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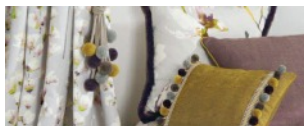
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# From the Rev Dr Simon Taylor

SOMETIMES people get credit for things they did not do. And sometimes people are not given the credit they deserve.

So it is now well-known, but was not for many years, that Rosalind Franklin deserved to share the fame won by Crick and Watson for the discovery of the structure of DNA. There is a niche joke that goes 'What did Crick and Watson discover? Answer: Rosalind Franklin's notes.' Another example: Alexander Graham Bell did not, arguably, really invent the telephone – check out the biography of a man called Elisha Gray. And, my lead-in for today, John Venn did not invent the Venn diagram.

Just in case you need a reminder, Venn diagrams are those patterns of overlapping circles that help to show differences and similarities between things or groups of things. So if you had two groups of, say, buildings with Norman arches and churches, then St Andrew's would fit in both groups and would be in the overlapping bit of the circles – a church building with a Norman arch. Do come in and admire our lovely chancel arch if you have never seen it. We are always open.



Venn is commemorated in a blue plaque in Hull, his hometown. Two overlapping blue circles. One labelled 'Mathematician, Philosopher & Anglican Priest' the other 'Really strong beard game', and in the intersection 'JOHN VENN'. Nice.

Apart from having a good beard, John Venn was a Victorian/Edwardian scholar and priest. He studied maths at Gonville and Caius, gave up maths to become a Church of England priest, then returned to Cambridge as a lecturer in politics, economics, philosophy, probability theory and logic. He resigned his priestly orders, became President of the College and a Fellow of the Royal Society. Oh, and in his spare time he invented a bowling machine, which the visiting Australian cricket team used in practice in 1909. It is said to have bowled them all out, though that may be apocryphal.

But back to the diagrams. Venn called them Eulerian Circles, after the Swiss mathematician who invented something similar. As far as I can gather, there is really no difference between Euler's idea and what Venn then popularised, so perhaps we should be calling them Euler diagrams. At least Venn gave the real inventor credit.

In any event, Venn died on 4 April 1923, and that is why he comes to mind just now, around the centenary of his death. John Venn, polymath and priest, whose name is known to every school child, we salute you!

Thinking about Venn comes just as we in the church move from the commemorations of Lent – Ash Wednesday, Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday - through Easter Day, and into the period of Eastertide, when we remember all the resurrection appearances of the once-dead now-alive-again Jesus Christ.

If you were drawing a Venn diagram of all this you could have one circle labelled 'of this world' and another 'not of this world' and for this post-Easter period the risen Jesus Christ would be in the intersection. The diagram would represent his journey too – from fleshly babe and human life in the 'of this world' circle to resurrected life in the intersection, to his ascension, and then into heaven. Actually all living Christians should count themselves as being in the intersection, but that is another topic.

The resurrection appearances are fascinating. If you want to hear more come to a Sunday service in St Andrew's over the next few weeks when we are looking at what the Bible says about them alongside some of the great art the biblical accounts have led to. Think, for example, of Caravaggio's *Supper at Emmaus*.

The very first resurrection appearance was to Mary Magdalene. Jesus appeared to her at his tomb on the Sunday after his death. She did not recognise him at first. This is a common feature of the resurrection appearances, which seems to show that there was something 'in-between' about Jesus at that time. But when Jesus spoke Mary did recognise him – he had said before his death that his flock would recognise his voice – and she went to embrace him. "Do not hold on to me" he said "for I have not yet ascended to the Father". In the lovely Graham Sutherland painting of this encounter, which is in Chichester Cathedral, Jesus is shown going up some stairs as Mary reaches from below. An image of that in-between sense. Jesus commissions Mary to go and tell the others. And she did, saying, beautifully simply "I have seen the Lord!"

Eventually there were over 500 witnesses to the risen Christ. Jesus' resurrection appearances are very well attested and hard to deny for anyone who has looked into them. Of course, the dead do not generally come to life. Everyone knows that. That is one reason why some dismiss Christianity. But what if one who had been dead did come alive? If it is true that Christ rose from the dead, doesn't that change everything? Is it time you investigated properly?

Let me put it in Venn diagram terms. Two overlapping circles. The first 'Those who look carefully at evidence'. And the second 'Those who consider the claims of the Bible'. And in the intersection, the inevitable end point for those in both circles: 'Followers of Jesus Christ'. **Blessings, Simon**

# St Andrew's Noticeboard

7 MAY	9 AM	BCP COMMUNION
	10.30 AM	CW COMMUNION 1 Peter 2.19-25; John 21.1-14 <i>Gone fishing</i>
	10.30 AM	FOREST CHURCH COMMUNION
14 MAY	6 PM	CHORAL EVENSONG <i>Celebrating the Coronation</i> Zechariah 4.1-10; Revelation 21.1-14
	9 AM	BCP COMMUNION
	10.30 AM	SUNDAY WORSHIP 1 Peter 3.13-22; 1 Corinthians 15.3-8; Matthew 28.16-20 <i>I am always with you</i>
21 MAY	9 AM	CW COMMUNION
	10.30 AM	SUNDAY WORSHIP Acts 1.1-11; Luke 24.50-51 <i>Taken up</i>
	10.30 AM	MESSY FOREST CHURCH
28 MAY	9 AM	BCP COMMUNION Acts 2.1-21; John 7.37-39
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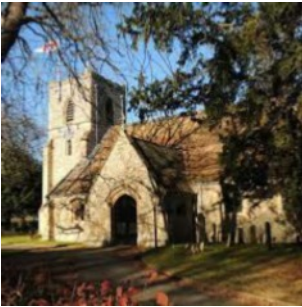
# Coronation Celebration

THAT first weekend in May is shaping up to be a busy one with the first coronation in quite a while! Lots of parties being organised so I hear. So there is every chance that you will be partied out by the evening of Sunday 7 May, and wanting a retreat into the sublime.

We have just the thing for you! Come and enjoy a lovely traditional coronation celebration evenings in St Andrew's at 6pm, with drinks afterwards – in the churchyard, weather permitting.

See you all there. **Simon Taylor** (see pages 7 and 21)

# Forest Church



SPRING has sprung, the grass is growing, and Forest Church is back!

All welcome. Open-air church, with crafts, songs, a bible story, a short talk, prayers and refreshments. Great fun for families, but a warm welcome for everyone. Lots of older people really enjoy it too. Meets in the churchyard at 10.30am pretty well every other Sunday. The next few dates are 7 and 21 May, plus 4 and 18 June. **Simon Taylor**

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## Bs

THROUGH our kitchen window I have observed change. Winter has become Spring. Many sights I saw began with the letter B. Let me share. Firstly some background...

B was part of the Phoenician alphabet over 3,000 years ago. The letter was called beth and second in the alphabet. A house floor plan was represented in the shape. The Hebrew interpretation was again beth plus bet and bayt meaning house. Beta is the Greek version. In English that stands for number 2 in a series. In astronomy it is the second brightest star in the constellation. Technology has the expression beta testing. Plan B means second choice. In Latin it is the second letter in the script alphabet. Importantly B stands for Bible and baptism and the spiritual meaning of B is peace.

Back to outdoor Bs. Brown branches becoming tinged with green. No beige. Buds bravely bursting, birds twittering as they busily nest build. Brunette tones are forming on beech hedging. The beady-eyed blackbird and bonny robin exchange banter. The blue tit darts to a hanging feeder. A bronzed meadowsweet butterfly fluttered before resting in the border. Bumbling buzzing bees searched for nectar. The hymns, 'All things bright and beautiful' and 'Morning has broken' were perfect as a background melody. Yesterday was different. Roaring wildly bold, blizzard-like conditions. Rain lashed against the window; bashing, beating, battering. An opportunity to display hand-made crafts in woven baskets and bowls. Easter Day proved better, in fact breathtakingly beautiful. Brilliant blue skies, white fluffy cotton wool like clouds. Worth deep breaths of appreciation. St Andrew's bells pealed. The flowering cross beckoned. Celebration. Bouquets, bunches of blooms; bonnets; be-ribboned, braided, buttoned; hot cross buns, biscuits and baked simnel cake. Children were excited, wreathed in beaming smiles. The Easter bunny had delivered chocolate eggs and maybe a few delicious boxes of confectionary bounty. The service was bouyantly joyful.

