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# From the Rev Dr Simon Taylor

I CATCH a film on TV and look up the actor on Google. So today's quiz question: which super-famous actor has a Hollywood star, was posthumously inducted into the US National Inventors Hall of Fame, and has an asteroid named after her?

Let me give you a clue. Harry Potter's owl has the same name as her.

The answer is Hedy (Hedwig) Lamarr. She was born in Austria, and started her film career in Czechoslovakia. One of her early films was *Ecstasy* (1933), in which she became famous for the first screen depiction of an orgasm. The Americans and Germans banned the film, but it was popular elsewhere. She got to meet Louis B Mayer, and agreed a contract with Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer studios. They offered her \$125 a week, but she persuaded them to pay \$500 a week. Her first film for MGM was *Algiers* in 1938. A notorious French thief operating out of Algiers



becomes entranced with the beautiful French tourist Lamarr. Yawn. If you read the plots of her other films you wouldn't see much variation. Even her greatest success, *Samson and Delilah* (1949) has much the same sort of vibe. It was awarded Oscars, though she never was.

Lamarr's mother was Hungarian. She converted to Christianity from Judaism, and raised Hedy as a Christian. Her father, born in what is now Lviv in Ukraine, was a director of a bank. When Hedy was young her father used to take her out on walks and explain to her how things worked. That may be how she got her interest in all things electronic and mechanical.

And that is where Lamarr gets really interesting. To wind back a little, in 1933, at the height of her notoriety from *Ecstasy*, Lamarr had married an Austrian arms manufacturer called Mandl. A terrible man by all accounts, controlling, coercive and abusive in the marriage, and very much a fascist supporter. Lamarr made her escape and the marriage ended. But while it lasted she attended meetings and social events with scientists and military personnel involved weapons production.

During her subsequent film career she spent her spare time inventing. An improved version of traffic lights, and flavoured carbonated pills to dissolve in water were among her inventions.



As WWII began she recalled those conversations during her first marriage. Navies needed a way to steer a torpedo once it had been launched. Radio control was proposed but could most likely be jammed. She and a composer friend, George Antheil, came up with the idea of frequency hopping to prevent jamming. He had invented a mechanism to synchronise the output from mechanical pianos. Their invention, if I have understood it correctly, would have synchronised randomised changes in frequency used by an aircraft transmitting directional changes and the torpedo receiving them, allowing secure communication of changes of direction on an unpredictable frequency channel. Their patent 2,292,387 for a Secret Communication System proposed the use of a miniaturised version of what were effectively co-ordinated piano rolls in the torpedo and the nearby plane.

The US authorities rejected the system. Lamarr was asked to support the war effort by selling bonds with her 'pretty face' instead. Which she did, as well as working in military canteens serving food and cleaning dishes.

But their invention was not forgotten.. During the 1960s a similar system for securing communications with frequency hopping transistors was invented. And in the 1980s spread-spectrum technology took hold to maximise the use of limited bandwidth for TV and radio transmissions. And now, well, mobile phones, Bluetooth, GPS. In 1997, at the age of 83, Lamarr received the Electronic Frontier Foundation Award, and was the first woman to receive the Invention Convention's Bulbie Gnass Spirit of Achievement Award, billed as the 'Oscars of inventing'. Not just a pretty face.

It is a good tale, and one with some Christian life-lessons. I am not holding Lamarr up as an exemplar, by the way, just saying we can all ponder and learn.

Number one: It's ok to leave your controlling, coercive and abusive spouse. Separation and divorce are incredibly serious steps, but if you have got to the point at which coercion, control or abuse is making you consider them, then you have probably learnt all the lessons – military secrets or whatever they may be – that God could possibly want you to learn, and done everything God would want you to do to try and work things out. It is no part of God's plan that your marriage causes you harm. There can be plenty of good things in life after separation. Where there is marital coercion, control or abuse, divorce, if it comes to that, is - short version - not contrary to Christian teaching.

Some of you, or someone you know, may need that reminder.



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Number two: This one is more for me, though you might find it helpful too. Do not judge a book by its cover. I have seen lots (or lots of bits) of Hedy Lamarr films on lazy Sunday afternoons, and I never knew how she had suffered, how well she knew her own worth, how hard she worked, how humble she was in her contribution to the war effort, or just how brilliant she was. I am sure that I often fail to realise what quietly inspiring things many people have done until it is too late to ask them. Thanks to Hedy, I might start putting that right.

**Every blessing to you all, Simon**

## Mothers' Union



IN April, we are looking forward to hearing Laura Rawlinson, Headteacher at Stapleford School, talking to us on 'School Life' on

Thursday 25 April, usual time and venue: 2.30pm in the Johnson Hall.

Before then there is a Diocesan Day on Friday 12 April in St Peter's in the town of March. Ruth New, Ely Diocesan Development Officer, will give a talk on 'Children & Families', as well as MU Project leaders reporting on their activities. A new MU Diocesan chaplain has also been appointed – the Rev Paula Spalding from St Mary's church in Burwell, who will be commissioned in due course.

The new Craft Group got off to a good start with several knitters making hats for babies to go to Huntingdon Hospital. Please join us at Valerie Powell's house if you can – details of the next meeting coming soon.  
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## World Day of Prayer

THE World Day of Prayer, held in Cox's Close Community Room on 1 March, was a very emotive occasion.

The service had been written by the Christian women of Palestine, before the current conflict, on the theme 'I beg you bear with one another in love'.

I will leave some service booklets by the main door in church for anyone who wishes to take one.

The collection amounted to £101 without Gift Aid being added, and I have sent this to the World Day of Prayer office. **Joy Barnes**

# St Andrew's Noticeboard

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| 7 APR  | 9 AM     | NO SERVICE   |
|        | 10.30 AM | SAID SUNDAY WORSHIP<br>Acts 4.32-35; John 20.19-31<br><i>We have seen the Lord</i> |
| 14 APR | 9 AM     | BCP COMMUNION  |
|        | 10.30 AM | SUNDAY WORSHIP<br>Acts 3.12-19; Luke 24.36b-48<br><i>Peace be with you</i>         |
|        | 10.30 AM | MESSY CHURCH   |
| 21 APR | 9 AM     | CW COMMUNION   |
|        | 10.30 AM | SUNDAY WORSHIP<br>Acts 4.5-12; John 10.11-18<br><i>The good shepherd</i>           |
| 28 APR | 9 AM     | BCP COMMUNION  |
|        | 10.30 AM | ALL AGE & FAMILY SERVICE<br>Acts 8.26-40; John 15.1-8                              |
| 5 MAY  | 9 AM     | BCP COMMUNION  |
|        | 10.30 AM | CW COMMUNION<br>Acts 10.44-48; John 15.9-17<br><i>Abide in my love</i>             |
|        | 6 PM     | CHORAL EVENSONG<br>Revelation 3.14-22; Luke 22.24-30                               |

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Endearing family phrases endure for ever. Dialect lends richness and individuality. Words lend a wealth of intonation. A world of discovery, adventure and fact finding is available via books. Hearing the gentle creak of a hardback spine, viewing pristine crisp, bright pages and ink is a pleasure. Anticipating what could be inside is fun. Cheaper paperbacks work but differently. Libraries are treasure troves of choice. Searching shelves delights. The genre is vast, suiting all tastes. A Kindle has value particularly when travelling but for me can never replace a book with real pages, neither can screen talk. We need people.



I remember fondly reading aloud, learning to interpret, the merit of paragraphs and punctuation, grammar and spelling. Copying poems or prose and illustrating endeavours was rewarding. Achievement. Being original felt even better. Illuminated scripts inspired. Thinking of age, time and effort involved made me realise the opportunities we have today. Imagine peering in gloomy enclosed spaces with candles, quills, brushes, eyes aching but persevering. Finding out about the pigments mixed to make the glowing colours was a revelation.

Life is bound by voices, words and actions. We support, unite, respect, honour and love. Gentle tones and language stimulate calm, resolve and peace. Give comfort, consolation and compassion rather than the opposite. Words can sing and smile, making a difference. **Judith Lee**



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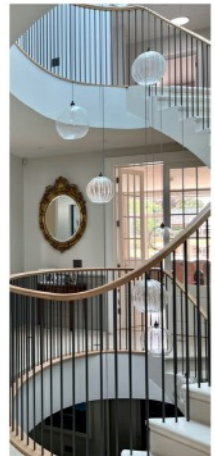


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The role can be shared. It is essential, as advertising is crucial to the magazine's success. We have to have someone in place for the the next main round of advertising renewals which starts in around October 2024.

Our last Advertising Manager was the wonderful Ed Rose; he did the last renewal round in 2023, having wanted to step down before, but we now definitely have a vacancy. The situation is really serious. The renewals will not happen by magic. Our advertisers do not commit beyond the current year. So there is no getting away from the bleak sequence: no Advertising Manager, no renewals, no *Messenger*.

