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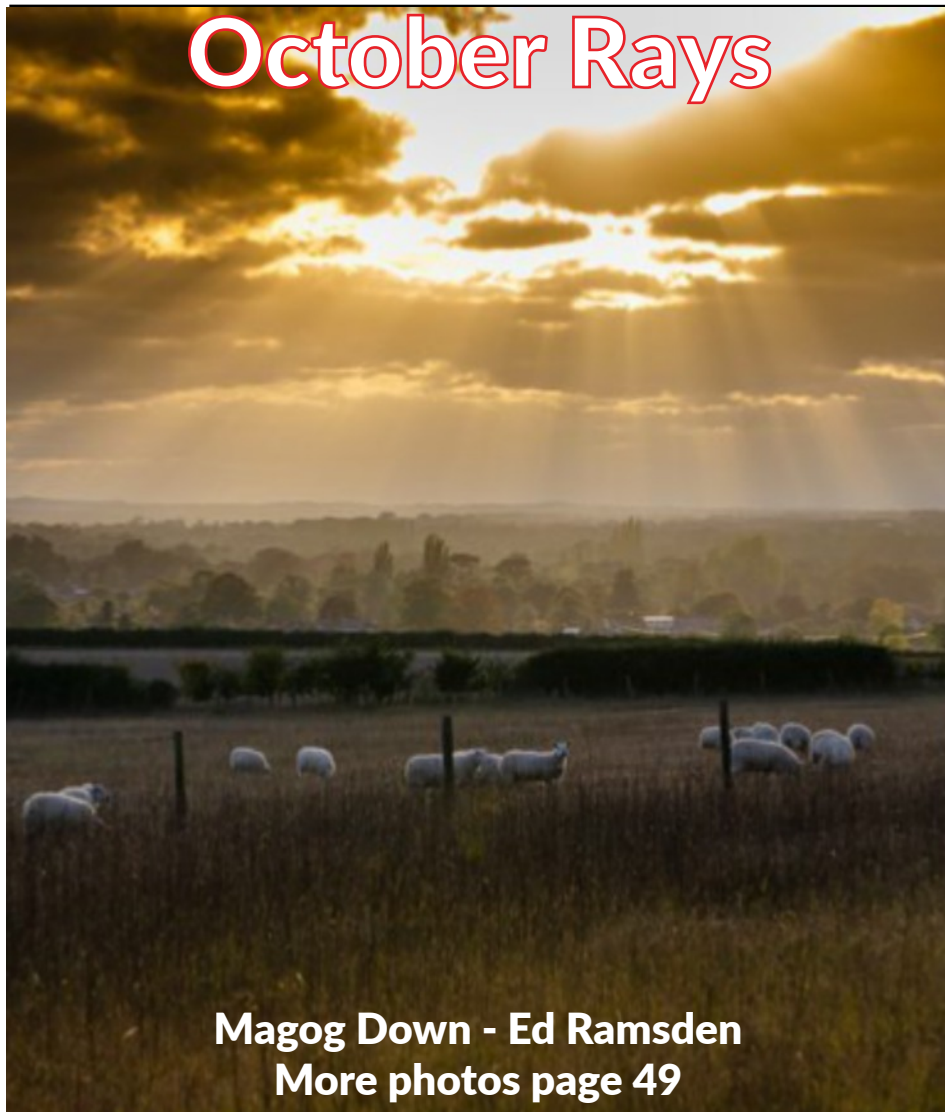
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10.30am Communion, Services of the Word, Messy Church and Forest Church

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# From the Rev Dr Simon Taylor

CURRENT guilty pleasure: watching too many old episodes of *The Repair Shop*. Rather better for my soul than episodes of various thrillers I also like, that the family refer to (rather disparagingly, I think) as my ‘shooty bang bangs’.



I have come to *The Repair Shop* rather late. It has been running for 12 series. For those that have not watched it, members of the public bring in their old treasured possessions and a team of expert craftspeople restore them. It is, as the BBC blurb says, “a heartwarming antidote to the throwaway culture.”

The experts are really special. All seem to have a real love for their craft and for the objects they are called on to repair. There is an expert in mending old clockwork (who has a marvellous system of double glasses, both of which can be propped on his forehead and brought down into use singly or together – honestly, it’s a wonderful life-skill), another on jewellery, one on leather work, metal work, musical instruments, furniture, woodwork, soft toys – you name it, there seems to someone with great skills and a warm televisual personality ready and waiting to step up.

It is striking how attached people are to objects. I kind of get it. We have a battered old table which used to be in my grandfather’s dining room. As children we spent a lot of time in that room, because the sitting room was kept for best. At that table we ate, learned to play card games (Whist and Sevens, never Bridge for some reason), and watched as Grandpa took one of those rectangular boxes of Smarties and carefully and fairly counted them out into two little bowls for my brother and I. I would be sorry to lose the table.

The things people bring in to be repaired are usually of sentimental value for the same sort of reasons. They might be worth a little bit in monetary terms, but that is never really the point. They want to see them how they remember them from their childhoods, or want them working again so their children can play as they themselves used to. And often lurking in the background is someone who used to own it, a parent or grandparent usually, and it is the memories of them that is the hidden plotline, as it were, alongside the object and its repair.

