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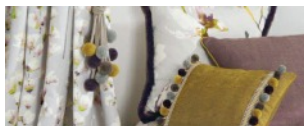
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From the Rev Dr Simon Taylor

SO, to Tory right-wing fury, the Retained EU Law (Revocation and Reform) Bill is being watered down. Not all of our 4,800 or so existing laws that originated in the EU are going to automatically cease to have effect without replacement by the end of the year. This is a Good Thing.

Think about what replacing a law actually involves. One commentator took a delightfully random example, the EU Directive on the reduction of the impact of certain plastic products on the environment. This is about single-use plastics, which become over 80% of our marine litter, and give rise to significant harm. I suspect most people would agree that such products should only be used where essential, and disposed of carefully. That requires regulation, because experience shows that education and market forces, and other non-regulatory ways of dealing with such problems, do not work by themselves. This is not, by the way, nanny state stuff. Parts of the Directive deal with ways government should foster “innovative and sustainable business models, products and business” to focus on the problem. In any event, as a member state the UK believed dealing with this was the right thing to do, and so helped formulate regulations. The resulting Directive is part of UK law.

What do we as a nation do with such laws? We could just scrap them and see what happens. That is the preferred ERG policy. Or, for this law, if seeking to bring it into line with Brexit objectives, the government could identify those in the civil service who have particular expertise on the issue and set them to work. They would want to consult environmental experts to see if the law is working as intended and what a repeal or reform might mean. There would need to be consultation with the businesses that make single-use plastic products – packaging and so on – and those that use them. Consumer groups would need to be consulted too. And someone would need to think about the export implications. If our businesses were no longer bound by this Directive, what would be the effect on their exporting ability? Even if in fact a business continued as before but the law was gone, would it, say, be allowed to continue to export into the EU?

Then there are all the record-keeping and data collection parts of the Directive. Questions for the civil servants tasked with revising or repealing the law would be whether the data collected is put to use and whether it would be missed. What policy initiatives would fail if the data collection was stopped?

Then there are legal questions. What regulatory decisions and procedures derive from the Directive, and what are the implications if it

ceases to have effect? What are the tax and budgetary effects of revocation?

And when all that work is done, there will be judgment calls to be made about pros and cons, risks and benefits, and those are exactly the calls we elect politicians, properly advised by civil servants and listening to stakeholders' views, to make for us. What we don't expect them to do is to go about slashing and burning because 'EU bad, UK good.'

It is complicated because life is complicated. Environmental protection, business and law are all part of a beautiful system which, carefully managed, can function for good not ill.

The problem here is not just this little bit of environmental protection. Because we have been in the EU for so long our laws, particularly those that reflect social change over the last 40 years, often do derive from EU laws, for the simple reason that they reflect social consensus across the EU. Commonly cited examples as well as environmental protection are regulations that protect workers, for example by limiting working hours and protecting basics such as sick pay, holiday pay and pensions, laws relating to manufacturing standards, and those dealing with consumer protection.

It is not that none of the laws can be improved. Of course some can, and as life changes laws need to be updated anyway. But just abolishing 4,800 sets of regulations would have been an extraordinary act of vandalism. It would also, to my mind, have been quite contrary to basic Christian principles relating to good governance.

The issue is: what is government for? The extreme view, propounded by far right US Christians, is that government is really only for common security and defence and for setting up a system of criminal law, and pretty much everything else should be largely left to individuals and market forces.

That is wrong – I do not see how the Bible could be read in that way. My take is that government is to be regarded by Christians as for the common good. That is to say, at its most abstract level, it should be concerned with enhancing the common good and for protecting and advancing the rights of the weakest and most vulnerable.

Those sorts of considerations should come into play when Christians think about very specific things like the Retained EU Law Bill. Will a regulatory vacuum enhance the common good? Will it abolish and not replace regulations which are important for protecting the vulnerable? Will it advance or hold back the rights of the weakest in our society? If as a society we don't think in these terms, but descend to the ERG level of 'EU bad, UK good', then a great deal of harm will result.

Every blessing to you all, Simon

St Andrew's Noticeboard

4 JUNE	9 AM	BCP COMMUNION
	10.30 AM	CW COMMUNION FOR TRINITY SUNDAY Isaiah 40.12-17, 27-31; Matthew 28.16-20 2 Corinthians 13.11-13 <i>With you always</i>
	10.30 AM	FOREST CHURCH COMMUNION
	6 PM	CHORAL EVENSONG Isaiah 6.1-8; John 16.5-15
11 JUNE	9 AM	BCP COMMUNION
	10.30 AM	SUNDAY WORSHIP <i>Using our money well</i>
18 JUNE	9 AM	CW COMMUNION
	10.30 AM	SUNDAY WORSHIP WITH BAPTISMS Matthew 5.13-20 <i>Light of the World</i>
	10.30 AM	MESSY FOREST CHURCH
25 JUNE	9 AM	NO SERVICE
	10.30 AM	SAID SUNDAY WORSHIP Romans 5.1-8; Matthew 5.38-48 <i>Love your enemies</i>
	5.30 PM	ALL AGE CHURCH-IN-THE-MARQUEE
2 JULY	9 AM	BCP COMMUNION
	10.30 AM	CW COMMUNION Romans 6.1b-11; Matthew 6.1-18 <i>Rewards in heaven</i>
	10.30 AM	FOREST CHURCH COMMUNION
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OUR Union Jack is really the Union Flag unless flown from the jack-staff at the bow of a warship. It incorporates the distinctive crosses of England, Scotland and Ireland; for Saint George, Andrew and

Patrick. Wales was already united with England on the creation of the flag which needs precise hanging, particularly as the design is not symmetrical. The diagonal red running from left to right should display a thicker white line on the top not the bottom.

Red stands for sacrifice, danger and courage. I think of it as heat, activity, anger, embarrassment, love and joy. Quite a mix of feelings from rosy-cheeked happiness to deep flushed displeasure. The latter hopefully rare.... There is pillar box and guards red, rose, ruby, scarlet and poppy; a symbol of remembrance. The chirpy robin hops around our gardens. Red bricks are made from our earth, forming buildings and rust is a reaction to metal within them. Life giving blood runs through our bodies, and is said to be 'thicker than water'. Traffic lights warn Wait. We know power is on by a red light. A bold Red Cross means first aid.

White is for purity or innocence. Bridal white was once blue. Strong bright white can create a sense of space or add highlights. It makes a blank canvas for 'pops' of colour. White is snow, the graceful swan, reflective snowdrop, milk and alabaster. People who are ill have pallid, pale complexions looking pasty or drawn. Dressings help healing. Hospital staff wear white which might well be bleached. Crisp delicate lace can form collars or cuffs. There is church clerical white and the wings of angels.

Blue is life-giving water and sky. Midnight, indigo and navy is dark sometimes a shade for denim. There are flowers: iris, cornflower and Alzheimer's forget-me-not. I like the words cobalt and ultramarine. There is an expression 'feeling blue' meaning sad. 'Blue blood' stands for Royalty and singing the 'blues' helps to cheer. The blue strips stand for serenity, stability, inspiration, wisdom and builds calm and respect. The segments of block colour spectacularly link. As individuals we can make the Kingdom Unite. **Judith Lee**

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Stapleford - Nachingwea Link

May Bank Holiday Lunch



A HUGE thank you to all who donated, contributed food or came and enjoyed the wonderful buffet at the Nachingwea Lunch on the early May Bank Holiday Monday in aid of our Nachingwea Link. This has become a keenly anticipated annual social occasion for both residents of Stapleford and wider afield.