The slopes of the Gogs were buttered with cowslips. Bowed branches wore cloaks of billowing blossom. Briars, brambles and bushes embroidered the boundary. I sat on a double-decker bus to Cambridge and in a broad stretch of grass beneath noticed recently born lambs, one with a black upturned face having a quiet sun bathe. Blissfully serene. New life, busy farmers. We bustle about a lot. Business can sometimes wait. Select a bench and refer to Psalm 46 verse 10. 'Be still and know that I am God.' Bit by bit reduce the words to BE STILL and eventually simply BE. **Judith Lee**

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In June we will have our usual stall at the Village Show, when we will sell cakes and preserves. There will be the Raffle again, this year to celebrate the Coronation so we will be collecting Coronation-themed items to put in the hamper. Please could you bring any suitable goods to the June meeting (on 22 June). **Hilary Street**

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# Mothers' Union

## Highlights from the Ely Diocese Annual Report, 2022



THE Mothers' Union in Ely Diocese continues to thrive; with the ongoing support of the Bishops and the Chapter of the Cathedral, the MU has been enabled to maintain a high profile within the Diocese. The Diocesan Office in Barton Road had to close in March 2020 due to the pandemic, so the MU lost its office space there – however, the Office is due to be relocated in Ely in due course.

The 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence continues to be well-supported round the Diocese, and once again there was a vigil and a three-minute silence in the Cathedral on 10 December. Worldwide links continue with Shyogwe and Kigali in Rwanda, as well with Dioceses in Nigeria and India; some worldwide members were able to join the Thursday Prayer services via Zoom. These services are uploaded to YouTube for those unable to attend. A new departure is Live Mothers' Union Midday Prayers every day at noon, led by staff at Mary Sumner House.



The Away From It All Project sent 17 families to Norfolk for caravan holidays, much appreciated by those who benefited. All three Women's Refuges and two young persons' hostels in the Diocese have been supported with goods, and supermarket vouchers at Christmas, meaning residents were able to choose what they would like to

buy. A new project now being supported near Peterborough is Mary's Child, a charity created to love, care for and support families in need, providing practical and pastoral care.

There were two Council meetings in 2022 when members enjoyed meeting up face to face once again, and there was also the Diocesan Garden Party in July in the Bishop's garden (when both the Bishop and the Suffragan Bishop came to greet members).

These are just a few highlights of the Annual Report; the 27 Mothers' Union branches continue at parish level to support their churches and communities, and to maintain their commitment to families and family life.

You can find out more about the Mothers' Union in Ely at [mothersunion.org/diocese/ely](https://mothersunion.org/diocese/ely). **Hilary Street**

# Stapleford Community Primary School



THIS Spring term has been busy for our school with a huge variety of opportunities that our pupils have experienced.

In March, we embraced British Science Week and enjoyed a range of visitors joining us in school to share an insight into their careers and to enable pupils to experiment and explore the world of science. Pupils learnt about what a scientist is and discussed the many different roles a scientist may have. Pupils took part in the Stapleford Engineering Challenge, where all children in the school designed, made and tested their own paper aircraft, learning about aerodynamics and testing which designs flew furthest. Finalists flew their designs in an assembly with some impressive results!



With our visiting scientists, pupils carried out exciting science workshops including extracting DNA from a strawberry, STEM (*Science, Technology, Engineering and Medicine*) story time, mud microbiology and learning about pressure and gases. We would particularly like to thank Suzan Ber, Susannah Salter and Andy Dalton for volunteering their time and expertise to support our Science Week. We had a very exciting time and are thrilled at how the children have shown that they are creative and curious young scientists.

'Curiosity' is a key term that we have been exploring with pupils and encouraging our children to ask, as well as answer, questions. A unique setting we have that we feel inspires curiosity is our Moat area. We are lucky to have such a wonderful wild area which all classes currently use on a weekly basis for outdoor learning sessions. This term I was delighted to join a Year 1 class for their Forest School session. It was a pleasure to see their



Forest School and Outdoor Learning

enjoyment and learning, as I shared in play adventures on a submarine, saw wonderful creativity with clay sculptures and natural crafts, as well as tree climbing.

Mrs Bonham is leading Forest School sessions and we are officially launching our Forest School programme across the school in Summer Term. Forest Schools is about children and young people building self-esteem, independence and a love of science and nature through exploring and experiencing the natural world. Each Forest School programme is tailored to meet the needs of individuals within that group and is continuously developed as the children grow in confidence, skills and understanding. The ethos of Forest Schools allows learners the time and space to develop skills, interests and understanding through practical, hands-on experiences. We are excited by our plans for summer term and are hoping to enhance the resources available to support our outdoor learning. We welcome anyone who may have knowledge, skills or experience to offer to our setting. For example, we wondered whether willow structures might enhance this space. Please do get in touch with the school if you may be able to help us as we develop our Forest School outdoor area.

At Stapleford Community Primary School we value the opportunity for children to lead their own learning and development as well as experiencing the natural world in a way that is memorable and meaningful to them. We have exciting plans for Summer Term and look forward to sharing updates in future editions. **Laura Rawlings, Headteacher**

## The British Cactus & Succulent Society



OUR next regular monthly meeting will be held on Wednesday 10 May in Great Shelford Memorial Hall at 7pm, and we look forward to welcoming anyone interested in cacti and succulents. There will be an exhibit table-top competition judged by a local expert, plants for sale, a raffle and refreshments. Also, a selection of short presentations from Branch members on a subject of their choice such as cultivation techniques, favourite plants, greenhouse tours.

We are a small friendly group of cacti and succulent enthusiasts. Please do come and see what we grow, discover how we grow them and more about these unique and fascinating plants. **Jacqui Arbon**, Publicity Officer 07867653748  
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# Stapleford WI



AT our meeting in March Celia Weir presented the WI resolution which had been chosen by members voting throughout the UK from the list of four which I outlined in the February issue of the *Messenger*. This will be put forward at the annual National Federation of Women's Institutes meeting in Cardiff in May. It proposes we

should have 'Clean rivers for people and wildlife'. This is definitely in the news at the moment as we hear horrific tales of sewage and agricultural pollution to nearly all our rivers, including our precious chalk streams. Celia gave fellow members a detailed, informative and thought-provoking talk to explain how we have reached the current intolerable situation with our rivers. We then voted unanimously to support this.

Members were also reminded about the litter collection which the WI will undertake in the village on Monday 8 May in response to the King's wish for volunteers to join in The Big Help Out.

Indeed, the generosity and desire of our members to help others were very evident in the number of items brought to the meeting for our monthly donations to a local foodbank.

After a short break for refreshments we held our annual meeting. Reports highlighted the many and varied activities enjoyed by members, who were thanked by Celia for all their support, help and encouragement during the past twelve months. The committee members were thanked for all their hard work in providing a full programme. Susan Clark was elected as our President for the coming year and we look forward to another year of fun, friendship, speaker meetings, and book and craft groups under her guidance. We have over 40 enthusiastic members and we are always ready to welcome more. Our meetings are on the fourth Thursday of each month at 7.30pm in the Pavilion, and at the next one on 25 May we will have a social evening with a quiz and bring-and-share supper. There will be plenty of shortbread to enjoy as members compete for a tea-light holder in honour of Liz Hodgkins, our late President.

If you are interested in finding out more about us please contact Sallie Dixon on 843847 or look at our website: [staplefordwi.weebly.com](http://staplefordwi.weebly.com)

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# Picnic celebration of the Coronation of Charles III

Stapleford Recreation Ground, Sunday 7 May from 1pm



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celebrate the Coronation of Charles III.

## Quiz Time

### Roaming Reptiles

1. Komodo dragons come from the island of Komodo; where is the island of Komodo?
2. What are the three types of snakes found in the UK?
3. What was the biggest selling single of 1983 and which group sang it?
4. What type of reptile is the world's largest extant species?
5. What is the most venomous snake in the world?
6. Jonathan, the tortoise, is the world's oldest tortoise. How old is he? (215, 190 or 175 years)
7. What was the name of the snake in the *Jungle Book*?
8. How many layers of skin does a chameleon have?
9. In *The Simpsons* what is the name of Selma's pet iguana?
10. Discovered in 2021 the male *Brookesia nana*, or nano-chameleon is the world's smallest reptile and has a body that is only 13.5 mm long, what country was it discovered in?

