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Lisa Benoit (left), la Présidente du Comité de Jumelage (twinning), Villedômer, is welcomed by Tony Hore, Chair of the Stapleford Twinning Association - See page 23

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From the Rev Dr Simon Taylor

ONE of the pleasures of social media – Twitter is my drug of choice – is that interesting oddities pop up. Did you know, for example, that if any UK service personnel are awarded a decoration by a foreign government, they need the monarch’s permission to wear it? Apparently Elizabeth I saw a courtier wearing a Spanish award and exclaimed “My dogs wear my collars,” and so the prohibition was born.



The Royal Navy Twitter feed noted that on 7 June 1999 Surgeon Captain Rick Jolly was given the late Queen’s permission to wear the insignia of an officer of the Argentine Orden de Mayo (Order of May). This is named after the May revolution which led to the birth of the Republic of Argentina. Jolly was the only person decorated by both sides in the Falklands war.

Jolly commanded the UK medical contingent in the war. He and his team treated 650 casualties, from both sides, drawing no distinction between them. Only three of those brought in alive subsequently died from their wounds. Jolly was a rather larger than life character, no backroom medic. When posted to Belfast early in his career he insisted on going out on street patrols so as to be on hand if casualties were incurred. In the Falklands, as well as overseeing the rudimentary field hospitals, he was again out and about, in boats, in helicopters and in the field. On one day he was winched down, without the protection of a cold water immersion suit, to pull drowning men to safety, and later the same day he flew three Argentine soldiers wounded by gunshot to safety. Their expectation was to be tortured. They were amazed and grateful to be treated with the same facilities and dedication as the British.

Giving your enemies’ casualties proper medical care is required under the Geneva Convention. It has been part of its successive versions since 1864, and also appears in the Cairo Declaration on Human Rights in Islam and in the Hague Statement on Respect for Humanitarian Principles. So in one sense all Jolly was doing was applying international law. The British used to do that.

But that law, and his actions, have much deeper roots than 19th century jurists. Jesus said “You have heard it said ‘Love your neighbour and hate your enemy.’ But I tell you, love your enemies ...” International law demands, and Jolly put into action, that very precept. To his medic’s eyes, the wounded of both sides were humans in need of care that he and his team could provide. British resources were to be shared.

That saying from Jesus comes in the Sermon on the Mount. Much of what he said has become extremely well known. He starts with what we now call the Beatitudes. 'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven, blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted, blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth ...' and so on. Cracking stuff. Then, amongst the rest, there is 'Let your yes be yes, and your no be no', 'Turn the other cheek', 'Go the extra mile', 'Do not practise your righteousness in front of others in order to be seen by them', 'Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth', 'You cannot serve both God and Money', 'Do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink, or about your body, what you will wear', 'Do not judge, or you too will be judged', 'First, take the plank out of your own eye', 'Ask and it will be given to you', and 'Do not build your house on the sand, build it on the rock'.

Of course, every one of these sayings has a context, which opens up their full meaning. I don't do this very often, but I want to highlight a series of services we have focusing on the Sermon on the Mount, when we will be looking at lots of these famous sayings, working out what Jesus meant, and thinking about how and why they might matter in our lives today. If you are someone who admires Jesus' teaching – and I know lots of you are – then this is a great chance to come and hear more about it. The series started on 18 June, but it runs through to 23 July, and the audio of all the sermons will be posted on our website. Like the other sayings, 'Love your enemies' had a context. It goes like this:

"I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be children of your Father in heaven. He causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous. ... If you greet only your own people, what are you doing more than others?"

This was a bit of a rebuke to the crowd then, and it still is to us today, to me at any rate. We have so much, abundant provision for our needs. What is Jesus' challenge to us? Be more Captain Jolly, as it were. Love others, in practical action and generosity, even if they are not 'one of us', even if part of us thinks they do not deserve it. **Every blessing to you all, Simon**

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St Andrew's Noticeboard

2 JULY	9 AM	BCP COMMUNION
	10.30 AM	CW COMMUNION FOR ALL AGES Romans 6.1b-11; Matthew 6.1-18 <i>Rewards in heaven</i>
	6 PM	CHORAL EVENSONG 1 Samuel 28.3-19; Luke 17.20-37
9 JULY	9 AM	BCP COMMUNION
	10.30 AM	SUNDAY WORSHIP Romans 6.12-23; Matthew 6.19-34 <i>Do not worry</i>
16 JULY	9 AM	CW COMMUNION
	10.30 AM	SUNDAY WORSHIP Romans 7.15-25a; Matthew 7.1-14 <i>Ask, seek, knock</i>
	10.30 AM	MESSY FOREST CHURCH
23 JULY	9 AM	BCP COMMUNION
	10.30 AM	ALL TOGETHER @ ST ANDREW'S Romans 8.12-25; Matthew 7.15-29 <i>Wise & foolish</i>
30 JULY	9 AM	BCP COMMUNION
	10.30 AM	SUNDAY WORSHIP Genesis 37.3-13, 18-24; Romans 8.28-32 <i>An unhappy family</i>
6 AUG	9 AM	BCP COMMUNION
	10.30 AM	ALL AGE FOREST CHURCH COMMUNION Genesis 39.1-15, 20-23; Matthew 5.27-30 <i>Joseph in trouble</i>

The church is open every day as a place to come and pray or enjoy a moment of quiet reflection.

FROM THE REGISTERS

25 MAY – Interment of Ashes of Brian Harrup

18 JUNE – Baptisms of Alex Buchanan-Worster and Oliver Birtwistle

Mothers' Union News



IN July, the Branch is hosting Milton Mothers' Union to afternoon tea, on Thursday 13 July at 2.30pm in the Johnson Hall. We are looking

forward to meeting our fellow MU members and friends once again – the link between our Branches has lasted for the past couple of decades.

The following day, Friday 14 July, there is the annual Mothers' Union Garden Party in the Bishop's Garden in Ely from 2pm to 5pm. There will be the usual raffles and good fellowship – bring a packed tea, though soft drinks and bubbly will be provided. As you may know, Bishop Stephen is moving on to the Bishopric of Lincoln; he has been a staunch supporter of the Mothers' Union and is indeed a member, so we shall miss him. He has attended the garden parties in the past, so hopefully the MU will have the chance to say goodbye to him and wish him well in his new appointment.