The expectant diners were hoping to sample Michelin-style cuisine from the Stapleford Link team of would-be MasterChefs. And they were not disappointed. A wide range of dishes including Coronation Chicken to mark the big event a few days later plus a variety of quiches and salads followed by delicious desserts was served, all greeted with oohs! and aahs! of appreciation.

Over £1,450 (that's £200 more than last year) was raised which will be used both to provide school uniforms for the Special Needs children, made by the ladies who benefitted from the tailoring course we sponsored recently, and to support students on educational courses. **Mary Cooper**

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We are taking part in the Village Weekend with a stall for cakes and preserves on Saturday 24 June. And we'll have the usual hamper raffle – with a coronation theme even though it's past the Coronation! **Hilary Street**

Stapleford Messenger Fund

Can you help give some money away?

THE *Messenger* makes a modest surplus each year. Although the magazine is owned by the Church it has always been our aim to run it on behalf of the whole community. As part of doing that we set up a community team to run it, and the *Messenger* Fund to give money raised by sales and advertising to charitable and community causes. In the past donations have been made to the village warden scheme, the refurbishment of the playground, the school, the Nachingwea Link and more. There is now a decent pot of money of a few thousand pounds waiting to be distributed.

Decisions as to how to distribute the funds have to be made by a committee, which consists of two members of the Church Council, two members of the *Messenger* Production Team, and three or more who are residents of Stapleford or are closely connected with Stapleford. These members should include one under the age of 25, one over the age of 70, and one who is either a parent, governor or teacher at the school. Very few meetings are needed and they are usually by Zoom, so it is not onerous - it is fun giving away money to good causes, so please volunteer! Contact me on simontaylorstandrews@gmail.com or on 840256, and I will pass your details on to Martin Ginger who chairs the committee. **Simon Taylor**

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OUR newly elected President, Susan Clark, chaired her first meeting in April. One of her initial duties was to welcome everyone, members and visitors alike, and by the end of our meeting, we were delighted to have three new members. We hope that all the varied talks and activities arranged both by Stapleford WI and the Cambridgeshire Federation will appeal to them as much as they do to our current membership.

Recently Cambridgeshire members have been given the opportunity to attend a Saturday cookery school, listen to an embroidery talk, visit Lichfield and The National Arboretum, and see 'The King and I' at Milton Keynes Theatre. In our Stapleford group, we aim to vary the content of the monthly meetings and we also run craft and book groups. Our next meeting in June will have a talk by Sally Kingman titled 'Craft Hedgehog'.

Back to our April meeting: our speaker, Zed Grosvenor, took to the floor and gave an interesting, informative and illustrated talk which focused on skin care products and flammable fabrics. Emollients, which are used by many people for a variety of reasons, may contain paraffin wax, which is derived from petroleum or other oils. Care needs to be taken as this can easily be absorbed into fabrics, becoming a safety hazard which can lead to needless fires. Regular washing of these fabrics at a low temperature is an easy way to reduce any risk, as well as avoiding naked flames.



Following this talk the President reminded us about the litter pick which took place as part of the Big Help Out on Monday 8 May. A large group of Stapleford members donned their fluorescent jackets and using litter picks, gloves and black bags kindly provided by South Cambs District Council spent an hour tidying the village by removing litter. You might have spotted them hard at work. Even

the rain held off to aid their efforts! The group then enjoyed lunch in Cox's Close where there was a choice of five delicious homemade soups that had been prepared by committee members.

If you would like to visit a meeting to see us in action you will find us in the Pavilion on the fourth Thursday of each month at 7.30pm, where you are assured of a warm welcome. Sallie Dixon can be contacted on 843847 for more information, and you can also see us at staplefordwi.weebly.com.

Joyce Dobson

Library News



FRIENDS of Great Shelford Library will celebrate **Great Big Green Week** (10 to 18 June) with an eco-event for children, Saturday 10 June, 2pm to 4pm. Find out about insects, do some citizen science and make a bug hotel! Please book in advance at the library.

On Wednesday 14 June, 10am to 1pm, the Friends are holding a drop-in event inviting you to write a Letter to Tomorrow. Express your thoughts and concerns about climate change in a letter to a future person – it could even be your future self. Letters will be added to a campaign to encourage decision-makers to act now on climate change. See greatbiggreenweek.com/ and letterstotomorrow.com/.

Crime books are always among the top ten most borrowed titles in libraries. Make the most of National Crime Reading Month in June by borrowing a book from the wide range on offer at Great Shelford Library. We have everything from classic and cosy to grim and gripping.

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If you have caring responsibilities come to the library this month to find out about support and other useful information – look for our display.

We will also be running our usual activities - Story and Rhyme Time on Tuesday 6 and 20 June at 10.30am. For children aged 0 to 4 years, come and enjoy stories and rhymes led by our wonderful volunteers. This is a free drop-in event. Parents/carers please stay with your children.

Lego Club - Monday 19 June 4.30pm to 5.30pm.

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

Engage Talk - The Joys of Nordic Walking, on Wednesday 28 June, 2.00pm 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

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Village Spring Clean

STAPLEFORD is looking much tidier after today's hard work by:

- ★ The five people who tidied up the bus shelter
- ★ The person who weeded Basil's piece
- ★ The people who tidied Villedômer garden
- ★ The 20 members of the WI who did a litter pick around the village and collected about 10 bags of rubbish

★ The three people who have started to paint the phone box by the Rose pub.

- ★ The two people who cut back vegetation along Vicarage Lane
- A very big thank you to you all.

Individuals have not been named but you know who you are!

If you have vegetation overhanging your wall/fence please cut it back, especially where the area is poorly lit, so that pedestrians, those with mobility issues and those pushing pushchairs are not impeded when walking on the pavement. **Gillian Pett**, Chair of the Parish Council



2G3S



SOME of you may have seen us at the Great Shelford Family Fun Day, where we gave out sunflower seedlings for children to plant, and helped people make bug hotels using jars, flowerpots, twigs, corrugated card, fir cones, and so on. We also intend to be at the Stapleford Village Weekend and at the Shelford Feast, so come and talk to us about anything green.

Future dates for your diary

Nature Walk

The next walk, led by John O'Boyle, is on Saturday 17 June, meeting at 2pm on Mingle Lane in Stapleford at the path down to the Cemetery. There is land at the back of the cemetery that has been planted as a wildflower meadow, so come along and see the flowers and insects that can now be found there. See biodiversity in action! Wear suitable footwear and clothing, and walks are at attendees' own risk.

Cycle ride

Next one is Monday 19 June. Join us for a leisurely ride on quiet roads and traffic-free paths of around 20 miles, to include a coffee stop. Start at 10am at Stapleford Pavilion, returning by about 1pm. Booking essential, at greener@sawston.org.

Dr Bike

The bike repair sessions are continuing on Tuesday afternoons, between 3pm and 6pm in the Slaughterhouse in Stapleford. They are always in need of volunteers to help out, to keep the sessions going on through the summer.