As well as an advertising manager, The *Messenger* needs:

- Back-up Production Editor, to learn the elements of magazine make-up on our software, and
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# Judy the Dog

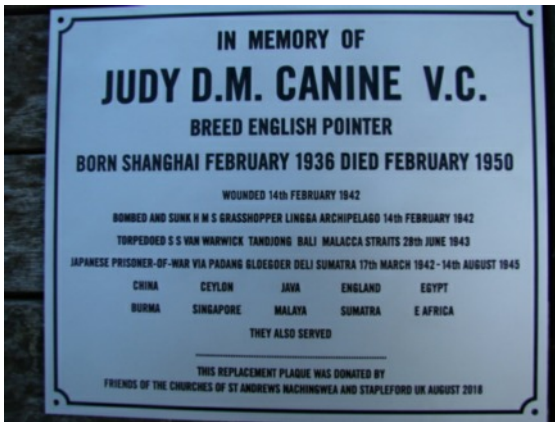


MANY of you will remember the story of Judy the Dog and her heroism in World War 2.

Judy, a pure bred English Pointer, born in 1936 in Shanghai, China had an extraordinary life, marked by disaster, extreme courage and faithfulness. She was the only animal officially recognised as a prisoner of war, was awarded the Dickin Medal, the animal VC, and now lies in a grave in Nachingwea, Tanzania.

In 1947 Frank Williams, her owner, emigrated to Nachingwea, taking his adored wartime companion

with him. Judy died on 17 February 1950. Her body was wrapped in a Royal Air Force jacket and laid in a simple wooden coffin. But her memory lived on in the hearts of those who knew her.



Her grave is in Nachingwea and in 2018 the Link provided a plaque for the gravestone to replace the original, which had been removed (photo above).

We have now been informed that the recently formed National Military Working Dogs Memorial charity, otherwise known as NMWDM (UK), has commissioned four bronze statues including one of Judy. The photograph



below shows work in progress. The planned working dog memorial has been designed to represent all branches of the United Kingdom's Armed Forces. The memorial will have four bronze dog statues, one of whom will be Judy, who have been specifically chosen and will represent all of the military working dogs who

have bravely served their country. Alongside the four bronze dog statues will be plaques with the names of many other loved military dogs.

It is hoped that the Memorial will open later this year at the Pet Cemetery, Holywell, Flintshire. If you would like more information or wish to subscribe please visit [nmwdm.org.uk](http://nmwdm.org.uk).

The other exciting news is that Judy's collar and Dickin medal are coming together at the National Archives Great Escapes Exhibition in Kew from 2 February to 21 July (Tuesdays to Sundays). Her story is one of the highlights of the exhibition. [nationalarchives.gov.uk/great-escapes](http://nationalarchives.gov.uk/great-escapes).

Caroline Davies in the Guardian on Thursday 28 December 2023 wrote "One special story of a liver and white pointer dog named Judy, a ship's mascot shipwrecked off China, captured in Singapore, who survived a crocodile attack and became the companion of British prisoner of war Frank Williams in a camp in Indonesia, is also highlighted. On display will be the Dickin medal - the animal equivalent of the Victoria Cross - that Judy, the only dog officially registered as a prisoner of war, received for countless acts that helped save lives, including finding fresh water, foraging for food and, crucially, distracting camp guards."

Sounds interesting and worth a visit! **The Nachingwea Committee**

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# Kaisu-Marjatta Cornish



ALMOST ten years ago to the day my husband Jon – who was then the *Messenger* editor – came home from interviewing a village resident for the magazine and said: “I have just met the most amazing woman!”

That was the first I heard of Kaisu Cornish, who died on 15 February aged 100. Over the next ten years I did indeed find out that she was the most amazing woman, who had led a life that was full of drama, grief and love.

Born on a farm in rural Finland, she wasn't particularly academic although she loved learning.

But the fact that she started work in a town instead of staying in education may have saved her life. In November 1939 the Soviet Union invaded Finland and there followed more than three months of bitter fighting between the Finns and the Soviets. Kaisu's home farm was bombed and her parents and two younger brothers were killed; her elder sister, like Kaisu, was working away from home at the time.

I once asked Kaisu if she still thought about her brothers, and all she would say was that “they were so kind, lovely boys.” But she never forgave the Russians. Even to the end of her life, she was convinced that Russian spies were everywhere. Even the Russian vine straggling into her garden from her neighbour's was a perennial menace to her peace!

After the war, Kaisu wanted to improve her English and secured a post as au pair to a wealthy woman who was one of the Cadbury family in Birmingham. But life here was very strict and Kaisu compared her existence to like “living in a convent”.

Enter a dashing young man who needed a wife to fulfil his political ambitions. Reginald Edwin Eyre (he would be later knighted for his services as an MP) literally swept the young Kaisu off her feet.

The marriage however was not a success and after ten years, they divorced. Kaisu then moved out to a flat in North London and got a job as a librarian at the British Museum. And then, she told me, she made sure she “partied, and had all the fun that she had missed out on!”

Ever independent, in her 50s she moved to Spain, where she met her second husband, and true love, Victor Cornish.

In the bungalow that she later shared with Victor there was a huge mahogany display cabinet, stretching across the entire wall of her living





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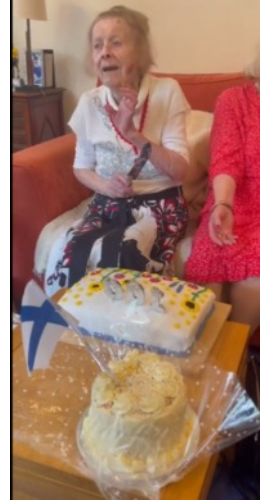


room. Kaisu often told me that the cabinet represented Victor’s proposal of marriage to her. “We were moving back to England and Victor said to the removal men, ‘Be careful with that display cabinet, that’s Kaisu’s.’ That’s when I realised he was asking me to marry him.”

The couple settled in Aylesford Way, which was near Victor’s daughter from his first marriage. They took an active part in village life and for many years Victor was a parish councillor.

Sadly Victor died in 2008, aged 82, by which time Kaisu was already suffering from sight loss, which was a source of great frustration to her. Despite this, she continued to do all her own cooking and even sewing repairs – causing us to suspect that maybe she could see more than she let on!

Kaisu had many friends in Stapleford and across Cambridge through the Finnish Society, and was well-supported by local charity CamSight. At her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday (right) last August she had a week-long celebration of parties, and her house was full of flowers, cards and cake. “Look at all my flowers”, she said when I visited her soon after, “I am SO SO SO SO lucky”. And so were we, Kaisu, so were we. **Nicky West**



- Kaisu-Marjatta Cornish, 3 August 1923 to 15 February 2024
- Kaisu’s autobiography *From Finland with Love* is available on Amazon: [bit.ly/3PbhKYL](https://bit.ly/3PbhKYL)

## Karen Morris Memorial Trust



ARE you website literate? The Karen Morris Memorial Trust urgently needs help to update and maintain its website; remuneration is offered.

As many Stapleford residents know, the KMMT is based in the village and supports a local facility: Karen’s Home from Home for leukaemia patients and their families at Addenbrooke’s Hospital (as well as at the Hammersmith in London, the Churchill in Oxford, and the Queen Elizabeth in Birmingham - with the fifth scheduled to open at the Derriford in Plymouth in early 2025).

If you can help – or know someone who can – please email Sylvia at [info@kmmt.org.uk](mailto:info@kmmt.org.uk). **Sylvia Morris**

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# Busway plans revived with £7.2 million pledge from Chancellor



IN the March Budget the Greater Cambridge Partnership (GCP) was given funding from central government to progress its planning and detailing of the CSET busway, in preparation for GCP board approval in June for a public enquiry. This doesn't mean that it has the money to burn through with this £162m project, but it does mean that if it has a successful public enquiry then it is ready to go

ahead subject to securing the necessary funds.

There is so much evidence being put to government that this route makes no sense either economically or strategically, but inexplicably the GCP is still pressing ahead. Responding to the Chancellor's Budget speech, Cllr Elisa Meschini, Chair of the GCP said: "CSET2 will be designed to meet the needs of the future, from housing and job growth to utilising new modes of transportation. It will connect to the city's future transport network, including Cambridge South rail station due to open in 2025."

Given the government's recognition of the need for mass transit in Cambridge and the potential role for light rail and trams, it is difficult to understand how this deficient scheme can be progressed at such enormous cost to the public purse.