This quiz was devised by **Charlie Wolfe** and hosted by Rosey Farmer at the Three Horseshoes quiz, **Answers page 29**

# 2G3S

## Nature Walk



THE next walk date is Saturday 20 May, meeting at 2pm at Little Shelford Community Orchard and Woodland. Come and see nature on your doorstep with John O'Boyle who is very knowledgeable about plants and wildlife. Wear suitable footwear and clothing, and walks are at attendees' own risk.

## Cycle ride

Next one is Monday 15 May. Join us for a leisurely ride on quiet roads and traffic-free paths of around 20 miles, to include a coffee stop. Start at 10am at Stapleford Pavilion, returning by about 1pm. Booking essential, at greener@sawston.org.

## Book club reminder

Our next book club meeting is in the Rose at 8pm, on Thursday 25 May, discussing 'Forget Me Not' by Sophie Pavelle.

## South Cambridgeshire Organic Gardeners

This is a new club set up by Helen Harwood and we are really pleased it has started. The first few meetings have been at Cox's Close community room in Stapleford, and the next one is at 7pm on Monday 15 May. After that it is hoped to meet at Helen's allotment or at other people's gardens. The sessions will be very informal and friendly, and will include advice and ideas, and swapping seeds and cuttings. All are very welcome to come along, whether beginners at gardening, or old hands needing some ideas for gardening in a more organic and wildlife-friendly way.

## Dr Bike

The bike repair sessions are now on Tuesday afternoons, not Thursdays as before, and between 3pm and 5.30pm in the Slaughterhouse. They are always in need of volunteers to help out, to keep the sessions going on through the summer.

## No Mow May

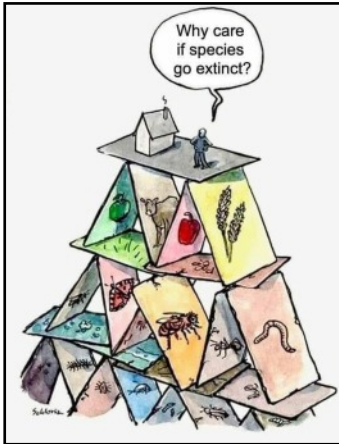
A pristine lawn is a pretty sterile environment. As discussed last month, consider giving the lawn mower a rest to allow wildflowers to develop during May, then maybe even let it 'bloom in June'. You may be surprised at the number of nectar-producing plants that appear, to the benefit of bees which are important pollinators for our food plants. The Plantlife charity initiated the scheme and their web site gives more details, including the improvements to biodiversity. Note it's important to remove the cuttings



after the flowering season so a thatch does not build up to suppress more delicate plants. To make the area look tidy, you can keep a neat edge around the site by conventional mowing. Look up No Mow May on the internet, or to find out biodiversity gains in detail look at the Plantlife site.

Send in your photos of the wildflowers or insects that you see to our email address, and we can put them on our website or in the village magazines.

### Biodiversity



You may wonder why people talk about wildlife-friendly gardening. The area of gardens in the UK is much larger than the area covered by nature reserves, so what we do in our gardens has a big impact on nature and biodiversity. If you liberally use weedkillers and pesticides these will go into the soil and seep into the ground water. Use low-key treatments that won't have an impact on other species, or dig weeds out. Allow untidy corners where rotting wood can harbour beneficial insects, and build bug hotels from bamboo, dead leaves, corks, and so on. Grow flowers that pollinators love. Come along to the organic

gardening group (see above) if you need advice!

More widely, you may wonder why people say biodiversity is so important, as important as climate change. You may think it's irrelevant to you that a few species of insects in South America go extinct. But so many species have been lost or are endangered that the effects can't be ignored. As David Attenborough has said in his excellent series 'Wild Isles', 97% of hay meadows in the UK have been lost in the last 60 years (mainly due to intensive farming); 60% of Britain's flying insects have vanished in the last 20 years. These losses upset the balance of the ecosystem: food webs become broken, eg if there are no caterpillars of the type that a particular migratory bird eats, or they appear so early due to global warming that the bird may not yet have arrived back in the UK to breed and have young, then there will be a steep decline in the number of that species of bird. If nature becomes too fragmented due to loss of habitat then the different parts of the system can't work together, as the parts are all interconnected, like the different parts of a car – the whole is much more than the sum of its parts, and each species is part of the whole system. The illustration shows the

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balance of the whole system very well. A balanced ecosystem with a variety of habitats and a large number of different species is more resilient to the impacts of climate change and will soak up carbon, and can help to mitigate the effects of temperature rises. The greater the diversity, the more secure all life on Earth is, including us. We need to look at 'nature-based solutions' to solve our problems, not assume the Earth belongs to us to do with it what we will.

If you are interested in green matters and the environment at all levels (individual, local, national, international), email [greengroupssss@gmail.com](mailto:greengroupssss@gmail.com) to sign up for our quarterly newsletter, or to get more information about our meetings. We are a friendly group and welcome anyone who wants to come along to one of our events or to find out more about how we can live more sustainably. Also see our Facebook page and our website (type 2G3S into Google and you will find us). **Helen Hale**

## Stapleford Twinning Association

### French Reconnection!



THE programme for the first exchange visit since 2019 has been finalised. A 15-strong group of our friends from Villedômer will make a long-awaited visit to Stapleford during the weekend of 26-29 May. The programme includes a visit to Bressingham and a progressive lunch around Stapleford. On Friday 26 May from 7pm to 8pm there will be a welcome reception at Cox's Close, to which all are invited – members and non-members.

### Film evening

This well-attended event was held recently at Cox's Close, and included a bring-and-share 'pot luck' supper. The film was 'Untouchables' – an award winning comedy in French with English subtitles. A great film: amusing but with a powerful message and easy to follow with the subtitles. Lovely food, as always - without any planning we had a perfect distribution of savoury and sweet. The evening was much enjoyed by all!

To keep up-to-date on forthcoming events visit please visit: [twinning.staplefordvillage.org.uk](http://twinning.staplefordvillage.org.uk). Or email us at [staplefordtwinningassociation@gmail.com](mailto:staplefordtwinningassociation@gmail.com). **Tim Jessop**

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# Puzzle Corner

## Three-letter sequences (2)

Solve the clues to find words containing three-letter sequences

### Examples

ebony and . . . (IVO) = IVORy

hairy (IRS) = hIRStute

tweet (IRP) = chIRP

### Group 1

60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary (IAM)

fifteen in France (INZ)

iridescent arc (INB)

car safety feature (IRB)

someone asking questions (IZM)

Swiftian fictional island nation (IPU)

### Group 2

fool (IDI)

star sign (IRG)

heavy halogen (IOD)

relating to daytime (IUR)

cut of beef (IRL)

cocktail server (IXO)

### Group 3

mythical Egyptian figure

Spanish wine

former name of Thailand

banned Soviet literature

chocolate bar introduced in 1980s

. . . Ridley (Star Wars actress)

using ISP IAM IOJ

ISY INX IZD

### Group 4

nappies (US)

sudden military offensive

biscuit with currants

former UK PM

spirit of the age

Japanese variety of lettuce

using ISR IAP ITG

IBA ITZ IZU

**Set by Hermes - Answers on page 29**

# Stapleford History Society

## The Social Impact of Industrialisation in Sawston, c1850 – c1930.



THIS talk, on 14 March, was given by Mary Dicken, a vicar's daughter, who has spent all but her student years living in Sawston. She made it clear from the beginning that she was not going to talk about the industrial processes but about the people who had lived and worked in Sawston. The talk focussed in particular on the several resourceful young men who came into the area and decided to set up businesses, having been attracted primarily by the natural resource of the lime-rich waterway. This quality of water was eminently suitable for making paper and tanning leather.

A map of 1811, drawn at the time of the Enclosures, shows that Sawston had a population of 288 males and 315 females, whose main occupation was farming. By 1890 the population had grown more than in any other South Cambridgeshire village and was only slowed by the economic depression starting in the 1890s. Due to this it took until the 1950s to resume its late 19<sup>th</sup> century level.

The paper industry was started by Edward Towgood in 1807. He allowed women to work cutting up rags to be turned into paper, and introduced steam power, both highly innovative developments at the time. He and his brother, Hamer, ran Mill Farm with its herd of prize-winning Guernsey cows as well as the paper mill. In 1866 they paid for the building of the new National School (four years before Forster's Education Act). The paper mill was bought by Harry Spicer in 1917.