Great Shelford Repair Café

Our next Repair Cafe is at the Great Shelford Rugby Club on the afternoon of Saturday 15 July. We hope to combine this with a clothes swap or jumble sale to expand on the idea of making the most of what we already have, and reducing our impact at the same time. The event is listed on the Cambridge Carbon Footprint events web pages where you can also find details of other local repair cafes. There will be a link for booking in items for repair on the CCF site. Remember: Reduce, Repair, Reuse, or Recycle if all else fails.

What we can do

Hopefully you are adopting wildlife-friendly gardening in some way, eg by following No Mow May, feeding birds, growing nectar-rich plants. Get

more ideas from the South Cambs Organic Gardeners Club (find on Facebook, or more details on our website). Don't forget, if you saw flowers and insects on your unmown lawn, do send in pictures to our email address.

Many residents will have received a letter from James Littlewood, the CEO of Cambridge PPF, about **the bus-way**. Do consider helping the campaign if you can, more info at bw4b.org. And people living in Great Shelford and Stapleford have had the opportunity to give their views on the Neighbourhood Plan proposals. It's important to use your voice when you can, don't just think you can't influence decisions and policies.

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has." –Margaret Mead, anthropologist

And a heads-up for **Plastic Free July**. More information on their website, but for example you can pledge to avoid single-use plastic, or focus on takeaway items, and can pledge for a day, a week, a month – whatever you feel you can commit to.

Water

Now you're watering the plant pots, think where the water is coming from. If you haven't got a water butt, see if you can install one (or more) in the garden – even a shed roof soon fills up a butt when it rains. Use your washing-up water on any plants except vegetables (soapy lettuce anyone?). Group pots together to reduce evaporation.

After a couple of dry winters (yes, even this last one) and last summer's heat and drought, our aquifer levels are starting this summer in a depleted state. The pressure on our water supply is increased with house building, and it's really important for our chalk streams, our wildlife, and our farmers that we don't waste precious water. The water companies have a big job to do to stop leaks (never mind cleaning up the effluent, but that's another story), and we need to do our bit too. Fix dripping taps, don't flush the loo every time, keep a jug of water in the fridge so you have cold water ready when you want it and don't have to run the tap for a drink, collect and use the water that you run while waiting for the hot tap to come hot, etc. And outside, don't hose the garden if you can possibly avoid it, your parched grass will recover, and when replanting an area put in plants that like dry conditions.

If you are interested in green matters and the environment at all levels (individual, local, national, international), email greengroupssss@gmail.com to sign up for our quarterly newsletter, or to get more information about our meetings. Also see our Facebook page and our website. **Helen Hale**



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Stapleford History Society Social Evening

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Join us to meet fellow members over drinks and nibbles and review our achievements over the past 10 years.

Come with thoughts on what you liked from past events, what we should continue, and what new projects we could consider in the future.

Cox's Close Community Room
Tuesday 13 June
at 7.30pm.

Free to members and non-members

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The Village Weekend

THE Village Weekend is fast approaching so put Friday 23 June to Sunday 25 June in your diaries if you haven't already.

The organisers have been working tirelessly behind the scenes to make sure there is plenty for everyone to enjoy in our family-friendly local highlight of the summer.

It couldn't be easier to take part in the activities - and reward yourself with refreshments afterwards of course - as paying by card is available. But not for everything so make sure you bring some cash as well.

And if it is possible to walk to the Recreation Ground then please do so - parking is always limited and may be available to stall holders and blue badge holders only.

We can confirm that the event will indeed be coming with a Glastonbury Festival soundtrack as mentioned in last month's edition of the *Messenger* as WiFi is in the process of being installed in the Pavilion.

And the dog show is a goer too so make sure your favourite canine is brushed and ready to be paraded.

Friday 23 June

Quiz Night

Whip up a team of up to eight brains and head for the Marquee for a 7.30pm start having first emailed jonwest1392@gmail.com to register.

Pimp My Fish are providing fish suppers/vegetarian alternative in a £20 ticket that also includes a free drink from the bar. Not hungry? Go for the £10 entry offer that gets you a drink as well as the quiz.

Email jonwest1392@gmail.com with your team's food choices by June 21.

Saturday 24 June

Village Show

The Village Show, featuring almost 100 different crafts, arts and horticultural categories, will light up the Marquee from 1pm onwards, with an array of silverware being handed out from 4.15pm.

Entry forms to be submitted no later than 12pm on Friday 23 June. Exhibits to be brought to the Marquee between 8.30am and 9.50am on Saturday 24 June, after which judging begins. Good luck!

Dog Show

There will be three pedigree classes and four fun classes in a repeat of an event that was a big hit last year.

Enter by 1pm for the following classes: pedigree puppy (6-12 months), pedigree open, pedigree veteran (7-plus), novelty best rescue, novelty 'looks most like its owner', novelty waggiest tail and novelty 'dog the judge would most like to take home'.

Tennis

2pm on the Multi-Use Games Area.

Walking Football

4.30pm on the MUGA. Teams of five, contact Tim Harrison on tplh288@gmail.com to register.

Café

1pm in the Pavilion.

On the Rec all day: The Bar, stalls, bouncy castles, a fun golf course, hog roast, ice cream van and other food options (tbc)

Sunday 25 June

Tour de Stapleford fun bike ride for all ages. 10am start on the Rec, bacon sarnies afterwards.

Cricket match

1.30pm on the Rec. Fancy joining the village's cricketers for a fun friendly game? Haven't played for a while but fancy having another crack? Or perhaps you'd like to show Stapleford Phoenix how it's done! Open to all adults plus teenagers if they have played to a sufficient standard (we're thinking safety here - and we can supply helmets etc). Email staplefordphoenix@gmail.com to take part.

Church service

5.30pm in the Marquee.

All times/events subject to change. See you all on the Rec later in the month. **Jon West**

Granta Flower Club

THE club met on 9 May with members battling through the epic downpour to arrive and enjoy a fantastic, tasty buffet followed by a floral demonstration by Kathy Stangaard. We were agog at the speed of Kathy's work not to mention her skill at producing such amazing arrangements and delivering an engaging chat. A memorable evening.

Our next meeting is Tuesday 13 June with demonstrator Elizabeth Robertson from Prickwillow, and her presentation is entitled 'My Family and Other Animals!' Visitors most welcome at the Gt Shelford Memorial Hall, 7pm. Enquiries to **Alison Purnell** 07720 050077

The Tour is back!

Sunday 25 June



THE Tour de Stapleford Family Cycle Ride was first held during the Village Weekend 2014 to celebrate the passage of the Tour de France through Stapleford a few days later.

The routes which are marshalled range from one mile to seven miles and include all the cyclepaths between Stapleford, Sawston, and Babraham. The start and finish is at the pavilion on the rec. Dr Bike will be there to check and fettle participants' bicycles before the start. Bacon Butties will be waiting for finishers.

- 9.45am : Have your free bike check by Dr Bike
- 9.50am : Signing on
- 10.15am : Grand Depart
- 11.15am : Barbecue opens for finishers
- 12noon : Finish

Entry is free, and donations welcomed.

