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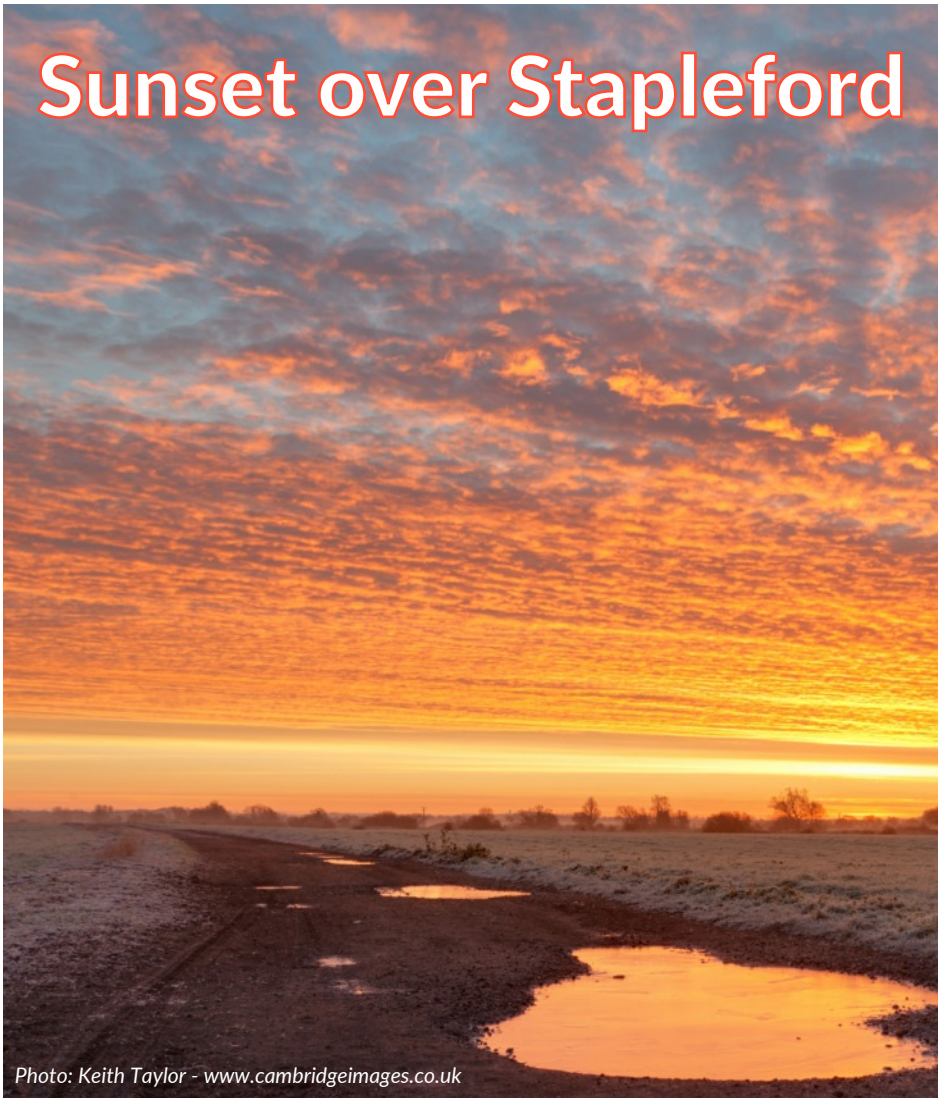


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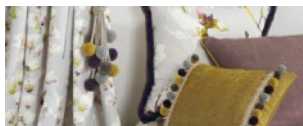
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9.45am First Sunday of the month: All Age Communion  
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All other Sundays: Parish Communion in church with crêche and Junior Church in the Johnson Hall  
6.30pm First Sunday of the month: BCP Evensong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

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# From the Rev Dr Simon Taylor

I MET the then Attorney General, Sir Nicholas Lyell, when I was just starting out as a barrister. A client asked whether I would like to have lunch with Sir Nicholas, and, being an ambitious youngster, I naturally said yes. It turned out that having lunch with him meant being present with 300 others when he gave an after lunch speech. I 'met' him as he walked past our table. I didn't quite trust that client after that. Not exactly honest.



I mention Sir Nicholas because our current Attorney General has been in the news. His obituary in *The Independent* shows that he clearly understood that the Law Officers owe their principal duty to the law itself, not to their political colleagues. On one occasion during the BSE controversy, when the EU imposed a ban on the import of British beef, he had to steer his colleagues in cabinet away from tit for tat bans because they would have been unlawful under international law. These things mattered then.

