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A new look for Great Shelford Post Office
Rugby Club Successes



Freddie and Christian Barnes play the Mad Hatter and the March Hare in *Alice in Wonderland*
Photo: Cheryl Smith

Little Shelford Pantomime Review

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GREAT SHELFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Summary of items from December meeting

MATTERS ARISING from November meeting.

Chancel Repair (minute 6) Following the proposal that Jesus College should be approached for a deed of rectification of the 1928 conveyance by extending the indemnity on the cemetery land, the Chairman has contacted the solicitor seeking his advice.

VACANCY PARISH CLERK

The committee was brought up to date on the interview that took place earlier in the month. After a full discussion it was proposed that the position of Clerk/Responsible Officer should be offered to this candidate. A contract of employment and job description will be sent.

WORK SCHEDULE

Cllr: Smith distributed a copy of the work schedule for the village man; the previous schedule needed to be updated. Following a few adjustments it was proposed that the revised list should be put in to action as soon as possible.

FINANCE

(a) *Accounts* It was **resolved** that 7 accounts totalling £2,836.12, as presented by the Clerk, be approved for payment.

(b) *Salary increases* An increase of 2% was agreed.

(c) *Precept* The proposed budget requirements by each committee, together with all other annual costs, were presented to the meeting; as the proposed increase is higher than in previous years a full and extensive discussion followed. After much deliberation a compromise was reached and a figure agreed for the 2014/2015 precept. This will be presented to the full Council for approval at the meeting in January.

Following the Government's localisation of council tax support, the B and D council tax base for 2013/14 and the District Council's decision not to pay the parish council a portion of the grant it will receive from the Government, the increase on the Parish Council precept will be a far higher percentage on council tax billing than in previous years.

ROAD WORKS ON CHURCH STREET

Due to gas main replacements, there will be traffic lights and possible delays on Church Street. At the time of going to press the dates have not been confirmed, but it seems likely that these works will begin on February 17 and last for two weeks.

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PLANNING APPLICATIONS PARISH COUNCIL COMMENTS

S/2500/13/FL	Mr and Mrs Deeks 24 Shelford Park Avenue	Single storey front/side extension and first floor rear extension
If the planning officers are happy the amended design overcomes the objections raised by the inspector on appeal, no objections. We would like the design of the rear first floor window to be balanced as it will be visible from the road, and are pleased the hedge is to be retained.		

S/2526/13/FL	Head of Housing and Property S.C. District Council	Change use from Wardens House to B1 office use
No objections.		

S/2205/12/AD	Sharman Quinney 49 Woollards Lane	Fascia sign
Recommend refusal. In the light of the appearance of the sign at 19 Woollards Lane, we would prefer letters mounted or printed onto the wooden fascia.		

S/2322/13/FL	Mr D Southby 19 Hinton Way	Extension to existing dwelling and proposed dwelling
Recommend refusal. The site outline includes land which is in the ownership of SCDC, and should therefore be amended. We are unhappy with the loss of car parking off Hinton Way and its replacement to the rear of No 19, where vehicle movements will cause disturbance to the occupiers of No 17.		

S/2501/13/FL	Vicar and Churchwarden St Mary the Virgin	Paving to front and side of meeting room
No objections.		

PLANNING DECISIONS

Planning approval was granted for extensions at 14 Shelford Park Avenue, 2A Shelford Park Avenue, 11 Red Hill Close and 24 High Green and for an advertisement at 49 Woollards Lane.

The footbridge at Websters crossing, a detached garage at 3 Trinity Lane, a games room at 1 Maris Green and a variation to condition 2 on the planning approval for 18 Coppice Avenue were also approved.

Alterations to 26 Maris Green, a listed building, were refused, as were plans for extensions at 1 Birch Trees Road and the request to remove the condition requiring affordable housing on the Rectory Farm site. The appeal against refusal of planning permission for extensions at 1A Elms Avenue was allowed.

COUNTY COUNCIL

City Deal for Greater Cambridge Cambridge City, South Cambs and the County have been awarded a share in the local taxes raised by Cambridgeshire from businesses. We will be allowed to keep some of the increased income from future growth in the County. This should amount to £1 billion over five years. It is to be spent on infrastructure such as transport and housing as well as a revised package for affordable housing and for skills to meet the needs of local businesses. The three authorities will work as a combined authority. Hopefully our severe transport needs will now be addressed.

£7 million in housing investment proposed by South Cambs This will kick-start a property company run by South Cambs to protect the Council against future National Government cuts. The government grant to South Cambs will be cut by 24% this year. A cross-party group will be set up to work up a detailed business case. A portfolio of 40 houses will be in the pilot scheme. The housing company *South Cambs Ltd* was registered last year to allow the District to sell at market prices and put the money into District services. This will run in conjunction with the District's building programme.

Energy saving in South Cambs owned homes £100,000 has been allotted for renewable energy installation in South Cambs owned properties. External cladding, 18 air-source heat pumps and 18 solar devices to heat water have been added to 120 homes, many of which are in Shelford.

Homelessness: the B&B bill plummets South Cambs has decreased the number of emergency B&Bs it needs by building new accommodation for vulnerable people. The District has purchased 10 empty houses for emergencies. The hostel in Waterbeach is being renovated at a cost of £3.3 million into 30 apartments. In Linton, a building programme of 1000 homes has started. The first four houses are now occupied and the tenants seem very pleased with the high quality of the specification. All the rent collected will stay in South Cambs for future needs.

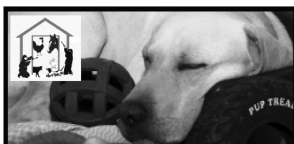
Winter Gritting In consultation about the roads gritted, a common request was to upgrade some secondary routes to primary routes and there were a few requests for new roads to be added. The gritted routes can be found on www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk. A further consultation will be held after the winter.