Thank you to all who supported our stall and raffle at the Village Show last month. **Hilary Street**

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Childhood play in tunnels of pretty, wild, pink roses, making daisy chains and posies was floral fun; scene-setting for future sense sensations.

Outdoor spaces calm and refresh. Caring for them is another matter. Nature surprises, opening our eyes in wonder, stimulating the imagination. Rudyard Kipling began a poem:

*“Our England is a garden that is full of stately views,
Of borders, beds and shrubberies and lawns and avenues,
With statues on the terraces and peacocks strutting by;
But the Glory of the Garden lies in more than meets the eye.”*

Kipling describes tending the land and effort involved. My thoughts go to National Trust and English Heritage properties and gardeners happy to inform. I recollect shared special sights. Laburnum walks like golden corridors of sunshine; walls papered in dramatic pendular cream and deep mauve wisteria. Blue Himalayan poppies as ribbons of peace and harmony, dells of lace-capped hydrangea, rhododendron, azalea and drifts of bluebells. There were richly regimented rows of bedding creating superb splashes of colour. Only nature can flaunt burnt orange, neon yellow and dusky magenta and be applauded. Hot and cold ‘rooms’ stress warmth or chill through plant tones. Red hot ‘pokers’ and flaming ‘lucifer’ crocosmia sizzle whilst cool soft whites and silver contrast. Potted penstemon, velvety royal red dripped diamond dewdrops from petals. Tall bold sky-blue agapanthus looked on whilst metallic alium space-like globes gently rocked. Resplendent rose arbours were joyful.

Locally are our glorious Gogs, gardens and churchyard. Sights to cherish. Distinctive ‘Canary Bird’ and ‘Rambling Rector’ roses, orange and yellow glory gracing gateways and arches. Spectacular simplicity thrilling the soul, lifting the heart. Delightful cottage-style gardens displaying crowds of unruly wallflowers, appealing face-painted pansies and multi-coloured climbing sweet peas. Pink dotty-centred foxgloves and hollyhocks stand proud. Wonderfully-named bearded iris mix with spikes of white and blue camassia and larkspur. More to tell!

Kipling says gardeners spend much time kneeling, concluding, “When your work is finished you can wash your hands and pray. For the Glory of the Garden that it may not pass away.” **Judith Lee**



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Stapleford-Nachingwea Link



A SEWING machine, sponsored as a joint project between Stapleford Mothers' Union and the Link

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It will be looked after by the St Andrew's Nachingwea Mothers' Union branch and loaned out to those who wish to make wedding dresses, school uniforms or to complete their own projects. The ladies are delighted. Thank you to all who contributed. **Mary Cooper**



What joy! The sewing machine has arrived

Message from the Chair

We have received the following message from Kevin, the chair of the Link committee in Nachingwea:

Thank you for the uniforms!

I am writing about the project for making and giving school uniforms to 20 children with special needs who are learning at Nachingwea primary school. It includes 11 boys and 9 girls. These school uniforms motivate parents who have those children to bring them to school.

- Giving uniforms shows them love which gives them comfort and feeling that they are cared for.
- Giving uniforms shows parents, and other children around them, that children with special needs deserve good things.
- It motivates parents to bring these children to school and not hide them inside as has been done in the past.
- It gives children a good learning environment.

The Coronation as seen in Nachingwea

Today I spent a long time without getting tired watching the coronation of King Charles. It was fantastic to see how the event was arranged. I was surprised with every step. I have a best story to tell my future children and grandchildren. It is one of the unique events. It was amazing, I wish I could be there and saying with others GOD SAVE THE KING.

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Bishop James Almasi preaches in Nachingwea

At the beginning of May, Bishop James led a service in St Andrew's, Nachingwea.



(photos from Kevin Bushiri)

And finally

After one year of being chair of the Link in Nachingwea, Kevin summed up the year:

I am happy for support and cooperation I always receive not only from my fellow link members here at Nachingwea but also the whole community and leadership from St Andrew Anglican Church, Nachingwea. I thank them all. I also enjoy your support and cooperation from Stapleford. I am full of energy to carry on. Being the link between these two churches and communities as the chairperson gives me another reason to live. Not only to live but to live happily.

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STAPLEFORD Parish Council was very saddened to learn of the death of David Pepperell on 3 June. He was our longest serving Councillor – wise and dedicated – but, more than that, he was our friend, and we will miss him hugely.

Some readers may not have been fortunate enough to know David, but his presence is felt throughout Stapleford. When you walk by the Pavilion, think of David who was instrumental in bringing it into existence. Next time you walk in the shade of Villedômer Wood at Magog Down, think of David who supported its creation during one of three tenures as

Parish Council Chair and named it in recognition of our Twinning Association. When you lay a loved one to rest in our new cemetery, surrounded by birdsong and bees, think of David who helped to secure the land for our Parish. All this and a lot, lot more: what a legacy.



So thank you, David, for all you did for Stapleford in 50 years of service to our community and for creating so much that we will continue to cherish about living here for another 50 years and more. Your efforts and kindness made a real difference to many people.

Our thoughts are with Lyn and the rest of David's family; with his many friends within our community; and of the good times we spent in his company. **Stapleford Parish Council**



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Stapleford Community Primary School



THE last month has continued to be busy with a range of events and milestones for our pupils.

It is the time of year when we benefit from our outdoor swimming pool. We are delighted to be opening our pool for the summer season, with each class enjoying a swimming slot in the week. We are also able to offer the Stapleford Swim Scheme to families of our school children to make use of this wonderful resource at weekends and during the holidays. We have a very committed team of parent volunteers who make this possible.

Year 2 and Year 6 pupils have completed their Standard Assessment Tests (SATs), taking them in their stride! For example, Year 6 pupils worked

hard to complete their test papers in Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar, Reading, Maths Arithmetic and Maths Reasoning. To end their week, pupils were able to celebrate and work with Fenland Adventure, who provided activities on our school site. Activities included rock climbing and go-karts and we are grateful to Fenland Adventure who donated this experience for free to our pupils. We are proud of all the efforts of our children and we are now all looking forward to end of year events, including our Year 6 trip to London.