The Village Show on 24 June

THE Schedules have been delivered to all Stapleford households by now we hope, and they were displayed in a previous *Messenger*. If we have missed you, please accept our apologies and give us a shout and we'll get one to you. Schedules are also available at various places around the village – The Spar, The Three Horseshoes, Church porch, Scotsdales, The Gog Farm Shop to mention a few.

We will be judging the entries for Front Gardens and Allotments during the week before the Show, and entry forms for the other classes will be accepted until 12 noon on Friday 23 June.

There are classes for all age groups and interests.

The Dog Show is back as part of the afternoon, the Samba Band from Sawston Village College will be playing, and the choir from Stapleford Community Primary School will be singing, amongst other attractions.

Apart from the Village Show, there are several events over the whole Village Weekend. Our theme for this year is Open Arms – embracing all our fellow humans, so come along and spread the love.

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John Bryden - A life in music



MOST people know John as the organist at St Andrew's Church, but that is only the tip of the iceberg for this experienced and multi-talented musician. His first BBC broadcast was at the tender age of fourteen. The *Messenger* first interviewed him in 2019, but we caught up with him again recently.

After being a member of the National Youth Orchestra, John studied at Emanuel College Cambridge, then spent some 22 years at Dartington College of Arts, where he became senior lecturer and for seven consecutive years was a member of the Dartington Trio. He came to

live permanently in Stapleford five years ago.

His involvement with the local church is intense, playing the organ on many days and rehearsing the church choir, which thanks to his involvement punches well above its weight. He also arranges the music and organises concerts in church, both choral and on the organ. His most recent work at the church was a come-and-sing Handel's *Messiah*. As well as playing organ and piano he also plays the double bass. Favourite composers include Schubert and Bach.

John is quite a globetrotter for as well as playing at many places in the UK he has been all over Europe, America and the Middle East, as well as performing classical music on a cruise ship. He carries out recitals in many parts of Europe.

That only covers one side of his expertise. He carries out a great deal of teaching, and covers all ages from 5 to 80, from basic to degree level. In addition, he is also a tour director with the ACE Foundation based at the Stapleford Granary, and leads cultural tours in Europe.

His life is such that he is only home somewhat rarely, although you can catch up with him on Youtube on 'coffee conversations with John Bryden'.

Better than that, come to a service at St Andrew's and experience his infectious enthusiasm.

John will be giving a talk 'Two hands, two feet and a tongue' in aid of the Sick Children's Trust on 14 June in St Andrew's Church - booking essential, details are given on page 54 of this magazine. This promises to be a highly entertaining evening so do book in advance and come along.

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MILKY WAY	TIN	PENNY	JUPITER

Anagrams

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Set by Hermes – Answers on page 59



Looking for a local venue?

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Stapleford Granary and its visitors

STAPLEFORD GRANARY

ARTS, CULTURE & EDUCATION

“I THINK everyone wants to enjoy themselves... there’s nothing wrong with the idea of culture as entertainment”.

At 6pm last Saturday, 45 mezze boards covered the work surfaces of our cafe kitchen.

Three of us filled them with dips, falafel, crudités, olives, cheeses and meat: a production line of colours, textures, tastes and smells. As we took them out to our pre-concert diners, I noticed a new kind of energy in the bar amidst the chatter and clatter, relaxed and heart-warming, like the candlelight on the worn wooden table.

Pre-concert food is a new venture for us at the Granary. We’re running a lot of pilots this year: art trips for schools, drop-in crafts for children, storytelling, BBQs and afternoon teas, all happily complementing our live music and exhibition programme. They each generate their own ambience, partly drawn from us, but mostly driven by the people who engage with them. We spend time talking to visitors, thinking about what people do when they come here, observing the ways that they experience art and music and questioning what an Arts Centre is for. But if you really want a straight answer to something, ask a group of primary school children. “Why do people come to an Arts Centre?” I said to Year 2. “To eat cake” they replied. Indeed, our cafe has the most delicious sweet treats. But there were more hands reaching for the sky. “To enjoy themselves”, they said... “to learn about the world” and “to be entertained”.

I particularly loved the last answer. ‘Entertainment’ has become something of a dirty word in the Arts. In an eloquently written defence of the short story, author Michael Chambon places entertainment in its contemporary context of faded grandeur: cheap, sequined, with buzzing neon lights, “trading in cliché and product placement”. The idea of pleasure seeped into the word and with this, disapproval at its hedonistic, transient and mass-produced undertones and association with passivity: you entertain us, we are entertained. “Entertainment, in short” writes Chambon, “means junk, and too much junk is bad for you”.

It wasn’t always the case. The original meaning of the word ‘entertainment’ is a lovely one; it comes from the Old French *entretenir* meaning holding together, or exchanging mutual support. “Like trees growing together” says Chambon, “each sustaining and bearing the other... a transfer of strength and contact”. The verb ‘to entertain’ has retained something of this meaning: we entertain ideas, each another, theories,

prospects and grudges. As a two-way connection, as a bridge between people and ideas, entertainment is a job fit for artists and something that Arts Centres can aspire to.



But there is nothing wrong with pleasure either, as Year 2 reminded me. I think that people want to enjoy themselves when they come to the Granary, whether that's eating cake surrounded by art, books and music, creating something or seeking inspiration. Being part of a live music experience generates an incredibly powerful feeling of 'togetherness'; an overwhelming sense of solidarity,

community and belonging. Sitting in a warm, still, softly lit concert hall, I can become utterly lost in music. I can hear forgotten or marginalised aspects of a familiar piece, or I can drift into the unfamiliar landscape of a new sound-world in a kind of dissociated self-exile. Getting lost in music revels in the joy of discovery and unknown outcomes; I think it's the most 'real' encounter you can have with music, and it is far from passive. It's liberating and it means you are following your own path, not a well-trodden one. The primary school children were right again: you can learn about the world if you're willing to lose yourself in art or music.

Everyone's idea of enjoyment and entertainment is different and everyone comes to music or art for unique and often surprising reasons. I was deeply moved when a lady told me that she came to a Sunday lunchtime viola concert because her late husband used to practise his viola at that time. A visitor to a recent exhibition told me that he sat in front of a painting for nearly an hour because it brought hidden and powerful thoughts to the surface. An elderly gentleman comes to our classical concerts to scrutinise the instruments; he used to be a luthier. Another audience member came to a piano recital, not to hear a specific piece, but to hear a specific note in a specific piece. Every human interaction - whether verbal (through conversation and written word) or voiceless (through music and art) - is an opportunity to understand and to be understood.

Culture is always a two-way process which has something to do with the Arts and something to do with ordinary ways of living; a vibrant, symbiotic flow between those who create and those who respond. We cannot and do not aim to please everyone here at the Granary. A bland, neutral one-environment-fits-all would result in an atmosphere of

ambivalence, apathy and lethargy, where no-one ever asks a question and there is never any change. We want to offer a mezze board of rich cultural experiences that enable people to be curious, try something new, change their minds, return for more, pick and choose for enjoyment or entertainment or to learn about the world. In my two and a half years as CEO of the Granary, I'm endlessly grateful to - and fascinated by - our brilliant, unpredictable, individual audiences and visitors who shape and create the future of the Granary with us.