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King Charles: Heads will roll.

Samuel Pepys: The wind is so strong and the houses so close together that the fire is spreading like lightning.

King Charles: I'll send the soldiers and boats.

Samuel Pepys: Most people are so frightened they are frozen to the spot.

King Charles: Get the people to the river.

Samuel Pepys: Ten houses a minute are falling.

King Charles: Help is on its way - save yourself and your family.

By Tom, Daniel, Abigail and Toby (Year 1)

SHELFORD SCHOOL FAIR THANKS

Thank you to everyone who supported the Shelford Primary School Christmas Fair in December. The total profit for the event is £3,200. This includes a figure of £200 made by the jewellery and accessories stall. Thanks to *Village News* readers who so generously responded to a request for donations towards this initiative.

Alison Denton, PTA Secretary

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The spring term has started but there are plenty of memories of the Christmas celebrations at the end of last term. KS1 and Foundation Stage pupils put on excellent stage nativity performances for the rest of the school, parents and members of the local community. KS2 led an uplifting carol service in St Mary's church; the school is fortunate to have the use of such a wonderful setting to present and appreciate the Christmas story. We are very grateful to the Rev Simon Talbott for facilitating this, to the staff and others who led the musical preparation and performance, and most of all to the children who performed so well. The collection was in aid of Save the Children's Philippines typhoon appeal.

The last day of term has become established as the school 'Christmas Day', with the children wearing their own choice of Christmas outfits. The day began with collective worship, including the lighting of the final Advent candle, followed by gifts for all pupils and staff, with an emphasis on the importance of giving as well as receiving. The children then divided into house groups for Christmas-themed party games. The lunch menu had a traditional look, and there was entertainment throughout as each house group in turn took its place on the stage to sing a song they had prepared during the morning.

In the afternoon the whole school enjoyed the film 'Happy Feet 2', but judging by the children's response, the highlight of the day was the staff pantomime. I believe there to be some doubt about whether the activities portrayed actually happen behind the staff room door, but regardless of that the entertainment was much appreciated. Quite how the staff found time to prepare this during the busy last weeks of term remains a mystery.

Staff and pupils have returned refreshed after the Christmas break, hopefully with plenty of good resolutions for the New Year. The mild weather has avoided any worries (up to the time of writing!) about potential 'snow days', but unfortunately the excessive amount of rain has meant the playing field is out of use. This has also delayed the moving of the tree planted in February 2012 to mark the Queen's Diamond Jubilee, from its temporary place to its permanent position in the new extension to the school grounds. We are most grateful to Mr Iain Wilkinson, who has been key to this project, from assisting with the original selection by the children of the type of tree, through lots of watering, to (hopefully) overseeing the move very shortly.

Peter Ede, School Governor

ST MARY'S BELLRINGERS

The bellringers entered the Gipson Trophy competition along with teams from Bottisham, Chesterton, Great Wilbraham, Linton, and Little Shelford in 2013. This is a competition where teams are judged by their ability to strike the bells in a rhythmical and regular fashion, each team having a 'home' and an 'away' match against the others. We are very pleased to have won all 10 of our matches and so were re-awarded the Gipson Trophy on January 11 at the Cambridge District Bellringers' annual meeting. The trophy can be seen on display by kind agreement of Bill in the Square and Compasses.

The bellringers are pleased to ring to celebrate local events and will be ringing for several weddings this year.

We are looking to recruit some new ringers, so if you are interested in starting a fascinating new hobby, or joining us as a ringer with some experience, please contact Ann Smith (details at the back of the magazine), or come to one of our Monday night practices at St Mary's Church.

Ann Smith



The ringers who took part in the competition at their annual Christmas dinner

THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

If you are a money box holder for the Children's Society, would you bring your box to 58 High Street, Great Shelford. It is time to open them again.

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Joy Amis, Box Treasurer

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Thank you We'd like to thank those people who left gifts for our staff at Christmas. It was very kind of you. We have tried to write to each individual, but not everyone gave us a name. So thank you to our anonymous well-wishers. And now our thoughts are turning towards dieting!

New faces I told you last time that Marion and Barbara were retiring. We have recruited some new faces. Karen Ward (who has been with us since June) is now the Reception Manager. Jane Howes and Karen Baddeley have joined us as new Receptionists, and are being trained in our ways. We are an official training practice, which means that we host doctors who are training to be GPs. They come to us at various stages in their professional training, and are known as GP Registrars. Dr Simon Hattle has been with us for six months, and will be moving on at the beginning of February. At that point we shall be welcoming Dr Nada Fanous, who will be here until the beginning of August.

Nasty bugs and their consequences Several of my colleagues have had colds and infections over the last few weeks, and have had to take time off sick. This has affected our efficiency slightly, so I should like to apologise if we have been a bit slower than usual to answer the phone to you. It means we are all too well aware that there have been some nasty colds going around. If you are also suffering from an illness that means you will not be able to make it to an appointment you have booked, then please let us know so that we can cancel it and offer it to somebody else. We have had a large number of appointments in the last two months where the patient has not arrived. This has meant that we have had to inconvenience other people who could have used the slots. Please let us know if you will not be using your appointment. We can usually re-use it, even up to very shortly before the appointment time.

