cross-field path, over a bridge and up a cul-de-sac to return to Horseshoe Lane.

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Patients eligible for a free NHS flu vaccination include those patients who will be 65 years old before 31 March 2021, and those patients six months of age and up to and including 64 years of age if they fall into one or more of the “at risk” groups. Details of the “at risk” groups can be found on our website. If you are unsure if you are eligible for a free vaccination please feel free to ring us and we can let you know.

As you will have heard on the news, the Government has now extended the flu programme to include everyone 50 years old and over, plus household members of shielded patients. However, NHS England wants us to prioritise the “at risk” patients first, and the new second cohort of patients will be vaccinated towards the end of the year. We will send out further details as soon as we have them.

Children aged two and three are automatically eligible to be vaccinated by us. These will be done in our surgeries.

Children from four to 11 years old will be vaccinated at school, unless they fall into an “at risk” category.

Appointment slots should be available to book from the end of August – check our website for details.

**Note that you MUST pre-book your flu appointment. Please do not just turn up on the day - you will be sent away.**

If you should decide to stay on and visit the museum after your vaccination please be aware that you will have to pre-book tickets in advance through the IWM website [iwm.org.uk/visits/iwm-duxford](http://iwm.org.uk/visits/iwm-duxford). **You will not be able to purchase tickets for the museum on the day.**

We would like to say a massive thank you to Duxford Imperial War Museum for this fantastic community collaboration. **Sandra East, Granta Communications**



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# Plastic Wars

## Another view on single use plastics



IN the July *Messenger* Helen Hale reported on the film 'The Story of Plastic'. Since then, a new film has been released, 'Plastic Wars'. In some respects it is a better report; shorter, slightly less pessimistic, more focused on the root cause, and readily available on YouTube.

Plastic Wars looks specifically at the motivation and tactics of the petrochemical industry over the past forty years. As renewable energy sources become more available, the industry is looking to switch uses of its raw materials, oil and gas, to the production of plastics.

In the 1980s, there began the first public awareness of the problem of plastics waste, and some US states threatened to ban plastic packaging. The industries response was:

1. Advertise the virtues of plastic.
2. Promote the concept of recycling.

The first was successful if unhelpful; the second was a blind alley already secretly acknowledged by the industry. Sorting by chemical type was successfully prototyped in the 1990s then abandoned, as only the plastic in plastic bottles had any commercial value, the other 90% ending up in landfill. Why this should be was not fully explained. Partly, packaging manufacturers were producing products made of multiple types of plastic which could not be separated, but one suspects that the petrochemical industry was also undercutting the price of recycled raw materials.

At that time, plastic identification symbols were put on packaging, but this was simply a public relations ploy to give people some confidence in the recycling process.

Exporting waste to the Far East for processing has only exacerbated the problem of unregulated dumping, especially since China closed the door to imports and trade switched to countries with more lax regulations. The overspill is now finding its way into the oceans in a big way.

Once again the petrochemical industry is promoting recycling while at the same time engaging in a massive plastics manufacturing investment, which makes no sense if recycling was a viable option.

### What to do?

While both films point to the petrochemical industry as the problem, they tend to take the line that this is the only point where pressure can be applied. They recognise that the whole industry is a supply chain of many

players, raw materials producers, packaging manufacturers, packaging users, packaged products retailers, consumers, waste collection and (the missing link) waste re-processers feeding back to the packaging manufacturers. If



this was working properly, the petrochemical industry would only be topping up any raw materials lost in the process.

However, as with any supply chain, the law of supply and demand applies. If restrictions are applied at any point, by regulations or public demand, all stages of the process should be similarly restricted. We as consumers have the power to let the shops know what we think, by complaining or just not buying.

Also, be aware of industry hype from those whose only interest is selling oil. As with most big corporate organisations, the need for self-preservation will outweigh any moral or communal duty. **Chris Cooper**

## Minor adjustment



*Bill French made sure his 50-year-old Morris Minor van kept any noxious emissions to itself during the COVID-19 crisis thanks to this useful optional extra.*

# MUGA use agreement reached

THE Multi Use Games Area (MUGA) project has been underway for a few months now and the presentations on that can be found on the Parish Council's website ([staplefordparishcouncil.gov.uk/notice-category/sports/](http://staplefordparishcouncil.gov.uk/notice-category/sports/)).

Funding of £80,000 has been put aside from the S106 money to ensure the project can purchase the required fencing, renew the all-weather surface, and provide lighting so that play can be extended into the evening. A planning permission application has also now been submitted detailing all this.

The Parish Council thought it was important to widen the use of this facility to include football, netball, and basketball, and ensure use by the long-established Stapleford Tennis Club so that this club could continue to flourish.