Which brings me to the Internal Market Bill. Who could possibly have foreseen that 2020 would bring such excitements? The row now going on relates to clauses in the Bill that give ministers power to override the Northern Ireland Protocol of the EU Withdrawal Agreement. The WA, as you know, was agreed in October 2019, proclaimed to be a wonderful deal by the Tories during the election, rushed through Parliament, and came into force on 1 February 2020. It is, by the way, not a very long document so it might be expected that our political leaders have actually read it. Clause 4 of the agreement – sorry to go all lawyerly on you – effectively gives it direct effect in UK law. That is what our government agreed. Indeed the WA specifies that there would be legislation passed in the UK to *disapply* any domestic law that is inconsistent with the WA. Which makes it all the more astonishing that the government is seeking to pass a Bill that makes it possible for them to override the WA, and, moreover, attempts to exclude the Courts from deciding which law applies, the resulting Act and its secondary legislation, or the Agreement. I suspect that attempt will be unsuccessful, because it is doubtful whether Parliament can legislate to exclude judicial scrutiny, but another nice constitutional case is brewing. And, in case you have been taken in by the Daily Fail attempts to persuade you otherwise, a government granting itself powers to depart from the WA is itself a breach of the WA.

Now, back to Law Officers. Robert Buckland and Suella Braverman, our current Lord Chancellor and Attorney General, seek to defend the indefensible. Buckland, whose oath of office includes the words 'I will respect the rule of law', said that he would only resign if the law was breached 'in a way that I find unacceptable'. This was a startling thing for a Lord Chancellor to say, but no slip of the tongue. He later doubled down on it, saying he would resign if the law was broken in a way that could not be 'fudged'. Braverman put out a statement that would barely have scraped a pass in GCSE Law, arguing that the UK Parliament can pass any laws it likes, including laws that repeal other laws. Well, yes, it can pass any law, but that does not answer the question whether the act of passing the new law is itself a breach of the existing law. And, buttressed by their legal colleagues, loyalist MPs and cabinet members queued up with spurious claims that the EU was not acting in good faith, and that the breach was somehow necessary in case of later problems (not so, since the WA contains very sophisticated agreed processes for sorting out disputes in an orderly way).

All the while the world looked on in astonishment at a once respected country brought so low. Sticking to international agreements matters. John Major, not given to hyperbole, said that the Bill 'questions the very integrity of our nation.'

There is a better way. Jesus would not have got into this mess. He had something to say about the Internal Market Bill. Well, sort of.

There was a time when he sat down on a mountainside to teach a crowd. We know his teaching now as the Sermon on the Mount. It is well worth 10 minutes of your time to read it – the Gospel of Matthew, chapter 5 onwards. Lots of it is familiar: 'Blessed are the ...' poor in spirit, those who mourn, the meek, the merciful and so on. Turn the other cheek. Go the extra mile. Love your enemies. Do not store up treasures on earth. Build your house upon the rock. All good stuff.

And crucially – listen up Prime Minister – a call for integrity. Jesus said "Let your 'yes' be 'yes', and your 'no' be 'no'."

Isn't that a good principle! Then and now, for Johnson, for Buckland, for Braverman and for us all. May your 'yes' be 'yes', and your 'no' be 'no'.

**Every blessing to you all, Simon**

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	6.30pm	SERVICE OF COMMEMORATION for ALL SOULS'
8 NOV	9am	COMMUNION <i>Traditional service from the Book of Common Prayer</i>
	10.45am	REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY SERVICE
15 NOV	10.30am	MORNING WORSHIP <i>Ruth 3: You are guardian-redeemer of our family</i>
	10.30am	All Age MESSY FOREST CHURCH
22 NOV	10.30am	MORNING WORSHIP & CELEBRATION OF CHRIST THE KING <i>Ruth 4: The father of Jesse, the father of David</i>
	4.30pm	CONNECT
29 NOV	10.30am	COMMUNION on ADVENT SUNDAY

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Information about any changes or additional services will be on our website at [www.standrewstapleford.org](http://www.standrewstapleford.org).

We intend to broadcast recordings of services every Sunday – check out our St Andrew's Stapleford YouTube channel.

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## FROM THE CHURCH REGISTERS

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## View from a window



A RECENT project inspired us. The idea to be developed was 'A View from a Window'. Creative juices soon flowed.

Tate Modern in London has a particularly good window for seeing the Millennium Bridge. The window opens out to St Paul's Cathedral over a busy Thames. The lines and curves, old and new, draw us even with much hustle and bustle.

Quite different is Wimpole Hall. The formal garden edges on to farm land, sheep and cows. Silhouetted against the sky is the Folly. A wide spreading Turkey Oak gave us a special place to sit and reflect. In Cheltenham, our long rectangular window overlooked Leckhampton hills where atmospheric skies helped us forecast the weather. In those days we bought our caravan. The wide wrap round front window welcomed the outside in. We became immersed in nature. Once an inquisitive horse put its head through the window section of the split stable-like door, startling us. Sites we picked were small and remote; often hiding us. Sea King helicopters roared overhead in Somerset. In Suffolk, Apaches thundered noisily aiming at the illuminated church tower target. Exciting.