Jennet Ashton, Practice Manager

 *in the Afternoon*



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Very many thanks to everyone who supported our recent successful jumble sale in any way – whether by donating, sorting/selling, or buying goods. The sale made a good profit and the funds raised will be put to good use in the summer when our friends from Verneuil come for their annual visit. The host country pays for all the entertainment during the visit, including outings, and we want to reciprocate the always generous hospitality of the French as well as we can. This year's visit will be special as we are celebrating the 25th anniversary of the signing, in England, of the Twinning Charter between Verneuil and the Shelfords with a party and ceilidh for everyone, outings for all, and a morning in Shelford School for the children of primary age. Quite coincidentally, the Tour de France is scheduled to come through Great Shelford whilst the French are here (on 7 July) so we will all be joining in the village event marking this unique occasion.

Before that, we will be organising the next visit to Verneuil in April. A party of adults and children will enjoy a full programme, including an outing to Paris, a party, and the important time for the children of primary age who will spend a day with their French counterparts in one of the primary schools in Verneuil, followed by lunch in school, with an outing or activity in the afternoon.

Back at home, other plans include a number of social events locally throughout the year: the first one in February being a pancake evening followed by a French film, and then in March a French afternoon tea for all the family and a children's film. For further information please contact Penny Pearl on penny.pearl@btinternet.com, or visit our website: shelfordtwinning.org.uk.

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We are holding a special service to mark Candlemas on Sunday 2 February at 6.30pm. The Taize style service is very accessible and creates a moving atmosphere where light, music and silence contribute to the worship. Do come along!

Exploring Faith – *Pilgrim* Group

During Lent we would like to offer a group for enquirers and new Christians who want to learn more about the Christian faith. The group (called *Pilgrim*) will meet weekly for six weeks, in the Community Room, on Tuesday evenings at 7.30pm starting on Shrove Tuesday, 4 March. The initial commitment is for six weeks, but we hope to go on meeting after Easter.

The group is for:

- those who have recently started coming to church
- those who want the chance to think about Christian faith
- those preparing for baptism and confirmation
- those who have been Christians for many years and want to visit the roots of their faith again.

The group will be led by Simon Talbott, Maureen Dobson and Nick Pett. For more information please contact Simon or speak to one of us after church. We will be producing a flyer with response slip, so that we can get an idea of who might be interested. Please pick one up at the back of the church.

Please pass on news about the group to anyone you know who might be interested.

Repairs Appeal for St Mary's

We have recently been informed that the lead on the main roof at St Mary's will need to be replaced urgently as it has reached the end of its working life. We are discussing how to address this and will shortly be launching a major appeal.

Philippines Appeal – Thank You

A sincere thank you for the £432 contributed during December at various church activities in support of the Disasters Emergency Appeal.

Website

There has been a delay in launching our new website, mainly due to the busy Christmas schedule. We hope to be able to launch the site soon, so please watch this space for more news.

Regular Services

You are very welcome to join any service. If you are a visitor or have moved into the community recently, please make yourself known to one of our Sidespersons or fill in a card at the back of church. Prayers are offered each day for the village and all who live and work here. As your parish church, we serve the whole community and are always glad to receive prayer requests, whether for regular worshippers or not. If you would like something included, please contact the priest in charge.

Daily: 9am Morning Prayer
 5pm Evening Prayer

Wednesday: 9.45am Holy Communion (BCP 1662)

Sunday: 8am Holy Communion (BCP 1662)
 10am Parish Communion – our main Sunday service
 6.30pm Evensong (BCP 1662)

The First Sunday Parish Communion each month at 10am is a service with families and young people especially in mind. Children are welcome to stay in church or to join our Sunday Club in the Community Room, for activities related to the Sunday worship.

From the registers

Funerals: 13 January Walter Turtill
 14 January Brenda Tavener

Burial of Cremated Remains: 19 December Jane Cleary

Applications for baptisms, marriages and the calling of Banns of marriage should be made to the Parish Administrator: Mrs Norma Coggins, 15 Ashen Green, Great Shelford, CB22 5EY Telephone 01223 842598 or email norma.coggins@gmail.com.

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After a long Christmas and New Year break it was back to business on 15 January. Overall we had a good start for 2014. The weather was fair and we were encouraged by such a queue of customers waiting for opening time. There was certainly an early morning rush for baked goods. By midmorning, we had sold out of eggs and the Coffee Stop area had to be extended. In fact there was a real buzz in the Hall and it was great to see so many folk in the market. So, keep coming in! Even if you are a newcomer you'll find a welcome and someone will talk to you.

Though we are now into the quiet season in the plant section, our supplies of quality dessert and cooking apples and a few winter vegetables are holding up at the moment. The craft section has a good range of stock and is well prepared for some cold weather with hand knitted socks, scarves, hats, gloves and more!

To maintain our range of produce we are always on the lookout for new producers for home cooking, home grown garden produce and hand-made crafts. If becoming a producer appeals then come and talk to us or read about country markets on the Country Markets Ltd website.

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Dorothy Doel

The market is in the Memorial Hall, Woollards Lane, every Wednesday morning from 8.30 to 11.30.

CYCLE LEGACY – SMALL GRANT FUND

On Monday 7 July, Cambridge will host the start of the third stage of *Le Tour De France 2014*. In celebration of this exciting event, Cambridgeshire County Council announces the Cycle Legacy Small Grant Fund.

Small grants will be awarded to local groups and organisations to support activities or events linked to and inspired by cycling or the race. Each grant will be up to a maximum of £500 and additional funding or support in kind will be expected.

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ALICE IN WONDERLAND

'What's the difference between an angry audience and a cow with laryngitis? One boos madly and the other moos badly!' We were certainly booing madly at the Little Shelford Pantomime this year, but not in anger, in delight, upon the entrance of the terrifyingly imperious Queens of Hearts (played by Rosanna Larter) and Spades (Hannah Jones). *'Off with her head!'* they screamed at the commendably unflappable Alice, who lost her composure amid all the mayhem only when inexplicably mis-addressed as *'Mary Ann'* once too often.