Our classes have also continued to embrace visits to Stapleford Granary. Year 3 explored a new exhibition, and imagined a world for Blue Dog, one of the exhibits. In Poppy's words "it was one of the most exciting, thrilling and extraordinary experiences!" Willow class (Year 1) recently had a visit to Scotsdales. They learnt a lot about plants and had a great 'I Spy' session. Inspired by the Scotsdales sunflower and their learning about Van Gogh, the class completed observational drawings of sunflowers. Reception class also ventured to South Angle Farm to meet the animals



and some pupils bravely held snakes and other unusual creatures.

Assemblies take place each week with a variety of themes. One Friday we had four animal visitors to our assembly! We are helping raise funds for Guide Dogs. Pupils responded brilliantly to hearing from the Puppy Raisers about how they train the dogs and many took the opportunity after school to meet the dogs and ask questions. This event also involved a Cake Sale, initiated by Mrs Ede who works in the school office, who is passionate about this charity and their work and will be training a Guide Dog puppy herself this summer. We are also hoping to continue this link and to raise funds for this charity as part of our Sports Day. Fund Race is a sports day track race with a twist - participants are blindfolded and use a rope as their guide.



Forest School opportunities have been enjoyed and a number of classes have successfully completed the RSPB Wild Challenge, Bronze award. Bronze is the first rung of the Wild Challenge award scheme and a great way to ground learning in practical activities. Pupils completed six activities in the Challenge: three from the Help Nature section and three from the Experience Nature

section. Our Nursery class has also been exploring nature. They have been reading 'The Hungry Caterpillar' book and exploring life cycles. There was much excitement about raising their own caterpillars and releasing the butterflies.

Pupils across all classes have benefited from enrichment opportunities to help inspire teaching and learning. We are looking forward to the second half of summer term which includes our Sports Day, residential trips for our Years 5 and 6, and the Year 6 Production to name just three events.



Laura Rawlings



Stapleford Parish Council needs five new councillors to join the team now.

The Council (which meets one evening a month) is formed by local residents who volunteer to give their time to help ensure the community's voice is heard on all the important parish issues (i.e. services, transport, recreation, planning etc).

The Council is here for the benefit of all, but we are particularly keen to encourage those who have recently moved to the parish to get involved.

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1815

EDUCATION. The Rev. J. D. Wigglesworth, A.B., receives into his house, situated in the rural and healthy village of Stapleford, 5 miles distant from Cambridge, Four Young Gentlemen, as Boarders and private Pupils. There is a vacancy for One. Terms and other particulars may be known by applying to Mr. Wigglesworth.

1859

***GQGMAGOG.** The elder brother of the Hon. and Rev. S.G Osborne having succeeded to the Dukedom of Leeds, the Queen has by letters patent granted to the family the titles and precidency that would have been afforded them had their father succeeded to the title, and we hear that in consequence, S. G. O. will in future be known as the Rev. Sidney Godolphin Osborne.

1889

THE CROPS. The favourable weather of the last fortnight has been exactly suitable for the gathering of the immense crops of clover and grass which have been secured in the finest possible condition. Wheat is in full ear and promises an abundant yield of corn and straw. Barley is scarcely so good but oats look excellent. Pasture land still affords a good supply of keep and altogether the general outlook indicates an early and abundant harvest. The worst features of the garden appear to be a little blight among the bush fruit and an early appearance of disease in the more forward potatoes.

1900

BOARD SCHOOL'S ANNUAL EXCURSION. The third annual excursion of the scholars and friends of Stapleford Board Schools took place on Thursday last with the usual success. Early morning saw close on a hundred happy and expectant excursionists on their way to Shelford station, whence a comfortable and rapid journey was made to Clacton-on-Sea. Here began a period of unalloyed pleasure, under every circumstance that could be discovered; the finest of weather adding to the delights of the day paddling in the waves for some, boating and bathing for others, very agreeably filled the hours. Mid-day saw the assemble for lunch on the West Beach. The pleasures of the pier and sailing filled the afternoon until tea-time called the

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party to Day's Restaurant, whence a glorious walk along the cliffs, and a return journey by the sands at low tide for collecting sea-weed, shells, etc, brought the hour for return which was safely accomplished in the reserved compartments of an excellent special train at 9.30. Tea and other entertainment during the day, and railway tickets for the scholars who had attended school most regularly, were generously provided by Earl Buchan, Dr Collier, Dr Armistead, Rev C Butler MA, Mr W S Heffer JP, Mr G Bull, Mr F Westler and Mr J F Symonds.

1913

FORTHCOMING AUCTION ANNOUNCEMENT. A T Grain forthcoming auction announcement (on Saturday, July 26th, 1913). Five plots of highly valuable freehold building (and situate on London Road) each having a frontage to the road of 25ft and a depth of 25ft 6ins, also adjoining the above 2a, 3r, 21p of very fertile market garden and building land together with a 25ft approach from the road, by the direction of the late A T Grain.

1964

RIVALS OF ALMOST 50 YEARS AGO STILL IN OPPOSITION.

Stapleford's flower show and fete was, like so many other outdoor activities, spoilt by the thundery weather of Saturday. Nevertheless it was a social and financial success and a large crowd was much in evidence until the weather finally broke. For their interest and inspection there were entries of 490 in the adult classes from 74 individuals, and 180 in the children's classes from 107 exhibitors ... It is apparent that the show is in a period of transition since the number of exhibitors who were accustomed to putting in a large number of entries is rapidly decreasing and not sufficient newcomers are as yet coming forward to put in a few entries each to take their place. However, it is still interesting to note that rivals of almost 50 years' standing like Messrs Baynes, Dean, and Kellock are still trying to beat each other whilst, at the other end of the scale, there are next-door neighbours of only a few years trying to get the better of each other; like Messrs Horner and Melbourne. Likewise it is good to see new contestants like Mrs J Barnes, Mrs M J Fox, Mrs K Coe, Messrs J C Ashdown, J H Taylor, and the youthful Charles Baker reaping some reward for their labours. Here it is appropriate to congratulate Mr Bradford on the long list of his successes for, without his many entries, the benches would be so much the lighter. At the opening ceremony the current chairman of the show committee presented the chairman for the previous 18 years (Mr Harry Beavis) with a pair of "woods" in a leather case, in appreciation of the vast amount of work he has done on behalf of the committee, exhibitors, and all

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connected with the shows ... On the financial side it is still too early to give any precise figures, but there should be approximately £50 available from the day's efforts ...