For more information see staplefordgranary.org.uk. 849004.

Kate Romano, CEO, Stapleford Granary

Stapleford Twinning Association

London Walk



AN excellent full-day guided walk around the City of London took place on Saturday 22 April, ably led by Tony Hore, Tony Smith and Christine Wylde (from Sawston U3A), the group numbering 10 in all. The walk meandered from Tower Hill through ancient streets, courtyards and markets, and also took us to a couple of contemporary 'sky gardens' with amazing views towards St Paul's Cathedral and further afield across the Thames and beyond. Our guides provided a fascinating commentary on points of interest along the way, with references to Shakespeare, Pepys, Blackfriars, Whitefriars and a Roman amphitheatre, to name just a few. Refreshment stops in historic hostelries enhanced this lovely and unusual day out!



And a quick reminder that...

...a fifteen-strong group of our French friends from Villedômer will be arriving in Stapleford on Friday 26 May and staying till Monday 29 May. Do greet them if you meet them round the village, they would love to chat to you. Their programme for the weekend can be seen on our website at twinning.staplefordvillage.org.uk or you can email us at staplefordtwinningassociation@gmail.com. **Tim Jessop**

Stapleford History Society

The History of Windmills in Cambridgeshire

Elwyn Davies and David Pearce

THERE was a good turnout considering the weather and we heard a very interesting talk with many illustrations. The two speakers are co-owners of the restored twelve-sided Wicken Windmill. Their windmill is regularly open for visitors who are able to make their own contribution to funds by buying the flour produced there. Volunteers also work to help to fund the purchase of the timber that is necessary for repairs.

Two hundred years ago windmills provided an essential service by milling the flour for everyone's daily bread. The industry in this part of the country was dominated by four family groupings who worked and intermarried and, at the same time, developed and modified different types of windmill. The names Rawlings, Willis, Hunt and Fyson were mentioned the most, with the Willis family being based in Stapleford.

We learned that POST MILLS were built from c.1150 and were shown a photo of the one at Great Gransden with two millers beside it. TOWER MILLS were developed c.1550 and modified by the invention of Fantails in 1750 and Patent Sails in 1803. Robert Willis built SMOCK MILLS including the Stapleford Mill in 1803 and the Fulbourn Mill in 1808. Stapleford Mill had ceased operation by 1905 and was used as a base by the Home Guard during WWII. The Home Guard burned quantities of wood from the structure itself (see photo) and it spectacularly collapsed in 1945. The Fulbourn Mill was struck by lightning twice in the same storm and underwent major repairs in 1933. A TOWER MILL was built at Sawston in 1866. It became the Vulcan Iron Works. Its lasting legacy is a kissing gate and iron bridge over the River Mel. The Wicken Mill, owned by the speakers, was built in 1813 with very wide shutter sails and a fantail. A DRAINAGE MILL was built over Soham Mere but destroyed by fire in 1867.



Just as today's workers feel threatened by automation and the development of AI, so some of our ancestors felt aggrieved when threshing machines took away the need for as many mill workers. The Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings and the Council for the Preservation of Rural England work to help us remember how people used to live and support the rescue, renovate and rebuild strategy necessary for us to appreciate our heritage. **Jane Steadman**

Stapleford Community Primary School

Stapleford Granary 'Small Grains'



STAPLEFORD School is a friendly and lively school with high expectations and ambitions for our children as learners, artists, musicians, sports people and future citizens. We have been delighted to have had the opportunity to work with Stapleford Granary to inspire and excite our pupils!

Back in January, I had the pleasure of visiting the Granary with our Nursery class and then meeting Kate Romano, Chief Executive and Artistic Director of Stapleford Granary, and this has led to each class at our school having a wonderful opportunity!



'Small Grains' is a new pilot education programme developed by the Granary for Key Stage 1 & 2 pupils at Stapleford Primary School. It is a responsive programme, inspired by and connected to the ever-changing cultural life of the Granary with a particular focus on live music and visual art. The programme explores ways of making the

cultural programme accessible and inspirational to young children, by exposing them to high quality music and art, giving them space and scope to respond in their own way and providing opportunities and tools to learn and create.

The name of the programme references the historical function of the Granary (a place where 'small grains' were held and cared for) with a nod to 'small gains theory' (small improvements across a number of different areas, which lead to more significant and noticeable gains overall). Through this pilot year, we hope to learn how regular cultural interaction with Stapleford Granary benefits students at the school in different ways.

I had the privilege of joining Year 1 for part of their morning and to glimpse the experience the children were getting. I saw the class mesmerised and particularly enjoyed watching one of the children captivated by the violin playing which was part of the show. Pupils watched a shadow puppet show of 'Peter and the Wolf' by Prokofiev and experienced the music. Pupils returned to school full of their experiences, talking animatedly to other pupils and staff about what they had heard, seen, and done! Mrs Bonham, class teacher, reported it was a 'magical experience' for the class.



The Coronation



We continue to embrace enrichment opportunities to inspire learners, and in May we held a Coronation Celebration. We acknowledged the King's Coronation with activities across the morning framed by key questions: What is a Coronation? What is it for and who is involved? Who is King Charles III? Why does the Coronation matter? We then came together as a school with an assembly and picnic in the afternoon. Pupils wore the crowns they had designed and enjoyed the decorated biscuits they had made. We also had a visit from King Charles (in cardboard cut-out form!). Our intention is to capture this history as part of our school archive, with pupils writing diary entries of their experiences.

We want our children to have no limits to their ambitions and to become happy and enthusiastic life-long learners! It has been a real pleasure to work with Stapleford Granary as part of our development. Our curriculum is carefully crafted so that our children develop their academic, social and cultural capital. **Laura Rawlings**, Headteacher

Cambridge Flower Club

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15 June Garden Visit

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Mill or Melde? A circular walk from Melbourn

To get to start of walk

THE walk starts from the village car park in Melbourn High Street (SG8 6DZ) opposite The Hub (community-run) café. Travel to Melbourn from Stapleford by using the A505 past the IWM at Duxford. Turn right off the A505, for Melbourn, shortly after Flint Cross.

Length of walk

About 4¾ miles. Quite a lot of this walk is on solid surfaces.

OS Map

OS Explorer map 209. Visit maps.the-hug.net for a free map extract to print off, or use the route map provided.

Extra Information

Wikipedia claims the place name Melbourn means 'the stream of a man named Melde'. On the other hand the place name Meldreth, just over a mile away, is stated to be 'mill stream'. Your correspondent thinks they can't both be right! The stocks, passed in Meldreth, were last used in 1860 as a punishment for brawling in church.

Route of walk

From the village car park, cross the road and go to the right on the roadside pavement. Turn left up The Moor, and walk along it, passing Melbourn Village College. Go left up a track immediately after the children's playground. Walk past a pavilion and keep going until meeting a cross path.

Turn right on the cross path, pass under the A10 and follow the path alongside the River Mel until the railway line is reached. There is a stile and a crossing over the tracks, but it is safer to duck under the railway bridge to the left, where the line crosses the Mel. On the far side, continue into Melwood Nature Reserve. The path carries on ahead through a wood, with the River Mel to the immediate left. Pass through a gate at the end of the wood and walk through a large grassy field, which sometimes contains cattle.