When concerts were performed in Ely Cathedral Lady Chapel, we paid attention to the windows. Between the raised hands of St Etheldreda birds flew outside, wings lit by the sun. Bubbled ancient glass distorted images. Fascinating. Our St Andrew's has glorious views too.

11 November is Remembrance Day. We watched an air display through a hangar viewing window at Duxford once. It was extremely stormy. The Battle of Britain Memorial Flight made for nostalgia. Stephen directed an aviation company which helped the Lancaster bomber out of a major dilemma. The Mall poppy drop was impossible as mechanisms dramatically locked. The RAF sought help. Dedication to duty; problem solved. As thanks the Lancaster and a Spitfire, with connections to the company, made a personal fly past. A picture in our study is treasured.

Sadly, for many, windows have been the sole opening on outdoors. Hopefully happy occasions recalled; we've many more to add. We realise we mustn't take scenes of our lovely environment for granted. Enjoy and appreciate while it is possible. Life stories are important, needing telling and hearing. Windows of opportunity, the soul or heart shape us. We learn from each other. **Judith and Stephen Lee**

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TWO sad pieces of news to announce this month. Firstly, our dear friend and Stapleford MU member, Audrey Webb, died in October at her

care home in Woolmers Green, near Knebworth, aged 94. Audrey (right) was included in the birthday card to the Queen when she (and the Queen) were ninety. She will be affectionately remembered by us all – she was a superb knitter and crocheter (among many other talents) and made very many garments for MU projects. She was an enthusiastic MU member, a devout Christian and above all, a friend to us all. (Obituary, page 13).



Secondly, Susan Baker also died in September. Susan was the MU Diocesan President for six years and had been selected to be Canterbury Provincial President, which she had to turn down due to illness. Susan came several times to speak to our Branch – once, memorably, dressing up as our Founder, Mary Sumner, to talk about Mary's life.

Two dear friends, whom we shall sadly miss **Hilary Street**

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## From the Editor

IT has been a while since any A-list celebrities were rumoured to be moving into the village (check your collection of *Messengers* for previous wild speculation about Ali G, Teddy Sheringham et al\*) but this summer ended with hearsay of Champions League proportions.



Arsene Wenger (left), no less, had visited our village with a view to buying one of its more upmarket properties.

Not that the former Arsenal manager was likely to be spending much time in it however; the Frenchman's main base is in Totteridge in London (where he admits he still spends his waking hours watching football instead of enjoying the capital's

delights) and he also has homes in Paris and Zurich, where he is currently FIFA's chief of global football development.

Instead, it is understood he was operating in a purely paternal role: daughter Lea is finishing a doctorate in neuroscience at Cambridge University that now sees her based at the Wellcome Campus in Hinxton and therefore in need of a handy place of her own.

He was merely helping her find genome sweet genome, it seems.

There's no denying it would be fascinating having such a personality arrive in our village. My own career has enabled me to spend time with 'Le Professeur' over the years and you cannot help but admire a man who can speak fluently and intelligently about just about any topic in either French, English or German (plus Japanese at a pinch).

I also witnessed the other side to the Gunners' most successful manager, who could occasionally get *un peu grincheux*. I can vividly recall one press conference where he suddenly went full 'Robert de Niro in Taxi Driver' and demanded to know why the journalist standing next to me was "looking at him". "Because you are giving a press conference?" was the not-unreasonable reply (footage of this odd encounter can be found on YouTube if you are truly bored).

Wenger is in his eighth decade now and many a septuagenarian has decided that now is the time to swap the bright lights of a big city for a more relaxing rural retreat. So will he soon be popping into the Three

\*I think Al actually did move to the village, round the corner from the Spar...

Horseshoes for a cheeky Malbec? Joining the Parish Council to work out the perfect MUGA timetable on the Rec, or taking Shelford and Stapleford Strikers to another level as director of football?

The *Messenger* understands, sadly, that this is all rather unlikely but should it come to pass then please do not put up a big banner saying 'Welcome Arsene' - not only is it fairly crass but, knowing Wenger, he simply wouldn't see it...

Enjoy the November edition.

## Stapleford - Nachingwea Link



UNFORTUNATELY, as a result of COVID-19 restrictions, we are unable to hold our Christmas Fayre this year. The Fayre is one of our major fundraising events, so instead, we are looking to raise funds through donations.

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*Mary in the Nachingwea Day Secondary School Library*

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Thank you for your help to widen educational opportunities and increase learning for many young people in Nachingwea. **Trish Maude**

# Audrey Webb

## 1926-2020



My Mum, Audrey, sadly died peacefully in her sleep on 3 October at her care home in Knebworth, Herts, at the grand age of 94. Audrey lived in Stapleford from 1956 firstly in Haverhill Road and then The Chestnuts until a year and a half ago

Audrey was a member of St Andrew's Church where she and Dad (Frank) worshipped for many years and where she played a full role in the life of the church. She gave up bell ringing when she was 75! She was a staunch member of the Mothers' Union and was grateful for their fellowship and support.