The whole thing is very touching. A recent favourite of mine was a toy panda. It had a clockwork mechanism which made its head go from side to side and its arms up and down, and it was playing with a sort of spinning top on a rope – I can’t remember its proper name – stretched between its arms.

It had been a present to a little girl from her father, who died shortly afterwards. And here was that little girl, now aged 65 or so, taken back to those last precious times together by seeing her old toy restored and working again. Lovely stuff.

One thing people often say – I heard it twice on a recent episode – is “he/she will be looking down now and would be pleased to see this.”

The idea behind that seems to be that a dead person is somehow looking down and observing what is going on, and can be made happy by what they see. It is a comforting idea to some, but the corollary that grandpa might be upset because his favourite teddy has not been looked after is slightly odd, sinister even if it is thought that the pleasure or displeasure of the dead can affect the living. I am not sure that the implications of thinking that grandpa is now pleased (but was not before) are always fully thought through, but maybe in reality it is just a way for the person bringing in the object for repair to articulate that somehow they are not doing this entirely for themselves and to meet their own needs, but somehow to honour a past relationship. Maybe there are hidden repairs needed to the relationship too.

Whatever the reason, this delightful programme certainly raises big issues: our relationship to objects, the value we put on them, our need for remembrance and the tools we use to remember, and our beliefs about the afterlife. All important stuff, and well worth our time in pondering. I wonder what you think about these things?

For my part, my faith has something to say on all these issues. That is not surprising: Christianity matters in part because it is concerned with what matters to us as human beings. And that in turn is because at the heart of Christianity is a real flesh and blood person, not just some vague notion of the ‘other’, some spirit-life, someone ‘looking down’. Jesus Christ experienced human life in all its fullness and knows and loves us as we really are with all our foibles and fault lines. There is nothing in our existence and all the questions that go with it that are alien to him or to Christianity.

If you want to find out more there is a warm welcome waiting at St Andrew’s. We can’t repair your favourite possession, and nor can I balance two sets of glasses on my head, but your *Repair Shop* questions are welcome. We are definitely not just here for the shiny committed, but for the worn out, the cracked and the peeling too. So bring your breakages, your doubts and questions, and hear what Jesus Christ, who loves you, has to say to you. **Every blessing to you all, Simon**

PS: Thank you to the kind anonymous person who gave me a lovely card with St Cuthbert’s prayer after my article last month – much appreciated!

# St Andrew's Noticeboard

1 OCT	9 AM	BCP COMMUNION
	10.30 AM	CW COMMUNION 1 Samuel 8.1-22a; Matthew 21.23-27 <i>Desiring a King</i>
	10.30 AM	FOREST CHURCH COMMUNION
8 OCT	9 AM	BCP COMMUNION
	10.30 AM	SUNDAY WORSHIP CELEBRATING THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY PARTNERSHIP
15 OCT	9 AM	BCP COMMUNION
	10.30 AM	ALL AGE SUNDAY WORSHIP CELEBRATING THE NACHINGWEA LINK
22 OCT	9 AM	BCP COMMUNION
	10.30 AM	ALL TOGETHER INDOORS 2 Samuel 7.1-17; Matthew 21.33-46 <i>The King to come</i>
29 OCT	9 AM	BCP COMMUNION
	10.30 AM	SUNDAY WORSHIP 1 Thessalonians 1.1-10; Matthew 4.12-25 <i>The Son of David</i>
5 NOV	9 AM	BCP COMMUNION
	10.30 AM	CW COMMUNION ON ALL SAINTS' DAY Revelation 7.9-17; Matthew 5.1-12 <i>Blessings</i>
	10.30 AM	MESSY CHURCH COMMUNION in the Johnson Hall
	6 PM	CHORAL EVENSONG FOR ALL SOULS' Lamentations 3.17-26; Romans 5.5-11

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## FROM THE REGISTERS

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# Labyrinths



RECENTLY a friend and I joined many interested people to consider labyrinths. In the afternoon we were promised making our own, walking the creation. A maze has multiple puzzling paths. Labyrinths have one continuous route leading to the centre, curved and narrowing towards the middle. A

welcome gap, the mouth, entices the wanderer. Once one way is achieved then you travel back. On our special day a bowl of hazelnuts sat centrally. We could pick one or two for later encouragement. Religious or not it is a chance to lay down burdens, easing loads and baggage of life. Stepping forward becomes lighter. Reassurance and hope for the future builds quiet calm.

There is much connection to spiritual journeys. A follower can be recognised as a pilgrim, yet the word is not in the Bible. It is symbolic of life's progress and challenges, both highs and lows. When lost bewildered or alone a labyrinth experience is a focus, God being central. It is a prayerful, meditative, physical endeavour. There are more than 5,000 around the world of varied shapes and styles, classical being best known. We made a seven circuit one, starting with a cross and working outwards. Birdseed was used to mark lines in a field, working in curves against a rope guide. The result was successful, like watching a flower gently opening.

Over lunch we talked. All of us had walked; slowly, quietly, thoughtfully. Some sections were narrower than others, stepping aside necessary, like taking time out or reconsidering direction. It felt secure as we could only move forward, offering less and less opportunity for retrospection. We felt uplifted and positive.