Harry Spicer was also very go-ahead. He built a sports ground and allowed everyone to use it. He wanted the best for everyone in Sawston and built the cinema which is now known as The Marven Centre. He was there when the Prince of Wales opened Sawston Village College, and even made the erection of the New Road Bus Shelter into a grand occasion.

Thomas Sutton Evans was a talented but tyrannical entrepreneur who established The Old Yard where parchment and leather were produced. He tried to reduce his employees' take-home pay by making them buy drink in his pub before getting their wages. He also objected to having a railway station for Sawston at a time (1846) when Shelford Corn and Coal got a private siding and Shelford got a station.

Eastern Counties Leather was also set up in the south of the village by

Crampton and Prince (see below) to take in men dismissed by Evans, and today still makes chamois leathers.

Walter Hutchings started working at the Old Yard, and in time set up a business with Mr Hardings in Portobello Lane, later taking over the Evans works. Hutchings was very prominent in local government and only retired in 1948. He was friendly with John Crampton, who ran a printing works in the village. Crampton was seen as the leader of the Progressives and 'friend of the working man'. In 1867 he supported the locals in their desire to start an Industrial and Coop Society, despite opposition from Thomas Sutton Evans.

A growing population inevitably needed a doctor. Frederick Prince, the local doctor, had to deal with the occasional outbreak of smallpox and typhoid, the pathogens being found in infected rags and infected water respectively. He was also the creator of the Cerebro-Cibus drink, an early energy drink made locally.

The increase in population generated the need for more and better houses (often provided by the employers), better shops for all sorts of provisions, and the increase in literacy is reflected in the number of magazines sold in the local shops. The number and variety of goods advertised in newspapers and magazines reflect the increasing prosperity in the little town of Sawston.

For more information visit the Archives at the Mary Challis House, Sawston. **Jane Steadman**

## Quiz answers

- |                                     |                  |
|-------------------------------------|------------------|
| 1. Komodo, Indonesia                | 6. 190 years old |
| 2. Adder, Grass Snake, Smooth Snake | 7. Kaa           |
| 3. 1983                             | 8. Four layers   |
| 4. Saltwater Crocodile              | 9. Jub-jub       |
| 5. The Inland/ Western Taipan       | 10. Madagascar   |

## Puzzle Corner answers

### Three-letter sequences

Group 1: dIAMond, quINZe, raINBow, aIRBag, quILZMaster, LILLIPut

Group 2: IDIoT, VIRGO, IODine, dIURnal, sIRLoIn, mIXOlogist

Group 3: sphINX, RIOJa, SIAM, samIZDat, WISPa, DaSY

Group 4 dIAPers, blITZkrieg, garIBALdi, DISRaEli, zeITGeist, mIZUna

# Yesteryear

*SYLVIA Morris looks at events in the village in the month of May over the years. Punctuation, spelling and capital letters are exactly as printed at the time.*

**1847**

**SCHOOL.** We understand that a very superior school room and master's dwelling-house have been built at Stapleford, and that great pains have been bestowed, as well as much expense incurred. As there is still a considerable deficiency in the funds, a collection is to be made at the opening of the school on the 18<sup>th</sup> inst. when we hope that the appeals, likely to be so ably made, may meet with corresponding contributions on the part of the public, to forward so important an object as the education of the poor.

**1848**

**SHEEP STEALING.** On Saturday night, the 6<sup>th</sup> inst., or early the following morning, a Leicester ewe, the property of Mrs. Balls, was feloniously stolen from the fold in a field adjoining the river on the Bury Farm, and slaughtered in the same field, the carcase carried away, and the skin thrown into the river. The sum of £10 is offered to any parties who will give such information as will lead to the apprehension and conviction of the parties guilty of the above felony, to be paid on conviction.

**1904**

**CHURCH RESTORATION.** The parish church was re-opened for divine service on Sunday, after being closed for a fortnight. A great improvement has been effected by re-arranging the choir seats, pulpit and reading desk. In addition the chancel arch has been beautified, two hagioscopes opened between the chancel and nave. Festival services were held last Sunday, the sermon in the morning being preached by 'Rev C H Brocklebank, late Vicar of Pampisford.

**1930**

**VICTORIANS AT THE GOGS. WOMEN'S INSTITUTE HAPPY GALA.** Although the sun was not strong enough to make their tiny sunshades anything but ornamental trappings, the Victorian costumed figures at the Women's Institute gala at the Gog Magogs yesterday did not have to use them as umbrellas. They escaped the drenching which a continuance of the morning weather threatened.

While the opening ceremony was taking place in the large marquee, to which the crowd betook itself to escape the rain, the sky cleared, and there



was a providential burst of sunshine which frightened way any serious downfall for the rest of the day. The result was that the pleasures of the open air were not marred and the function proved as happy as it was picturesque.

**1937**

**CORONATION CELEBRATIONS.** Unfortunately weather conditions rather spoil the programme. The recreation ground was formally opened at 2.30 pm by Mr H Gray who was introduced by Mr W King. Mr King stated that the recreation ground had been acquired by the parish council as an asset to the village. Mr Gray alluded to the generous gift of the entrance gates by Mr C Kerridge. The Union Jack was then released by the Girl Guides under Miss Johnson, the National Anthem sung followed by sports.

Tea for 500 was arranged in the forecourt of the Council School and Institute but unfortunately it was too wet and instead tea was served in the Council School and Institute. A dance and whist drive was held in the evening but arrangements to illuminate the school yard was not possible owing to the very wet weather. The tea arrangements were headed by Mrs Johnson of The Grove and helpers.

**1971**

**FOUR BOYS AND A GIRL KNIT ALL NIGHT.** Members of Youthful Enterprise during the weekend held a sponsored 33-hour "Fast" and "Knit-in". The 33 hours began at 9am Saturday and finished at 6pm Sunday. Four people took part in the fast – Julie Barnes, Gillian Pedley, Nigel Marsden, and John King – and the knitting was undertaken by a group of 28 people including two boys, Julian Tunnicliffe and Alvin Kellock. Five people knitted continuously through the night – Gillian Pedley, Julie Barnes, Rachel Crook, Sue Doggett, and Alvin Kellock. The knitting took place in a tent lent by Shelford Guide Company and fitted up with electric lights during the night. A caravan was also lent by Mr and Mrs Brookes, which was used during the night and day for anyone who wished to sleep. Although the weather was not very good, members managed to finish knitting one blanket and half of another one. Proceeds for Christian Aid are expected to amount to a considerable sum.



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# Stapleford Strollers: Walk 114

## Up and Down: a walk from Fulbourn

### To get to start of walk

THE walk starts from The White Hart on Balsham Road, Fulbourn (CB21 5BZ). It's easiest to get there by turning left off the A11 at the junction for Fulbourn, because that is Balsham Road itself. There is a large lay-by just up the road from the pub, in the Balsham direction.

### Length of walk

4¾ miles. It is an easy walk and is, generally, good underfoot throughout.

### OS Map

Explorer map 209. For a free map extract, use [maps.the-hug.net](http://maps.the-hug.net), or use the route map provided.