Hats (if not heads) off to the production team (can they be human?) who light up our January each year with this great village treat. Katie Marshall, with seemingly inexhaustible wit and energy, writes the script; Dick Wallin (aka Superman) directs; Lucy Barlow masterminds the music and Sarah Coppendale masterminds everything else. Accomplished choreography by Hazel Stevenson and Erica Christodoulou ensured that the whole was suffused with life and movement; additional coaching by Heidi Meikle ensured that the characters were well defined. Mariann Bienz directed the little ones; and the amazing Sam Cochrane dressed everyone, big and little, in the most spectacular array of costumes. All these people (and more – the brilliant Frances Richardson, who presides over scenery painting, and Andrew Jones, whose lovely drawings adorn the programme) give unstintingly of their time and expertise, and say they enjoy it. I know a number of parents who certainly enjoy Friday nights in the autumn term, when their 10–16 year olds leave the house, to rehearse for a couple of hours in the Hall.

Pippa Cameron was Alice to perfection. Calm in the face of adversity, full of common sense when confronted by the absurd; but it would have been asking too much to expect her actually to shrink and elongate, as the story demands. In these feats she was ably assisted by her younger sister, Cara (small Alice) and the gracefully willowy Persephone Bell (tall Alice) who obligingly took her place when she needed to transform. Her on-stage sister, the bookish Edith,



Alice (Pippa Cameron) with the Duchess's baby Photo: Cheryl Smythe

was played to great effect by Corinna Hudson – whose (real life) brother, Tom, was in the chorus. Panto is truly a family affair!

The chorus, required at various times to be oysters, playing cards and teapots, rose zealously to the occasion and enjoyed every minute. Some of them never stopped smiling and might have been contenders for the part of the Cheshire cat if Jess Franklin hadn't got there first. Jess Henry dashed hither and thither as the White Rabbit, once again demonstrating an astonishingly mature talent and endearing herself to all, especially when she descended into the audience and settled gleefully into a vacant seat, to watch the show. (*'Ooh, this is exciting!'*)

Amongst the host of highly entertaining creatures, talent abounded. Kate Crawley was an exquisitely snappy crab. Kate Rainsford (Chicken Licken last year) could have been forgiven for tiring of flapping her wings yet again as the Lory, but beamed good naturedly throughout. Thomas Hawthorn brought a touch of Californian cool to his role as Bill, *'the fastest, quickest-stepping lizard in Wonderland'*. And there was multi-talent, too: the Frog Footman (Tommy Barlow) proved himself a most proficient drummer, the Gryphon (Niall Larter) played the trumpet with aplomb, and Prudence Penguin (Rachel Atkins) metamorphosed into a gifted exponent of ballet.

Joe Lever was unnervingly good as the inscrutable Blue Caterpillar, wreathed in smoke and trance-like utterances. There was a marked migration from the front seats (reserved for tinies) to reassuring laps further back, when he appeared. No such migration attended the appearance of Hugo Bell, who, as Duchess, gave an uproariously anarchic performance, and gloried in the panto dame's licence to play fast and loose with his lines as well as with any unfortunate man within flirting distance. His sidekick, the Cook, played most imaginatively by George Kaye, seemed exempt from these advances possibly because, even by Wonderland standards, he was just too weird.

Sammy Meikle and Laurence Hunter played Tweedledum and Tweedledee as a pair of Scousers, complete with matching shell suits, perms and paunches. Their double act was jaw-droppingly slick and brought the house down. And then it was brought down all over again. The Mad Hatter and the March Hare (Freddie and Christian Barnes respectively) held their famous tea party, so riotous that it verged on the apocalyptic. The Hatter had a habit of shaking himself like a wet dog, but not to get dry, rather to shake the madness out of his head. Hardly surprising if the audience felt some drops! As the Cheshire cat says to Alice, *'We're all mad ... you must be mad, or you wouldn't have come here.'* That may be so, but we'll certainly all be queuing up again to get into the Little Shelford Panto next year.

Sally Christie



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WELCOME TO GREAT SHELFORD

After twenty months without a pastor, and many hours spent praying for the right person to come and lead us, the congregation of Great Shelford Free Church is delighted that from early February we are to be joined by the Reverend Martin Cockerill, his wife Clare and their two young sons Toby and Samuel. Martin comes to us from Amptill Baptist Church, where he has been Acting Lead Pastor.

Martin shares our church's vision that in addition to caring for our own members, we are here to serve the village community in which we live. He is also keen to continue to build on the warm relationship we have with the congregation of St. Mary's Parish Church and other local churches as we look forward to sharing fellowship together with them in the coming months.

Martin describes himself as an 'energetic ... empathetic, people person with a good sense of humour'. You will be able to judge that for yourselves as, like the Archbishop of Canterbury, he is a keen runner, so you may quite literally bump into him around Great Shelford.

We will be welcoming Martin officially at his Induction Service, to be held at Shelford Free Church, on Saturday March 8 at 2.30 p.m. and we would love as many people as possible from our village community to come along – please do join us.

Liz Jenkin (Elder, Great Shelford Free Church)

For further information about the life and work of Great Shelford Free Church working in the community for the community, visit our website: www.shelfordfreechurch.org.uk

Church Office (Access via Ashen Green): **01223 842181**

Office Hours: Tues 10am–4pm; Weds 9.30am–3.30pm;
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Sunday February 9
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Richard Renouf
All to Jesus (Luke 20:20–26, 45–47; 21:1–4)

Sunday February 16
Family All-age Service
Diana Parr

Sunday February 23
Worship Service
Rev. Tony Mason
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For more information, contact Janet Jefferson via the church office:
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Charles and Miranda have recently completed a major overhaul of the exterior of the post office; with this interior work completed as well, we can look forward to a modernised, upgraded post office to serve the residents of the Shelfords and further afield for many years to come.