**Spelling of the Gogmagogs!*

Stapleford Twinning Association



OVER the late spring, sun-drenched, Bank Holiday weekend, two twinning communities were able to resume their joint activities. A 13-strong group from the village of Villedômer in the Loire Valley in France came to Stapleford. It was the first such visit in four years, enabling long-standing friendships to be rekindled. On arrival there was a reception in the Pavilion followed by a traditional English fish and chip supper – with mushy peas of course!

On Saturday the 'twinners' visited Bressingham, where they took pleasure in seeing the award-winning gardens, an 18th century manor house, working steam trains and a vintage carousel.

A progressive lunch around Stapleford followed on Sunday. The main menu items were coronation chicken, with a nod to the recent major event in London, and trifle. After that there was a final gathering with farewell speeches.

In the spring of next year a group of 'twinners' from Stapleford will be welcomed to Villedômer. So... not goodbye, but *au revoir!*

More information at twinning.staplefordvillage.org.uk. **Tim Jessop**



Fish and chip supper in the Pavilion



The twinning group in front of the carousel at Bressingham

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Come and hear the Magog Singers!



MAGOG Singers would like to invite Friends and Family to the last session of our term on Tuesday 11 July. We have enjoyed another term singing under the direction of John Clenaghan, who has put together a varied selection of music, and Brian Watkins will accompany the choir. The programme of music includes folk songs from America, Scotland, an English one from the 16th century as well as an Italian canzonetta from that period. Like many other choirs in the country we have also been rehearsing Zadok the Priest, and a favourite of the choir, Love Divine, to a setting by Howard Goodall.

Do join us in the Pavilion at 3pm on 11 July. Light refreshments will be served and there will be a cash collection in aid of charity.

kathleen.foreman@ntlworld.com. **Kathleen Foreman**

Cambridge Open Studios

IT'S time again for the opportunity to view (and purchase) local artists' work, and on page 39 of this issue there are details of three of the artists' creations you can view.

There is also a variety of other local artists displaying their work in their own homes, in Stapleford, Shelfords, Whittlesford, and South Cambridge. Details at cambridgeopenstudios.co.uk. Viewing is available at weekends throughout July, and you can see paintings, sculptures, jewellery, textile art, and more. **Helen Hale**

Cambridge Flower Club

WE meet at the Memorial Hall, Mill Lane. Whittlesford CB22 4NE. Third Thursday evenings.

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

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

17 August Open meeting demonstrator Annette Urquart - 'The Sound of Rhubarb'. Wine and buffet refreshments. Visitors £15.

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.

2G3S



YOU may wonder what 2G3S stands for. It has stood for Green Groups in the Shelfords, Stapleford, Sawston, as when it was set up it was envisaged to be an umbrella group for others in the area. We have recently amended the name to Going Green in the Shelfords, Stapleford, Sawston, to reflect what we are working to do.

Dates for your diary

Next meeting

8pm on Monday 10 July at Cox's Close in Stapleford. We will be planning our winter discussion evenings. All are welcome to attend both the planning and discussion evenings.

Nature walk

With John O'Boyle - Nine Wells, Saturday 22 July, 2pm. Check our website for details of where to meet. The walk is at your own risk, and do wear suitable clothes and footwear.

Cycle ride

Monday 17 July. Start at 10am at the Pavilion. Booking essential, at greener@sawston.org.

Dr Bike

Cycle repair shop every Tuesday from 3pm to 5.30pm, at the Old Slaughterhouse.

South Cambs Organic Gardeners

Next meeting is on 17 July. See them on Facebook or see our website for details of venue.

Repair Café and SWISH clothes swap!

This is our big event this month, 2pm to 5pm on Saturday 15 July at Great Shelford Rugby Club. More details on our website, or see the poster elsewhere in this magazine. We have a fantastic team of repairers that can tackle clocks, electricals, jewellery, textiles, amongst other things. It is best to book in advance for a repair to ensure you can get seen.

Plastic Free July

You may remember last month I talked about this campaign to encourage people to reduce their plastic use for the month, or part of the month. You can sign up your target at plasticfreejuly.org. At present we recycle only 9% of plastic globally, and a recent Greenpeace report cites

research that shows that recycling plastic releases toxic chemicals and microplastics into the environment. So reducing and reusing have to come first, with recycling only as a last resort. Perhaps you can give up single-use plastic for a couple of weeks? Use greengrocers who sell loose fruit and veg eg Mary's in Sawston, Barker's in Great Shelford, or order a veg box from Cambridge Organic (cambridgeorganic.co.uk). Use the minimum waste shop in Sawston, Green Weigh, by taking in your own containers (any shape and size – takeaway boxes, tomato ketchup bottles, shower gel containers....) to fill with toiletries, household cleaning materials, and dry cereals and grains. They also sell yummy organic vegan chocolate made in the village!

On a more optimistic note, there was a UN report (see the Guardian, May 16) that said plastic pollution could be slashed by 80% by 2040, with policies that are big but practical and affordable. Packaging is the villain here, so do your bit in July. Once you've tried you may find it's easy to continue using less plastic.

Big Green Week

Great Shelford library held a number of activities for this event in June, with a display from us, children's activities, and a session where people could write a letter to a younger person like a grandchild, or even to their future self, saying what they hoped the world would be like in 2030, a project called Letters to Tomorrow. We hope to publish some of these in the local magazines, but the full range can be seen on the letterstotomorrow.com website.

Watering

Remember to be sparing of your use of this precious resource. See tips last month for conserving it in the house and garden.

Recycling of electrical (and electronic) items

This is very important, due to all the elements that can be reclaimed from them. There is a pink bin at Tesco Fulbourn car park for small electricals, or take them to the Thriplow and Milton recycling centres. That's after trying to repair them at one of the Repair Cafés of course!

If you are interested in green matters and the environment at all levels (individual, local, national, international), send an email to 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 Strollers: Walk 116

North from Kirtling: a circular walk from Kirtling

To get to start of walk

KIRTLING is on the edge of Cambridgeshire, not far from Newmarket. Take the A11 to Six Mile Bottom and turn on to the A1304 for Newmarket. Keep going until reaching the roundabout with the prancing stallion sculpture. Turn right here and carry on until the B1061 is reached. Turn right and then immediate left for Stetchworth. Go through the village, heading for Woodditton. Take the right turn for Kirtling in Woodditton village, and keep going until the road junction at Kirtling Green. Turn left here and follow The Street until Kirtling Village Hall and its car park is reached on the right (CB8 9PB).