We are pleased to announce that an agreement has now been reached. This agreement ensures that tennis will be playable on at least one court for six days a week either via membership of the Tennis Club or via a pay-to-pay (P2P) option. The agreement ensures an appropriate financial contribution so that the Parish Council can maintain the facility and accrue sufficient sums to ensure the longer-term replacement costs are reserved. It also ensures the Tennis Club can set aside specific times for coaching and club events which will be noted on their website when the facility is opened ([clubspark.lta.org.uk/StaplefordTennisClub](http://clubspark.lta.org.uk/StaplefordTennisClub)).

More specific details around the schedule of play and how to book a court for any sport will be made widely available following a successful outcome of the planning permission exercise. **Stapleford Parish Council and Stapleford Tennis Club**

## Puzzle corner answers

**Telescopes:** RAT/ICE, ASH/TOE, TOO/MAT, SUE/OPT; THIS/AIDE, SHOO/KEPT, SLOT/ANEW, CURL/IDEA; DISCO/ENROL, STUNG/ALIBI, BIDET/RESIN; MOSAIC/CAMERA, PERIOD/INVADE, CARESS/ELICIT

**Eight-Letter Words with Unusual Endings:** LOLLIPOP, PURCHASE, BUNGALOW, GRANDSON, STAMPEDE; MORTGAGE, CONFETTI, DIPLOMAT, ROUGHAGE, CASUALTY

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# From your Parish Council

## Report from meeting on 12 August

MINUTES of Parish Council meetings can be viewed at the Parish Council website: [staplefordparishcouncil.gov.uk](http://staplefordparishcouncil.gov.uk).

The next meeting is on Wednesday 14 October.

Parish Chair Howard Kettel writes...

I start by thanking the Editor for featuring last month's article with his 'Farewell to all this?' headline on the likely devastating effect of the proposed busway, beautifully illustrated with photographs and plan.

The August meeting found all Councillors in good spirits, resigned to another long and humid evening clustered around their screens with a significant presence from the general public for which we are again thankful to them for their support.

### **The MUGA**

Cllr Paul McPhater was pleased to announce agreement on arrangements for the Tennis Club to use the MUGA with both dedicated and open times and a legal agreement will now be drawn up. Work on site should start as soon as planning permission comes through.

### **Neighbourhood Plan**

Attention was drawn to the Neighbourhood Plan (a vision for the future of the two villages of Great Shelford and Stapleford). Sadly progress on this has stalled due to lack of volunteers and Coun Barbara Kettel made an appeal for fresh support to come forward. Given that a lot of the work has already been concluded it would be immensely valuable to get the project completed. – anyone in the village with suitable skills and interests would be welcome onto the working group. Is that you?

### **Vacancies on the Council**

And on the same theme of opportunities to serve the community, we are still looking to co-opt people with suitable skills and interests for the two vacancies on the Council. In particular we need to cover highways including footpaths and begin zero carbon initiatives. Again, is that you?

### **Cemetery**

At a time when the Council is investing heavily in the Cemetery we are asking families and friends of the deceased to check the condition of graves in the cemetery and to make contact with the Assistant Parish Clerk. This is really important.



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## **Littering and the environment**

I could go on about taking personal responsibility for our environment but I would rather note the public-spiritedness of the Pepperells and Ed Rose. (If there are others then thank you as well). There seems to be a nationwide problem of littering at the moment and Stapleford is no exception and they have risked life and limb to remove broken bottles, cans and litter from Clerk's Piece and the river bank. We applaud you!

## **Zero Carbon Community Grant**

South Cambs District Council has a £15,000 grant for cycling, energy efficiency and tree planting projects open to the Parish Council and community groups. If you have a project in mind, please contact the Parish Council as we may be able to work together.

## **Planning**

**20/02513/HFUL:** 80 London Road, Stapleford.

Proposed garden annex: no objection.

**S/0022/20/FL:** Hill Trees, Babraham Road, Gt Shelford.

Change of use from public house car park to parking for car sales:

Objection: hasn't been a public house for 40 years therefore cannot be change of use; access; question over ownership.

**20/02888/HFUL:** 24 Aylesford Way, Stapleford.

Conservatory to the rear: no objection.

**20/03084/HFUL:** 4 Aylesford Way, Stapleford.

Single storey side/rear extensions: no objection.

**20/03071/HFUL:** 57 Bar Lane, Stapleford.

Loft and garage conversion: no objection.

**Various Tree Works:** Please see the Parish Council website for details.

## **Items of concern raised by the parishioners**

### **Busway**

Those who attended the meeting pressed the Parish Council to continue to fight against the GCP and the proposed route.

### **Litter**

There is a growing issue on Clerk's Piece where young people are throwing litter into the river, and leaving this quiet retreat strewn with rubbish.

### **Highways**

Damaged surfaces to the highway and footways: Members of the public and Councillors have expressed great concern at the very poor condition of some of the roads and pavements in the parish.

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