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DIARY, February 2014

Date	Event	Time	Place
6	Carpet Bowls	7.30pm	Memorial Hall
6	WI Meeting <i>Knitting</i> (page 24)	7.30pm	Community Room, St Mary's Church
7	Lt. Shelford Local History Soc Talk (page 25)	7.30pm	Lt. Shelford Memorial Hall
8	Rainbow Pre-school Nearly New Sale (page 33)	10am– 12pm	Community Room, St Mary's Church
11	Post Office closes until March 3 (page 22)		
11	Talk: <i>Great Shelford and the Great War</i> by Helen Harwood (page 10)	7.30pm	Community Room, St Mary's Church
11	Garden Club talk: <i>Weeds and the weed-free garden</i> (page 22)	7.30pm	Shelford School Hall
20	Carpet Bowls	7.30pm	Memorial Hall
22	Farmers Market	9am– 12pm	Memorial Hall
26	Engage in the Afternoon: <i>Using Science to solve Crime</i> (page 12)	2.00pm	Great Shelford Library
27	Carpet Bowls	7.30pm	Memorial Hall

The Country Market is held in the Memorial Hall each Wednesday
8.30–11.30am.

BIN COLLECTIONS

Black bins 3 February, 17 February
 Green and blue bins 10 February, 24 February
 Old batteries: recycle by placing in a plastic bag tied to the blue bin

SHOPPER COACH

The Tuesday Shopper Coach will continue to leave from Acacia Court at 9.25 on Tuesdays but will now stop at Marfleet Close at 9.35 before continuing to More's Meadow for 9.35. An opportunity to shop, followed by coffee at the Free Church.

WI



The newly formed Shelfords WI: photo by Carol Grenz

The newly formed Shelfords Women's Institute held the first full meeting on Thursday 5 December in the Community Room at the parish church. During the evening everyone had the opportunity to contribute ideas for future activities and to offer skills to share with others. It was a great success with over 30 members of all ages present and plenty of ideas being put forward.

A meeting was subsequently held on Thursday 9 January with an interesting talk on Houses in Shelford by Helen Harwood.

Our next meeting will be on Thursday 6 February at 7.30pm in the Community Room, and will be a demonstration and practical session on knitting. Future meetings will be held on the first Thursday of the month and new members are always welcome.

Mary Talbott

Little Shelford Local History Society

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TENNIS CLUB

Shelford's tennis players are not hedgehogs. Come winter, they do not curl into a ball and turn the lights out until Spring. *Au contraire*, as they say in Verneuil-en-Halatte, they are most active. Even when the rain makes their courts wet and dark, their thoughts turn to the exciting alternatives: administration and digestion.



To that end the GSTC committee held their recent meeting at the Forum House Chinese restaurant in Great Shelford. The admin was dealt with swiftly, but the dinner lasted long. The Forum House put on a magnificent meal; the sort of feast that would have been enjoyed by the great Chinese Emperor Kangxi (1654–1722), let alone a humble tennis committee. What the emperor and committee also have in common is a splendid decision-making capability. So just as Kangxi brought the great Yellow River under control, so the committee decided on a date for the club's Annual General Meeting.

The Great Shelford Tennis club AGM will be held on Wednesday February 5 at 8pm in the Great Shelford Sports and Social Club, above the Great Shelford Village Hall (as last year). Drinks will be available from 7.30 and all members are welcome. The wise Chinese thinker Confucius was born too long ago to play tennis. But how prophetic are the words of his saying: 'To go beyond is as wrong as to fall short.' See you at the AGM!

Stephen Chittenden

CRICKET CLUB

DATES FOR NETS SESSIONS

Men (teenagers and new members welcome)

All sessions at Hills Road Sixth Form College Sports Centre.

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7–8pm Tuesday March 25, Tuesday April 1, Tuesday April 8, Tuesday April 15, Tuesday April 22.

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The last twelve months have been a year of consolidation and stability at our Library. There are two main issues currently. Firstly, there is ongoing resentment that opening hours remain restricted; and secondly, the use of the computer terminals is periodically compromised by the malfunction of the present IT system. The County Library Service has been endeavouring to deal with the computer issue, but the problem persists. It appears to come down to difficulties with recent network failures. These have been investigated. Unfortunately the overall slowness of the system is less easy to remedy as we are limited by the poor broadband infrastructure in the village generally. Cambridgeshire County Council is committed to the provision of public computers in libraries and is currently reviewing its IT provision in all libraries; we hope to be able to report a resolution of the problem early in 2014.

The number of paid-up Friends is now 60, and we have a volunteer force of 20. Friends membership has increased by 20% in the last year and we continue to recruit more as the months pass. The work of the Volunteers is much appreciated and enables our library to function in the face of staff reductions.

The Committee have organised more than half a dozen evening events at the Library this year. We have to be careful that attendances at these, and other events, do not overstep the seating limitations for fire security purposes. We do not anticipate being able to accommodate as many evening meetings this year given the amount of time available to Committee members, most of whom have work and undertake other volunteering commitments.

The library is also the venue for monthly early afternoon ENGAGE sessions for senior citizens and occasional RHYMETIME sessions for babies and toddlers up to 18 months in the area. These are run by the Library Service with help from the Friends' Committee, as was the Children's Summer Reading Challenge presentation of certificates and medals event held last year.