Length of walk

About 3¾ miles. This is an extremely pleasant walk but parts can get muddy after heavy rain.

OS Map

OS Explorer map 210. Use maps.the-hug.net for a free map extract or use the route map provided.

Extra Information

Kirtling: in Old English 'the settlement of Cyrtla's people'. Kirtling Tower is the old gatehouse for what was a huge house, built in 1530 for Lord North. The North family continued to own the house, although rarely visiting, until it had to be demolished in the early 19C. The gatehouse was retained and two wings and a library have been added. The North family ceased ownership in 1941; it is currently occupied by Lord (Baron) and Lady Fairhaven.

Route of the walk

From Kirtling Village Hall car park, cross the road (The Street) and go left along the roadside pavement.

When a footpath sign is seen, go right and pass through a metal gate. Walk along the left-hand side of the field beyond the gate and go left through another metal gate to walk on a narrow footpath with a wood to the right (Lucy Wood) and a paddock to the left. The path follows the edge of the wood, then swings right when the wood ends.

The new direction still has the wood to the right and the path goes down a slope, swinging left at the bottom, before the hedge-line, and then right through a wide field opening. In the next field, turn immediate right,

still with Lucy Wood to the right, and carry on until a wide track can be seen on the left, going up a slope.

Follow this path and, when a junction of paths is reached, take the right-hand route. This skirts a narrow wood to the right and keeps on beyond until a minor road is reached. Turn right along the road and walk carefully along it. A footpath sign to the left will be seen at the vehicle entrance to Kirtling church (All Saints). Go left along the path, passing a large house to the right, and enter the churchyard. The church is worth visiting.

The path passes to the left of the church and exits the churchyard via a gate. Walk ahead through a field, until a road is reached. Turn right and walk along it, passing Kirtling Tower to the right.

Beyond Kirtling Tower, turn left at the road junction and walk along the roadside until a footpath sign is seen, pointing right. Follow this path through an area of woodland and, shortly after the woodland ends, a pasture is entered. Take the first grass path to the right, crossing the pasture near the back of a number of houses. This path meets The Street. Cross over on to the pavement and turn right to return to the Village Hall car park.

David Barnes

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Great Shelford Rugby Club 15 July 2023 2pm - 5pm

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Quiz Time

Children's TV

1. Who ran the post office in Greendale in *Postman Pat*?
2. Name three of the seven original *Paw Patrol* members?
3. In what year was *The Clangers* first broadcast on television?
4. What is the name of *Peppa Pig*'s brother?
5. Name any two of the eight Octonauts?
6. What is the name of the policeman in the original *Noddy* series?
7. What type of animal and what colour was Custard in the cartoon *Roobarb and Custard*?
8. Name two of the six babies in the *Rugrats*?
9. What kind of animal is Arthur in the cartoon *Arthur*?
10. What is the name of the little sister of the titular character in *Pingu*?

North and South

1. Which is further north, Oslo or Helsinki?
2. Which is further north, Madrid or Ankara?
3. Which is further south, Mexico City or Puerto Rico?
4. Which is further south, Sydney or Perth?
5. Which is further north, Paris or Toronto?
6. Which is further north, Tokyo or Beijing?
7. Which is further south, Cape Town or Montevideo?
8. Which is further north, Washington DC or San Francisco?
9. Which is further north, Algiers or Malaga?
10. Which is further south, Kathmandu or New Delhi?

Set by Charlie Wolfe

Answers on page 33

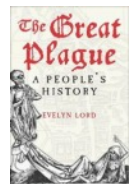
The Cambridge Plague



The Black Plague pandemic swept through the British Isles in 1665. What was its impact in Cambridge?

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In the Pavilion on Tuesday 11 July at 7.45pm.

Preceded by the AGM.



Free to members - non-members pay £3 on the door.

Puzzle Corner

Y not and Y (3)

Find the answers to each pair of clues
Putting a letter Y at the end of the first
answer gives the second answer
e.g. circle/mad (4/5)
LOOP/LOOPY

Group 1

hole/compassion (3,4)
conflict/cautious (3,4)
Good in Paris/lean (3,4)
policeman/ape (3,4)
coat/rage (3,4)

Group 2

sport/tired (4,5)
mark/hairy (4,5)
metal/sarcasm? (4,5)
Andrew or Johnny/tie the knot (4,5)
island/cutting (4,5)

Group 3

Russell or Jo/spirit (5,6)
call/not genuine (5,6)
punctuation mark/settler community (5,6)
organ/jovial (5,6)
organ/uniform (5,6)

Set by Hermes - Answers on page 51



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Stapleford Community Primary School

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If you register to take part before the day the suggested donation is £10 for adults and £5 for children. Prices increase on the day of the event. To avoid queues on the day, it would be very helpful if you could register beforehand.

There are prizes available for the fastest individual runners and for the person wearing the most imaginative fancy dress. For full details and pre-event registration please visit staplefordrun.com.

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We would like to thank each of the local firms sponsoring the Fun Run and raising funds for our school: Wedd Joinery, Camweavers, Gympo's Strength Fitness & Wellbeing, Scotsdales, Shelford and Stapleford Strikers FC, AF tennis coaching, Bridge Fitness, NY wines and the Three Horseshoes. We are extremely grateful for their support for the Fun Run. **Liam Sullivan**

Quiz answers

Children's TV

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|---|---|
| 1. Mrs Goggins | Professor Inkling Octopus, |
| 2. Ryder, Chase, Marshal, Skye, Rocky, Rubble, Zuma | Tunip the Vegimal |
| 3. 1969 | 6. Mr Plod |
| 4. George | 7. Pink; cat |
| 5. Captain Barnacles Bear, Kwazi Kitten, Peso Penguin, Dashi Dog, Shellington Sea Otter, Tweak Bunny, | 8. Chuckie, Angelica, Tommy, Lillian, Susie, Kimi |
| | 9. Aardvark 1 |
| | 10. Pinga |

North and South

- | | |
|----------------|------------------|
| 1. Helsinki | 6. Beijing |
| 2. Madrid | 7. Cape Town |
| 3. Puerto Rico | 8. Washington DC |
| 4. Sydney | 9. Algiers |
| 5. Paris | 10. Kathmandu |

Library News



THE popular **Summer Reading Challenge** starts in July! The challenge is designed to keep children reading all summer, with rewards along the way and a medal and certificate for everyone who finishes. Sign up from **Saturday 8 July**. The children can read whichever library books they like and there are six special stickers to collect, one for each week of the Summer Holidays. It's a fun and relaxing and a great way for children to keep up their reading skills during the long school break. Great Shelford Library will be hosting various events at the library to add to the Summer Reading Challenge fun.