Please write to our prospective Parliamentary candidates, including Pippa Heylings ([pippa@pippaheytings.org.uk](mailto:pippa@pippaheytings.org.uk)) (Lib Dem) and Chris Carter-Chapman ([chris4southcamb@gmail.com](mailto:chris4southcamb@gmail.com)) (Conservative), pointing out that there is a better solution at a fraction of the cost which more directly connects up the campuses and safeguards reopening the Haverhill railway line. For more information and pointers for a letter, go to Better Ways for Busways! ([bw4b.org](http://bw4b.org)). **Howard Kettel**

## Puzzle Corner - 4 x 4

Identify the four groups of four words and the connections between the words in each group

|         |       |         |       |
|---------|-------|---------|-------|
| NORTH   | CAR   | CENTRAL | EAST  |
| APE     | UNION | FIGURE  | HARDY |
| TWIST   | ANGER | STONE   | HYDE  |
| COMPARE | SOUTH | RUSH    | WEST  |

*Set by Hermes – Answers on page 43*

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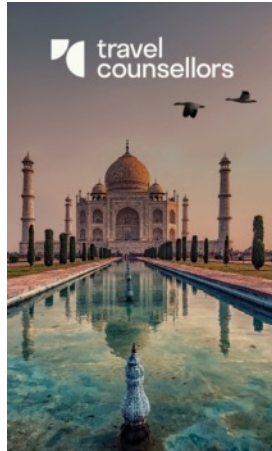


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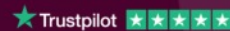
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## Women's Institute



INGENUITY, calmness and resourcefulness were all displayed by our President, Susan Clark, and our Secretary and Treasurer, Christine Wylde, when an hour before our February meeting the planned speaker had to unavoidably pull out. Family members were quickly recruited and Graham Wylde, an enthusiastic, experienced philatelist gave a very interesting illustrated talk about the life of a young girl, Maggie, as described in beautifully written letters to her father starting in 1870. These letters give a fascinating insight into Victorian life. Following this Susan Clark and her daughter, Wendy Suter (who is skilled in using British Sign Language) taught members the alphabet and we then attempted to sign our own name and learnt how to order a drink. We were very fortunate to have two people who were prepared to come at extremely short notice and entertain us.

At this meeting the craft cup was awarded to Jenny Wells for the beautiful knitted blanket she had made.

We meet every fourth Thursday in the month at 7.30pm in The Pavilion and in April we will hear about Clarence House from our speaker, Sheila Edgar. Besides our regular meetings we also have a craft group and a book group which meet regularly. We also organise activities such as walks so that members can get together and socialise in different settings. If you are interested in becoming a member or coming to a meeting as a visitor please contact Sallie Dixon on 843847. You are assured of a warm welcome. **Joyce Dobson**



*Jenny Wells (left) being presented with the craft cup by the President Susan Clark. Jenny is holding the blanket she knitted.*

## Have your say!

Don't forget the Annual Parish Meeting  
On 11 April at 7pm in the Pavilion

Come along and have your say on how the village is run



# Stapleford Strollers

STAPLEFORD Strollers is a walking group of friendly people who all live in the village of Stapleford. We have been in existence as a group since 2009. We walk once a month, on the second Wednesday, in the morning.

These days we do walks of about 4½ miles in length. Our walks are all within a half hour drive of Stapleford, and we end with a light lunch at the pub at which we parked and from where we started. On most occasions, we have a shorter walk available at the same time for anyone who wants to join us but isn't able to manage longer distances.

We meet on the Stapleford Recreation Ground and car-share as much as possible. We have a large portfolio of walks collected over the years, and these can be viewed on our website. Just google Stapleford Strollers.

If you would like to come along or just want any more information, please contact [shelagh.woolley@ntl.com](mailto:shelagh.woolley@ntl.com). **David Barnes**

## New bridge!

A VERY welcome improvement to our allotments, this new bridge was installed in early February by the Diocese. Long overdue I think! They also did some tree work on the site, which has produced some very welcome chippings to dry out the path. **Jon West**



## Bin collection dates this month

|          | GREEN | BLUE | BLACK |
|----------|-------|------|-------|
| 2 April  |       |      | ✓     |
| 9 April  | ✓     | ✓    |       |
| 16 April |       |      | ✓     |
| 23 April | ✓     | ✓    |       |
| 30 April |       |      | ✓     |

## New faces at The Rose

THE Rose has been open since the middle of January so the *Messenger* thought it was about time to go along and meet Barry Smith the manager..

Barry ran the Navigator in Little Shelford for over six years and has been in the industry for much longer. He is looking forward to the new challenge here and Mark, the owner, also has the Crown and Thistle at Great Chesterford. Initially the menu will be Thai, as at the old pub but a pizza oven is coming and Sunday lunches will be introduced in April.

They want to walk before they run and see how things go. However there is space outside for children's activities, the bar will be dog friendly and who knows what else may come.

Barry is very much a community man and has helped out locally in the past. The pub has been repainted and relit and very nice it looks too. There is a room upstairs for functions and space for bigger tables downstairs and strong links to local clubs. The menu is similar to the old Navigator but with an emphasis on flexibility. There is a specials board and if you want something off the menu, but slightly changed, they will try to accommodate you. A good range of beers is offered, which may be varied as time goes on. The Rose is already very busy and so book well ahead for weekends.

Four EV charging points are being installed by Charles Wells Brewery for use by customers of The Rose. They should be up and running within three months.

Incidentally, the Navigator ran for 17 years but now the lease is up for sale. Many of the staff have joined The Rose. **Martin Ginger**



# Stapleford History Society

## Seeing Science: Objects from the Whipple Museum – a talk by Alison Giles (Learning Coordinator)



ROBERT Whipple was a businessman in the scientific instrument trade, a collector of science books and scientific instruments and an author on their history. He amassed a unique collection of antique scientific instruments that he later donated to Cambridge University.

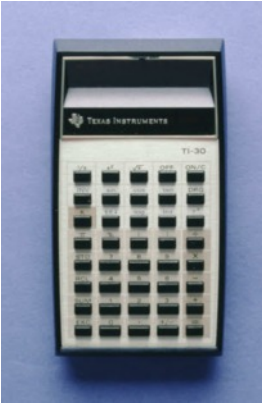
The Whipple Museum was founded in 1944 and is located in the former Perse School building on Free School Lane, although the impressive doorway has Laboratory of Physical Chemistry written above it.

Alison Giles, the Learning Coordinator, brought us 10 objects selected from about 7,000. They represented several of the 'shiny things Mr Whipple liked the look of'. He had a particular interest in optics, for example opera glasses and telescopes including one belonging to Caroline Herschel, the first woman to be paid to study science.



We saw Charles Darwin's telescope, which Mr Whipple described as 'a splendid plaything', followed by the replica of an early abacus, an adding machine capable of much more complicated calculations than the sort of thing small children play with today. The replica of a 17<sup>th</sup> century astrolabe was next. The astrolabe with its horizontal inclining dial was invented to aid navigation and tell the time centuries before the invention of compasses and watches. They were particularly important for Muslims as they were able to indicate the correct time for daily prayers even when at sea. We then saw an early 19<sup>th</sup> century four-drawer refracting telescope; a simple botanical microscope and a 19<sup>th</sup> century monocular draw tube spyglass.

By the 20<sup>th</sup> century some scientific instruments were being made from materials such as Bakelite, for instance the non-prismatic opera glasses which were basically two short telescopes stuck together. We also saw a 1971 rotating currency converter, which helped people to understand the conversion from £sd to a decimal system but was clearly of short-term usefulness. The most significant plastic scientific instrument that we saw was the McArthur microscope. The Open University commissioned this model to be virtually indestructible, flat enough to go through a letter box



and made out of plastic to keep the cost down to about £8 per item. The final item was a Texas T1-106 electronic pocket calculator.

The speaker concluded that it would become increasingly difficult to collect future scientific instruments as their functions are now included as standard in many mobile phones and even in some watches.

It is possible to book a guided tour of the Whipple Museum. Contact [are26@cam.ac.uk](mailto:are26@cam.ac.uk) **Jane Steadman**

## London Marathon for Camvet

STAPLEFORD resident Susannah Salter is training to run the London Marathon in April, in aid of local charity Camvet. This is a small charity that funds the essential equipment and facilities of the Queen's Veterinary School Hospital in Cambridge. It supports everything from small everyday items, such as electric blankets to keep animals warm after surgery, to larger expenses such as clinical research projects.

Susannah took up running in Summer 2023 and is determined to tackle the challenge of her first marathon head on! You may spot her jogging around the village or puffing through Magog Down and Wandlebury... but thankfully the London Marathon route won't include any hills!

If you would like to encourage Susannah in her training and support Camvet, her fundraising page can be found at: [2024tcslondonmarathon.enthuse.com/pf/susannah-salter](https://2024tcslondonmarathon.enthuse.com/pf/susannah-salter). **Susannah Salter**



## Sawston Cinema

SAWSTON Cinema, at the Marven Centre by the Village College, screens films on Thursdays.

Go to [sawstoncinema.org/cinema-screenings/](https://sawstoncinema.org/cinema-screenings/) for details and to book.