At the far end of the field, exit via another gate by an old water mill and follow the path, emerging on to the road opposite Meldreth Church.

Turn left along the pavement and keep walking for some time, passing the old stocks and whipping post and The British Queen pub (with croquet lawn behind). Pass the shop and school and look out for a green footpath sign pointing left up a narrow track. This leads to Meldreth station. Cross

the footbridge and, beyond, follow the path across a field, heading back towards Melbourn.

Just before the tunnel under the A10, turn right on a path and keep going until a road is reached. Turn right and cross over carefully when the road bends to the right opposite Fieldgate Nurseries. The route passes to the left of the shop and, shortly, goes under the A10 before emerging on the far side. Walk past Melbourn Bury (large house) to the left and, when a main road is reached, turn left. Cross over carefully shortly afterwards, when a wood is seen on the other side; then walk through the wood on a well-used path.

At the far end of the wood turn right into Back Lane. Take care as there is no pavement for the first section. Turn left when Water Lane is reached and then turn right on to Orchard Road. After passing The Black Horse, cross over and turn left down Meeting Lane (rather narrow).

At the end of the lane, turn right on to the High Street, pass the traffic lights opposite the church and carry on beyond the lights to return to the car park where the walk started. **David Barnes**

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



What did you do on Coronation Day?

RESIDENTS of Priams Way and Hawthorne Road met for a street party after the service despite the very wet weather. After all we are British!



Coronation Picnic

What a wonderful weekend we had! The village celebrated on Sunday with a picnic on the recreation ground. Many families, groups of friends and neighbours enjoyed a sunny and warm afternoon enjoying their picnics and listening to a fine jazz group called Hugh Boyd and The Happy Coincidence. They are all local musicians. You may have heard them playing in The Three Horseshoes!

How British it all was with flags flying, hats on show - even a Royal or two there! Well done Stapleford! **Lyn Pepperell**





Stapleford Community Primary School

PTA Fun Run

THE Stapleford Fun Run is taking place once again and will be back in full flight on **Sunday 2 July**. There are three distances runners can take part in: 1km, 4km and 8km.



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

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

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

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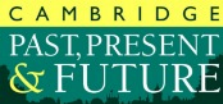
Described as 'one of the real discoveries on the folk circuit in recent times' (Mark Radcliffe), The Trials of Cato have blazed a trail through the British folk scene since 2016, winning BBC Radio 2 Best Folk Album for their recording debut



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June at Wandlebury



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

Tree identification, Tuesday 6 June, 10am to 12noon

Gentle warden-guided walk to learn about native trees. Please wear footwear and clothing for being outdoors. Meet at the large noticeboard near the car park. Free event, suggested donation £3. No need to book.



Earthworms Outdoor Toddler Group, Wednesday 7 June to Wednesday 12 July, 10am to 12noon.

An Outdoor Toddler Group specifically designed for young children (0-5) and their parents/carers, although siblings are welcome. Full details including costs and how to book on the Events page at cambridgeppf.org.

Walk with a Warden , Tuesday 13 June, 10.30am to 12.30pm.

Gentle guided walk with a Warden to explore the wildlife and history of the Country Park. This is also a great opportunity to see and learn about the work that the charity does to protect and improve the park for nature, heritage, and people. Please wear footwear and clothing for being outdoors.



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

Summer Wildflowers, Tuesday 27 June, 10am to 12noon.

Gentle guided walk to learn about summer wildflowers at Wandlebury Country Park. Led by a knowledgeable guide CambridgePPF Warden, who will help you to identify wildflowers using features such as colour, form and habitat. Please wear footwear and clothing for being outdoors. Meet at the large noticeboard near the car park. Free event, suggested donation £3. No need to book.



Granta Medical Practices

ROYSTON Health Centre is now part of Granta Medical Practices. We are very excited to work with the Royston team and extend a warm welcome to our new patients.

I would just like to take this opportunity to remind everyone about where our surgeries are and the telephone options:

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Self-care: You can treat many **minor illnesses** such as colds and coughs, sore throats and upset stomachs at home. Make sure you are stocked up with healthcare essentials such as pain relief (e.g. paracetamol), cough and sore throat remedies, upset stomach treatment, rehydration treatment, heartburn/indigestion treatments and a first aid kit.

Use the NHS UK Symptom Checker [nhs.uk](https://www.nhs.uk): This helpful tool can guide you through your symptoms and direct you to the most appropriate health service for your needs.

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pharmacist can arrange this. Please speak to a member of our reception team to be referred into this service.

Ring NHS 111, Option 2: If you are experiencing a **mental health crisis** this First Response Service puts your mental health first. There is a team of specialist mental health clinicians on hand 24-hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year, to offer advice and support and signpost you as appropriate.

Non-urgent appointments: Before ringing us, check availability of appointments online. You can do this if you have online access via SystmOnline, the Airmid app, or the NHS app.

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If you have any queries please do not hesitate to speak to one of our reception team or email us on cpicb.grantapatientsservices@nhs.net

Sandra East, Head of Patient Services

Cactus Show

THE Cambridge Branch of the British Cactus and Succulent Society are holding their Annual Cactus Show on Wednesday 14 June at Great Shelford Memorial Hall from 7.30pm to 9.30pm. Many outstanding specimens of cacti and succulents will be judged then, and there will be plant sales by Branch members.

We are a friendly group of cacti and succulent plant enthusiasts. Please do come and see what we grow and learn about these unique and fascinating plant species. It is our 'big' annual show and we aim to attract many local folk in to share the spectacle and event. **Jacqui Arbon**

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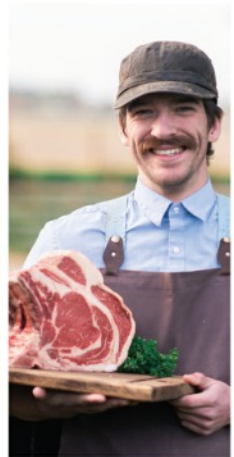
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Stapleford Choral Society

Performs Adam Pounds' 'London Cantata'

AS a Londoner, Adam Pounds has always been fascinated by the city's history and life. His London Cantata was especially composed for the combined forces of the Academy of Great St. Mary's and the Stapleford Choral Society, for which he is Musical Director.

The piece opens in celebratory enthusiasm with the words of 16 century poet William Dunbar, and the music has traces of Walton's influence in it. However, it soon turns to a more reflective mood with a setting of George Eliot's 'In a London Drawing Room'. This really explains the idea behind the work, in that we scratch the polished veneer of the great city and find a vast array of lifestyle, historic opulence, and poverty.

The solo baritone conveys the loneliness that can be experienced even in a crowded environment, and he plays his part as the ghost in 'Shadwell Stair' by Wilfred Owen, and also features in 'Upon Westminster Bridge' by William Wordsworth. The first of two orchestral interludes, 'The Thames at Westminster' is based on the famous Westminster Chimes. This is particularly apt as the chimes - although strongly associated with London - were composed in 1793 for the new clock that was installed in Great St. Mary's, Cambridge. The second interlude, 'Thames Autumn Morning', paints a misty picture and serves as a prelude to the aforementioned 'Shadwell Stair'. The 'London Cantata' concludes with the words of the poet Amy Levy, who was the first Jewish woman to study at Cambridge University: her evocative poem 'A March Day in London' provides some beautiful descriptive lines.

