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Report on bus consultation



Nigel Bennée with part of the reconstructed EDSAC machine
Photo: Eileen Bennée

Shelford connection with the EDSAC project

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GREAT SHELFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Summary of items from January meeting

Open Session: Mr David Mead, Planning Consultant acting for Mr Nick Collett, director of Great Shelford Ten Acre Ltd, which has an outstanding planning application for 25 affordable homes on land near the rugby club, addressed the Parish Council. He said he wished to establish a dialogue regarding any possible benefits such as open space or local facilities that may arise should planning permission be granted and would present these at a future Parish Council meeting.

Dr Lynn Morgan, Chief Executive at the Arthur Rank Hospice, talked about the proposed development at Shelford Bottom, on land leased from South Cambridgeshire District Council on a 99 year lease. An architect has already been appointed and it is envisaged that the project will be completed by February 2016. This will be an ideal location for the new hospital, offering a green and quiet environment for the new Hospice, with up to 24 beds and respite facilities. Talking about the Mill Road site, Dr Morgan said there is a great community involvement and she hoped that similar community links would be established with local residents at the new site.

There being no further business, the meeting re-convened.

MATTERS ARISING

- a) *Chancel Repair* (minute 2a) The solicitor is still working on gathering all the information he can before offering advice on how to continue.
- b) *Vacancy Parish clerk* (minute 3) The Chairman introduced the new clerk, Ian Kidd, who will take up the post at the beginning of April.
- c) *Work Schedule* (minute 4) The groundsman's new work schedule is in operation.

ANNUAL PRECEPT

The proposal submitted by the F & GP committee, that the precept for 2014/2015 should be £96,000, was put to the full council. Cllr: Coggins said he is concerned, and thought it unwise that no provision had been included towards the purchase of the Grange Field. Following a full discussion where members voiced their views about the reduced parish council reserves, future section 106 funding and grants towards the purchase of recreational land, it was agreed that a sum, to cover loan facilities should the Grange Field become available, should be added to the precept. Cllr: Coggins proposed, seconded by Cllr: Seekings, that an additional £4,000 should be added to the figure, making the precept for 2014/2015 £100,000 – **agreed unanimously**.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Recreation Ground: Cllr: Smith questioned why the tree that fell on to the fence at the top of the recreation ground had been removed by Acacia, as an estimate to trim this area had already been received from a different contractor. The Chairman explained that as this was an emergency that occurred over the holiday period, the first available service was used. Arrangements are in hand for a safety officer to talk with Mr Fegan, the Village Man, offering advice where necessary and discussing the regular inspection of the machinery.

Highways: Cllr: Shelton said following the onsite meeting with Emma Murden to look at several outstanding highway issues, things are progressing slowly. Complaints have again been received concerning the speed of traffic on Granhams Road and the dreadful condition of some of the footways on Cambridge Road. Issues relating to other areas where footways are poor, and the large amount of lying water, particularly outside the post office and at Freestones Corner, were raised.

Cllr: Harwood said she is concerned for the safety of pedestrians crossing Woollards Lane near Tesco and Barclays Bank and suggested that a safe crossing area should be considered. Cllr: Orgee said a speed cushion might be helpful.

Cemetery: Cllr: Harwood said she and Cllr: Knowles had cleared out the interior of the container at the Cambridge Road allotment site, inspected the memorial stones and looked at the trees in the cemetery. She feels the trees need to be inspected by a professional tree surgeon – arrangements will be put in hand.

Planning: Removal of the affordable housing at the Rectory Farm development has been refused by the District Council.

TRAINING SESSIONS CLERK

The clerk explained that in accordance with the Contract of Employment the Parish Council is expected to support and meet the expenses of agreed training for Officers and Employees. Cllr: Hodge proposed, seconded by Cllr: Milson, that the Parish Council should finance the attendance of the new clerk elect at six CILCA training sessions, plus a registration fee and travelling expenses at a cost of approximately £765 – **agreed**.

NEW PAVILION

Handover of the new pavilion is scheduled for 31 January. The Chairman said he is concerned that the dreadful state of the area is a health and safety problem. Concern has been voiced that members of the public are not fully aware of what grants were secured and where other funding came from. A detailed report will be published in due course.