Seven is the number of visible heavenly bodies moving across the stars: Sun, Moon, Mercury, Venus, Mars, Jupiter and Saturn. Rising in the east, curving south and setting in the west. In medieval times it referenced journeys to Earth. Ely Cathedral has a distinctive labyrinth in the stone floor by Sir Gilbert Scott of the Arts and Crafts Movement. The winding pathway measures the length of the Cathedral. Stories tell of priests in France dancing along a labyrinth throwing and catching a ball representing the Sun. In contrast British monks walked often as a penance. Saffron Walden boasts the largest ancient labyrinth in the British Isles on the village green. An intricate pattern. Try stepping out, or use a paper copy tracing a finger over the track. **Judith Lee.**

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IN October we are having our usual Autumn Coffee Morning, hosted by Valerie Powell at 53 Bury Road on Thursday 5 October from 10.30am to 12 noon. All are very welcome – there'll be a bring & buy and a raffle. The Coffee Morning is for Branch funds and the Summer of Hope Appeal.

On Saturday 14 October, the Autumn Diocesan Day is taking place in Waterbeach Village Hall, 10am onwards until early afternoon. The Rev Matthew Bradbury will give a talk on 'Modern Slavery'. The MU supports the Clewer Initiative which aims to help victims of modern slavery and hopefully to try to eliminate it by 2030. Follow this link to find out more about this collaboration with the Church of England: [mothersunion.org/projects/mothers-union-and-clewer](http://mothersunion.org/projects/mothers-union-and-clewer). Bring your own packed lunch to the Diocesan Day; there will also be the usual Unit reports and MU literature to buy.

David Barnes is coming to speak to the Branch on Saturday 23 October (2.30pm, at the Johnson Hall) with a talk and slides of a foreign trip, so we are looking forward to his usual entertaining presentation. **Hilary Street**

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# Stapleford-Nachingwea Link

## Sanitary pad update



WE introduced this project to readers in the August *Messenger* and we are now pleased to give an update on progress.

In these photos you can see the Nachingwea ladies working alongside Maggie from the Dare Foundation ([darewomensfoundation.org](http://darewomensfoundation.org)), learning how to make washable sanitary pads. These are needed as women cannot afford to buy disposable ones so they stay off work and school when they are menstruating. If we can raise enough money, Maggie hopes to be able to train the ladies to set up their own businesses selling the pads, and so gain some financial independence.

The ladies have formed a Friendship group and meet once a week. Such friendship amongst women is not the norm in Tanzania so they have started something unique.

If you would like to contribute to this project, email [nachingwealink@standrewstapleford.org](mailto:nachingwealink@standrewstapleford.org).

And please don't forget our Thanksgiving Service at St Andrew's on Sunday 15 October.

Do join us at St Andrew's at 10.30am for a service of celebration, thanksgiving and news. You will be most welcome. There will be time for coffee and a chat afterwards. **Stapleford - Nachingwea Link Committee**



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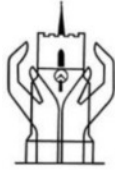


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## Women's Institute



SINCE I last wrote many of our members enjoyed a wonderful barbecue. We are very grateful to Tony Smith who hosted the event in his beautiful garden, and to Tony Hore who assisted him with cooking the sausages and burgers, which were supplied by Miles Nicholas. All agreed they were very tasty indeed. Salads and desserts were provided by members and everyone had a good time. We were extremely lucky that the rain held off until we just as we were leaving.

At our meeting in August Alan Osborne presented the detailed and interesting research about women in the RAF which had been undertaken by his wife, Jean, who unfortunately was unable to present her research herself due to illness. The talk was accompanied by slides, which showed huge military aircraft being flown by women as well as all the other pivotal roles undertaken by them over many years. The WRAF was established in 1916 and was only successfully merged into the Royal Air Force in 1994. During its existence the WRAF had existed in different roles and had on occasions met with opposition and resentment before it was fully assimilated into the RAF.



At some of our meetings we hold competitions and on this occasion members could enter a horticultural photo or picture. The winning entry was a framed photo of a bumble bee collecting pollen from a hollyhock which had been captured by our President, Susan Clark.

In October our speaker will be David Short whose talk is entitled 'My Life behind Bars'. If this appeals to you and you are not yet a member, then please consider attending as a visitor. You are assured of a warm welcome and you can find out more about the other activities we engage in such as our book group and craft group, and the various outings which are offered to Cambridgeshire members each month. You can also get information about us by speaking to Sallie Dixon on 843847, and please find us on [staplefordwi.weebly.com](http://staplefordwi.weebly.com). **Joyce Dobson**

## 2G3S



HERE are some forthcoming events for your diary, hope to see you at some of them.

**Dr Bike** repairs will continue at the Slaughterhouse in Stapleford on Tuesday afternoons, 3pm to 5.30pm. Come and have your bike checked over, and small repairs done on site for a small

donation (see photo of the Back to School session held in early September).

**South Cambs Organic Gardening Group** meets on Monday 16 October at Cox's Close, Stapleford at 7pm.

**Nature walk** on Saturday 21 October at 2pm, at the Wale Recreation Ground in Little Shelford, with naturalist John O'Boyle. Just turn up, meet at 2pm at the entrance gate opposite 46 Whittlesford Road. The walk is at your own risk, and do wear suitable clothes and footwear.