### Extra Information

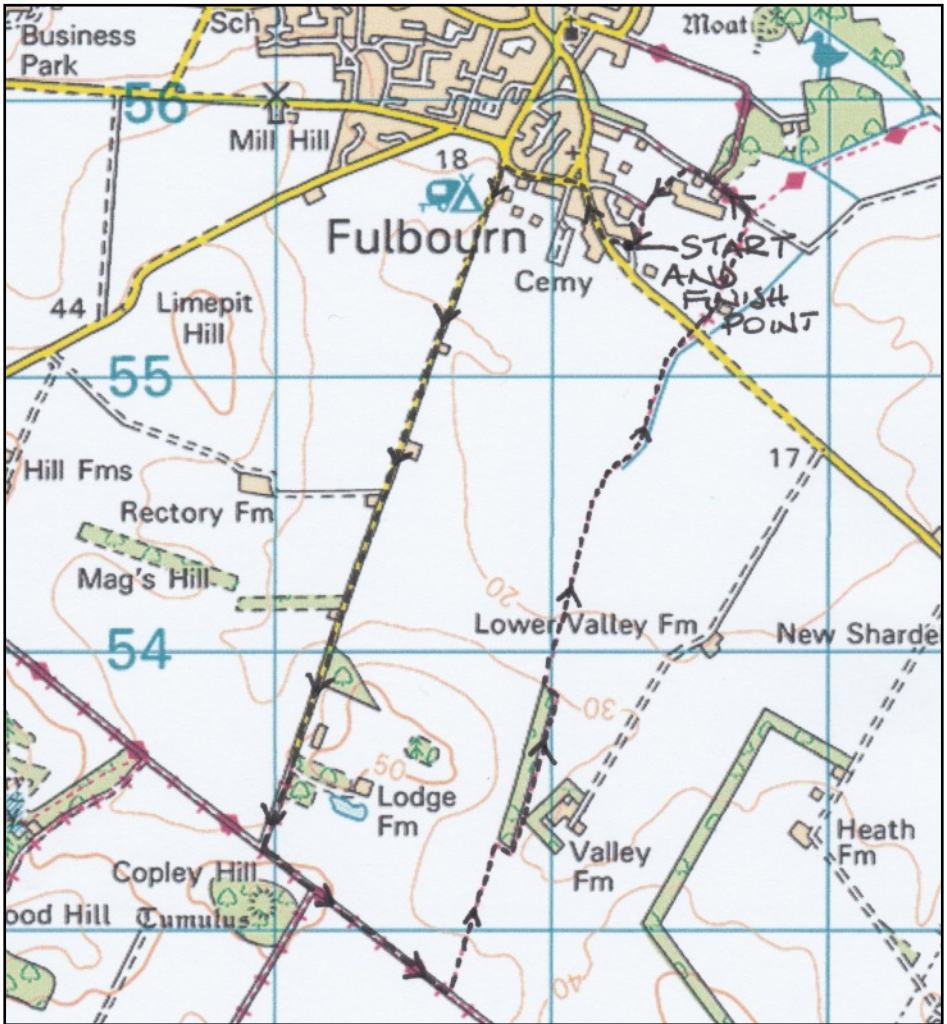
The name Fulbourn comes from the Old English, meaning 'a stream frequented by birds'. This walk passes along Babraham Road when leaving Fulbourn. The road never actually reaches Babraham, as it peters out shortly before the Roman Road but it was, traditionally, the quickest way to get from one village to the other. Towards the end of the walk, after crossing Balsham Road, the grassy section of path encountered is known as Hindlodgers; a somewhat pejorative name derived from a couple of Old English words meaning 'community' and 'beggars'. It was a place where, historically, members of the travelling community would camp when local fairs were held.

### Route of Walk

Parking in the lay-by, just along the road from The White Hart is recommended. To begin the walk, turn right along the pavement and, shortly, pass the pub.

Keep on along the right-hand pavement of the main road, round the left hand bend and then, when the road swings to the right, cross over and walk along Babraham Road. This goes straight for about a mile, with views to the right towards the back of Wandlebury. Pass some well-established business units on the left and carry on beyond the point where the tarmac gives out. The route now goes gently uphill on a well-walked grassy path and, quite shortly, the Roman Road is reached.

Turn left on the Roman Road and keep going, still uphill (not too strenuous) for just under half a mile, until a gap in the hedge is seen on the



left. Go through this gap and follow the path beyond, leading downhill. This skirts a small wood and then carries on between a couple of large fields, eventually ending up at the road which comes from the A11 into Fulbourn (Balsham Road). Cross carefully and carry on ahead on the grassy track (Hindlodgers).

When a well-used farm track is reached, go left on this. It can get a little sticky underfoot here in winter because it is a tractor route. Pass the parking area on the right, marking the end of Stonebridge Lane, and carry on along the road for a short time, turning left at the first footpath sign.

There are two options. Take the left-hand one, which goes between hedges and emerges on to the Recreation Field. Go round the left-hand edge of the football pitch, and then swing right immediately after the pitch. On the far side of the last pitch, a footpath will shortly be seen, going left beyond the back gardens of a line of houses. Follow this as it turns to the right and emerges at the lay-by where the walk began. **David Barnes**

*The Stapleford Strollers do not accept responsibility for any accident or mishap that may happen to any person who follows this route*

## Royal British Legion

### Sawston & Pampisford Branch



DID you know that you don't have to have served in any of the Armed Forces to become a member of the Royal British Legion? Many of our members have not served in any of the forces but still support the ongoing work of the RBL. Sawston & Pampisford Branch meet on the last Wednesday of the month (apart from July) at 7.30pm at Chapelfield Way Community Centre, Link Road, Sawston CB22 3GB. New members from the surrounding villages are always made welcome.

#### Speakers

31 May: Simon Butler with a talk entitled "Paramedic – 40 Years of Change"

28 June: Rev Kathryn Waite talking about her trip to Rwanda last year  
With the celebrations for the Coronation of King Charles III over the first weekend of May, the pop-up shop will be present at many of the events in Sawston. Come and see what we have on sale during the Sawston Fun Run and ongoing events happening on the Spicer's Sports Field.

For more information please contact Branch Secretary, **Kevin Swann on 07496 517859** after 6pm (Please leave a contact number and message if Kevin is unable to take your call).



### Looking for a local venue?

**The Johnson Hall**, next to St Andrew's Church, is an ideal venue for small groups and children's parties. The Hall is **available for hire** for one-off events and regular bookings.

For details please contact **Gillian Sanders:**

**Tel: 07752 373 176 Email: [admin@standrewstapleford.org](mailto:admin@standrewstapleford.org)**

# The Magog Trust

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FOR more than 30 years, The Magog Down has provided the local community with a site of quiet recreation combining opportunities for exercise and dog-walking. In addition, rare and threatened species of flora and fauna have been re-established on the chalk downland. All of this has been achieved through the efforts of many Volunteers and Friends over the years.

The Trust is now looking to expand and refresh its Board of Trustees, to continue the maintenance of the site whilst also meeting future challenges such as climate change and urban growth. We are particularly keen to recruit local people who know and love The Down.

If you are interested, please contact the Chairman, **Chris Bow** on 07711 417900 or email [admin@magogtrust.org.uk](mailto:admin@magogtrust.org.uk) for a confidential conversation without commitment.



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chalky soils of Magog Down. They can be  
seen in the meadows during April and May.*

## Stapleford History Society

### The History of Windmills in Cambridge

**A talk by Elwyn Davies**

**9 May at 7.45pm in the Jubilee Pavilion**

There are still some 50 windmills in Cambridgeshire. Where are they, how are they cared for and what happened to ours?

*Admission free for members, or £3 at the door.*



# The Village Weekend

Friday 23 to Sunday 25 June

IT'S just a few weeks away - and this year it is coming with a Glastonbury soundtrack!

Well, hopefully anyway - it all depends on whether the Pavilion and the Marquee can be 'teched up' in time but the organisers can already guarantee a packed three days of entertainment.

The big quiz on Friday night, The Village Show on Saturday and the Tour de Stapleford on Sunday: all are taking place as usual.

It is hoped that the dog show - introduced last year to much acclaim - will run again and Saturday is set to feature live music from a host of talented local performers.

A fun golf course will be popping up on the Rec on Saturday along with the usual stalls and bouncy castles, and of course there will be plenty of food and drink on offer. The BBQ will be sizzling away, the bar slaking thirsts and the ice cream van shouldn't be hard to spot either.

Over on the Multi-Use Games Area, two sporting contests will take place on Saturday, with Stapleford Tennis Club encouraging everyone to swing a racquet and Shelford and Stapleford Strikers FC hosting a Walking Football tournament for all ages.

Sunday begins with everyone getting on their bikes for the Tour de Stapleford before the Stapleford Phoenix cricket team dons its gloves and pads, and the weekend winds down with St Andrew's moving to the Marquee for an early evening service.

We can't wait to see you all so make a note of the dates in your diaries.

## Friday 23 June

Quiz Night

Teams of up to eight. Reserve your team's place by dropping a line to [jonwest1392@gmail.com](mailto:jonwest1392@gmail.com).

Pimp My Fish will be bringing their van to the Rec again to feed us at half time.

So that means there are two ticketing options: £20 (includes fish and chips/veggie option plus a drink), £10 (no food but includes a drink).

## Saturday 24 June

Village Show from 1pm in the Marquee. Prize giving 4.30pm

**Please see pages 40 to 46 for full details of the Village Show.**

Dog Show (tbc) 1pm on the Recreation Ground.

Tennis 2pm on the MUGA.