Mum was a true Yorkshire girl, having moved south in the war, who never lost her spirit and dialect. She was known for her smile and good humour and willingness to join in events, being a member of the Over-60s and the Chestnut Club where she so enjoyed singing. Famously, she knitted for England! Her fingers were never still and made many hundreds of garments, including for children in hospital

and blankets, but her pièce de resistance was making 165 dolls which were sold in Japan and Dubai.

Audrey led a very happy and contented life which she shared with Frank and her family. She was a truly loving wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother and she will be greatly missed. **Brian Webb**

*Suzanne Watt adds on behalf of the Chestnut Club:*

AUDREY Webb was a founder member of the club; she also sang in our choir for many years. But it was her abundant output of knitting for which she was best known - from teddies to dolls, Nativity sets and even the Last Supper! She was a colourful character and will be sadly missed.

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# News from the primary school



*The moat bridge in 2008*



*The moat bridge in August 2019*



*The new moat bridge*

THIS summer Stapleford Community Primary School had some extensive works completed to upgrade the bridge on the moat.

Pictures in our archives show the state of the earlier bridge replaced in 2008, which lasted just over 10 years, but with the handrails giving way and holes appearing in the slats we had to temporarily close the moat until this summer.

We originally had some help with designs drawn up by STEM \* Ambassador David Jazani, who looked at some sketches the children made, and incorporated their ideas. The finished bridge combines steel and wood, and should ensure that only minor repairs are needed in the future.

The use of the outdoors is incredibly important to children, as the mountaineer Chris Bonington said, "Experiencing the outdoors should be a vital part of every person's education both as an adventure and an awareness of the wonders of nature."

The children derive so much from learning outside the classroom. While they explore they are gaining an understanding of nature and how to care for it. Sometimes they have tasks to complete, but they also initiate their own learning. Although they are only steps away from the playground, it feels like they are miles away! We are so fortunate to have this resource on site.



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Moat teamwork

I am delighted that the project is now finished and the children are once again making great use of this super resource. It would not have been possible without the help of the PTA who contributed approximately £5,000, and some kind donations from within the community in Stapleford.

This year has seen a curtailment of fundraising activities at the school, and we have missed out on running the Summer Fair, the 'Big Bounce' and we shall not be able to have a Winter Gift Fair either, resulting in a huge dip in income.. If you are able to help, make a donation to the school; you can do so directly by contacting the school office, or through the PTA. We are hoping to have a 'Golden Mile' running track and an outdoor classroom built to name two future projects.

If you have any 'pre-loved' laptops or ipads that could be used by pupils accessing learning from home if we have short or long term lockdowns, please do let us know. **Christine Spain**

\* *STEM Learning provides education and careers support in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM).*

## Traidcraft



TRAIDCRAFT has been responsible for introducing most Fairtrade products and helping set up the Fairtrade Foundation. It is still selling goods that are ethical and fairly traded, but now also sustainable and eco-friendly. The producers, often from the most vulnerable communities around the world, are at greater risk due to the pandemic. Please support them.

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# Shelford & Stapleford Youth Initiative



THE past six months have brought about huge change and been a challenging time for all, not least for young people. According to the mental health charity Young Minds 87% of young people questioned said that they had felt lonely or isolated during lockdown and 80% said that the coronavirus had made their mental health worse.

SSYI has been providing youth work support and activities for young people in Great Shelford, Little Shelford, and Stapleford for more than twenty years, particularly focusing on those who are marginalised, isolated, and at risk. Thanks to Great Shelford Parish Council we now have our own space, the SSYI Youth Centre, previously the Sports & Social Club above the Memorial Hall in Great Shelford. We are in the process of renovating this space to best meet the needs of local young people.

The impact of coronavirus on youth services has been dramatic. For the initial part of lock down we moved to online delivery, increasing our social media presence, and posting daily video updates for our young people. These can be viewed on our Instagram and Facebook pages (@ssyiyouth). We kept in contact with many of our young people over the phone. As soon as we were able, we began meeting young people for socially distanced one to ones and began doing detached work in the Shelfords, Stapleford and Sawston.

Thanks to a grant from the Children's Area Partnership, over the summer holidays we were able to do some practical sessions on the Cope at the end of Great Shelford Rec in partnership with Shelford Playscape.

Our main concerns for young people after this extended period of lockdown are the risks caused by an increase in mental health and wellbeing problems, loneliness and isolation, a lack of safe spaces and the extended period of disengagement from formal education. We have now been able to restart several small groups following COVID secure guidelines from the Government and the National Youth Agency which have been successful, we hope to be able to run some small trips before Christmas.