**Cycle ride** is on Monday 16 October. Start at 10am at Stapleford Pavilion. Booking essential, at greener@sawston.org.



**Film Screening** on Sunday 15 October at 7pm at Whittlesford Memorial Hall, Mill Lane, CB22 4NE (with Eco Whittlesford). There will be a film from the 'Local Futures' organisation: 'Planet Local: a Quiet Revolution'. This 50-minute film celebrates the power of community and gives voice to a growing number of people building a more beautiful world. Featuring grassroots activists from every continent alongside internationally known figures like Noam Chomsky, Vandana Shiva, Russell Brand, Naomi Klein, Jane Goodall, Gabor Maté and Helena Norberg-Hodge – all of them bringing inspiration and clarity to a world full of dark news. We hope you will stay for an informal discussion after the film. Refreshments provided. There is no charge but donations welcome.

**Community Energy Event** on Sunday 22 October, 2pm to 5pm, again at Whittlesford Memorial Hall. Cambridge Carbon Footprint, 2G3S and Haslingfield and Harlton Eco Group have joined forces for an exciting event - Reimagining Community Energy Together. This in-person gathering is a fantastic opportunity to connect with like-minded individuals who share a passion for sustainable energy solutions.

This event will focus on community energy - what it is, why it's a good thing, who is working on it, and how your community can have a go.

Includes expert speakers and stalls from Octopus Energy's community energy project, Yonunity, Cambridgeshire County Council's Head of Energy Services Eithne George, Transition Cambridge, and local people at various stages of actual community energy projects, including solar, wind and heat networks. Together we will explore how communities can work together to develop their own renewable community energy generation schemes.

Community energy programmes often start with reducing energy needs in the first place, so we'll also have local retrofitting experts on hand who can answer your questions about transitioning to comfortable, cost-effective homes that are good for us and the planet.

Expect engaging discussions, inspiring talks, and networking opportunities with experts in the field. Whether you're an energy enthusiast, a community leader, or simply curious about green initiatives, this event is for you!

Book your free tickets here: [eventbrite.com/e/reimagining-community-energy-together-tickets-710219675167](https://eventbrite.com/e/reimagining-community-energy-together-tickets-710219675167)

### Looking ahead

Conversation evening in November in Little Shelford: **Wrapping up for Winter**. If you want to reduce your heating bills, where do you start? We will discuss the value of EPCs, thermal surveys, and practical steps from topping up loft insulation to a whole house retrofit.

The next **Repair Café** is on Saturday 18 November in Sawston at the Free Church.

More details of both events in next month's magazine, or see our website.

### Make Your Money Matter

Did you know that making your pension 'green' is 21 times more effective than giving up flying, becoming a vegetarian, and switching to a renewable energy provider combined, say the campaign group Make My Money Matter. There's a whopping three trillion pounds invested on our behalf in UK pensions, much of which is funding fossil fuels and driving deforestation. Pension funds financially support almost every sector, including arms and tobacco, making us unintentional investors in the practices we condemn. This is our money, so what can we do? For starters, we can contact our current provider and ask them to go green. There's a pre-written email on the Make Our Money Matter website that gets sent directly to your particular pension provider and requests that they

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

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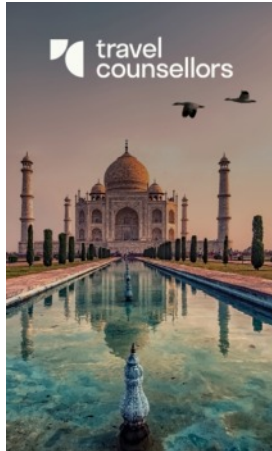


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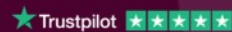
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# Puzzle Corner

## Y not and Y (4)

*Find the answers to each pair of clues*

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e.g. circle/mad (4/5)

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### Group 1

mass unit/theatre award (3,4)

young boy/older woman (3,4)

hill/e.g. Pitt the Younger (3,4)

spoil/popular name in US (3,4)

part of body/body of people (3,4)

### Group 2

ends/merry (4,5)

Jimmy or Alan/bear (4,5)

just/imaginary being (4,5)

US state founder/coin (4,5)

sharpen/sweet substance (4,5)

### Group 3

whip/spirit (5,6)

body fluid/... Mary (5,6)

Scottish river/Cheryl ... (5,6)

... 22/easily remembered (5,6)

better/elaborate adornment (5,6)

*Set by Hermes – Answers on page 45*

# Yesteryear

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

**1843**

**FIRE.** On Sunday night, about 8 o'clock, a third fire (within the space of a few miles) broke out on the premises of Samuel Prest, Esq., which entirely consumed a hovel and a hay stock. The great exertions of the inhabitants was deserving of the highest praise.

**1858**

**BOY KILLED.** An inquest was held at the Rose Inn, touching the death of Alfred Webb, aged 12 years, late in the employ of Mr. Henry Collier, farmer, who met his death that morning in the following manner. The deceased had been employed to manage an iron one-horse roll in a field of great extents and between ten and eleven his master went into the field, and saw the horse standing still. He went up, and found that the roll had gone onto the boy, whose body lay beneath it. Mr Collier lifted the roll of his head and shoulders, and found that his face was driven into the earth; the implement had apparently knocked him down and passed up the whole of his body, stopping at the head. He was quite dead. On a surgical examination by Mr. Ramsey, it was found that no bones were broken: suffocation was therefore assigned as the cause of death.