7pm Thursday 18 April A HAUNTING IN VENICE 2023 £5  
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# Yesteryear

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

**1818**

**FIRE.** On Tuesday last, about two o'clock in the afternoon a fire broke out at Stapleford, which consumed eight cottages and some other property, before the progress of the devouring element could be stopped. The fire, it is stated, was occasioned by a woman putting lighted brimstone into a box for bleaching straw-plain, which was carelessly left in an outhouse. The inhabitants of the cottages have lost the greatest part of their furniture and clothing by this unfortunate accident. A subscription has been opened for the relief of the sufferers.

**1859**

**SOCIETY.** For the propagation of the Gospel. On Sunday last, two sermons on behalf of this Society were preached in the parish church by the Rev. W. Emery, B.D., Senior Fellow and Tutor of Corpus Christi College, Cambridge, and the sum of £5 5s. was contributed.

**1893**

**SERIOUS CHARGE.** Against Stapleford farmer. Stephen Hagger, farmer, was summoned that he did have 50 sheep afflicted with a disease and did neglect to give notice to the police of the district.

**1897**

**TECHNICAL EDUCATION.** These interesting and useful classes are soon to close for the summer. The girls' cookery class has had a very successful and encouraging season and the success of the woodwork has been almost phenomenal.

At the close of Tuesday evening's work, the students of all the classes were entertained to supper by Mr. and Mrs. Harris. The viands were all prepared in the cookery class and reflected the greatest credit on all concerned.

**1905**

**EVENING CLASSES.** The evening classes in this village have just closed. They have been very successful, and much appreciated by the young people of the parish. Forty students have been enrolled, and the average attendances have been as follows: drawing 13; mensuration 13; vocal music 17; needlework 8; woodwork 1. Altogether 2,182 hours of attendance have been made, and 178 hours of instruction given by the respective teachers.



**1942**

CAMBRIDGESHIRE MEN MISSING IN WAR. Private Frederick William Speed, Cambs Regt, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Speed of 9 Poplar Terrace Stapleford, aged 24 years. Before being called up he worked at Shelford Nurseries and attended Stapleford School. Missing in Malaya Private Sidney George Biggs, Cambs Regt, husband of Mrs Biggs, Bridgend, Stapleford. Before he joined up he was employed in the County Council Roads Department. Private Arthur Hoppitt, Cambs Regt, aged 24, of London Road Stapleford, joined the Territorials before the war and was called up to serve in the Cambs Regt.

**1977**

SPECIAL – VILLAGE SIGN. “Mr Doggett reported on Mr Palmer’s proposals and designs which members inspected. The cost would be £200 for one side, if two were decided upon it would cost £275. The oak post would cost approximately £30 and the ironwork a nominal £10. Mr C Turner producing the ironwork as his contribution whilst Mr Barnes had said that he would erect it as a contribution.

Mr Holt proposed and Mr King seconded that the Council proceed which was agreed to by the other seven members present. It was further agreed that the sign be sited in the vicinity of the Chestnuts if feasible and that the design include – 1 River as in layout ‘A’, the post to be as in layout ‘B’, - 2 Windmill, - 3 Gog and Magog and Iron Age fort, - 4 Church, - 5 Pump, - 6 County Bustards, - 7 Godolphin Arabian”. *(From the Parish Council Minutes)*

## **Little Shelford Local History Society**

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# The Village Weekend needs YOU!



PLANNING for the Stapleford Village Weekend 2024 is in full swing. This year it's on Thursday 27 to Sunday 30 June. But, we really need community volunteers to help us run the planned activities. It's a fun social weekend – Staplefordians of all ages and background get involved!

As usual there will be a marquee on the Rec. with a bar and entertainment, plus the normal Saturday show day with stalls and live music. There's something for everyone at the village weekend, including:

- Kids disco on the Thursday afternoon (new for 2024!).
- The famous quiz on the Friday night (with fish and chips).
- Village Show, stalls and brass band on the Saturday afternoon.
- Tour de Stapleford bike ride and cricket on Sunday.
- Plus films, sport and Glastonbury streaming on a big LED screen in the evenings.

**But all of this depends on being able to get enough local volunteers.** It's a community event, created for and run by Stapleford residents. In 2023, the event covered its costs through bar takings and donations. In 2024, based on feedback from the local community, we've invested in hiring higher spec audio visual equipment. To cover those extra costs, we need to have the bar open to generate extra income for the event. We're hoping to run family film nights or perhaps (if England get through in the Euros), some football games or maybe Wimbledon coverage.



**But we need YOUR help!** Even if you can only spare an hour over the weekend. The bigger the pool of volunteers, the more we can do for the community. Please, if you can help, email [staplefordweekend@gmail.com](mailto:staplefordweekend@gmail.com) and we'll be in touch. You need to be over 18 to help behind the bar, but other jobs include glass collecting, making teas, litter picking, marshalling, washing up, setting up chairs – all sorts of things! It's a lovely way to show support for the event and a great way to meet more of the community.



Find out more about this year's programme and book tickets at [staplefordweekend.com](http://staplefordweekend.com). (Note: the website will go live during the first week of April.) **Rebecca Trigg.**

# Stapleford Strollers: Walk 123

## To Whittlesford and back; a circular walk from Sawston

### To get to start of walk

TRAVEL to Sawston and begin the walk from in front of The Greyhound pub (CB22 3BG) in the High Street.

### Length of walk:

5.4 miles. Most of this walk is on solid surfaces, and the bits that are not do not usually get too muddy, unless there has been a prolonged spell of rain.

### OS Map

Explorer map 209. Run off a free map extract using [maps.the-hug.net](http://maps.the-hug.net) if you have a printer. The route map provided should be of use, too.

### Extra Information

Whittlesford appears in Domesday Book, the name meaning 'the ford of a man called Wittel'. Forging points of rivers were extremely important back in those days.

The Parish Church of St Mary and St Andrew dates back to the 13C and has some fascinating contents and architecture. In 2023, a very interesting new stained glass window was installed, inspired by the Covid 19 pandemic.

### Route of walk

Park on the roadside near The Greyhound pub in Sawston. From The Greyhound, walk towards Sawston town centre, on the right-hand side pavement. Immediately opposite Selsingen Way (the entrance to the Co-op car park), turn right down a narrow footpath known as The Baulks. Follow this, carrying on ahead and ignoring any side paths, until it meets Mill Lane.

After passing New Road, the by-pass is reached. **Very carefully** cross over and walk across the railway line at the level crossing. Beyond the line, turn left on a solid-surfaced path: the Whittlesford-Sawston cycleway. The path swings right and then left. Keep on it until Whittlesford Parish Church is reached. At this point, turn right and walk along a paved track until meeting the main road between Whittlesford and Little Shelford.

Turn right and walk on the roadside pavement. Pass the Bees in the Wall pub on the right (the left side wall of the building does have bees living in it). After the pub, look out for a footpath on the opposite side of the road. When the sign is seen, cross over. There are two paths leading from this point and you need the one going straight ahead (houses to the right of it). Keep on this path, ignoring any side paths to the left; it takes a right-angled



turn to the right, then swings back left. A little further on it turns right again and, soon after, meets a road.

Go right for a very short distance, then cross over when a footpath sign is seen and follow that path which passes allotments and back gardens. Another road is then reached (Newton Road). Turn left and walk along the roadside path until the road curves right. At this point a footpath sign will be seen, the route going along the edge of some woodland. The M11 can be seen and heard!

Keep on this path for some time: at one point passing a grass-track runway to the left. Eventually the path emerges from the woodland on to a road. Turn right and, shortly, go left, down West End. Follow the roadside pavement all the way to the point where West End meets Duxford Road, opposite The Guildhall.





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Carefully cross over and go right. Go diagonally across the village green (The Lawn), aiming for the far left-hand corner, and then turn left along Mill Lane. Carry on beyond the last of the houses where the road becomes a path and, after going across the river and railway line, the Sawston by-pass is met.

**Very carefully** cross over and go straight ahead on the path opposite. Ignore a footpath branching right after a few minutes, but keep going ahead until Sawston High Street is reached opposite Prince William Way. Turn left along the roadside pavement and walk past all the shops until you get back to The Greyhound and your vehicle. David Barnes

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

## Stapleford History Society

### 'Archiving' Coffee Morning 13 February

ABOUT fourteen members and other villagers gathered to select and annotate the large collection of photographs left by David Pepperell, recording village life and events from the 1960s onwards. The most relevant to the archive were selected and marked up with the event and people shown. They will appear on the History Society's website in due course.



### Coming Events

**'Covid Lockdown Memories' Coffee Morning, Community Room, Cox's Close, Tuesday 16 April, 10.30am.**

This may be something we would rather forget, and the general impact will be recorded in world history, but how did it affect local life? The History Society would like a record of what life in the village was like, how we as individuals managed to pass the time, or continue working, what the public spaces of the village were like, and what has or has not returned to normal.