As a result of our stall at the Village Feast last year the Bunch awarded us funds to purchase, for the library, two large children's book boxes, a magazine rack and leaflet holders.

The usage of all the County's libraries is regularly monitored, and the latest official figures supplied to us are that in the period April to September 2013 our Library issued 22,446 items, which represents a drop of 4% on the same period last year. Great Shelford library had the highest issues of all ten libraries in the South Cambs library group.

As regards future library operations, a recent press release from the County Library Authority includes the statement: *The proposed budget, which forms the County Council's Business Plan, will be looked at by Scrutiny Committees*

and is subject to change. A final version will then be debated by Full Council in February. The Friends' efforts to defend further cuts to our Library funding will be strengthened by users continuing to register their views in the Comments Book in the library. We are very fortunate in the Shelfords and Stapleford local area to have such a great modern library facility and the helpful staff to run its services. Cambridgeshire Libraries can be contacted on 0345 045 5225

Committee of Friends of Great Shelford Library

[NOTE from Eds We are sorry that the notice for the Annual General Meeting held on 28 January was omitted from the last edition of the Village News.]

DENTAL SURGERY

On January 31 at 12 noon, Andrew Lansley, local MP, and Leader of the House of Commons, will officially re-launch the new look Great Shelford Dental Surgery. All members of the public are welcome to attend.

The practice will, for a short time, be able to take new NHS patients. However, this is subject to the budget set by NHS England.'

From Press Release

RUGBY CLUB

We are now about half way through the season at Shelford Rugby Club. As I write, Shelford 1st XV are hoping to add to their five wins in a row. Our highlight of the season so far is the 23–17 win against Cambridge at their home ground (see photo on next page). The return match at Shelford is on April 12' KO at 3pm – save the date and join us for a great day of rugby, food and beer at the club.

The next home games will be on Sat 15 February, vs Redruth, KO 2.30pm and Sat 8 March vs Hartpury College, KO 3pm. Before every home game there is a two-course carvery followed by cheese and biscuits. To book, email Jackiesshelford1@gmail.com or call Jackie on 07787 724496.

Our **mini and youth teams** (see next page) continue to play every Sunday morning. We welcome children to join throughout the season. If you are interested in having a go, then check out the website and see when the home games are or call me on 01223 842103. For more details, go to www.shelfordrugby.co.uk.

Stephanie Hatter, Youth Membership



RUGBY CLUB

(from top)

- Shelford win against Cambridge
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For those of you who haven't heard of us, Rainbow is the Pre-school based at Great and Little Shelford Primary school. Our Pre-school is a registered charity that relies on fundraising for all the little (and sometimes rather big!) extras needed to run the Pre-school. We are currently fundraising to cover a new floor, a new pathway and a new sun canopy. We hold fundraising events throughout the year and are always looking for support, be it a box of chocolates for bingo night, sweeties for the teddies at the Teddy Bears' picnic, Easter eggs for the Easter Egg hunt or simply tea and coffee for our thirsty customers at our Nearly New sale. If there are any *Village News* readers who would like to support us in any way we would love to hear from you. Our contact is *rainbowsheford@hotmail.com*.

The Rainbow Team

RAINBOW PRE-SCHOOL NEARLY NEW SALE

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READERS' LETTERS

WEBSTER'S CROSSING FOOTBRIDGE

Dear Editors

I write in reply to Duncan Grey's letter about the proposed footbridge at Webster's Crossing.

I'm not an influential dog-walker (I haven't even got a dog), but I did attend a meeting with Network Rail and the County's footpaths team on behalf of the parish council to discuss the possible closure of the footpath.

I should say right off that I feel strongly that the footpath is worth preserving. For one thing, it's the only one we have (if you exclude the two village 'shortcuts' between streets). There's little enough access in the village, and though we now have some additional permissive paths, these can be removed without redress at any time. The Webster's Crossing path does give a very useful shortcut between Cambridge Road and Granhams Road, and gives Cambridge Road folk access to the cycle path and walk round Nine Wells. Better still, it avoids a long walk along roads by giving a short cut across open fields. I've heard, though I can't find it in the paperwork, that a survey of use was done, and gave 200 users per week. If that's so, then it's certainly worth keeping.

But why do we need a footbridge? Duncan mentioned the slow speed of passing trains. Well, the trains are only slowed down **because** of the level crossing. I guess we all know that Network Rail has been much in the media over level crossings for the past few years. The company was fined £1m over the death of two girls in Elsenham, and there have been a number of other incidents. Health and safety regulations for level crossings are becoming more stringent by the year. As a result, Network Rail has surveyed every one of its level crossings, and is either improving them or closing them.

The stretch of line which carries Liverpool Street trains should operate at 90 mph, but that wouldn't give pedestrians enough warning of the oncoming trains; so a permanent speed restriction is in place. Greater Anglia are keen to speed up the Liverpool Street service, so that's clearly a problem. Then there's the King's Cross line. Here, the train comes round a very steep curve, and therefore visibility is limited for pedestrians. The difficulty of Webster's Crossing lies not in either one of these, but in the combination of the two: pedestrians have to cross both lines at once. The area has been surveyed, and there is no spot that would give an acceptable level crossing which would allow trains at the full speed. So it's close the crossing, or build a bridge.

I agree with Duncan that the bridge looks awful. But that's because it has to deal with the wires over the line, and the possibility of vandalism. Nor is it the case that we can say, 'Use the money for a footbridge elsewhere in the parish'. It just doesn't work like that. The parish council did try to get provision for cycles to cross the bridge. But unfortunately, because it's a footpath, we are informed that bikes are not part of the deal. I wish they were. So these are all things I wish were otherwise, but it's the best we're going to get in the circumstances.