**1899**

**TECHNICAL CLASSES.** Every evening in the week, except Saturday, the Board Schools are filled with people of almost all ages receiving instruction in the arts of wood-making, land measuring, drawing, cookery, dressmaking, or needlework.

**1904**

**MEASLES EPIDEMIC.** This village, which has recently been visited with an outbreak of scarlet fever, happily now ended, has within the past few days been stricken with an outbreak of measles. Many families are infected. The school has been closed by order of the Medical Officer for Health for three weeks, when it is hoped the scholars will have recovered their health and the epidemic terminated.

**1907**

**ENGINE DRIVER FINED.** At the Cambridge Division Petty Sessions on Saturday, Robert Martin, 21, engine driver of Stapleford, was summoned for allowing a locomotive to remain stationary at the top of a bridge at



Stapleford on September 20<sup>th</sup>. Mr A Wright appeared to prosecute. Pc Gilbey, stationed at Sawston, gave evidence and defendant, who did not appear, was fined 10s.

### 1917

The children and teachers were out of school this afternoon picking blackberries to be made into jam for the troops according to instructions received from the education secretary.

### 1930

INTERESTING WEDDING. The marriage of Miss Elizabeth Dale, a devoted and loyal servant for many years of the vicar and Mrs Rogers, took place at St Andrew's Church on Wednesday, October 1<sup>st</sup>.

### 1968

"The Clerk reported on the floods on the evening of the 16<sup>th</sup> September when Crispin Cottage was badly flooded and The Grove partially flooded. Assistance had been forthcoming from Mr LL Baynes, the Police and the Fire Brigade, all of whom had been thanked. Mr Holt proposed and the Vicar seconded that the Clerk minute the thanks of the Council to himself, Mr Giddens and Mr Hall for their personal efforts during the flooding. Agreed. After a discussion it was proposed by Mr Holt, seconded by Mr Baker that the Clerk write to the Great Ouse River Authority asking them to bring the cleansing of the river forward from the suggested date 1970/71 and to the RDC concerning the cleansing of the parish ditch. *(From the Parish Council Minutes)*

### 1977

Twinning. Mr King stated that if the Council agreed Stapleford would be the first Parish Council to do so. It was agreed on a proposition of Mr Holt, seconded by Mr Miller, that the Clerk complete the form and send it to the Twinning Committee and that the Council then await the reply before committing themselves further." *(From the Parish Council Minutes)*



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# Quiz Time

## Medieval Geography

1. In the Domesday book, how many towns in England had a population of over 2,000 people? A 18, B 22, C 26.
2. Henry IV married Joan of Navarre in 1402. The kingdom of Navarre straddles two modern nations. For a point each, which are they?
3. The *Hereford Mappa Mundi* is the largest medieval map of the then known world. What city is drawn in the centre?
4. In the medieval period, what was England's second largest city? It is now the 31st largest.
5. Aachen was the first capital of which medieval empire?
6. In 1079, William the Conqueror took ownership of what, exactly, as his private hunting ground?
7. The Hanseatic League was a medieval trading and defence confederation. Which English town has the sole remaining Hanseatic warehouse in England? And what was its name in medieval times?
8. Henry II did a pilgrimage of atonement after the death of Thomas à Becket. Where did his pilgrimage start and end?
9. Name any two of the original five Cinque Ports.
10. The oldest intact medieval street in Europe is in which Somerset town? The town was also the setting for the film *Hot Fuzz*?

This month's quiz round was devised by Charlie Wolf, given out by Rosey Farmer at the Three Horseshoes quiz, which is slowly, steadily, regaining ground post-pandemic. The recent change of ownership has not inhibited the quiz in any way since the staff enters a team.. **Simon Hardwick**

Answers on page 50

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# Stapleford Strollers: Walk 119

## A visit to North Herts: a walk from Nuthampstead

### To get to start of walk

TAKE the A505 towards Royston, then turn left on to the B1368 at Flint Cross. Go through Barley and Barkway, turning left at the Tally Ho pub at the far end of Barkway, for Nuthampstead. Go through Nuthampstead and, soon after, when the road swings sharp left, go right on a minor access road to The Woodman pub (sign). SG8 8NB.

### Distance of walk

The walk is 5 miles and is best done in dry weather as it crosses several cropped fields. The countryside is undulating and interesting.

### OS Map

OS Explorer map 194. Use [maps.the-hug.net](http://maps.the-hug.net) for a free map extract or use the route map provided.

### Extra Information

Nuthampstead was the site of a major US Air Force base in World War II. Opened in 1943, it was fully operational until a week before the end of the war and then vacated in September 1945. For the first year of operations, fighter aircraft were based there and for the last year of the war, heavy bombers. The old airfield site was considered a possibility for London's third airport before Stansted finally got the go-ahead. A small grass-track runway still exists for light aircraft. There is a memorial to the US personnel at the entrance to The Woodman car park, and an air base museum at the back of the pub grounds.