As at our 'Coronation Memories' coffee morning, we would like you to bring a written summary with you to help structure the conversation and compile a report. The morning will be an opportunity to reminisce and enjoy coffee and biscuits. All welcome.

**Talk on Geophysics in Archaeology, Stapleford Pavilion, Tuesday 14 May 7.30pm.**

Further details in May's Messenger.

**Chris Cooper**

# 2G3S



WE have the following events coming up and regular sessions:

**Conversation Evening** on electric transport will be held later in the Spring. To be held at Cox's Close Community Room in Stapleford. More details to follow, but it is hoped to have some electric bikes for people to try out.

**Dr Bike** is running its volunteer-run weekly Bike Repair Sessions at the Old Slaughterhouse in Stapleford, 3pm to 5.30pm every Tuesday. Children are welcome to bring their bikes for repair but please attend with them (for safeguarding reasons). If you are interested in joining our team of volunteers or have any questions on Dr Bike, do email [drbikestapleford@gmail.com](mailto:drbikestapleford@gmail.com).

**South Cambs Organic Gardeners** meet at Cox's Close Community Room in Stapleford. More details from [helen\\_harwood\\_uk@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:helen_harwood_uk@yahoo.co.uk).

**Pink recycling bins** – apart from the one at Tesco in Fulbourn, you may have noticed a new pink recycling bin in the car park at Great Shelford Memorial Hall.



SCDC have provided this bin until early April, when it will be taken off to another village that has bid for it. You may just be in time to use it – you can put small electricals in it, anything with a plug or battery, so irons, kettles, phones, etc. Items will be repaired, reused, or recycled.

Don't put a broken item in a pink bin until you've brought it along to a repair café to see if it can be mended of course! Our next café will be in September, but if you need a repair before then you can look on the Cambridge Carbon Footprint website for details of other nearby cafés. We can't mend phones and tablets, but can often repair irons, toasters, and so on. If you have a computer or laptop that you don't need any more, there are ways to have those recycled e.g. in the Shelfords and Stapleford we have Mike Nettleton who arranges periodic collections. See the SCDC website for other suggestions.

**Local nature plan** - have your say on the Local Nature Recovery Strategy, closing date for comments is Friday 5 April at 5pm. Cambridgeshire County Council has opened a survey on our priorities about what's important to protect/improve in nature in the region, which will help to define the Nature Recovery Strategy for Cambridgeshire and Peterborough. Please do respond to this survey - it is a chance for us all as

individuals to register what places, habitats, and species we think are important. The survey, which doesn't take long, can be found on the council website [cambridgeshire.gov.uk](http://cambridgeshire.gov.uk), search for Local Nature Recovery Strategy. There is information on the background to the consultation included with the survey.

**Neighbourhood Plan** – if you live in Great Shelford or Stapleford, do remember to fill in the current consultation form. This plan will give villagers a say in how the villages develop in the future, which is very pertinent with all the pressure on development around here. You can record what aspects of the village are most important to you – housing types, the views and landscapes around the villages, transport, and other features. See [greatshelfordparishcouncil.gov.uk/SGSNPlan](http://greatshelfordparishcouncil.gov.uk/SGSNPlan) and page 54 in this issue.

**Gardening for the climate and nature** – now is peak gardening time. Try to put in plants that can stand dry conditions, so you don't have to water them much after the first year (when the root system is establishing). Invest in a water butt if you haven't got one already. Plant a tree for shade and to soak up carbon dioxide and pollutants – Stapleford residents, look out for more on trees in the next magazine! And in relation to my article last month, here's a photo of a very stylish Hedgehog Highway in Sawston!



If you are interested in green matters and the environment at all levels (individual, local, national, international), send an email to [mail2G3S@gmail.com](mailto:mail2G3S@gmail.com) (please note new email address) 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**

## Little Shelford Pantomime 2025

AUDITIONS will be held for *Peter Pan*, Little Shelford Pantomime 2025 on Sunday 28 April at Little Shelford Memorial Hall between 12 noon and 3pm.

To both book a time slot to audition and to complete an audition form, please register at [tinyurl.com/Panto2025](http://tinyurl.com/Panto2025).

Please ring Sarah on 842498 or email [coppendales@btinternet.com](mailto:coppendales@btinternet.com) if you have any queries. **Sarah Coppendale**





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## Quiz Corner - Ancient Egyptians

THIS round was part of a quiz, orated by Rosey Farmer, devised by Charlie Wolfe and aired at the weekly (Monday night) quiz at the Three Horseshoes. Answers on page 41.

1. What was the name of the professional writers in ancient Egypt?
2. Which natural material was written on?
3. The god, Anubis, had the body of a man and the head of a what exactly?
4. What was the ancient name for Egypt?
5. What were the jars called, used during the mummification process in order to preserve the viscerae?
6. Tutankhamen's tomb was discovered by whom and in what year?
7. Which god had the body of a woman and the head of a cat?
8. In what year was the Rosetta Stone found? Why was it important? For a point each.
9. What are the traditional Egyptian sailing boats called?
10. Which James Bond film included scenes shot at Giza and Karnak?

## Stapleford Village Show

THE Village Show takes place on Saturday 29 June - part of the Village Weekend.

Lots of new and exciting things are being planned. 'Nurturing Nature in our Community' is the theme. There are many classes to enter to win the trophies. Something you have grown, baked, made or produced. Something for everyone.

New for 2024 is a Silent Auction. If you feel you could donate something towards this we'd be very grateful. Please contact Gill on northorpeart@outlook.com.

So you can start to get those cameras moving, the titles for this year's photography classes are as follows: 'creepy crawlies', 'branching out', 'rural life', 'your favourite Stapleford tree', 'Community', a group of four photos titled 'Seasons' and a black and white photo of any subject.

The full schedule will soon be available in a flyer coming through your door and at [staplefordweekend.com/stapleford-village-show](http://staplefordweekend.com/stapleford-village-show).

If you have any questions in the meantime, please email me on [joolsrayment@gmail.com](mailto:joolsrayment@gmail.com). **Julie Rayment**

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**Nat Steele Quartet****Saturday 20 April, 7:45pm**

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**Pixels Ensemble****Sunday 21 April, 3:00pm**

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# What's on in Great Shelford Library

## For Adults

**Engage Talk about Challis House:** Come and hear about the work of the Challis House Trust in Sawston. Wednesday 24 April, 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).

**Craft & Chat:** Every Friday morning 10.30am to noon. Pop in on a Friday morning to craft and chat with others. £2 donation for tea or coffee. No need to book.

**Tea & Games:** Every Friday afternoon 2pm to 3.30pm. A relaxed games afternoon. We will provide games, but please feel free to bring your own if you would prefer. £2 to include tea or coffee. No need to book.

## Children's Clubs and Events

**Lion Learners event:** Meet some amazing furry, cuddly and creepy animals and hear their stories. Thursday 4 April 2.30pm to 3.30pm. Only suitable for ages 4yrs+. £5 per child payable on booking. Please pre-book in the library or via [Cambourne.referral@cambridgeshire.gov.uk](mailto:Cambourne.referral@cambridgeshire.gov.uk).

**Dogs Trust Children event:** A free family workshop to learn about safe behaviour around dogs and being responsible around our four-pawed friends! Wednesday 10 April 2pm to 3.30pm. Suitable for ages 7 to 11. Prebook in the library or via [Cambourne.referral@cambridgeshire.gov.uk](mailto:Cambourne.referral@cambridgeshire.gov.uk).

**Lego and Duplo Event:** Wednesday 3 April, 2pm to 3.30pm. Come along and have some fun making Lego models. All materials provided. Suitable for ages 2 to 10. £2 per child. Please pre-book in the library or via [Cambourne.referral@cambridgeshire.gov.uk](mailto:Cambourne.referral@cambridgeshire.gov.uk).

**Children's Games Club:** Fortnightly, Monday 8 and 22 April 4pm to 5.30pm. Come along and have fun. Board and card games provided. £1 per child, no need to book.

**Parents/carers please stay with your children during all library activities**

Contact details:

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# Shelford & Stapleford Youth Initiative (SSYI)

## Spring Update



SSYI IS a Christian charity that has been supporting young people in our local area for more than 25 years, and we now work with over 270 young people in Great and Little Shelford, Stapleford, Sawston and Duxford.

Our aim is to provide safe spaces, quality youth work and support for local youngsters between 10 and 21 years old, particularly focusing on those who are marginalised, isolated, at-risk or not accessing other provision. By building positive relationships with young people, running youth clubs, schools work and other activities we enable them to overcome challenge, learn and succeed. We have a dedicated Youth Centre in Great Shelford where we run six youth clubs a week, we run four weekly youth clubs in various venues in Sawston, and we run a club in the Community Centre in Duxford.