Lego/Duplo Event for Children - Thursday 27 July, 2 to 3.30pm. £2 per child. Ages 2+

Dinosaur Event - Wednesday 2 August. £2 per child. Ages 2+
Watch this space for more details of fun activities during August.

Regular activities

Engage Talk - Wednesday 26 July, 2 to 3.30pm. Mary Burgess will be giving a talk on The History of Cycling in Cambridge. A donation of £2 is appreciated, please stay for a drink and chat after the talk. Please pre-book in the library or via Cambourne.referral@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

Story and Rhyme Time - Tuesdays 10.30am, 4 and 18 July. Drop in event.

Lego Club - Monday 17 July, 4.30 to 5.30pm. Drop in event.

Finally - Don't forget, if you are travelling on holiday you can pack a mobile device with library eBooks, eAudiobooks and eComics to keep your luggage light.

Mel Abbiss

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July at Wandlebury



HERE'S a selection of what's on at Wandlebury in July. For more information about these and events at other locations email bookings@cambridgeppf.org, call 243830 extension 207 or visit cambridgeppf.org/whats-on.

Tree Identification , Wednesday 12 July, 10am to noon

Gentle warden-guided walk to learn about native trees. 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.



Learn to Scythe, Saturday 22 July, 10am to 4pm

Scything is a traditional method of cutting meadows, which helps to increase their value for nature, and it's also very eco-friendly.

Learn the basics of scything. Scythes provided. **£60 per person – book online.** Pre-booking essential.



Scything Festival, Sunday 23 July, 10am to 3pm.

This is the time of year when meadows would have been cut, so come along to celebrate scything and haymaking. There will be scything demonstrations, have-a-go sessions and Team Mowing. You can watch and learn or bring along your scythe to practice your skills and to pick up tips from the experts. Follow signs from car park. Free, donations welcome.



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FOUR Sawston gardens will open their gates to visitors on Sunday 2 July to support the National Garden Scheme (NGS). The NGS began in 1927 to raise money for the Queen's Nursing Institute, by opening private gardens to the public for a small fee. From small beginnings, the scheme has expanded to 3,500 gardens across the country and now raises around £3 million annually. The main beneficiaries are major nursing and caring charities, such as Macmillan Cancer Support, Marie Curie, Hospice UK and the QNI. The NGS also supports a number of other charities involved in gardens and health and gives bursaries to help gardening projects. Learn more about the NGS at ngs.org.uk.



The gardens are open from 1pm to 5pm. They are: Mary Challis Garden (photo), 68 High St; The Orchards, 11 Mill Lane; 10 Wynemares; and 34 Cambridge Rd. Collect a map at the first garden you visit. Entrance £6. Homemade cakes and tea are served in the Mary Challis Garden from 1.30pm to 4.30 pm, plus plants for sale. Parking available in the Co-op car park, but is limited to 3 hours.

Do please come along to view some of Sawston's finest gardens and support these important charities. Enquiries: Mike & Ann Redshaw on 834511. **Mike Redshaw**

William Shakespeare's 'Twelfth Night'

SHAKESPEARE'S romantic comedy 'Twelfth Night' is being staged on Saturday 22 July at The Old Beehive, 33 Frogge Street, Ickleton at 7.30pm, by the Festival Players International. If the weather is wet it will be in the village hall. Tickets cost £15 (£10 for students or children) from Costcutter, Ickleton's village shop, or telephone 01799 531916 or email pam@cmws.co.uk. Bar provided or bring your own drinks, and a picnic.

This is the ninth time the Festival Players (Patron: Dame Judi Dench) have performed Shakespeare in Ickleton. Join in the fun as an array of Shakespeare's colourful characters love, laugh and lampoon their way through two days and a night of comings and goings, yellow stockings, disguises and mistaken identities! **Martin Woodhead**



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- pregnant women
- all children aged 2 or 3 years on 31 August 2023
- primary school aged children (from Reception to Year 6)
- those in long-stay residential care homes
- carers in receipt of carer's allowance, or those who are the main carer of an elderly or disabled person
- close contacts of immunocompromised individuals
- frontline workers in a social care setting without an employer-led occupational health scheme including those working for a registered residential care or nursing home, registered domiciliary care providers, voluntary managed hospice providers and those that are employed by those who receive direct payments (personal budgets) or Personal Health budgets, such as Personal Assistants

We are finalising plans for our flu clinics and next month we will let everyone know what the dates are.

In the meantime, if you have any queries please do not hesitate to ring us on 0300 234 5555 or email cpicb.grantapatientservices@nhs.net.

Sandra East, Head of Patient Services

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Wednesday 5 July	Comedy Night Big names from the world of comedy	Adult: £18 Over 16s only
Thursday 6 July	Big Quiz Night Teams of up to 8; food included	Adult: £15 Child: £8
Friday 7 July	The Amy Winehouse Band Fronted by Bronte Shande	Adult: £21 Child: £10
	Classical Concert Classical wind quintet, Phoenix Winds	Adult: £10 Child: free
Saturday 8 July	Trevor Nelson Live DJ set with the Radio 2 legend	Adult: £26 Child: £13

www.shelfordfeast.co.uk



Village Charity Director

GREAT Shelford Village Charity Ltd, the trustee of what was formerly known as the Great Shelford Parochial Charities, seeks expressions of interest from individuals wishing to assist with the work we do for the village.



What does Great Shelford Village Charity Ltd do?