### Route of the walk

From The Woodman car park, turn right and walk along the narrow lane. When it meets another road, carry on ahead at the road junction beyond the houses to the left, and go left almost immediately at a footpath sign.

The path crosses a cropped field and, after passing through the tree line at the end of the field, go left and follow the path when it swings right to cross a cropped field. Keep on this path, crossing more cropped land, until a road is reached next to Bury Farm. After a few yards, go right at a footpath sign, and take the path leading diagonally across a pasture to the mid-point of Earl's Wood. Ignore the path forking left halfway across the pasture.

Walk right, with the wood to the left, until a cross path is reached. Turn left on this path and keep ahead after the end of the wood to the left. Then carry on ahead, along the edge of the field to the right with the hedge line

on the left. Keep walking, passing Earl's Wood Cottage on the way. The path goes left shortly after passing this house.

It eventually nears the edge of the recreation ground at Barkway. Fork right and walk past the play equipment. Exit the field next to the Pavilion/Community Room.

Carefully cross the main road. Go left and then, almost immediate right, up a signed footpath. This soon swings to the right and, not long afterwards, meets up with a cross path. Go right on the cross path and follow it until it meets the main road again. Cross over and walk left on the roadside pavement, passing Barkway cricket ground.

At the grand entrance to the Cokenach Estate, turn right along the entrance road (footpath sign on other side of the road) and walk along this road, until passing the left-hand side of the main buildings. Turn left on a wide track that has a wood on either side. Keep on beyond, in more open land, until a cross track is met.

Turn right, taking the path going slightly upslope across a cropped field and swing sharp left at the end of the field, walking with the hedge line to



the right. Keep walking until a small wood is reached; at this point the path splits. Take the right-hand option, with the wood to the left, and walk until a path through the trees is seen on the left.

Turn left on this path and emerge into a cropped field beyond. This was crossed near the start of the walk. Turn right at the end when the road is reached, pass houses to the right, and straight after, where the road swings right, very carefully cross over and take the access road straight ahead. This leads back to The Woodman (signed). **David Barnes**

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# Stapleford Twinning Association



## Traditional summer barbecue

DURING the afternoon of Sunday 13 August around 20 members congregated at Tony Smith's house for our summer barbeque. The two Tonys, Smith and Hore, did the cooking wearing aprons depicting the flags of the two nations. We were blessed with sunshine, with a slight breeze, and the event was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

## Annual General Meeting

Join us at 7.30pm, on Thursday 23 November at Cox's Close; with a selection of puddings to be enjoyed after the meeting. All are welcome but only members can vote.

More information at: [twinning.staplefordvillage.org.uk](http://twinning.staplefordvillage.org.uk) or email [staplefordtwinningassociation@gmail.com](mailto:staplefordtwinningassociation@gmail.com). **Tim Jessop**



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SEE behind the doors of Arthur Rank Hospice Charity at Shelford Bottom in Cambridge by joining them for their next Open Day on Friday 13 October (more dates to follow).

This free to attend event starts with light refreshments followed by a brief talk and a guided tour where you will have chance to meet the staff, learn about the services they provide and find out more about the work of the Charity. Take this opportunity to look around the award-winning building, find out more about the people who work or volunteer there, how to hire the Education and Conference Centre for your business or more about the delicious cakes in the Bistro.



Visit [arhc.org.uk/opendays](http://arhc.org.uk/opendays) or call 675888 for more information. If you are unable to attend a face-to-face tour the Charity has added a useful virtual tour to their website [arhc.org.uk/hospicevirtualtour](http://arhc.org.uk/hospicevirtualtour).

## Living Well Videos

Sometimes it's difficult to start conversations with loved ones, especially conversations about dying. Even though death is a certainty, few people share their wishes with their friends and family.



Arthur Rank Hospice Charity has created a series of videos to support people to live well. Advance Care planning, with Clinical Nurse Specialist, Katie Williams, is a really useful video to help you think about planning ahead. It's suitable for people with a long-term illness and those who just want to get organised so they can get on with living. Visit [arhc.org.uk/wellbeingvideos](http://arhc.org.uk/wellbeingvideos) to view them.

## Pick up pre-loved items at bargain prices

Did you know that Arthur Rank Hospice Charity now has seven retail premises? They have shops in Burleigh Street, Mill Road and Regent Street in Cambridge, Cottenham and Great Shelford, a Retail Hub and a recently opened Outlet opposite, in Pampisford/Sawston, where you can find



bargain clothes, bric-a-brac and furniture! Do your bit for your local community (and the planet) and recycle/upcycle by donating or purchasing preloved items.

Please visit [arhc.org.uk/shops](http://arhc.org.uk/shops) for more information. They are also looking for volunteers to help in the shops.

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### Cat Gregory takes on her first Marathon



Occupational Therapist, Cat Gregory, works for Arthur Rank Hospice Charity which supports people in Cambridgeshire living with an advanced serious illness or other life-limiting condition. On Sunday 1 October, Cat will run her first marathon – in Scotland! For Cat, the Loch Ness

Marathon holds a significant meaning - having grown up in Scotland, she fondly recalls family vacations at Loch Ness, always keeping an eye out for Nessie, the mythical creature. With the Loch Ness Marathon serving as an opportunity to return to her roots, she hopes to create lasting memories while contributing to a cause close to her heart. Cat explained: "Every day I see just how important the services the Charity provides are." Please help Cat reach her £500 target. Visit [justgiving.com/fundraising/GregoryCat](http://justgiving.com/fundraising/GregoryCat).