We are delighted to perform the 'London Cantata' as part of our summer concert! Do join us at St Mary's Church in Sawston on Saturday 24 June, 7.30pm. Tickets are £10, available from ADC Ticketing (online at adcticketing.com/whats-on/concert/summer-concert-london-cantata/ or Box Office on 300085). **Susannah Salter**, Stapleford Choral Society

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Dr Bike continues during the summer!

DR Bike, 'Making your Bike Better', is run by volunteers, using the Slaughterhouse in Church Street, Stapleford with kind permission of the Parish Council. It is on Tuesdays between 3pm and 5.30pm.

Throughout the winter we have fixed numerous bikes, some only needing minor adjustments to get them into fine fettle, but common faults have been worn or corroded brakes or gear cables, or just lack of lubrication. We can show you a 22-point check, for your, or your children's bikes, and can normally fix issues. We ask you to stay throughout the process, to better understand your bike. That knowledge should help you in the future. With the donations received, we now even have a supply of minor parts that are often all that is needed to make your bike better. If we can't help we'll suggest going to a local bike shop. If you want your bike, or your child's bike to be safer and easier to ride please bring it to us.

We've a good band of experienced, but amateur bike fixers, but we also need more helpers to build up a team during the summer. For each session we need just one experienced person capable of understanding and fixing those difficult to diagnose issues, but for the majority of fixes or adjustments all that is needed is a few DIY skills, the right tools, which we generally already have, our checklist, and possibly a few of our spares.

If you've those sorts of basic DIY mechanical skills and can spare a Tuesday afternoon just once each month, we need you.

For those of you with a bike that isn't quite right, or a child's bike that has seen better days, please bring them along and we'll do our best to make them better. It is rewarding to fix those minor faults on a quality, but 30-year-old, bike, and then see the owner returning from a test ride with a big grin on their face. All we ask is that you follow our 22-point check, to help see how best you can maintain your bike, and that if adjustments or minor repairs are needed that you leave us a donation to help maintain our stock of minor parts and consumables.

We want to continue to run this service for those who live in our local villages, but this needs both customers, and volunteer helpers, to ensure better bikes for all in our villages.

We'll also be in attendance at the 'Tour de Stapleford' on Sunday 25 June from 10am.

This scheme is supported by both 2G3S (Green Groups in Stapleford, Shelford & Sawston), as well as the local Repair Café organisation.

We can be contacted via drbikestapleford@gmail.com. **Jim Chisholm**

SSYI

Shelfords, Stapleford and Sawston



2022-2023 has been an exciting year for Shelford & Stapleford Youth Initiative. We have seen continued growth and development of our work, both in numbers and variety of sessions, activities, and support that we

offer. SSYI's work was carried out this year by our skilled team of youth workers: Charlie Trueblood, Tilly Akoto, Tina Woodstock, Sophie Hurst, and our lead youth worker Zac Britton. Jon Sanders, the head of the Romsey Mill Youth Development Team, has management oversight.

In the first half of the summer term of 2022, we were running seven weekly youth clubs, three of which were traditional community-based open access sessions, where young people can come and go as they please, engage with youth workers, play games, and access support. Two were wellbeing focused sessions for two different age brackets, plus a football-based session and a targeted girl's group.



We ran a jam-packed programme over the summer including regular open access youth clubs in Sawston and Shelford and trips to The Gauntlet (a youth motorbike charity in Ramsey), Wyboston Lakes Aqua Park, an outdoor activity day and more! We also took fourteen of our young people away for a three-night residential to Skreens Park in Chelmsford, where we did a load of activities including paddle boarding, high ropes, raft building and axe throwing. This was also a great opportunity for us to strengthen our relationships with our young people and encourage them to grow in their confidence and self-esteem.



In September we were able to resume an even larger programme of activities in the autumn term, including running a second open access session in Sawston. Alongside all our detached work and one-to-one work in the community and in Sawston Village College, we have been engaging with over 200 young people. We have seen a growth in the number of young people attending sessions, including a large number from the Shelfords and

Stapleford, and even from villages such as Whittlesford and Harston. We have run one-to-one support sessions with twenty young people this year, many of these on a long-term basis. Our relationship with Sawston Village College has gone from strength to strength and we currently do ten hours' worth of one-to-ones, detached and group work in the school per week. Young people are facing growing challenges year on year, and we are privileged to be providing valuable support to many local young people.

We have also recently started a new recycling initiative. We now have a specific aluminium can recycling bin in the youth centre (above Shelford Memorial Hall) along with a general recycling bin for paper, card, cartons, and plastic. We are thankful to Great Shelford Parish Council for providing a recycling bin for us to use. The youths that attend are being educated on recycling and encouraged to participate in being more environmentally aware.

In May 2023 we released our annual report with a great selection of case studies, statistics and quotes from young people, giving a detailed overview of all that we have been doing over the last year. We are so grateful to all of those who support our work including Parish Councils, churches, and individuals.

For more information on the work we do and to view our full youth work report head to ssyi.club or contact our Lead Youth Worker Zac Britton on zac.britton@ssyi.club or 07599 024210

Zac Britton (Lead Youth Worker) & **Kirsty Townsend** (Administrator)

Bawds Theatre Company

Shakespeare Shorts: The Merchant of Venice and Twelfth Night

ADC Theatre in Cambridge from 11 to 15 July.

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Green Hairstreak Butterfly

CLAIRE Beale, one of the Magog Trust's rangers, was delighted to see a Green Hairstreak Butterfly (*Callophrys rubi*) on Thursday 20 April. She wrote "I've hardly ever seen them and just by chance I stopped to look at some Hawthorn blossom which has just come out on North Down, on the Youth Wood margin. There it was in front of me and I was able to take some photos".



(Photo by Claire Beale)

Claire has checked back through the records kept since 2015, initially by Barbara Massingham-Stubbs, and more recently by Andrew Knights, Ed Pollard and William McEwan. There were no sightings until 2019, none in 2020, just one in 2021, but nine in 2022. Fingers crossed that the Green Hairstreak is becoming established at Magog Down and that more sightings will be made this spring and summer.

It is a small butterfly and usually found in small colonies. On calcareous grassland, Butterfly Conservation, which is a British charity devoted to saving butterflies, moths and their habitats throughout the UK, says that the caterpillars will feed on Common Rockrose and Common Bird's-foot Trefoil. See butterfly-conservation.org/.

If you are up at Magog Down and spot an unusual butterfly, try to take a photo and send it to us by email to admin@magogtrust.org.uk. Alternatively, you can submit a photo via the website - magogtrust.org.uk/submit-photos. **Geoff Hale**, Trustee, Magog Trust

Arthur's Shed

ARTHUR'S Shed is a purpose-built studio set in the beautiful grounds of the Arthur Rank Hospice. Sessions are open to the public, you do not need to have a connection with the Charity to attend. Sessions are free of charge, although a suggested donation of £5 is welcomed to cover the cost of materials. Sessions can be booked by emailing Arthurs.shed@arhc.org.uk or calling 675777. Sessions must be booked in advance.