Despite the cold and wet weather, these last few months have continued to be very busy with our team of four youth workers often seeing a weekly attendance of over 130 young people at our youth clubs and activities. 40 young people come along every Friday for our Year 6+7 session in Shelford, with most of the Year 6 class at Great and Little Shelford Primary there, alongside many Year 7s from SVC, St Bede's and other secondary schools. Before Christmas we ran six Christmas parties, four Christmas meals and an Ice-Skating Trip in Cambridge. Over the February half-term, we had two film nights, a retro gaming evening and a couple of other sessions in the community.



Mentoring and 1:1s are a big part of our work and we are now meeting with 16 young people a week in this way, mostly in Sawston Village College, but we also run sessions in the community, often meeting young people for some food or a walk in a public space. This allows us to work more closely with each one, building a relationship, understanding their needs, and journeying alongside them through difficulties they may be experiencing with their mental wellbeing, education, emotions, family, or the struggles they face due to deprivation.

We firmly believe in the power and value of youth work and see an ever-growing need for quality provision for young people.

Can you help us?

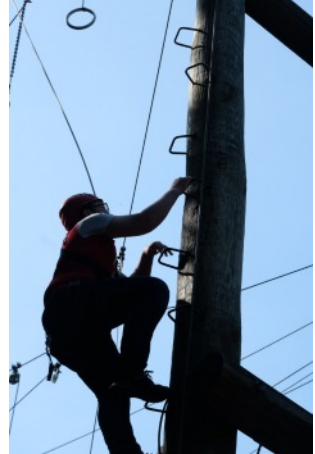
**By Volunteering** - our work couldn't happen without our fantastic volunteers, and as the work continues to grow, we are looking for more people to join the team. If you are looking for a great opportunity to support local young people, whether that's helping in youth clubs or joining as a Trustee, we would love to hear from you.

Youth work is so rewarding, and you don't have to be young or 'cool' to get involved, just a willingness to get stuck in and listen to, and chat with young people. A DBS check will be required if you help in a club, and training will be provided.

**By Giving** - as a charity we are very dependent on donations and are in need of some more regular donors to continue to offer the support we do. If this is something that you may be able to support with, head to [justgiving.com/theshelfordandstaplefordyouthinitiative](http://justgiving.com/theshelfordandstaplefordyouthinitiative).

We are so grateful for all the support we receive from the parish councils, churches, organisations, and individuals. Thank you. For more information on what we do or to enquire about how you can help, get in contact with our Lead Youth Worker, Zac Britton, on 07599 024210, email [zac.britton@ssyi.club](mailto:zac.britton@ssyi.club); or with the Treasurer and Trustee John Greaves on 07771 930938, email [treasurer@ssyi.club](mailto:treasurer@ssyi.club)

Our website can be found at [ssyi.club](http://ssyi.club) or use @ssiyouth to access our Facebook and Instagram pages. Thanks for reading! **Zac Britton**



## Quiz answers

1. Scribes
2. Papyrus
3. Jackal
4. Kemet
5. Canopic Jars
6. Lord Caernarvon and Howard Carter; 1922
7. Bastet, or Bast
8. 1799; led to ability to read hieroglyphs
9. Feluccas
10. The Spy Who Loved Me



# Friends of Great Shelford Library present

**Funny Business - a conversation with Ian Whybrow about a lifetime mucking about with words.**



IT is Ian Whybrow's proud boast that for 20 years running he was recorded as one of the top ten most borrowed authors from British libraries. In his funny and engaging children's books, he has been essential reading for millions of children for generations - in 40 languages.

For the best part of four years now, Ian has written (at least) a poem a day. In sharing with us some of his fondest memories of working and talking with publishers and children, he will be introducing a selection of these witty, bracing, sometimes quirky, always thought-provoking pieces about experiences we all share.

He likes, he says, to come at things "aslant" as Emily Dickinson or Stevie Smith did, and like Blake, he looks for the world in a grain of sand. Expect to go home from this encounter encouraged to write for your own pleasure and - who knows? - even to devote a bit of time to reading poetry.

Great Shelford Library, Tuesday 23 April at 7.30pm. Tickets - £5 (Friends - £3) available in advance from the Library or on the door if space is available. Refreshments afterwards. **Sarah Coppendale**

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9. Adverts should be 50 words maximum. We may be able to include a photo if there is space in the magazine.
10. Adverts should give a first name and phone number or email address.

## Puzzle corner answers

NORTH, HARDY, TWIST, STONE – famous Olivers

CAR, CENTRAL, HYDE, SOUTH – can be followed by PARK

EAST, UNION, ANGER, RUSH – add B at start to make a word

APE, FIGURE, COMPARE, WEST – can be preceded by GO

# School governor vacancies

STAPLEFORD Community Primary School's Local Governing Board is looking to appoint three new governors to join a committed team supporting our good (OFSTED rated), happy and vibrant school.

Governors are responsible for ensuring the strategic direction of the school, its performance and use of resources to support learning. They help to ensure that our local school provides the best possible education for all children in its care. The roles will be rewarding and will offer the opportunity to promote and support the school's high-quality teaching and learning and to provide a strategic vision for continuous improvement.

The Local Governing Board meets twice each academic term in the evenings (occasional remote attendance can be accommodated). Governors also visit the school once or twice per term during the school day. Governors do not need to be educational experts to tackle the responsibilities required, and we pride ourselves on the breadth of experience of our members. For the three available roles, an interest or background in health and safety, supporting disadvantaged children, strategic planning, or the development of a school's curriculum would be desirable although not essential. Advice and training are available to help new governors settle in.

The Local Governing Board is looking for members of the local community with some daytime availability, interest and enthusiasm to fulfil the roles. If you are available and interested in joining our successful team, please contact the Co-Chairs of Governors:

Edward Gunn (egunn@anglianlearning.org) and

Martin Brown (mbrown@anglianlearning.org).

You can find out more information about the Local Governing Body of Stapleford Community Primary School on the school website at [staplefordprimary.org/about-us/governors](http://staplefordprimary.org/about-us/governors).

Stapleford Community Primary School and its Local Governing Board are members of the national governance award-winning Anglian Learning Trust; for information see [anglianlearning.org](http://anglianlearning.org). **Anna Everson**



# The Arts Society Cambridge

Forthcoming Lecture

Hogarth at the Hustings:

The Election Entertainment series and the Birth of Political Satire

**Speaker:** Rupert Dickens

**Date and time:** Thursday 18 April at 10.45am

**Venue:** Churchill College, Cambridge

**About the lecture:**



THE long British tradition of political satire is coming to the fore again as a General Election approaches – in January 2025 at the latest. At the root of that tradition is William Hogarth’s Election Entertainment series of prints from the 1750s. His ruthless exposure of electoral corruption and hypocrisy sets the

stage for later generations of satirists including James Gillray, Private Eye and today’s digital artist Cold War Steve. We will look closely at the Election series, explain Hogarth’s many jokes and references and reveal some themes with surprising topical relevance, from voter identification to the politics of immigration.



**About our speaker:**

Rupert Dickens is an art historian based in south London with a special interest in Dutch and Flemish 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> century painting. He works at the Wallace Collection as a guide conducting public and private tours and lecturing on aspects of the collection. Rupert is also a tour director for a Cambridge-based company accompanying groups on art-themed tours to the Netherlands, Belgium, France, Austria and Italy. He has lectured to large audiences on subjects as diverse as the game of chess in art and Madame de Pompadour’s artistic patronage in 18<sup>th</sup> century France. He studied art history at Birkbeck College before undertaking a Masters in Dutch Golden Age Studies at University College London. Before that Rupert had a 26-year career as a BBC journalist ending as an editor in radio news.

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- Live in a care home for older adults.
- Are aged six months old or over and have a weakened immune system.

When available, there will be different ways to obtain your vaccine, including:

- Booking online.
- Going to a walk-in COVID-19 vaccination site.
- Through your care home.
- Via one of the community services.

If you go to a walk-in centre, please remember to take your invitation letter with you.

As and when we receive further information about the Spring vaccine we will let you know. **Sandra East, Head of Patient Services,**  
[cpicb.grantapatientsservices@nhs.net](mailto:cpicb.grantapatientsservices@nhs.net)

## South Cambs Organic Gardeners

A friendly group for everyone who wants to grow in a sustainable way, without harming nature or ourselves.

**Next meeting: Monday 8 April at 7pm at Cox's Close  
Community Room, Stapleford  
Plant swap**

Bring your surplus plants and swap them for something interesting!  
Entry £2

### Upcoming meetings

Monday 13 May – Garden meeting, venue to be confirmed

Monday 24 June - Garden meeting, venue to be confirmed

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# Little Shelford Lawn Bowls Club

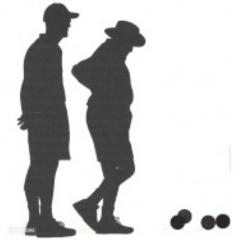
## New members wanted!