Walking Football 4.30pm on the MUGA. Teams of five, contact Tim Harrison on [tph288@gmail.com](mailto:tph288@gmail.com)  
Cafe from 1pm in the Pavilion

### **Sunday 25 June**

Tour de Stapleford 10am start at the Rec

Cricket 1.30pm on the Rec

Church service 5.30pm in the Marquee.

All times/events subject to change - look out for updates in next month's *Messenger*. **Jon West**

## **Cambridge Cake Creators**



OUR May meeting will be on Thursday 18 May at 7.30pm in the Pavilion, when we will be introducing Rachel from Prestige cakes.

Rachel will be demonstrating 'Lambeth' style piping in buttercream and/or royal icing. This is a new technique so hopefully we can learn something from it. Cost £10 per visit, Members £5.

All abilities welcome, just need to have an interest in baking.

For more information email [vanda.butler@googlemail.com](mailto:vanda.butler@googlemail.com) or telephone 561053. **Vanda Butler**

## **The Stapleford Chronicle**

### **Information about the Hoppitt family**

I AM told that Mary Miller's booklet, 'Stapleford Chronicle', contains extracts from newspaper articles which include details about my father, Bert Hoppitt, and grandfather, Frederick Hoppitt. However, the booklet is no longer in print. If anyone has a copy that they could sell, lend to me or just let me look at, I would be very grateful.

I would love to hear from you with any other information or personal recollections about the Hoppitts of 1 Bar Lane. Please contact me via [cliffhoppitt@btinternet.com](mailto:cliffhoppitt@btinternet.com) or 07977 977782. Many thanks in anticipation, **Cliff Hoppitt**.

**David Preston Quartet****Monday 1 May | 7:45pm**

Renowned guitarist & composer David Preston plays music from his upcoming debut album with pianist Kit Downes, drummer Seb Rochford & bass virtuoso Kevin Glasgow

**Janice Burns & Jon Doran, strings & voice****Sunday 7 May | 12:00pm**

Janice & Jon's unique take on traditional folk music has been described as 'well crafted, intimate & beautifully understated'

**Nancy Kerr & James Fagan****Friday 19 May | 7:45pm**

One of the best-known & most experienced duos on the British folk circuit today, Nancy & James are a perennial favourite at festivals, venues & clubs in the UK & internationally

**Joanna Eden Quartet****Sunday 21 May | 12:00pm**

Acclaimed singer-songwriter with nine solo albums to her credit & a style that embraces jazz, soul & blues

**Lauren Zhang, piano****Friday 26 May | 7:45pm**

Described as a performer with a 'superhuman display of keyboard virtuosity', Lauren returns to the Granary to play music by J. S. Bach & Robert Schumann



# Library News

## For Children

### Story and Rhyme Time

Tuesday 2 May and Tuesday 16 May at 10.30am.

For children aged 0 to 4 years. Come and enjoy stories and rhymes led by our wonderful volunteers. This is a free drop-in event. Parents/carers please stay with your children.



### Lego Club

Monday 15 May 4.30pm to 5.30pm.

Come along and have some fun making LEGO models. All materials provided. Suggested donation £1. Parents and carers please stay with your children.



### Lego/Duplo

Wednesday 31 May, 2.30pm to 3.30pm.

£2 per child. Ages 2+. Please book in library or email [Cambourne.referral@cambridgeshire.gov.uk](mailto:Cambourne.referral@cambridgeshire.gov.uk)

## For Adults

### Author Talk by Matthew Green

Wednesday 3 May, 2pm to 3.30pm

Drowned. Buried by sand. Decimated by plague. Explore the forgotten history of Britain's lost cities. Matthew will be talking about his book 'Shadowlands: a journey through lost Britain'. Tickets £5. Please book in library or email [Cambourne.referral@cambridgeshire.gov.uk](mailto:Cambourne.referral@cambridgeshire.gov.uk).

### Engage Talk

The Western Front Alliance, Wednesday 24 May 2pm to 3.30pm.

Emrys Jones will explain how he became a battlefield guide, leading tours of the Western Front. A donation of £2 is appreciated. Please stay for a drink after the talk. Please pre-book in the library or via [Cambourne.referral@cambridgeshire.gov.uk](mailto:Cambourne.referral@cambridgeshire.gov.uk)

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Telephone: 0345 045 5225. [cambourne.referral@cambridgeshire.gov.uk](mailto:cambourne.referral@cambridgeshire.gov.uk).

# STAPLEFORD VILLAGE SHOW

*SATURDAY 24 June at 1pm*

*STAPLEFORD RECREATION GROUND*

*Admission: Adults £1, Children free*

*Part of the Village Weekend*

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## Rules

NO entry forms accepted after noon on Friday 23 June.

Classes are open to everyone; an entry fee of £1 per adult entrant is made regardless of number of entries, though only one entry per class can score points (see below).

1. Exhibits will be received in the marquee on the Recreation Ground between **8.30am and 9.50am** on Saturday 24 June.

2. **\*\*NO ACCESS WILL BE ALLOWED AFTER 9.50AM TO ALLOW JUDGING TO TAKE PLACE\*\***

3. Judging will take place between 10.00am and 12.30pm during which time only officials and judges are allowed in the Marquee.

4. Exhibitors are asked to supply their own equipment; no responsibility will be accepted for loss or damage.

5. Exhibitors must attach the entry card to their exhibit.

6. All exhibits must be grown or made by the exhibitor.

7. Awards will be presented at 4.15pm. Exhibits may not be removed before 4.30pm; exhibits left after 5.00pm will be disposed of.

8. The Committee reserves the right to settle any matter not covered by these rules, at its discretion.

## Awards

Points: First 3; Second 2; Third 1. Please note that even though you can enter more than once in a class, only the highest scoring entry can score points.

Challenge Cup for all classes *Awarded to the individual obtaining the highest number of points in the entire Show.*

The Stapleford Cup	Personal Choice
The Tucker Gardner Challenge Cup - Veg/Fruit	Classes 1-18
Challenge Cup - Flowers	Classes 19-27
Roy Burman Shield	Class 21
Rosalie Bowl	Class 22
The Flower Show Centenary Cup	Classes 28-36
The St Andrew's Millennium Trophy	Classes 37-40
Home Produce Cup	Classes 42-52
Cambridge Building Society Cup	<i>Best from</i> Classes 54-66
Photography Shield	<i>Best from</i> Classes 67-73
Rickett Cup	Front Gardens
Joan Sudbury Allotment Cup	Allotments

## The Stapleford Children's Challenge Cup

(Awarded to the child obtaining the most points in classes 75 - 89)

Jessie Salter Cup

*Best from*

Classes 77, 82, 87

Joan Riley Messenger Cup

Class 74

Marion's Cup

*Best from*

Classes 75, 80 or 85

Mary Ward Cup

*Best from*

Classes 78, 83 or 88

## Class - Vegetables and Fruit

All exhibits must be clean, fresh and shown as grown.

Quality/uniformity are more important than size. State variety (where known) on entry card.

1. 4 red or white potatoes
2. 4 onions (*tops to be tied*)
3. 4 beetroot
4. 2 lettuces
5. 4 pods of broad beans
6. 4 pods of french beans
7. 4 pods of peas
8. 4 pods of mangetout
9. 2 courgettes
10. 2 cucumbers
11. 4 carrots (including tops)
12. 100g currants (*same kind/mixed, on stalks*)
13. 5 different herbs
14. 4 sticks of rhubarb
15. 10 strawberries (*with hulls left in*)
16. 10 gooseberries
17. 10 raspberries (*with hulls left in*)
18. An exhibit of fruit (18a) or vegetable (18b) (not specified under classes 1-17)

## Class - Flowers

Exhibits in classes 28-36 must have been in the exhibitor's possession for at least 3 months and must not have been exhibited before at this Show.

19. 9 stems of garden flowers (*same or mixed*)
20. 5 blooms of pansies (20a) or violas (20b)
21. 5 stems of sweet peas

22. 5 stems of roses (*any variety*)
23. 1 rose to be judged for fragrance.
24. 5 marigolds (*any variety*)
25. 5 stems of lavender
26. 3 different ornamental shrubs (*1 stem each*)
27. Specimen stem of any variety of flower not specified elsewhere in the schedule
28. Pot plant - flowering
29. Pot plant - foliage only
30. Fern in a pot
31. Fuchsia in a pot
32. Begonia in a pot
33. Bonsai tree
34. Geranium (*pelargonium*) in a pot
35. A cactus or succulent in a pot
36. A herb in a pot

**Class - Flower Arranging**

NO arranging allowed on Judging table. Exhibitors in classes 38 and 39 may purchase flowers.