Finally, one ray of hope for those of us who like walking is that the Southern Fringe Local Plan has set out plans for looking at landscape improvements and improved access in our area, and states the need for more footpaths. Perhaps the footbridge will, in the future, be part of a plan to give us more scope for walking.

Helen Harwood

ABANDONED BICYCLES

Dear Editors

There appear to be a growing number of abandoned bicycles around the railway station (see attached photos), not only cluttering up the designated cycle racks but now also spreading to Station Road, locked to a telephone post adjacent to Station Court. Clearly these have been there some time with parts missing.

It amazes me that people spend hundreds of pounds on a bicycle then leave it lying around, to become vandalised or stolen and making the area untidy.

Perhaps the Parish Council will take some action on the matter before it becomes worse.

Yours sincerely

John Wakefield



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Based on information provided by Nathan Blake

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Dance and fitness classes will be held at Shelford Rugby Club, Cambridge Road, every Wednesday and Friday. The classes will include parent and toddler fun dance classes for children of 1–3, introduction to disco freestyle for children of 3–6, and disco freestyle for 6–16 years. For adults, there will be dance based resistance workouts for all abilities (*Swaggafit*) and flexibility classes for advanced development of stretches (*Swaggaflex*).



Please contact Per4mers Academy for further information and for full timetable. Email: per4mers@hotmail.com, phone 07854 158224. Website: www.Per4mersacademy.com.

Based on information provided by Val O'Neill

CAMBRIDGESHIRE FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE

Firefighters are asking residents to take care while cooking in February. Valentine's Day means more people may turn to the kitchen to cook their way to a loved one's heart, and combined with Shrove Tuesday and National Chip Week, which runs from February 17–23, there are many more chances that people may end up distracted while cooking this month. To stay safe:

- Never leave cooking unattended and avoid leaving children alone in the kitchen when cooking on a hob.
- Keep tea towels and cloths away from the cooker and hob.
- Avoid drinking alcohol to excess when cooking.
- Take care when cooking with oil, especially in deep fat fryers – it sets alight easily.
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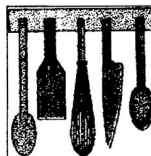
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Illustration by Paul Lowe

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The performance is being organised to raise funds for the church path by the Friends of St Mary's. For enquiries about the performance, contact Helen Harwood, tel 840393, email helen_harwood_uk@yahoo.co.uk.

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- Check the VOSA website to check the vehicle has not been recalled.
- Check its service history. How often has it been serviced, and has it been serviced in line with the manufacturer's recommendations?
- Carry out an HPI (www.hpi.co.uk) check to make sure there is no outstanding finance on the car that could lead to it being repossessed by the finance company. An HPI check will also tell you if the car has been written off or if it is stolen.
- In terms of physically checking the car, carry out a walk around the car, check it and test drive it. If you are not mechanically minded we would also strongly recommend you have the car checked by an engineer.

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You can find more information on the Citizens Advice website (www.adviceguide.org.uk/consumer). If you need advice on any of the above, or any other consumer issue, please contact Trading Standard's advice partner, the Citizens Advice Consumer Helpline, on 0845 4040506.

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TABLE TOP AND SECOND HAND BIKE SALE

Saturday 1 March, 9.00am–1pm
Memorial Hall, Great Shelford

TABLE TOP SALE



Toys, books, DVDs etc taking up space? Time to de-clutter? To book a table, please email Colleen Marshman, colleenfbush@hotmail.com

SECOND HAND BIKE SALE

Buy/sell an adult or child's bike, or perhaps child seats, tag-a-longs, baskets, scooters – even bike racks. Our fourth second hand bike sale will take place alongside the table top sale. If you are interested in selling items, please contact James Prisk for further details, (james.prisk@ntlworld.com / 07775886864).



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While above ground the branches have been bare, there has been much underground activity taking place unseen over the winter months. The great majority of spring-flowering bulb species require a warm-cold-warm sequence to complete their lifecycle, and in fact the flowers we see emerging this month had their genesis last summer, when flower meristem tissue began to differentiate in response to the higher temperatures. The bulbs then lose all above ground photosynthesising parts, and cease root growth to go into a dormant state for late summer, just right for retailing at the garden centres! Breaking dormancy in spring-flowering bulbs is influenced by, among other factors, the drop in temperature over the winter which induces the underground shoot and flower stems to grow and elongate through the soil, powered by the starchy reserves in the bulb. This is why when you find a net bag of forgotten fritillary or iris bulbs in the shed in January, you will find they have produced green shoots in response to the cold, despite being out of the ground. This does make late planting a ginger salvage operation – damaged young bulb shoots will be a great deal more vulnerable to disease and to flower damage.

As the shoot emerges from the dark soil into the spring light, the plant is able to detect the increased light levels and corresponding changes in growth and metabolism occur. (We also can respond to light without using our eyes: think of how we tan in the summer sun – the result of skin cells producing more melanin in response to increased ultraviolet light intensity.) The leaves unfurl, position themselves for maximum light capture and begin to photosynthesise. As overhead the trees begin to leaf up and the colour and density of light changes on the woodland floor, spring bulbs respond with rapid growth and the spectacular floral displays of spring, which really are the plant equivalent of the 100m sprint, as they compete for available sunshine and resources before the canopy knits over for a summer time out. Flowering and seed set is the equivalent of crossing the finishing line!

Juliet Day Botanic Garden Development Officer

The Botanic Garden is open 10am–5pm through February and March. Admission is £4.50. Website: www.botanic.cam.ac.uk.