TOUR DE FRANCE

Following some discussion of this event, it was proposed that no decisions regarding financial assistance should be made until further ideas and a wider discussion had taken place.

REPLACEMENT OF DAMAGED FENCE

Due to the urgency of the situation, removal of the tree and repair of the fence bordering Barclays Bank car park needed to be carried out immediately, at an overall cost of £760. Cllr: Nightingale proposed, seconded by Cllr: Shelton, that retrospective approval be given – **agreed**.

FESTIVAL OF WHEELS

Cllr: Shelton talked about the proposed Festival of Wheels, scheduled to take place on the recreation ground and in the village hall on 5 May. Key contributors will be car dealers, to include Rolls Royce, model railways, police and fire services with many others agreeing to take part. The event is gathering pace.

FINANCE

It was **resolved** that 11 accounts totalling £66,782.18, as presented by the Clerk, be approved for payment.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The problem of overgrowing shrubs and bushes was raised – notices to be sent where appropriate. One of the birch trees on Cambridge Road fell onto the roof of a house during the stormy weather – it was proposed that an inspection of the remaining birch trees on Cambridge Road should be carried out.

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

The Annual Meeting of Great Shelford Parish Council will take place on Wednesday 16 April. Any person on the village Register of Electors who wishes to have a matter debated at the meeting should send a copy of the relevant motion to the Clerk at 12 Walden Way, Great Shelford. In order for it to be included on the agenda it ***must be received no later than 31 March***, and include the names of the proposer and seconder. Unless it appears on the Agenda it cannot be put to the meeting and voted upon. However this will not preclude matters of interest being discussed.

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PLANNING APPLICATIONS PARISH COUNCIL COMMENTS

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| S/2766/13/FL | Mr P Kidman 7 Cambridge Road | Erection of detached two bay car port to front of dwelling |
| <p>This site has a TPO on it (TPO 33/02/SC, G6 which is made up of three limes) so we are surprised the trees are not shown on the plan or mentioned in the application. In addition the access to the car port isn't shown, or the impact it will have on the trees. The frontage to the buildings along this part of Cambridge Rd is part of the old village green and has an attractive landscape character. The proposal to build a carport in this area will detract from the landscape and the setting of the adjacent converted barn. Recommend refusal.</p> | | |

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| S/2637/13/FL | Shelford Rugby Club Cambridge Road | Replacement of floodlights on existing tower |
| <p>The light pollution from the present lights is bad. If the local authority is satisfied that the new lights will significantly reduce this, we would not object.</p> | | |

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| S/2650/13/AD | Shelford Rugby Club Cambridge Road | Two new entrance signs to replace large existing sign |
| <p>Recommend refusal. These signs are identical to that approved in S/0377/12/AD. On that application the Parish Council objected to the size of the sign and the inclusion of a commercial advert.</p> <p>We continue to believe the sign should be no larger than those outside Scotsdales and the commercial part should be removed. If approved in their new position these signs will be less visible from the road and we believe highways signs on Cambridge Rd informing drivers about the Rugby Club would be a better solution.</p> | | |

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| S/2649/13/FL | Miss Pringle 1 Stonehill Road | Erection of single storey front and side extension |
| <p>Recommend refusal as it stands. The profile of the roof of the side extension, which is clearly visible from the road, is unattractive and out of keeping with the character of the house. We would prefer to see a pitched roof.</p> | | |

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| S/2777/13/FL | Ms P Coe 30 Tunwells Lane | Rear extension, part two-storey and part single storey, and front porch |
| <p>Recommend refusal. The proposed extensions will be overbearing and will cause overshadowing. This will adversely impact on the residential amenities of the occupiers of 28 Tunwells Lane.</p> | | |

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| S/2464/13/FL | Mrs C Beal 37 Buristead Road | Retrospective loft conversion including dormer velux windows, new front window and replacement roof tiles |
| Recommend refusal. The loft conversion is an incongruous and unbalanced addition to the property and will be overbearing to the occupiers of No 35. In addition the velux window on the south elevation which is below 1.7m above floor level will allow overlooking of 78 High St. The proposal is contrary to policy DP/2 of the LDF. | | |
| S/2764/13/FL | Mr & Mrs Denton 1 Birch Trees Road | Extensions |
| The amended design is not sympathetic to the existing building and does not overcome the reasons for refusal of the original application in that it will still be overbearing to and cause overshadowing of neighbouring properties. Recommend refusal. | | |
| S/2732/13/FL | Mr S Wilkinson 6 High Green | Replacement outbuilding |
| The pantiles on the original building were attractive and if possible should be re-used, but if the Conservation Manager is happy for them to be replaced by slate we would not object. No recommendation. | | |