37. An exhibit "Unity" using foliage only
38. A rainbow exhibit incorporating 3 recycled items
39. An exhibit: "Love thy Neighbour" (30cm x 30cm)
40. An exhibit of garden flowers (home grown)
41. An arrangement of garden flowers in a heart shaped vessel.

(To be judged by the public on appearance)

**Class - Home produce**

Exhibits in Classes 42 to 50 must be presented on a plate and covered by cling-film.

42. A cake using a vegetable ingredient.
43. 4 rock cakes
44. 6 pieces of shortbread
45. 6 homemade rainbow biscuits
46. A Victoria sponge (undecorated, 3 eggs, with jam filling)
47. A gluten free loaf of bread
48. A chocolate cake
49. A lemon drizzle cake
50. A vegetarian savoury tart
51. A jar of homemade preserve
52. A jar of homemade chutney

### **Class – Handicraft**

Art/Craftwork should not have previously been exhibited in this Show.

Jewellery must be mounted

54. A piece of homemade upcycled jewellery on the theme of 'Love'
55. An example of tapestry
56. A knitted garment (a) by hand or (b) by machine)
57. An example of lace, crochet, or tatting
58. An example of embroidery
59. An example of patchwork
60. An example of cross stitch
61. A multicoloured soft toy
62. An example of any other craftwork
63. A piece of graphic art: "Stronger Together"
64. An example of pottery/ceramics
65. A painting - any medium/subject
66. A drawing - any subject

### **Class – Photography**

Photographs must be taken by the exhibitor and not previously been exhibited in this Show.

67. A photograph – "Pride"
68. A photograph – "Compassion"
69. A photograph – "Unusual Friendships"
70. A photograph – "Neighbour"
71. A photograph – "Love"
72. A group of 2 photographs – "Blue and Yellow" (*mounted on A4*)
73. Black and white photo (*any subject*)
74. Children's class (age under 16)

A photo from one of the above topics 67-71

### **Children's Classes**

Age as on 31 August 2023. No joint entries.

Age 6 and under

75. An exhibit of flowers in a heart shaped vessel
76. A4 poster promoting "Love thy neighbour"
77. A painting or drawing of a flag of your choice
78. 4 "Rainbow" biscuits
79. A Friendship Bracelet made from recycled items

Age 7 to 11 years

80. An exhibit of flowers in a heart shaped vessel
81. A4 poster promoting "Love thy neighbour"

- 82. A painting or drawing of a flag of your choice
- 83. 4 "Rainbow" biscuits
- 84. A Friendship Bracelet made from recycled items

Age 12 to 16 years

- 85. An exhibit of flowers in a heart shaped vessel
- 86. A4 poster promoting "Love thy neighbour"
- 87. A painting or drawing of a flag of your choice
- 88. 4 "Rainbow" biscuits
- 89. A Friendship Bracelet made from recycled items

## Guidelines for classes

Guidelines for specific classes are given on the Schedule. Please note the following general details for classes:

Children may enter their own or adult classes.

**Home Produce (classes 42-50) and children's classes 78, 83 & 88:** Exhibits on a plate and covered in clingfilm (this is for health & safety reasons).

**Photographs:** Photos must be taken by the entrant. Exhibits can be mounted but should not be in frames.

**Class 72:** The two photographs (max 7" x 5") should be mounted on a sheet not exceeding A4 in size,

Entries may NOT be submitted after 9.50am on the day of the show; there will be no access to the marquee after this time for judging to take place.



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**ENTRY FORM**

Name ..... Telephone .....

Address .....

Email .....

Age if 16 years or under on 31 August 2023 .....

Class Numbers .....

By ticking this box I give consent for the Stapleford Village Show to hold this personal data for Show purposes only. Visit [staplefordvillageshow.co.uk](http://staplefordvillageshow.co.uk) for our privacy policy,

To enter more than one exhibit in the same class repeat the class number, e.g. for three photos in class 67 write 67, 67, 67 on your entry form. Each entrant needs a separate form. More forms can be obtained from the committee members (page 47) or write on a piece of paper.



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Entry forms with £1 per person fee (children free) to be in at the latest by 12 noon on Friday 23 June at one of the following: Julie Rayment 43 Hawthorne Road or Jane Baker 62 London Road or by the Church Lych Gate on Friday 23 June **between 9am and 11am.**

The Village Show is part of the Village Weekend. This year we will be having a lovely variety of stalls, if you or anyone you know would like to have one please email [janeshandmadehats@outlook.com](mailto:janeshandmadehats@outlook.com) for more information. **Jane Baker**

## Granta Flower Club

GRANTA Flower Club meets at The Memorial Hall in Great Shelford the second Tuesday of the month at 7pm. In April we welcomed Amy Jones, a florist from Cottenham. Amy told us how she was just reaching the end of one of her busy periods, not that they seemed to stop! She has just lambed over 180 sheep! Amy presented her floral designs with the theme 'Branching Out' and used unusual containers recycled from her farm and various other design elements found at farm auctions! A fun, interesting and informative evening.

Our next meeting is a floral demonstration by Kathryn Stangaard entitled 'Connections', at Great Shelford Memorial Hall, on Tuesday 9 May at 7pm. Doors open 6.30pm. Tickets £15 (including refreshments) available from Rose on 01954 781002. **Alison Purnell** [grantaflowerclub@gmail.com](mailto:grantaflowerclub@gmail.com).

## Cambridge Flower Club

WE meet at the Memorial Hall, Mill Lane, Whittlesford. Evenings on the third Thursday monthly.

Refreshments from 6.45pm, demonstration at 7.15pm. New members welcome! Visitors pay £8.

18 May **NAFAS Demonstrator Daphne Grant - 'Forgotten Treasures'**

15 June **Garden Visit**

20 July **NAFAS demonstrator Crystall Dyball - 'Up the Garden Path'**

For more information about these meetings or to enquire about joining Cambridge Flower Club please phone **Freda Orgee** on 891464 or email [fredaorgee@gmail.com](mailto:fredaorgee@gmail.com).



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# May at Wandlebury

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HERE'S what's on at Wandlebury in May. For more information about these and events at other locations email [bookings@cambridgeppf.org](mailto:bookings@cambridgeppf.org), call 243830 extension 207 or visit [www.cambridgeppf.org/whats-on](http://www.cambridgeppf.org/whats-on).

## Spring Wildflowers, Tuesday 18 April, 10.am to 12.00 noon.

Gentle guided walk to learn about spring wildflowers. Please wear footwear and clothing for being outdoors.

Meet at the large noticeboard in the car park. Free event, suggested donation £3. No need to book.

## May Day Morris Dance, Monday 1 May, 5am to 6am.

The Devil's Dyke Morris Men dance to greet the rising summer sun.

Meet on the Picnic Field (signposted from entrance), dancing starts at approx. 5.29am. Free event - donations welcome. Hot drinks & snacks available.

## Dawn Chorus Walk, Tuesday 9 May, 4.30am to 6am.

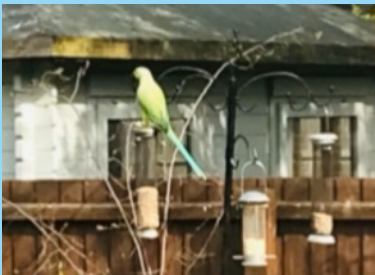
Listen to the wonderful spring dawn chorus with our Wardens, learn some of the bird songs and look for wildlife. Please wear footwear and clothing for being outdoors.

Meet at the large noticeboard in the car park. Free event, suggested donation £3. No need to book.

## The House, the Horse & the Holes in the Ground, Wednesday 24 May, 10.30am to 12.30pm.

Join the Wardens for a stroll around the Country Park and discover some of its Iron Age and 18th century history. Please wear footwear and clothing for being outdoors.

Meet at the large noticeboard near the car park. Free event, suggested donation £3. No need to book.



## A garden visitor

THIS is a photo of a ring necked parakeet which first visited our garden in March but since then it has gradually become a daily visitor. **Keith Dixon**



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# OASISS

## Seeking ongoing homes for our Ukrainian guests.



AS the war in Europe continues, we have more than 100 Ukrainians enriching our small villages. Of these, about a third have secured homes independently from their hosts and a few are risking return to Ukraine.