We are so grateful for the ongoing support of the villages, residents, councils, and churches.

For more information about what we are doing in the local area contact Zac Britton, SSYI's Lead Youth Worker on [zac.britton@ssyi.club](mailto:zac.britton@ssyi.club) or 07599024210. Or you can head to our website at [www.ssyi.club](http://www.ssyi.club) or find us on Facebook and Instagram @ssyiyouth. **Zac Britton**

# Stapleford Strollers: Walk 88

## The Garden Route: a circular walk from Ashdon Windmill

### To get to start of walk

TAKE the A1307 to Linton and turn right for Bartlow near the end of the Linton bypass. Turn right in Bartlow, on the Saffron Walden road. After the first houses of Ashdon are reached, take the left turn to Steventon End. Soon after, take the very minor unsigned road on the right leading to the free car park at Ashdon windmill (CB10 2JA).

### Length of walk

Four miles; so it's a nice stroll and there is some interesting scenery. It can easily be extended, as Ashdon is surrounded by footpaths, but local path signage is variable. It should be OK underfoot on this walk for most of the year.

### OS Map

OS Explorer map 209. If you simply want a free map extract, either use [footpathmaps.com](http://footpathmaps.com) or [maps.the-hug.net](http://maps.the-hug.net). The extract used to accompany this route is from the former.

### Extra Information

Ashdon windmill (known as Bragg's Mill) is a restored post mill. This means it has some age. The whole of the mill structure needed to be rotated to ensure the best of the wind was obtained. This required a sort of railway turntable-type operation. Later mills were known as tower mills, and had an internal mechanism that turned just the top of the mill, where the sails were attached.

### Route of walk

From the car park, turn left up the road. Pass a couple of houses and keep ahead, downhill, on a grass track. Soon after, a waymark post can be seen on the right, through a gap in the hedge. Go right here and, shortly afterwards, turn left on a downhill path that follows a wide green strip between fields. This path meets a small road.

Turn left on the road and walk on until a footpath route crosses the road. Go left on this path and walk for a short time, turning sharp right at a waymark sign. Follow this new grassy path and, ignoring any side paths going left, keep a wood to the right until the route meets a much wider cinder/stone track.

Follow the stony track as it swings left and goes up a short but steepish slope, carrying on beyond until some houses are reached. This is the edge of

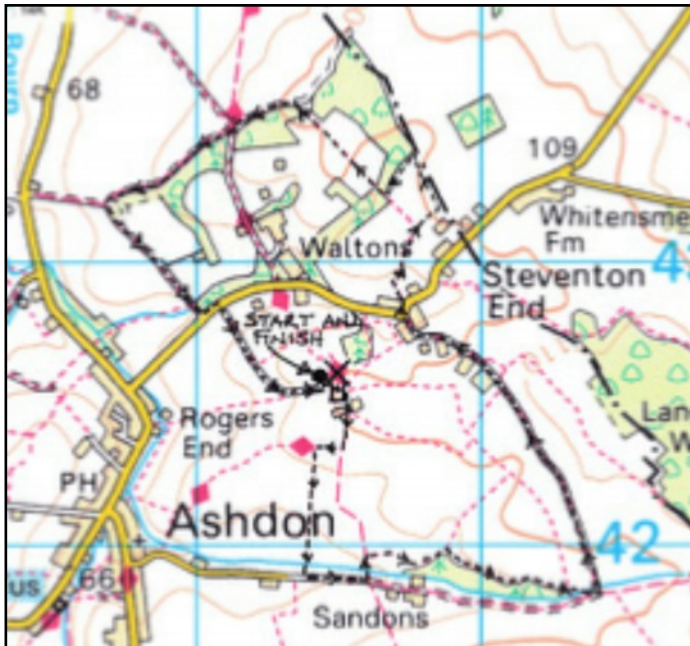
Steventon End; the track becomes tarmacked. Carry on ahead downhill, pass more houses, then come to a main road.

Carefully cross over, and walk ahead. The path (marked by yellow flags) runs along the left hand side of the garden at Brook Farm. Cross a bridge at the far end of the garden and bear right along a field edge. The crossing point in the field is rarely visible, so walk right round the field edge and turn sharp left when a wood is reached. With the wood to the right, walk for a short time until the field edge swings left. At this point, a grass track cuts through the trees.


There is no signage but walk up the track and, to the right of a large gate, is a stile. Over you go and straight across a pasture (may be horses). Cross another stile and cross another pasture; over a final stile and out on to a wide stony farm track.

Turn left and follow this track, keeping straight ahead when a cross track is met. There is a wood to the left and, at its far end, swing left. After several minutes, a road is reached. Turn left along the grass verge and then go right up the small side road to Ashdon windmill. Follow this road all the way back to the car park.