STAPLEFORD GRANARY

It has been a delight to be able to enjoy the newly refurbished concert hall, the floor and lights are in, and we are thrilled with the results. It's a really beautiful and unique space and we can't wait to share it with you this year.

In February Adam Dopadlik will return with his youth recorder orchestra and we have our first poetry class with Jessica Penrose. The first session is titled 'Being Human' and explores our sense of home and identity. Full details are on our website (see below). The next *Come and Sing* with Lucy Barlow is on February 7 at 7.45. There's no need to book, just turn up for an informal sing around the piano. A full list of our courses and events can be found in our course booklet and on our website www.staplefordgranary.org.uk.

Susannah Bangham

CAMBRIDGE WOODWIND MAKERS

Cambridge Woodwind Makers, based at Stapleford Granary, Bury Road, is now in its second full year of courses and is already attracting participants from all parts of the world, reflecting the world class level of expertise on offer from its course tutors. Courses held in the next few months will include wooden recorder making, long trumpet making, wooden flute making and wooden whistle making.

Full details of all our courses and activities can be found on our website at: www.cambridgewoodwindmakers.org. For further information call Daniel Bangham on 01223 713 101.

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SAWSTON MEDICAL PRACTICE

Now that Christmas and the New Year are behind us, for many it is time to start planning future holidays. If you intend to go abroad, it may be a good idea to complete our Travel Clinic Advice Form. This is available from the Reception Desk. We will contact you within seven days of receipt of your form with advice about vaccinations or other treatments you may need such as antimalarial tablets. If treatment is needed, you should book an appointment in the Travel Clinic **at least** four weeks prior to departure, and if visiting a high risk area we advise that you complete the form at least three months before travelling. The Travel Clinic runs weekly on a Monday.

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The NHS choices website is an excellent resource for minor illness and injuries and can be found online at www.nhs.uk – it provides information about a wide range of symptoms and the treatments of common problems.

And finally, we plan to investigate the feasibility of extending the Practice hours and would welcome patients' input. Our core opening hours are currently from 8 am to 6 pm, with late clinics on Monday until 8pm and early clinics from 7am on Friday. We realise some patients may value even greater access, particularly those who work full time, and we are considering the possibility of opening for longer during the working week. There are three options under current consideration:

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Option 2: Monday to Thurs 7am to 7pm, Fri 7am to 6pm

Option 3: Monday to Weds 8am to 8pm, Thurs 7am to 7pm, Fri 7am to 6pm

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Alison Podgorska

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Blood and Transplant

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PLATELET DONORS NEEDED

More platelet donors are needed at the Cambridge Donor Centre. Platelets are part of the blood and are vital for treating patients with cancer, leukaemia sufferers and transplant patients. One platelet donation can help up to three adults or 12 children. Platelet donation takes a little longer than blood donation – up to 90 minutes. Because red cells are returned and only platelets are collected, platelet donors can give more often, ideally 12 times a year. Platelet donation takes place at the Cambridge Donor Centre on the Addenbrookes Site. There is free parking for donors and appointment times are between 7.45am and 6.30pm. WIFI and mobiles can be used during the procedure. For more information contact the Cambridge Donor centre on 01223 588001, or email DonorCentre.cambridge@ngsbt.nhs.uk

SUPPORT FOR ADULTS WITH LONG-TERM NEEDS AND FOR CARERS



A series of drop-in events has been organised to provide free and confidential information and advice to adults living with a long-term illness or disability, older people struggling with an age-related condition, and anyone providing unpaid

support to adult family members or friends who could not manage without this help. The drop-in sessions are being held on the last Wednesday of the month during 2014 at the Horizon Centre, 285 Coldhams Lane, Cambridge CB1 3HY (near the roundabout opposite Sainsburys). Come along between 1.30pm and 3.30pm for a cup of tea and to find out about the support available to you.

The Wednesday sessions will feature:

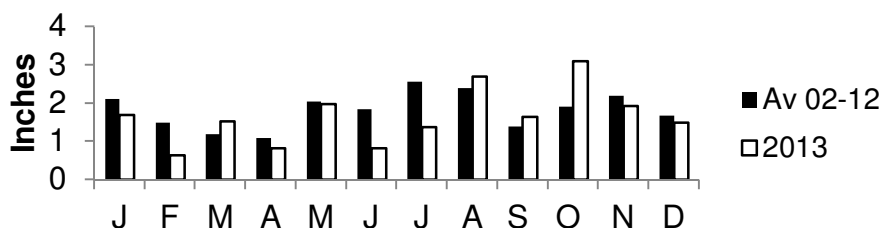
- 26 February: Activity session: chair-based exercise
- 26 March: Specialist information from the Village Benefits Advice Team

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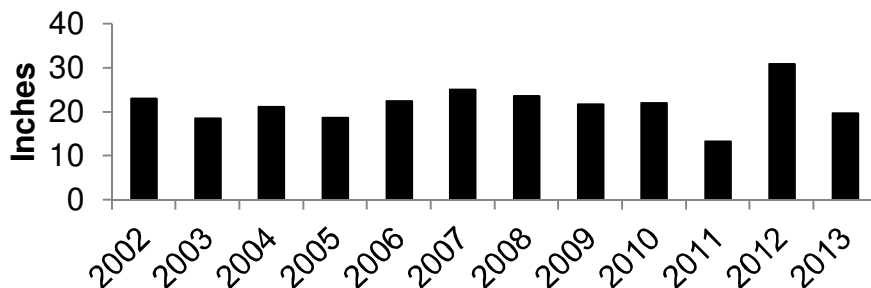
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Great Shelford Village Rainfall 2013



Great Shelford Annual Rainfall 2002-2013



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