There remain about 50 established guests who are seeking accommodation in the villages because they have children in nearby schools; another move would be very traumatic, and rematching is an option

if willing hosts can be found.

We are seeking housing for these individuals and families, which could take several forms, but we are asking you all:

- Have you considered taking an individual or family for a period of six months? Almost all our hosts have found this a rewarding experience, but some feel (after six months to a year) that they would like to 'reclaim' their homes. The government and the County Council provide £500 monthly for welcoming Ukrainian guests in your home.
- Do you have a rental property that you could offer to a Ukrainian family? The government and SCDC is making this easier in several ways: the government will pay rent according to need under the Universal Credit scheme, and there are also discretionary payments available to help with rental payments. If needed, SCDC will pay the deposit and will pay up to a maximum of one month's rent in advance direct to the landlord. Please consider this before putting it with an agent.

We have had requests from Ukrainians still in Ukraine with a link to others already in our community, all from the most war-torn areas. At the time of writing we need accommodation for:

- A mother and teenage daughter, the daughter has been awarded a place at a sixth form college in Cambridge.
- A mother and her three-year-old, the mother being a great friend of our Ukrainian English-language teacher.
- A mother and her two daughters.
- A grandmother, her daughter and her grandson.

Our needs will of course change with time, please get in touch if you can help in any way, contact [openarmsgranta@gmail.com](mailto:openarmsgranta@gmail.com).

Thank you for all you do for our OASISS guests – in so many different ways! **Robin Haines**



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# Shelford Twinning Association



WE are delighted to be arranging exchange visits again after the pandemic. 2023 marks the 35th anniversary of the beginning of the Shelfords' twinning link with Verneuil en Halatte, a village situated about 30 miles north of Paris. This year's visit to Verneuil is from

Thursday 1 to Sunday 4 June. The cost is £95 for adults and £75 for children, (second and subsequent children £50). All travelling adults must be members of the Shelford Twinning Association. The French visit to Shelford is scheduled for 8 to 11 July. It is not a requirement to host a French family, but it is fun to do so!

The visit is for all, adults and children with children of primary school age being especially catered for. Everyone is accommodated in families. Children aged 13 and under must be accompanied by a responsible adult.

The closing date for applications is 22 April.

For more information and a booking form please contact Sarah Haddow (sarah.haddow@talk21.com) or Colin Jefferson (colin@frenchfrogs.net).

For further information on the Association and on how to join please contact Penny Pearl (twinningsec@gmail.com). **Richard Patterson**

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# Neighbourhood Plan

**April/May 2023 community consultation is LIVE – have your say now!**

THERE are only three things in life that are certain: death, taxes... and that development will be coming to Stapleford and Great Shelford.

We can't stop development, but we can shape it to meet our community's needs, protect the things we value and improve the less good bits. Regular readers will know that we can do this through legal powers given to us in Neighbourhood Planning.



**OUR NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**  
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Building on an initial opinion survey in 2022, a group of Stapleford and Great Shelford residents and parish councillors has drafted a vision for our villages in 2040 and actions we could take to realise it.

There are lots of other things we'd like to understand residents' views on too, including our proposals to protect locally valued vistas and green spaces; meet local housing needs; improve biodiversity; enhance access to our surrounding countryside; and expand our active travel network.

We need to know if we've got all these things right before we start work on the legally binding policies against which all planning applications for our area will be assessed.

**Please give a few moments to help shape the place where you live.** The survey is open until 28 May – you can find it online, or pick up a hard copy at a pop-up event or at Great Shelford Library. And three lucky-dip winners will each receive a £50 voucher as thanks for taking part.



As of the date of this issue's publication, there is still a pop-up event to run. Come and see our display and talk to us at:

Stapleford Pavilion, 4 May, 7.30pm.

**Jenny Flynn** Chair of Stapleford and Gt Shelford Neighbourhood Plan steering group

## Parish Council Chair's Report

STAPLEFORD Parish Council has entered into an agreement with Great Shelford Parish Council to contract care-taking and village warden duties on a part-time basis.

An energy contract has been agreed with EPOS for the few street lights not covered by SCDC.

A solar-powered illuminated sign is being commissioned to stand at the entrance to the Pavilion drive.

Planning applications were discussed, and that submitted by Rangeford Retirement Village has been granted. Stapleford Parish Council will not continue with a legal challenge due to the cost of litigation. There have been multiple planning applications in Gog Magog Way and concern was raised by councillors as to the impact of the number of contractors' vehicles impacting on the residents along this road. The clerk will write to Highways asking them to enforce restrictions on contractors.



The issue of potholes was raised again, particularly along Church Street and Gog Magog Way. There is a priority listing managed by Highways and some of these have been filled. Speeding along Haverhill Road is being progressed, to inform the Parish Council as to the best course of action. A 40mph speed limit is proposed on Haverhill Road before the entry to the village itself, and this is supported by the Parish Council.

The Honorary Freedom of Stapleford Parish policy was agreed, to acknowledge outstanding service to the community.

All are invited to the Annual Parish Meeting on 4 May in the Pavilion at 7.30pm.. Anthony Browne MP will be in attendance to present the Freedom of the Parish of Stapleford award to David Pepperell for his 50 years of service as a Parish Councillor. **Gillian Pett**, Chair Stapleford Parish Council



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# Annual Parish Meeting

YOU are hereby invited to attend the Annual Parish Meeting of Stapleford, to be held on Thursday 4 May at 7.30pm in the Jubilee Pavilion.

## AGENDA

1. Chair's Welcome and Report
2. Anthony Browne MP
3. Honorary Freedom of Stapleford Parish Award:  
David Pepperell for 50 years' service to the community as a Parish Councillor

This will be followed by a 20-minute break to celebrate the Honorary Freedom of the Parish Award with refreshments. Proposals for the Neighbourhood Plan will be available for viewing.

4. Cambridge Past Present & Future: CSET Busway: presentation by James Littlewood
5. Neighbourhood Plan: presentation and survey
6. CCC and SCDC Councillors' reports
7. Jubilee Pavilion: refurbishment – plans on display for comments
8. Stapleford Parish Council: Parish Council vacancies
9. (Parish Organisation reports and SPC Annual Accounts: available on the SPC website)
10. Public Discussion: any other matters

Signed: Gillian Pett, Stapleford Parish Council Chair

Date: 12 April 2023

## Village Spring Clean

**VOLUNTEERS** needed on **Monday 8 May** for a village spring clean!

Please contact me if you are able to offer help with:

- Painting the phone box (we have the paint)
- Cutting back the hedge in Vicarage Lane near the school (being careful we don't upset any nesting birds)
- And anything else!

The WI is organising village litter picking and the residents of Anvil Close have offered to tidy the bus shelter.

Thank you in advance for helping our village to look more beautiful!

**Gillian Pett** 843278 or 07548 828477



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# Better Ways 4 Busways

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THE BW4B! campaign has been fired up by the controversy over Greater Cambridge Partnership's (GCP's) proposed destruction of a 100-year old orchard in Coton to make way for a south-western busway. How can our own

County Councillor support this environmental travesty? With articles in the national press – *The Guardian* and *The Times* – the GCP and County Councillors who voted in support of the scheme have come in for an awful lot of well-deserved flack.



What is so outrageous is that the GCP's business case for its busways openly states that the economic loss attached to them is justified by the uplift in surrounding land values, because neatly carved up parcels of agricultural land can then be sold off to developers. This is a clear statement that our countryside and greenbelt have to be concreted over by the GCP

to make it all work and is the real reason why they are pursuing such mind-blowingly expensive projects when cheaper and more efficient alternatives exist!

Whether you agree with us or not, please come to Stapleford's Annual Parish Meeting on Thursday 4 May at 7.30pm at the Pavilion where James Littlewood, CEO of Cambridge Past Present and Future, will give an update on the busway and the on-road alternative that actually offers better accessibility to Addenbrooke's than the GCP's route. Our MP, Anthony Browne, who is supporting campaigns against both the GCP's busways, will also be attending.

*BW4B needs your support!* We have a great Steering Group of people with different backgrounds and skills, but we are stronger as we grow. If you want to have a voice in all this, please get in touch with us; you will be made very welcome, whatever you can contribute.

And if you need more information, take a look at [bw4b.org](http://bw4b.org), follow us on Twitter (@BetterBusways) and Facebook (Better Ways for Busways), or email [hello@bw4b.org](mailto:hello@bw4b.org). **Howard Kettel**

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