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## News from 2G3S



ON 28 September Bill Powell kicked off our virtual Conversation Evenings with a very interesting talk and Q&A about cooking stoves in Uganda, which are much more fuel efficient than traditional wood fires or charcoal burners and healthier for the cooks. He has been very involved in the project for some time.

Depending when you received your magazine, you may just catch the next evening on 26 October, when two members of Extinction Rebellion be talking and answering questions.

On 23 November our speaker is Duncan Catchpole, who started up and still runs the Cambridge Organic Food Company, and is working hard to get a local Food Hub up and running. He will talk about Sustainable Dietary Choices, so if you want to move towards eating less meat and dairy you will have the chance to talk to him.

To take part in either of these evenings please email the address below and a link to Zoom will be sent to you just before the meeting. If you've never used Zoom before there are some helpful tutorials on their website, and also on Youtube.

### Other news since last month

- Some local constituents met with Anthony Browne, our MP, to ask various environmental questions relating to green economic recovery, retrofitting houses with energy-saving measures, water conservation, and a variety of other topics. He will be meeting with constituents regularly in these Environmental Forums, so do check our Facebook page or website for future dates.

- You may know there was a national citizens' assembly held to consider ways of tackling climate change; their conclusions make very interesting reading. Go to [climateassembly.uk](http://climateassembly.uk).

- The Government is launching its green homes grant, see [gov.uk](http://gov.uk).

- You may have attended one of the local Repair Cafés; the organisation behind them, Cambridge Carbon Footprint, has set up a questionnaire/calculator for finding ways to reduce your own personal or family's carbon footprint. Go to [cambridgecarbonfootprint.org/charter](http://cambridgecarbonfootprint.org/charter).

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**

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## Stapleford Bird Club

SOME members are champing at the bit, wanting to resume a social bird walk but for now, because of COVID-19, it was again just myself. On 11 October I ventured out at 8am to check the bird life over the Down, with ideal weather, little glare from the sun and only a weak breeze. The first thing I noticed was unusually few birds in the car park. No birds were on the bird feeders and only a Magpie, a few Goldfinches and a small flock of Starlings were seen, though two well-hidden Robins were singing weakly. At this time of year both male and female Robins sing to defend their territories. Along the side of North Down, some usual small birds were present – Blackbirds, Blue Tits, Great Tits and Robins – but as noted last month, they showed only briefly before skulking again in the bushes. Two Grey Partridges were calling from the unmown part of the slope.



Looking up to the sky (which ought to be done frequently by birders to check for flyovers) a flock of silent thrushes appeared from the east – Redwings (left) from Scandinavia and Russia. Two more flocks passed over in the next 30 minutes. Reports on social media showed that on the same morning thousands of Redwings were being seen arriving at many spots in the county. These birds usually leave the

continent at dusk, fly all night, and many carry on inland before landing. The birds over Magog Down had probably been flying non-stop for 13 hours.

At least five Jays were active over the area, this being the best time of the year to see them. Screeching loudly to each other, they were probably busily collecting nuts such as acorns, beech mast and hazelnuts, though the only bird seen on the walk with a nut in its beak was a Carrion Crow. A small bird moving swiftly through the foliage in Magog Down was a Blackcap. Most move south for the winter to Spain or Africa, but it is possible that this bird has arrived from Germany or north-east Europe to overwinter, due to our relatively mild conditions. Another warbler, the Chiffchaff was calling repeatedly in Vestey Wood. Altogether, 21 bird species were found.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, there is no general invitation to join a walk in November, if a meeting does take place. **Mike Foley**



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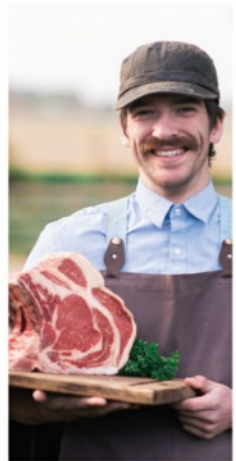
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Governors are responsible for ensuring the strategic direction of the school, its performance and the use of resources to support learning. They help to ensure that our school provides the best education it can for all the children in its care.

The Local Governing Body meets as a large group two or three times each term in the evenings. Governors also visit the school occasionally during the school day when conditions permit.

The Governing Body team is particularly looking for a member of the local community with some time flexibility, interest and enthusiasm to fulfil the role. Governors do not need to be experts to tackle the range of responsibilities expected of them. Help, advice and training are available from various sources.

If you are interested in joining our enthusiastic team and have time to commit to this role, please contact the Chair of Governors, Paul Izzett, [pizzett@staplefordprimaryschool.org](mailto:pizzett@staplefordprimaryschool.org) or 07765 128 835.

You can find out more information about the Governing Body at Stapleford Community Primary School on the school website at [www.staplefordprimaryschool.org](http://www.staplefordprimaryschool.org).