**Virginia Goode**, Communications Officer

## Cambridge Flower Club

WE meet at the Memorial Hall, Mill Lane, Whittlesford. Third Thursday evenings. Refreshments from 6.45pm, demonstration at 7.15pm, followed by raffle.

New members welcome! Visitors pay £8.

19 October: NAFAS Demonstrator Vicki Hease - 'Vintage Affair'.

16 November: Christmas Open Meeting - 'The Magic of Christmas'.

National Demonstrator LORENA DYER. 6.15pm seasonal refreshments, stalls & raffle. 7.15pm flower demonstration. Tickets £12.

Enquiries about joining Cambridge Flower Club please phone Freda Orgee on 891464, or email [fredaorgee@gmail.com](mailto:fredaorgee@gmail.com), or look on 'The Cambridge Flower Club' on Facebook. **Sian Jones**

# The Phoenix rises in Greece

HAVING 'conquered' Heligoland last year the intrepid cricketers of Stapleford Phoenix headed to another island - Corfu - in search of glory, or if that could not be located, some sunshine.

Led by skipper Gareth Everson, we found ourselves up against half the Greek national team, at the Greek national stadium, in the first match.

Somehow we didn't win that one, but the following day we played a club side in the picturesque square of Corfu Old Town and were victorious in a clash made memorable by the high number of parked cars hit by sixes (motorists should not be alarmed, the ball was softer than usual).



This summer also saw us play in Division One of the Business House League for the first time. We knew it would be tough and so it proved as we ended up winning only one game, and that was because the opposition couldn't get a team together. We did tie another game, against ARM, whose jaw-droppingly unsporting antics were all the more shocking given the



company's ties with the village. If relegation means not playing that lot again then so be it.

We welcomed a number of new faces to the squad, including Noah Brown and Jon Frampton and saw teenagers Dylan Everson and Danny Minter 'graduate' to regulars in a season that saw us win more than we lost, just. Ralph Minter and Rajesh Nair were voted joint players of the season and the awards for the most runs and most wickets went to Ralph and Jon West respectively.



It was also a season of records being broken, with Ralph posting a new club-best T20 score of 71 not out. We also had an unprecedented 12 golden ducks, five of which came in our debut Division One match when we went from 86-4 to 86 all out in the space of six balls. Not so much a new club record that one than a quickest collapse in the history of the sport...

Also getting relegated after a tough season are Stapleford CC, the village's Saturday league side. James Badcock's brilliant unbeaten 116 clinched victory in the first game but only one more victory followed after that.

Skipper Sajog Gangadharan worked tirelessly getting everything organised and Nawaz Hijran, our Afghani all-rounder, ended up as leading wicket taker with 16. **Jon West**

## Take Five Quintet

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## Parish Council Chair's report

THE Parish Council was pleased to co-opt two members: Michael Gatward has rejoined and Michelle Green is a new member. This increases the number of Parish Councillors from five to seven.

Discussion about a governance review and grouping with Great Shelford Parish Council has been postponed until the next Parish Council meeting to enable all councillors to participate. Councillors Howard Kettel and Barbara Kettel have applied to be co-opted to Great Shelford Parish Council to aid joint working initiatives.

South Cambs District Councillor Peter Fane reported that Greater Cambridge Partnership (GCP) has paused its Cambridge South East Transport plans for a busway across local greenbelt for budgetary reasons, whilst plans for the sustainable travel zone may be significantly changed [*Editor's note – see local media for more up-to-date information*].

Further information was not available at the time of the meeting. Cllr Fane is pressing for a bus lane adjacent to the A1307, which would be quicker to implement, cheaper and more cost-effective.

Sawston Greenway was discussed and amendments to make it safer in Mingle Lane and Church Street are needed. In view of recent accidents at the London Road/Bury Road junction as traffic enters Stapleford over the bridge, moving the 30mph sign slightly south to the Sawston side of the bridge is supported. It was noted that many pothole repairs are still awaited.

A planning application for a drive-through phlebotomy facility near Hinton Way roundabout was discussed. The Parish Council objected to the application on the grounds of lack of sustainability, congestion and air pollution, in addition to the visibility of such a development in the greenbelt. This proposed facility is in Great Shelford parish .

Other village matters were discussed. The Slaughterhouse ridge has been rethatched and should last for at least another 10 years. The rise and fall bollards next to the MUGA are awaiting new locks. The new Pavilion sign will be erected in the near future. There was no public response to suggestions for how the telephone box near the Rose pub could be used so the Parish Council voted to install a defibrillator. An electricity supply will need to be arranged.

The next Parish Council meeting will be on 12 October (**not** the usual first Thursday of the month). **Gillian Pett, Chair of Stapleford Parish Council**



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# Better Ways for Busways update

GCP pauses busway plans but development is far from dead in the water



THANK you to everyone who has actively supported our case and for the donations that are making such a difference. Read on to find out why our campaigning and fundraising continues to be vital to protecting our greenbelt from unnecessary development.