COUNTY COUNCIL

A505 new foot and cycleway to Granta Park CCC is planning to build a new foot and cycle way along the A505 from Whittlesford Station to the A1301 and then to Granta Park. This will improve the safety of those wanting to cycle to Granta Park, as the A505 is a fast road.

A14 Public consultation Because of the national importance of this project, the Highways Agency is trying to involve as many people as possible with the proposed route junction's access arrangements and the design changes made since last year. 14 staffed exhibitions are planned, road shows will be hosted at 20 venues such as train stations and community centres, and publicity materials will be available at 35 libraries, sports centres and supermarkets. In March, facilitated workshops will be organised in communities along the proposed route. A formal consultation with the public will take place, probably starting sometime in April.

Switch on to collective energy Residents are being given the chance to cut utility bills by using collective bargaining power. Residents can sign up online or off line and are collected together and treated as one customer. All residents on credit and prepayment meters qualify to join. For more information see www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/switch. CCC wants to get people the best energy deal possible.

Investments made in children's libraries Cambridgeshire libraries has invested in a super new stock of children's books, starting with board and picture books, also more junior information collections and books in eformat. Additional multisensory story books and large print format have also been purchased for the visually impaired.

Great Shelford Post Office The newly refurbished Post Office branch will become one of the new style main branches with a low level serving counter and a hearing loop. There will be three serving positions, including one for use as a retail counter. It will reopen at 1pm on March 3. *Gail Kenney*

THE EDSAC PROJECT

Many readers of the *Village News* will have heard of Bletchley Park; we even have residents who can now admit to having once worked there. What many people do not know is that Bletchley Park is the home of the National Museum of Computing which, since its foundation in 2005, has gone from strength to strength, with the number of school visits growing year on year.

There are many fascinating and educational exhibits including working antique computers. As an educational resource it is very important for it shows that iPads and XBoxes were not spontaneously created but evolved from more rudimentary devices. Cambridge companies continue to contribute to innovation in the field but what is not widely known is that the first practical general purpose computer was created in the Mathematical Laboratory at the University in 1949. EDSAC (Electronic Delay Storage Automatic Calculator) was the first computer in the world to be built for ordinary people to use to solve their problems rather than as a piece of experimental equipment for the engineers. This foresight was that of the late Maurice Wilkes, who was then head of the Mathematical Laboratory.

The interest today is that a project has been set up to recreate EDSAC. This entails building a replica from scratch as no parts of the original machine have survived. It involves much detective work studying old photographs and diagrams, obtained from Cambridge University archives, along with a lot of experimentation.

Part of the machine is being built here in the centre of Great Shelford and the many kilos of metalwork required are being fabricated in nearby Teversham. It is planned to have EDSAC running at Bletchley Park in 2015. For more information, visit www.edsac.org and watch the project videos.

(The photo on the cover shows about 3% of the EDSAC machine!)

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TELEPHONE KIOSK

There's a Maasai warrior in the phone box! He has phoned the travel agents and is trying to book a flight . . .

Hello. I'd like to book a flight back to Kenya. The rain has reminded me of the monsoon back home and, when I read some of Year 4's Kenya poems, I felt quite homesick.