WE are looking for new members to join our bowls club this season. If you are interested, we are holding two open taster sessions on Saturday 20 April and Saturday 27 April, 2.30pm to 5pm at The Wale Recreation Ground, Whittlesford Road, Little Shelford.

If you are a new starter, tuition and equipment can be provided just bring some flat-soled shoes. So please get in touch or just turn up!

For further information please contact:

Vic Franklin Tel: 842276 (victorfranklin123@btinternet.com)



## Cambridge Flower Club - NAFAS affiliated

### 2024 is our 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary!

VISITORS welcome at the Memorial Hall, Mill Lane. Whittlesford CB22 4NE, on third Thursday evenings.

Refreshments from 6.45pm. Demonstration at 7.15pm. Membership £40 p.a. Visitors £9 per meeting.

18 April **Jane Knights & Amanda Waples: Demonstration 'Take Two'**

16 May **Barbara Collins: Demonstration 'Spring into Summer'**

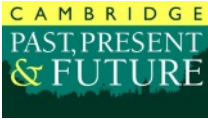
Further information from Freda Orgee: fredaorgee@gmail.com. or 891464. Sian Davies

## The British Cactus and Succulent Society

THE next meeting of the Cambridge branch will be held in Great Shelford Memorial Hall on Wednesday 10 April commencing at 7.30pm. There will be plant exhibits and a table top competition judged by a local expert, cacti and accessories for sale, a raffle and light refreshments; plus a presentation by visiting speaker, John Hughes, on The Jardim Botânico Plantarium, Brazil.

We are a friendly group of cacti and succulent enthusiasts and meetings are open to all. Nationally, the British Cactus & Succulent Society has about 3,000 members spread across a network of 60 branches, holding regular monthly meetings where fellow growers get together and listen to fantastic talks on cacti and succulents. **Jacqui Arbon**

# Wandlebury events



HERE'S a selection of what's on at Wandlebury in April. For more information about these and events at other locations email [bookings@cambridgeppf.org](mailto:bookings@cambridgeppf.org), call 243830 extension 307 or visit [cambridgeppf.org/whats-on](http://cambridgeppf.org/whats-on).

## Enjoy a Friendly Social Walk

Every Thursday | Free

On your first visit, arrive 10 minutes early to register. Meet at the Stable Rooms. Check website before arriving.

Longer Walk: 10am to 11am. Shorter Walk: 10.30am to 11am.

## Volunteer Work Parties

Some Tuesdays | 10.30am to 1.30pm | Free

Help care for green spaces and their wildlife - get active, meet others and enjoy learning. Wear tough clothes and footwear; instructions and tools provided. Meet in car park. Check website for dates.

## Holiday Bushcraft

Monday 8 to Friday 12 April | 8.30am to 4pm

Fun, outdoor activities for children aged 5 to 12 years with Wild Thyme & Embers. £42 per child per day. Go to [wildthymeandembers.co.uk](http://wildthymeandembers.co.uk) for full information and booking.

# Great Shelford Bowls Club



ONCE again April sees the start of the 2024 Bowls Season with our Open Day and Coffee Morning on Saturday 20 April, starting at 10.30am.

If you want to consider taking up a new hobby, please come along on that day when you will be welcome to have a go at bowling. If you cannot make the Saturday then please come along on Sunday 21 April at the same time when we will be having a practice day.

You may find that you would like to join the club and also enjoy the friendly atmosphere on our club nights.

For further information and if you are interested in joining us please contact either: Gill Taylor/Secretary on 07581079420, Graham White/Chairman on 07740031713 or Bruce Gregory/Green Manager on 07757089450. **Gill Taylor**

# Royal British Legion



THIS year marks the 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the D-Day invasion and the Royal British Legion is holding various commemorative events both in the UK and in Northern France. The Sawston and District Branch, is holding an Anniversary Event by kind permission of Challis House and Gardens Trust on Sunday 9 June starting at 1pm. There will be lots to do and see for all from the very young through to the more mature person. Stalls will include food and drink, to cater for everyone. During the afternoon there will be a Drumhead Service conducted by our Padre, Reverend Kathryn Waite. There will also be various displays together with a local band playing tunes from the 1940s, 50s and 60s. We would gladly like to hear from anyone who has their own memories or family stories and photographs of those times

Our plans for this year's Poppy Appeal include the Poppy on a Lamppost Campaign. This year we are including the villages that come within our District. Again with the incredible assistance from Red Graphics we are looking for local help and sponsorship.

The Royal British Legion is here to help our veterans and their families. To contact us please phone our welfare number **0808 802 8080**. Take a note of the number and put it somewhere ready if needed.

Membership of the Royal British Legion is open to anyone, you do not need to have served in His Majesty's Services. Our Branch meets in Chaplefield Way, Sawston on the last Wednesday of each month. Come along and you will be made welcome. We are also encouraging youngsters to join the Junior Branch. Membership is free and is for anyone from the age of 11 to 18, plus you get all the benefits that the adult members receive.

## Diary Dates

**Saturday 20 April:** Breakfast club at The Plough, Duxford. 9.15am for 9.30am

**Wednesday 24 April:** Branch meeting at Chaplefield Way Community Centre 7pm. Speaker - Pamela Halls 'A Stroll Down the River'- A guided tour along the River Cam

**Saturday 27 April:** Quiz night at St Mary's Church Hall. 7pm start. £5 per head. Loads of prizes. Bring your own drinks and nibbles. Teams of six per table. Come along and enjoy the light hearted banter throughout the evening. Look out for the posters within the villages. **John McCarthy, Sawston & District Chairman**



# Parish Council Chair's report

THE main topics at the Parish Council meeting in March were, as usual, pot holes, road closures and construction work disruption. Haverhill Road has been reported to the County Council as dangerous for pedestrians, horse riders, cyclists and vehicles.

Stapleford Parish Council (SPC) holds fortnightly meetings with UK Power Networks (UKPN) and Rangeford about construction issues, including road conditions and the passage of HGVs through the village, which has somewhat reduced. When responding to the Rangeford planning appeal, we had specified that highway restrictions must be applied but this was ignored by the Appeals Inspector.

Parish Councillors and the Clerk are spending considerable amounts of time dealing with construction-related concerns, even though they have no jurisdiction and can only liaise with the goodwill of the contractors. SPC is severely restricted by higher authorities. For example, haulier applications to move 13T and above require the route to be issued and approved in order to be granted a traffic order by Highways, in consultation with the County Council and police. Therefore, it appears that hauliers are required to route through the village for these exceptional loads. Failure to adhere to this could result in the loss of the haulier's licence. In light of problems this presents to Stapleford residents and roads, the Parish Council has asked all concerned, with the support of County Councillor Brian Milnes, to investigate further. These issues amongst many others illustrate how irresponsible the government Planning Inspector's grant of planning approval was for this major development.

Any complaints or comments about the construction sites should be addressed to the Clerk ([clerk@staplefordparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@staplefordparishcouncil.gov.uk)) so action can be taken. Photographs and registration numbers of offending vehicles, together with the date and time, are helpful when complaints are made. The Parish Council is unable to act upon complaints posted on Facebook, which is not a formal communication channel.

Road closures are planned at some time in the future along Mingle Lane, Church Street and Gog Magog Way when work commences on Sawston Greenway to make cycling safer. It is hoped that all road closures will be co-ordinated and the Parish Council is working with Streetworks to ensure diversions are not too onerous for residents.

The application for a 20mph speed limit on Haverhill Road and Bury Road is progressing and a poll of local residents, as required for the application, is taking place. Comments provided will be taken into

consideration. The Parish Council was asked by residents to support a speed reduction on London Road, particularly near the Dernford Water junction, because of the potential danger to pedestrians and cyclists.

Tree planting in the village was discussed, following a volunteer group meeting of interested parties. The Parish Council will investigate ways of helping residents and other landowners to preserve important trees in the village and plant new ones to mitigate the loss of trees from decay or development.

Regarding the sorry state of the Tree Public House and the fallen fencing, the Parish Council is trying to make contact with the owner regarding safety of the site.

The licence agreement with the Tennis Club is nearing conclusion. Maintenance work has been carried out on the MUGA surface and a contract for this work has been arranged.

Members of the village are encouraged to participate in the Regulation 14 Consultation on the draft Neighbourhood Plan and complete the feedback form (all materials are available at Great Shelford Library and at [greatshelfordparishcouncil.gov.uk/SGSNPlan](http://greatshelfordparishcouncil.gov.uk/SGSNPlan)). The consultation is open until 30 April. See also page 54 in this issue.

Now that the weather is improving and we are able to get out in the garden, please be aware of hedges overhanging footpaths, particularly in the many poorly lit areas, and trim these back to avoid accidents.