We are a member of a group of schools in the Anglian Learning Trust at [www.anglianlearning.org](http://www.anglianlearning.org). **Paul Izzett**

## Stapleford History Society



STAPLEFORD History Society had planned to commemorate VE Day with the help of the Village Hall Estates Fund by giving a book, 'Goodnight Mister Tom' by Michelle Magorian, to each of the older primary school children. Unfortunately because of the COVID-19 restrictions it has not been possible to arrange this as a village celebration.

The books will be distributed to Years 4, 5 and 6 children at Stapleford School. If any parent of a child in this age group not attending Stapleford School would like a commemorative book, please contact Gillian Pett, [gillian.pett29@gmail.com](mailto:gillian.pett29@gmail.com). **Gillian Pett**



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## Quiz time



THIS month's quiz is a bumper movie round entitled 'The Pie Who Loved Me'.

Simply replace the word 'pie' with the actual word from these famous lines and then name the film. I've helpfully supplied the year it came out.

Answers on page 32.

1. You're only supposed to blow the b----y pies off! 1969
2. Funny, like I'm a pie? I amuse you? 1990
3. Pies! Why did it have to be pies? 1981
4. Oh no, it wasn't the airplanes. It was pies that killed the beast. 1933
5. Pie. Shaken, not stirred. 1964
6. Show me the pie! 1996
7. They may take our lives, but they'll never take our pies! 1995
8. My mama always said, life is like a box of pies. You never know what you're gonna get. 1994
9. You don't understand! I coulda had class. I coulda been a pie. 1954
10. That'll do, pie. That'll do. 1995
11. I love the smell of pie in the morning. 1979
12. I do wish we could chat longer, but I'm having an old pie for dinner. 1991
13. Wait a minute, Doc. Are you telling me you built a time machine... out of a pie? 1985
14. I'm going to make him a pie he can't refuse. 1972
15. You're gonna need a bigger pie. 1975
16. All right Mr. DeMille, I'm ready for my pie. 1950
17. We want the finest pies available to humanity! We want them here and we want them now! 1987
18. Pies? We ain't got no pies! We don't need no pies! I don't have to show you any stinking pies! 1948
19. Nobody puts pies in a corner. 1987
20. Pies are like onions. 2001



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# Puzzle Corner



## Lost letters

EACH of the words below has had a letter removed. Find the original words. In each group, each new word is formed by adding a different letter. You may not add the letter S to the end of a word. All the answers are everyday words.

e.g. RAISIN becomes RAISING  
 CARTON becomes CARTOON  
 RESENT becomes PRESENT

In some cases, there may be more than one available answer, but looking at the letters used to form the other new words should enable you to select the correct one.

ADDITION	ARGON	ASPIRIN	DEBT	DESERT
EVIL	FAVOUR	IMMORALITY	INDICATE	INSECT
LAITY	LOUT	MANIFEST	NIGHT	ONUS
QUART	RING	SAGE	SALON	SIMMER
STEROID	TOWEL	TRANNY	VIGILANT	WIDOW

## Six-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?

... FEW    ... OUD    ... IME    ... HOW    ... GEN    ... DIO    ... GEL  
 ... FRY    ... URB    ... VIL    ... IAD    ... HID    ... NUE    ... HTH

*Set by Hermes - Answers on page 39.*

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## Quiz answers

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|------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|
| 1. Doors - The Italian Job.                                | 11. Napalm - Apocalypse Now.                   |
| 2. Clown - Goodfellas.                                     | 12. Friend - Silence of the Lambs.             |
| 3. Snakes - Indiana Jones and the Raiders of the Lost Ark. | 13. DeLorean - Back to the Future.             |
| 4. Beauty - King Kong.                                     | 14. Offer - The Godfather.                     |
| 5. Martini - Goldfinger.                                   | 15. Boat - Jaws.                               |
| 6. Money - Jerry Maguire.                                  | 16. Close-up - Sunset Boulevard.               |
| 7. Freedom - Braveheart.                                   | 17. Wines - Withnail and I.                    |
| 8. Chocolates - Forrest Gump.                              | 18. Badges - The Treasure of the Sierra Madre. |
| 9. Contender - On the Waterfront.                          | 19. Baby - Dirty Dancing.                      |
| 10. Pig - Babe.                                            | 20. Ogres - Shrek.                             |

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# Meet your new Parish Councillor

*JENNY Flynn has been co-opted onto the Parish Council. Here she tells Messenger readers a little about herself and why she joined the Council.*



PLANNING, parking, pot holes...everyone is entitled to opinions about their local area but sometimes there's no point opining about things unless you actually do something about them. Now, of all times, this is particularly pertinent because Stapleford faces a number of significant challenges to its size and its green belt from, for example, the proposed busway and retirement village, and the Greater Cambridge Local Plan. Not all change is bad but I'd like to understand these and other challenges better and to help the village respond appropriately to them. It concerns me that some residents may feel disempowered

when it comes to expressing their views or are simply unaware of what is happening and so miss opportunities to contribute to local discussions. I believe it is important that people with time and energy proactively go out to communicate with residents and represent them on local platforms; hence my interest in joining Stapleford Parish Council. I look forward to serving the village in this capacity over the coming years.