My Kenya poem is grassy green and pitch black and rosy red
 My Kenya poem contains the long Lake Victoria and the Royal
 National Park and the grassy plains
 My Kenya poem is as rough as a roaring lion and as big as a blue
 whale and as gigantic as the great white shark
 But sometimes my Kenya poem is full of the ghastly horrors of
 crime and the rude poachers and the elephants' poor tusks
 My Kenya poem flies over Mount Kenya and into the great ocean
 as speedy as a vulture capturing its prey

Joel Butler-Burd

My Kenya poem is ruby red and emerald green and black as night
 My Kenya poem contains sunny safaris and peaceful forests and beautiful beaches,
 white where the ocean's crashing waves flow to the surface like a graceful cheetah
 having a morning stretch
 My Kenya poem is musical and wondrous and colourful, happy, cheerful and amazing
 But sometimes my Kenya poem is disturbing and scary, scorching and vast and poor
 and murder of innocent creatures
 My Kenya poem floats beyond glacial mountains to waterless deserts like a flamingo,
 rosy pink

Emily Taylor

My Kenya poem is pitch black and turquoise green and scarlet red
 My Kenya poem contains racing cheetahs and hiding impalas and
 giant elephants
 My Kenya poem is as sad as a giraffe and as big as an elephant
 and as happy as a hyena
 But sometimes my Kenya poem is nearly as extinct as an elephant
 and as illegal as elephants' ivory stolen and full of cunning
 poachers still on the loose
 My Kenya poem races beyond the hot beaches to the dry deserts like a lion chasing its
 prey



Tom Poulton-Down

Thank you to Year 4 for the wonderful Maasai warrior and the beautiful poetry.

SCHOOL NEWS

Children from Year 2 and Year 5 led a service of worship for children and parents at St Mary's Church for Candlemas. This is a service to commemorate the presentation of Jesus at the temple, a time to remember that Jesus is the Light of the World, shining for all people.

School councillors were challenged to resolve the lost property problem and came up with their own measures to improve the situation. Councillors have decided on spot checks on cloakroom pegs; they will be rewarding everyone who has their things on their pegs with a much prized house point. Everyone has been reminded to mark all their belongings with their names.

Olympic legacy funding (the Sports Premium) is the government's commitment to three years of funding to improve PE and Sport. Mrs Barnes (PE subject leader) has been working with cluster schools' teachers to set up festivals and tournaments. She is also auditing our equipment so that appropriate purchases can be made to fit the new PE curriculum. School Councillors have reported back that PE remains high on their list as the favourite lesson of many of the children.

The school was delighted to receive a recent donation from the Assessment Network Ltd, based in Bedford but with links in Great Shelford. We are extremely grateful that this enables us to buy much-needed laptops to improve our children's opportunity for IT work.

The Shelford School Star Values of *Be Happy, Be Busy, Be Safe, Be Healthy, Be Organised, Reflect, Celebrate and Be an Enthusiastic Learner* continue to inspire the children to give their best in their work and behaviour on a daily basis. These sum up our statement of purpose and aims in 'child speak'.

Class assemblies for all year groups are in progress. Parents are invited into classrooms and receive a presentation from the children on what they have been learning. An information briefing for parents then follows to explain relevant aspects of the learning for parents so that the children can be supported at home. Finally parents join the whole school for the end-of-week celebration assembly to congratulate children who have completed house points charts or gained Headteacher's Awards for outstanding work. Coveted prizes also include music, sports and star writer certificates – these contribute to the house points total and may win the weekly house award for the highest score. Also presented are a whole class caretaker/cleaner award and Celia the SEAL (Social and Emotional Aspects of Learning) for outstanding acts of kindness. All of these serve to celebrate the excellent work the school is doing to ensure that pupils feel successful and confident in their work and behaviour. It is also a fitting and positive end to the school week.

Louisa Powell-Owens (School Governor)

SHELFORD MEDICAL PRACTICE

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ONLINE SERVICES

In February we are launching further online services. We currently have a repeat prescription service via our website. We shall be adding to that by allowing patients who register for online services to see a list of their medication and select from that list to order repeat prescriptions. In order to register for that, you must contact the surgery, in person, by email or by post, to request a user identity and a password. We will create them, and either give them to you in person or by post. We shall not be sending passwords by email, as that is not secure enough for this service, which clearly will allow access to medication details. When you have your ID and password, you will be able to log on to an area of our website that will initially let you manage your repeat prescriptions, and will very shortly also allow you to book an appointment online. We shall continue to run the current system (which does not require a password) for a while alongside the new facility to allow patients time to register for the new service.