Subjects covered include: Paper Crafts, Astronomy, Clay Work, Flower Arranging, Mindful Moments. The June timetable is now available so do visit arhc.org.uk/open-to-all/arthurs-shed/ for more information.



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Annual Parish Meeting

Parish Council Chair's report

THE Annual Parish Meeting on 4 May was preceded by a short Annual Parish Council Meeting at which the Chairman was re-elected. It was agreed that a new noticeboard would be made to replace the existing noticeboard outside the primary school. Additional minutes of both meetings will be available to view at staplefordparishcouncil.gov.uk.

The APM was extremely well attended. A resumé of the year's Parish Council activities was given, including work on the Neighbourhood Plan, making safe gravestones in the cemetery, work to mitigate the effect of the retirement village, continuing objection to the busway, plans to reduce speeding along Haverhill and Bury Road, and the very successful village weekend in 2022. Projects for this year include refurbishing the Pavilion and updating its facilities, continuing opposition to the busway, and further advancement of the Neighbourhood Plan. Plans for the Pavilion were available to view at the meeting.

Speakers at the APM were Anthony Browne MP and James Littlewood from Cambridge Past, Present and Future. Anthony Browne spoke about his new role as the Government's 'Anti -Fraud Champion'. He intends to use the latest technological advances and legislation to tackle this with a view to stopping fraud before it happens, but he commented that it is very difficult to catch perpetrators because many act from overseas. He also discussed campaigning to reduce the impact of East West Rail, plans for two new hospitals at the Addenbrooke's site, and water supply and sewage problems in Cambridgeshire. A new reservoir will be built in the Fens, but this is a major infrastructure project requiring detailed planning so will not happen in the short-term.

James Littlewood spoke about the Cambridge South-East Transport scheme's busway from Babraham to Addenbrooke's, showing the proposed route and the impact on the countryside, rivers and landscape, and the loss of land to compulsory purchase. He told the audience that the projected cost of this busway is £100m pounds greater than a more readily deliverable alternative route along the A1307. Local farmer Steven Partridge-Hicks also spoke, asking people to dig deep to support the Better Ways 4 Busways campaign to stop the busway, as the judicial appeal against the Transport and Works Act Order will be very costly. Questions were asked about the Greater Cambridge Partnership (GCP), public transport and potential housing development along the busway route. The GCP is an unelected

Two hands, two feet and a tongue

An entertainment by John Bryden in aid of the Sick Children's Trust

Wednesday 14 June at 7.30pm in St Andrew's Church

John Bryden, musician and St Andrew's Director of Music, will entertain us on the piano and organ with tales of his many years as ACE Cultural Tour director, the places he has visited and how music came to be his passion.

The Sick Children's Trust Charity own Acorn House and Chestnut House at Addenbrooke's Hospital, 'homes from homes' where parents and siblings can stay when a child of the family is seriously ill in hospital.

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body comprising three member councillors which has government money to, amongst other things, improve transport in and around the City. People believe the busway will not deliver value for money, is only 5 miles long and will not encourage people to leave their cars at home since they will have to drive to a large park and ride site to access a bus.

Councillor Jenny Flynn then spoke about progress on the Neighbourhood Plan and encouraged people to participate in the current community consultation. Hard copies of the survey were distributed to attendees to take away to complete and return to Gt Shelford Library by 28 May, and an extensive display of work to date was available for all to view.

Anthony Browne presented Councillor David Pepperell with a 'Freedom of the Parish' award for 50 years of service as a Parish Councillor. David is a valued member of the Parish Council, has served three terms as Chairman, during which time he promoted the idea of a new pavilion (today's Pavilion) to replace the old one.



He has been involved with many village societies, including Twinning, and seen myriad changes in the village, including the acquisition of Magog Down as parkland for future generations to enjoy.

The meeting ended with thanks given to all those who have contributed to the Parish over the past year. Reports from village organisations are available on the Parish Council website. **Gillian Pett**

URGENT: Neighbourhood Plan update

Last chance to participate in community consultation – have your say now!



AT the time of publication, if you get your magazine promptly there is still a little time left for residents and workers in Stapleford and Gt Shelford to complete the Neighbourhood Plan survey. We are extremely grateful

to all those who have taken part so far and visited our displays at various venues around our villages. We've heard a lot about affordable housing concerns, loss of greenbelt, and the impact of large-scale development and infrastructure projects on village character and cherished views. Our Neighbourhood Plan can't stop development, but it can shape it to meet our



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community's needs, protect the things we value and improve the less good bits. SurveyMonkey statistics show that it takes an average of 11 mins and 17 secs to complete the survey online – an insignificant time investment versus the benefits we will gain. It's absolutely fine not to have an opinion on everything in the survey; after all, it is very wide-ranging. Just tick the 'no opinion' box and move on; there really is something there for everyone. And three lucky participants will be randomly picked to receive a £50 voucher in return for their time. It could be you!

If you have completed a hard copy of the survey and have yet to return it, drop it into Gt Shelford Library, the letterbox at 41 Gog Magog Way or email neighbourhood.plan@staplefordparishcouncil.gov.uk and we will collect it from your door.

Our next steps will be to collate and start analysing the outcomes of the consultation. A report of our findings will be made public, and extracts will appear in *Stapleford Messenger*, *Great Shelford Village News* and on both Parish Council websites. After that, it's full steam ahead to produce the legally-binding policies against which all planning applications for our area will be assessed.

For more information about the Neighbourhood Plan and to access the survey **before end of day 28 May**, please visit greatshelfordparishcouncil.gov.uk/SGSNPlan.

Jenny Flynn

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Cambridge South East Transport

NOT from Howard this time, but **Rachel French** of Cambridge Past, Present and Future.

Local politicians are planning to build a new bus road near your home, which would probably be followed soon after by applications to build houses. In June, a decision will be made whether to proceed with the road scheme, and this will no doubt be followed by a public inquiry which would grant permission (or not). Construction is planned to start in 2025.

Cambridge Past, Present & Future want to see better public transport, but we also want to protect the countryside of the Gog Magog hills for future generations, so we are campaigning for the bus road to be located next to the A1307 instead. If we are to have any chance of succeeding, then we need your help.

We will be presenting our arguments and a petition to local politicians when they meet in June. 2,000 people have already signed and the more signatories we have the stronger our voice. Find out more about the campaign and sign the petition at cambridgeppf.org/south-east-cambridge-busway.

If local politicians won't listen, then we are raising funds to pay for independent experts to provide evidence for our alternative route and to provide legal and professional advice to make your views heard at a public inquiry. Please help support this fighting fund if you can, by making a donation at cambridgeppf.org/donate/sss-green-belt.

The campaign is supported by a coalition of organisations, including the parish councils of Stapleford and Great Shelford, Cambridge Past, Present & Future, Magog Trust and Hobson's Conduit Trust.

Puzzle Corner Answers

4 x 4

MERCURY, PALLADIUM, LEAD, TIN – metals

SATURN, NEPTUNE, VENUS, JUPITER – planets

LION, MARS, GALAXY, MILKY WAY – chocolate bars

COPPER, DIME, NICKEL, PENNY – coins

Anagrams

charm, spiral, anatomy, conjures, jealously, outrageous,
pager, pen-pal, panache, operatic, treachery, generation

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