The company is now the trustee of the Village Charity whose roots stretch back to the 16th century. As such it:

- Owns 53 almshouses, a mix of 1, 2 and 3 bedroom homes, at More's Meadow and engages Redmayne Arnold & Harris to provide its property management services.
- Provides grants in support of individuals in need, as well as local good causes. We work closely with The John Huntingdon Charity, Sawston, who administer our grants and provide villagers with advice and counselling services.
- Owns six acres of land on the edge of the village which we manage for conservation and recreation. This includes allotments, a communal orchard and garden, and newly planted woodland, together with footpaths and benches for public use.

Further details can be found on our website – gsvc.org.uk

What is a Village Charity Director?

Currently there are six directors of the trustee company which oversees everything the charity does, from setting strategy through to service delivery and financial management. While some directors provide professional expertise in areas such as accountancy or law, others bring managerial, pastoral or other life experiences.

We meet every two months for around two hours - and some directors take a lead role in specific projects. Typically, the commitment amounts to one or two days per month.

Our directors, all unpaid volunteers, have legal and regulatory responsibilities similar to those of charity trustees and are required to undergo a basic DBS check. See:

gov.uk/government/publications/the-essential-trustee-what-you-need-to-know-cc3

gov.uk/guidance/basic-dbs-checks-guidance

What sort of person are we looking for?

We would be particularly interested to hear from anyone with professional fund-raising and/or company secretary/governance

experience. That said, we would consider any candidate who can bring a fresh perspective coupled with a demonstrable commitment to village life and the wellbeing of residents.

How do I find out more - or express interest?

For further details – and to submit an expression of interest - please get in touch with our Clerk - clerk@gsvc.org.uk, 842411 - or contact us via gsvc.org.uk.

Expressions of interest should be tendered by 31 July.

Brian Connellan, Director, Great Shelford Village Charity

Shelford Guides

OVER the last couple of terms the members of Shelford Guides have had lots of fun working on the Girlguiding programme themes of 'Express Myself' and 'Know Myself'. Fun was also had at a District event with other local Guide, Brownie and Rainbow units and on a very muddy night hike from Babraham. The hike ended with chips in the garden at The Rose in Stapleford which were very much enjoyed despite the onset of heavy rain!



A recent highlight was an inspiring visit from trainers from East Anglian Air Ambulance who taught the Guides how to do CPR. The Guides also practised using community defibrillators (like the one near the door to the Pavilion on our Rec): "It's really not hard at all," they'll tell you – just open the box and follow the voice that will give you instructions!

The current leader is stepping down at the end of this term so we're on the lookout for a qualified leader(s), and/or people willing to do the leadership qualification, so that Guides can continue in September. If you'd like to find out more, please contact shelfordgirlguides@gmail.com or visit bit.ly/volGuiding. **Lisa MacGregor**

Cambridge Cake Creators



AT our next meeting on Thursday 20 July we'll introduce Avril, former owner of 'Authentic Cakes'. Avril is a good friend of the group and whatever she demonstrates it's sure to be good. Subject TBA but could possibly be a rose or similar. We meet at 7.30pm in the Pavilion. £10 pp which includes coffee & cake. **Vanda Butler**

Parish Council Chair's report

MIRANDA Harper has been co-opted as a new Parish Councillor. Cllr Jenny Flynn has resigned but remains active with the Neighbourhood Plan

The Parish Council is seeking 5 more Parish Councillors so that we are able to achieve more for the village.

A vote of thanks was given to those parishioners who helped with spring cleaning the village; painting the phone box, cutting back vegetation along Vicarage Lane, litter picking, and tidying up the bus shelter. A vote of thanks was also given to Michael Gatward for his continuing support

Cllr Brian Milnes reported on the Central Government scheme for East West Rail which will be progressed along the southern route. Some details are not yet clear. Cambridge and the surrounding area are experiencing major growth in the bioscience area, needing substantial infrastructure and housing and bringing substantial economic benefits to the area. Growth is being focused along the main transport routes.

The pavilion refurbishment was discussed, and proposed plans have already been amended in light of comments received following the annual Parish Meeting. Grant funding will be sought to achieve the renovation. The Parish Council has a duty to ensure value for money and no final decision will be taken until a public meeting has been held and costing supplied.

A complaint has been made to the Police and Crime Commissioner following comments about lack of response by the police to reports of antisocial behaviour and drug taking. Comments had been made that the visibility of the police was seriously lacking and the lack of any response to a complaint by a member of the public leads to the belief that no action was being taken. From the response by the Police and Crime Commissioner to the Parish Council's complaint:

"I can assure you that my officers are aware of the issues you have described and do pay attention to the park areas when time allows. As I am sure you can appreciate we cover many villages and towns within South Cambs, some of which have similar ASB issues. I will ensure directed patrols continue to be carried out at the appropriate times.

"I would like to reassure you that we regularly carry out patrols in the area. We conduct speed checks and will also visit the green areas you have mentioned. I myself have completed drugs searches and found several persons with drugs on them in the areas you have stated over the years.

"We would advise that the public report any drugs concerns to us via 101 or our website.



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“We are reassured that residents have been reporting their concerns to the police.

“I also draw your attention to the survey, and quarterly engagement events (online at present) that the South Cambs policing team run, details can be found at: [South Cambridgeshire | Cambridgeshire Constabulary \(cambs.police.uk\)](https://www.cambs.police.uk). The survey allows residents to tell police what the concerns are in general in their village each quarter, and the engagement event facilitates residents hearing from police about the work they are undertaking, and residents can ask police for more information on the issues that they are concerned about.

“Is there a neighbourhood watch group set up in the affected area? This can be an empowering way for residents to work together to share concerns and avoid intimidation, and remind perpetrators that they will be noticed. It might also be a route to give weight to conversations with shops if they are experiencing shoplifting about actions the shop could take or support that the shop needs (mentioned as you said the bottles had security tags on), and also to ensure that those who have the freedom (if young people?) to commit anti-social behaviour, are also safeguarded from being drawn in to exploitation, to which they are more vulnerable.”

The internal auditor has inspected the Parish Council accounts and found no areas of concern. The public has a right to inspect these accounts from 12 June to 21 July.

The clerk will write to the grounds maintenance contractor about reseeding the playground area as it was disappointing that this was not done when first requested in November 2022, following work done by volunteers.