Breaking news from late August was that Greater Cambridge Partnership (GCP) officers recommended that they should press the pause button on plans for the 8km Cambridge South East Transport (CSET) busway that is due to run across countryside from Babraham to the Biomedical Campus. Inflation means that CSET costs have risen to £160m and consequently the GCP no longer has sufficient funds to pursue all of its projects.

This is certainly welcome news if we are to save our countryside and greenbelt from development. However, the scheme is not yet dead and the GCP is awaiting further government funding in order to proceed. It is important to note that the overall strategy is supported by S106 payments derived from development. These planning obligations are legal agreements made between local authorities and developers which seek to address issues that new developments may place on local infrastructure (such as the transport network). Consequently, developers of our greenbelt could be



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required to contribute financially to the busway as a condition of planning permission. We therefore fully expect that the GCP will continue its application for a Transport and Works Act Order to secure the route across our local greenbelt.

We certainly do not believe that, in the face of unabating congestion, the GCP will just leave the situation as-is after five years of consultation and planning. BW4B's position is that improving connectivity into Addenbrookes' is urgent and that the GCP should proceed with our alternative and more affordable route without delay. But will rationality prevail?!

The GCP Assembly and Executive Board are scheduled to discuss their options during September, so by the time you read this there may be more information in the public domain. BW4B has already presented councillors with an alternative transport scheme that requires only a short busway from Hinton Way roundabout into the Cambridge Biomedical Campus and an inbound bus lane along the A1307. This was actually one of the options the GCP consulted on back in 2018! It would be 60% cheaper and avoid the devastating environmental impact of building three concrete bridges over our chalk streams. Over 4,500 people have signed the petition supporting this alternative route.

We will be holding a public meeting on Monday 9 October at 7:30pm at Stapleford Pavilion, when we will present an update on the GCP's plans. Please make a diary note! In the meantime, do visit [bw4b.org/gcp-cset-announcement](http://bw4b.org/gcp-cset-announcement) for more detail.

Please sign our petition if you haven't already and send this link to anyone else you can think of: [change.org/p/save-south-east-cambridge-countryside](https://change.org/p/save-south-east-cambridge-countryside). And if you have any questions, do email us at [hello@bw4b.org](mailto:hello@bw4b.org).

Better Ways for Busways! **Howard Kettel**, 3 Adcroft Piece, Stapleford,

## Puzzle Corner Answers

### Y not and Y (4)

Group 1: TON/TONY; LAD/LADY; TOR/TORY; MAR/MARY; ARM/ARMY

Group 2: TIPS/TIPSY; CARR/CARRY; FAIR/FAIRY; PENN/PENNY; HONE/HONEY

Group 3: WHISK/WHISKY; BLOOD/BLOODY; TWEED/TWEEDY; CATCH/CATCHY; FINER/FINERY

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We will be hosting the following events and regular activities during October:

**Story and Rhyme Time** - Tuesday 3 October and Tuesday 17 October 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.

**Author Talk** - Wednesday 4 October 2pm to 3pm.

Local author Rachael Mellor talks about her new book, 'The Box with the Sunflower Clasp', a story of family secrets and a young Jewish woman's escape from 1930s Vienna to Shanghai. Tickets £3. Please book in advance in the library or via [Cambourne.referral@cambridgeshire.gov.uk](mailto:Cambourne.referral@cambridgeshire.gov.uk).

**Engage Talk** - Tony Kirby. Why does Cambridge look like it does? Wednesday 18 October 2pm to 3.30pm. 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).

**Lego and Duplo event** - Wednesday 25 October 2pm to 3.30pm, £2 per child.

Build your own Lego and Duplo creations. Suitable for ages 2 to 10. Pre-book in the library or visit [Cambourne.referral@cambridgeshire.gov.uk](mailto:Cambourne.referral@cambridgeshire.gov.uk).

Children must be accompanied by an adult during events. **Mel Abbiss**

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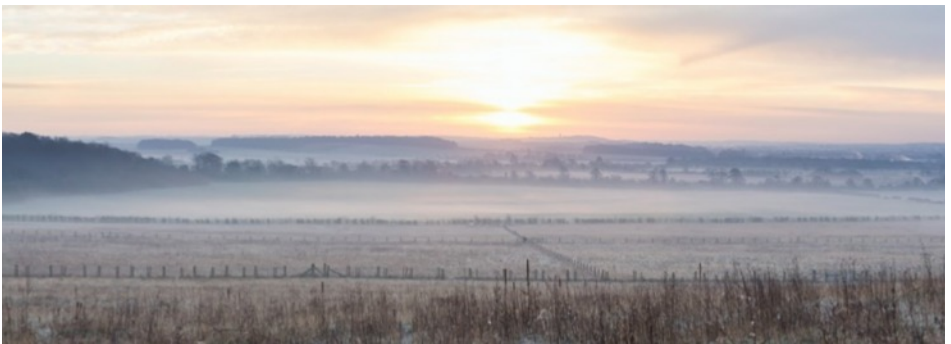


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2. France and Spain
3. Jerusalem
4. York
5. Holy Roman Empire
6. New Forest
7. Kings Lynn; Bishop's Lynn
8. Winchester-Canterbury
9. Hastings, Hythe, Dover, New Romney, Sandwich
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*September Skies*



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