As for me, I'm an ex-management consultant who now juggles running her own company with family commitments. I'm happiest when I'm outside, whether that's walking (I'm a qualified Nordic walking instructor), gardening, exploring cold Scandinavian climates, skimming stones into the North Sea, cleaning out the rabbit and guinea pigs, or just more generally feeling the rain/snow/hail/wind on my face.

## From your Parish Council

THE October meeting occurred too late for a report to be included in the *Messenger*.

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

The next parish council meetings are on Wednesday 11 November and Wednesday 9 December. Access details can be found on the website.



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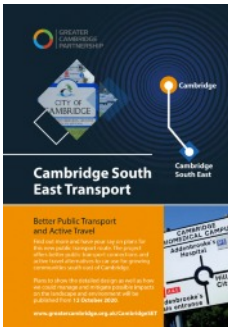
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# From the Chair of the Parish Council

## Cambridge South East Transport: The misguided busway



THE GCP, as you may be aware, has leafleted every home inviting a response: it is quite extraordinary that having chosen their route they are only now just beginning to look at the environmental impact of it. What other organisation would fail to consider the environmental impact before choosing a route? To quote the leaflet 'We will be conducting a full Environmental Impact Assessment, and are seeking your views on the design of the proposals and how we could best manage and mitigate possible impacts and any

changes to the design needing to be considered. .... find out more and have your say'. Their consultation is open until 7 December so, please, do take this opportunity to say 'yes' to the alternative railway aligned route and 'no' to the misguided busway.

Over the last couple of months we've been working with Cambridge Connect on our strategy to change the GCP's destructive route. We have produced a well-researched background paper setting out the GCP's processes and consultations (or lack of) and a technical Terms of Reference document to go out to tender with leading independent transport consultants of national standing. The point of the exercise was to verify whether or not the railway route is viable as an alternative to driving the busway through the greenbelt. Most international consultants seem to have worked for the GCP and Cambridgeshire County Council and were therefore conflicted but we have had a bid in from a leading firm that we have accepted. The cost of this Task 1 Report is being born by Great Shelford Parish Council and Stapleford Parish Council with a top-up, given Stapleford's shortage of funds, from a crowdfunder organised by Cambridge Past Present and Future.

This report will be with us by the time you read this and there is every indication that this will validate our position. The point here is that the GCP did not assess the railway as an appropriate route as they were focused on simply driving the busway through open countryside and they failed to consult with the general public on this and so their processes are flawed.

The other issue is that of connectivity: it is hard to understand why the populations of Great Shelford (and Little Shelford) and Stapleford have not been provided with this accessibility and connectivity to Cambridge and



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why the GCP chose a route with bus stops a mile out of the village and up a hill!

We will need to embark on significant and urgent fundraising for the Task 2 Report investigation in that we need to examine the GCP's methodology in calculating not only the predicted journey times but also the numbers of potential passengers generated and the overall business case as we believe the GCP's methodology and calculations are also flawed.

As you can see an enormous amount of work has been put into this particularly by Cambridge Connect and we are confident of a positive report from the consultant very shortly that will clearly show the GCP has failed in its duty to consider the railway aligned route for the busway.

It is also important to bear in mind that the reports we have commissioned will form part of the expert witness evidence at the forthcoming public enquiry and without commissioning these reports we would not have the evidence to stand up in the enquiry process. It is therefore vital that further fundraising is undertaken so that the funds are available not only for the expert witness reports but also to have the lawyers lined up to present our case at the public enquiry.

As you can appreciate this will be an expensive exercise, but worth it! The fundraiser has already raised nearly £3,000 which will cover current costs when put with the Parish Councils' contributions, but for Task 2 (referred to above) we will need to see further donations in the order of £2,500. We are so grateful for the generosity of people so far and we really hope we can cover the next stage. Together we can convince the GCP to change its misguided busway.

You can find background information at [cambridgeppf.org/south-east-cambridge-busway](http://cambridgeppf.org/south-east-cambridge-busway) and the donations page is [cambridgeppf.org/appeal/sss-green-belt](http://cambridgeppf.org/appeal/sss-green-belt). **Howard Kettel**

## Puzzle Corner answers

### Lost letters

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 ASTEROID, TROWEL, TYRANNY, VIGILANTE, WINDOW

### Six-letter words

curfew, shroud, regime, anyhow, oxygen, studio, cudgel,  
 belfry, suburb, weevil, myriad, orchid, avenue, eighth



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