The next Parish Council meeting is on 4 April. Anyone wishing to join the Parish Council is asked to apply to the Clerk.

The Annual Parish Meeting is on 11 April at 7pm in the Pavilion and you are invited to attend and have your say on how the village is run. **Gillian**

## Stapleford population grows by 7%

THE population of Stapleford has increased to 2,005 according to the most recent census carried out in 2021.

The latest figures show that the population of the village has grown by 134 over the last 10 years, a 7% increase. The population of Stapleford in 2011 was 1,871. The new data shows there were 852 households in Stapleford when the census was carried out.

The population of Cambridgeshire and Peterborough in 2021 was 894,522 people.

The results, which only became available earlier this year, can be seen at [cambridgeshireinsight.org.uk](http://cambridgeshireinsight.org.uk).

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# Our villages, our future, our say

## Regulation 14 Consultation on the draft Neighbourhood Plan

THE consultation on the draft Stapleford and Great Shelford Neighbourhood Plan closes at 4pm on Tuesday 30 April, so there is still plenty of time to have your say.

In this article, I will summarise the gist of the 20 planning policies contained within the draft Plan (BUT NOTE THAT THESE ARE NOT THE POLICIES THEMSELVES!). In the consultation, you can comment on as many or as few of the policies as you wish, so hopefully the following information will signpost you to what concerns you most. It is absolutely fine not to have an opinion on everything; after all, we all have different interests and priorities.

I appreciate that the draft Plan is long (164 pages) but I'm not going to apologise! It is a serious and significant body of work. Our 20 planning policies will ultimately carry the same weight as those in South Cambridgeshire District Council's 2018 Local Plan and will be used when reviewing all planning applications coming forward in our area. It is vital, therefore, that they are justified and supported by a substantial evidence base.

### **S&GS 1: Housing mix (type, size, affordability and design)**

An over-supply of large properties and lack of affordable, smaller properties mean that market housing in Stapleford and Great Shelford is out of reach to many. For development to have local support, it should meet the existing and future needs of our community in terms of home size and affordability, and be adaptable and accessible to residents as they age.

### **S&GS 2: Prioritising local needs in the allocation of affordable housing**

There is a high level of affordable housing need in the Plan area which even significant new development will struggle to meet. Therefore, all new affordable housing in the Plan area should initially be made available to households with an existing local connection, be that family or work.

### **S&GS 3: Rural exceptions housing**

To help meet local affordable housing needs, small-scale affordable housing schemes on rural exceptions sites adjoining our existing settled area will be supported, such as that recently completed at More's Meadow in Great Shelford.

### **S&GS 4: Meeting the needs of the older population**

The proportion of people aged 75+ in Stapleford and Great Shelford is projected to grow from 13.3% in 2021 to 20.7% in 2043. We require development proposals for specialist housing for older people to be located within the settled area of our villages and in locations easily accessible to shops, services and other community facilities.

### **S&GS 5: Residential annexes to support multi-generational living**

Homes suitable for multi-generational living are encouraged in our Plan area, allowing older people or those with disabilities to remain within their community and be supported by family members. This may be achieved by building a single secondary dwelling within the boundary of an existing residential dwelling.

### **S&GS 6: Development and design**

Without stifling creativity, this policy seeks to ensure that new development is in keeping with the variety of buildings and street scenes in our villages. Development proposals should be guided by the 2023 Stapleford and Great Shelford Design Guidance and Codes.

### **S&GS 7: Mitigating and adapting to climate change through building design**

We aim to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and ensure that new developments address problems which are likely to occur in the Plan area due to climate change. A sustainability statement relating to energy efficiency and water usage must accompany all new development proposals. Innovative ways to achieve low or net-zero carbon buildings are encouraged.

### **S&GS 8: Renewable energy schemes in Stapleford and Great Shelford**

Proposals for small-scale, community-led renewable or low carbon energy projects, such as a community wind turbine or heat network, will be supported as long as they respect or enhance the local landscape.

### **S&GS 9: Protecting and enhancing biodiversity and nature networks in our Plan area**

Our area is rich in biodiversity assets – e.g. woodland, orchards, lowland meadows, calcareous grassland, floodplain marsh and chalk rivers – which we want to protect and improve. Proposals will be considered more favourably where they create or strengthen links through a development site to existing and/or new habitats, including important nature networks in our area. All development proposals must deliver a net gain for biodiversity, ideally onsite.



*A selection of views within Stapleford parish which the Neighbourhood Plan seeks to protect from development. Clockwise from top left: the gap by 41 Gog Magog Way, the black barn on the path from the Granary, view from Little Trees Hill on Magog Down, view from Stapleford cemetery*

## **S&GS 10: Trees and development**

Trees and hedges of value must be retained. Any planning application which may impact trees and hedges must show how they will be protected during construction. More trees must be replaced than are lost, and all new trees and hedges must prioritise species which enhance biodiversity. Developers are expected to provide for future maintenance.

## **S&GS 11: Protecting Stapleford and Great Shelford's landscape character**

The Stapleford and Great Shelford Landscape Character Assessment 2019 supports our Neighbourhood Plan with detailed planning and land management guidance for 27 unbuilt zones across our parishes. All development proposals must be sensitive to this guidance, minimising their impact on the landscape, protecting or enhancing valued features, and retaining the existing area of separation between Stapleford and Great Shelford and the City of Cambridge.

## **S&GS 12: Important views**

Community engagement identified and validated 29 views which are locally highly valued. To be supported, development proposals affecting any of them must maintain or enhance the key features and setting of the view(s). The draft Neighbourhood Plan contains a map of all 29 views.



**S&GS 13: Important Countryside Frontages**

These enhance our setting, character and appearance by retaining a sense of connection between the villages and their rural origins and surroundings. Frontages and countryside beyond should be kept open and free from development. Two already exist in Great Shelford and we have proposed three new ones in Stapleford.

**S&GS 14: Local Green Spaces (LGS) and Protected Village Amenity Areas (PVAA)**

We have designated nine new sites in the Plan area as LGSs. This nationally recognised classification affords a high level of protection against development. PVAAs are designated by South Cambridgeshire District Council to safeguard undeveloped land within villages which sustains village character or has an important function (e.g. playing fields). Six already exist in the Plan area and we have identified one more in the Neighbourhood Plan.



*Stapleford's new community orchard and an aspirational PVAA*

**S&GS 15: Preserving our dark landscape**

Light pollution obscures the night sky and is harmful to wildlife and natural rhythms. This policy aims to minimise light pollution from any new development in the Plan area.

**S&GS 16: Delivering community infrastructure priorities alongside new development**

New development must address the increased demands it will place on, and existing shortfalls in, our community's amenity and infrastructure needs, specifically in healthcare, primary school education, transport, open spaces and play spaces.

**S&GS 17: Facilitating active travel in Stapleford and Great Shelford**

We want to make it safer and easier for people travelling in or through the Plan area to choose active travel modes, reducing reliance on private cars and hence also reducing traffic congestion. Development proposals are expected to incorporate active travel within their sites and connect to the existing network. When appropriate, they should also contribute towards new and/or upgrade existing routes in the Plan area. In this respect, our Neighbourhood Plan identifies five active travel priorities.

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**S&GS 18: Managing the impacts of new development in the Plan area with respect to the movement of people and vehicles**

This policy defines how the traffic implications of major development schemes in our Plan area should be assessed in planning proposals. For example, developers will be required to predict the level and impacts of traffic movements during construction and operation, and show how they will offset these at existing pinch points in the Plan area.

**S&GS 19: Protecting and improving routes into our countryside**

Despite being surrounded by green spaces, our community recognises the lack of public access to it in general and of interconnected off-road routes in particular. This policy protects our existing rights of way and requests that, where appropriate, new development improves the network with new routes and linkages. Our Plan identifies a set of priorities for this, as established through community consultation.

**S&GS 20: Delivering Stapleford and Great Shelford's 'improved landscape area'**

This policy links to South Cambridgeshire District Council's Southern Fringe Action Plan 2008 and seeks developer support for a series of landscape, biodiversity and public access improvements at eight locations within the Plan area which will enhance our existing landscape character and the setting of Cambridge.

**To take part**

You can view the draft Neighbourhood Plan and its supporting documents at [greatshelfordparishcouncil.gov.uk/SGSNPlan](http://greatshelfordparishcouncil.gov.uk/SGSNPlan). Paper copies are available at Great Shelford Library.

Let us know what you think by completing the online feedback form (preferred), or by collecting and returning a paper copy at Great Shelford Library, or by writing to:

- Executive Officer, PO Box 1492, Cambridge, CB1 0YQ
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**Jenny Flynn (Chair of the Neighbourhood Plan steering group), writing on behalf of Stapleford and Great Shelford Parish Councils**

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