A meeting has been held with the Conservation Officer regarding the future of the Slaughterhouse, a listed building. This is currently used for a weekly bicycle workshop run by volunteers. It incurs considerable insurance costs because of the thatched roof and because it is not in daily use. It could be used to generate funds for parish use, but no decision has yet been made.

Installation of WiFi at the pavilion is almost complete, after more than six years of trying.

Finally, now that the telephone box has a smart new coat of paint, we need to decide what to do with it. Please send in your ideas to the clerk at clerk@staplefordparishcouncil.gov.uk. If your preference is for a defibrillator, power would need to be installed. **Gillian Pett**



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Neighbourhood Plan - Thank you!

THANK you to everyone who gave a few minutes of their time towards thinking about our community's future and completed the Neighbourhood Plan consultation; to those who visited our pop-up displays to see what we've been working on for many, many months; to the organisations who let us use their space for these displays; and to the Neighbourhood Plan steering group for continuing to stick with it.

Our latest community consultation closed on 28 May and, at the time of writing, the outcomes are being analysed and their implications considered. It would not be appropriate to release much detail at this stage, but I will say that:

1. a significant majority of respondents supported the draft vision statement.
2. overall, respondents were far more positive than negative towards all of the draft objectives, which implies that there is a role for all of them in our Neighbourhood Plan.

We are grateful to everyone who contributed 'free text' comments to the consultation, because these are very helpful in understanding some of the motivations behind respondents' preferences.

The finished report on the consultation will be available to view at greatshelfordparishcouncil.gov.uk/SGSNPlan, hopefully at the beginning of July, and excerpts will be published here in future editions.

So what happens next? Consultation outcomes will be combined with other information (such as local housing needs, our Landscape Character Assessment and Local Plan data) to expand our already sizeable evidence base. This, in turn, will inform the development of a set of planning policies to help us achieve our Neighbourhood Plan's vision and objectives. These policies are the most important outcomes of any Neighbourhood Plan because they form part of the statutory development plan against which all planning applications are assessed.

In the final stages, the draft Neighbourhood Plan will be put out for consultation to various bodies and other stakeholders whose interests may be affected by the plan, such as the Environment Agency and Natural England. A revised Plan is then submitted for independent examination. The examiner will consider whether the proposed Neighbourhood Plan meets the basic conditions and other legal requirements set out by law. If found satisfactory, the Plan will return to Stapleford and Great Shelford for a community referendum. In this yes/no poll, residents and workers in our parishes will be asked 'Do you want South Cambridgeshire District Council



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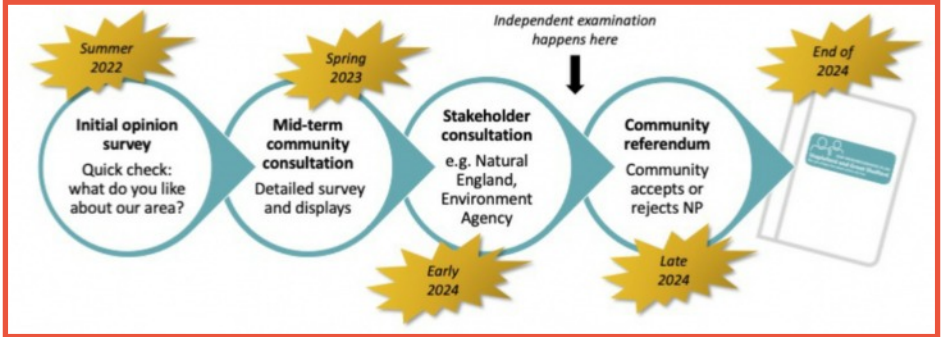
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to use the neighbourhood plan for Stapleford and Great Shelford to help it decide planning applications in the neighbourhood area?’ If more than 50% of voters say ‘yes’, then our Neighbourhood Plan will come into force. It is the steering group’s aim that the referendum takes place towards the end of 2024.



Stakeholder consultation, examination and community referendum are required by regulation and have minimum time periods attached to them; hence, they will occupy many months in 2024. All told, it is a long and complicated process, but it is worth it, because this is how we can change the place where we live – for the better.

Jenny Flynn, Chair of the Neighbourhood Plan steering group
neighbourhood.planning@staplefordparishcouncil.gov.uk

Better Ways 4 Busways

Jobs for July!

Sign the petition



IF you haven’t already, please sign our petition asking decision-makers to consider an alternative route for buses, adjacent to the A1307: change.org/p/save-south-east-cambridge-countryside. The petition will be presented to local politicians in September, when they are due to decide about this scheme. Over 2,300 people have signed so far; do encourage friends, family and colleagues to sign as well.

Support the fighting fund

If we can’t change the minds of our local politicians, the next stage is a public inquiry for the government to decide whether the GCP’s bus road through the countryside should be approved. We will take part in the inquiry



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and argue against approval, proposing instead a scheme in the A1307 corridor.

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Please donate to support this campaign; every little bit really does help. Local charity Cambridge Past, Present & Future is collecting donations via cambridgeppf.org/Appeal/sss-green-belt. If we manage to avoid an inquiry, we will return your donation.

If you are considering making a significant donation but would like to find out more about the campaign and how your money would be used, we'd be very happy to talk to you in confidence. Please get in touch by emailing hello@bw4b.org.

Showdown at the Pavilion

We were delighted by the great turnout at Stapleford's Annual Parish meeting in May, which included a presentation on the busway from James Littlewood, CEO of Cambridge Past Present & Future, and a robust defence of the proposals from our County Councillor, Brian Milnes, who is a full voting member of the GCP Executive Board.

Can you help?

To keep the campaign in the public eye, one suggestion is for estate agent-style boards bearing a simple message to go in people's front gardens. If this is of interest, please contact me. We would also welcome the support of volunteers with relevant professional backgrounds (eg planning, transport, legal), or who can help us to communicate our campaign via social media.

Please follow the Better Ways 4 Busways campaign by signing up at bw4b.org and spread the word to inspire others to follow suit.

Howard Kettel hello@bw4b.org

Puzzle Corner Answers

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Group 2: WEAR/WEARY; SCAR/SCARY; IRON/IRONY;

MARR/MARRY; SARK/SARKY

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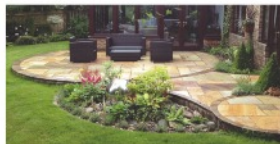
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