PATIENT SURVEY

In February we shall be distributing our practice patient survey. I have emailed it to the members of our patient group, and we shall be asking patients who use the practice to fill in a survey form. If you do not use the practice in that month and would like to take part, please contact me and I will send you a form or a link to the online survey. I should like to hear the views of any of our patients, be they regular service users, or not. Thank you if you do fill in a form for us.

When we have collated the results of the survey, I shall send them to the patient group members so that they can consider the findings, agree on any changes to our services, and plan how to implement them. My aim is to agree this plan and publish a report on our website before the end of March. I would be very happy to include more patients in the group if you would like to give me your contact details, either via our website, or at the practice.

Jennet Ashton, Practice Manager

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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 a 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.

Ash Wednesday – 5 March

We shall mark the start of the season of repentance and renewal with an opportunity to celebrate the Eucharist and receive the imposition of ashes. The regular 9.45am Holy Communion (BCP) will be held, together with an evening celebration of Holy Communion (CW) at 7.30pm.

Welcome – The Revd. Martin Cockerill

A warm welcome to Martin, Clare, Toby and Samuel as they settle into the village and Martin starts his ministry at GSFC. We look forward to working with Martin in the years ahead.

Mothering Sunday – 30 March

Posies will be available at all services – do come along!

Shelford and Stapleford Men's Fellowship

The inaugural meeting of the Shelford and Stapleford Men's Fellowship took place on Thursday 30 January. In the spirit of collaborative ministry the men of St. Mary's, Great Shelford and St. Andrew's, Stapleford and the communities they serve joined forces for the meeting in The Rose at Stapleford. It was generally agreed that the group would normally continue to meet in the evening at The Rose. However occasional lunches would also be acceptable. The March meeting will be at The Rose as normal at 8pm on Thursday 27 March.

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:

Funeral: Thursday 6 February George Finch

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. Community Room – enquiries and bookings to Mary Lester on 01223 842411 or email lestermh_uk@yahoo.co.uk.

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WELCOME TO GREAT SHELFORD

I am writing this to you in a state of some chaos and disarray, still in the middle of half unpacked boxes from our move three days ago! It has been something of an upheaval moving from Ampthill (Bedfordshire) to Great Shelford, but we are happy to be here and excited about what lies in store for us.

We moved here for me to become the Pastor at Great Shelford Free Church. Previously, I was an Associate Pastor at Ampthill Baptist Church, and already I have been encouraged by the enthusiasm of those within GSFC to serve the local community.

I am sure I will get to know many of you soon, but for now I can let you know that I was born in Leicester (and have the misfortune of supporting Leicester City Football Club!). I spent most of my formative years in Hove, where I became a Christian and starting attending Holland Road Baptist Church. I met and married my wife Clare at London School of Theology and we have two young boys, Toby and Samuel. I have recently completed my ministerial training at Regents College, Oxford. I enjoy running for fun and have recently returned from Morocco having run the Marrakesh half marathon and I will be training for two other races this year.

Despite the dismal weather, we are all looking forward to exploring the local area and getting into the very Cambridgeshire tradition of cycling! I am keen to be involved in the local community and excited about leading at Great Shelford Free Church as we explore together what it means to be a follower of Jesus Christ today.

Martin Cockerill (Pastor, 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;

Thurs 9.30am—3.30pm; Friday 9.30am—12 noon (occasionally)

Church Secretary:

Cathy Callaway: callawaygsfc@btinternet.com or telephone 01223 832627

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Sunday 23 March

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Sunday 30 March

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Friday 21 March

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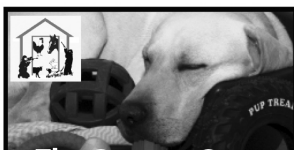
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On Monday 20 January a consultation meeting was held at Great Shelford Library when two representatives of Cambridge Future Transport, a transport study group set up by Cambridgeshire County Council (CCC) invited local residents to put forward their ideas for CCC supported rural bus services in the area. The representative explained that due to cuts in central government funding, CCC did not have the resources to continue to fund the current network of rural bus services and that less expensive alternatives were being sought to provide services to outlying villages, so at least a form of public transport was available to the nearest town, or to connect with another commercially run bus service.

In the main the discussion was about the No 31 bus service that runs through Little and Great Shelford from Barley, Fowlmere and the Shelfords to Cambridge. Many felt that at present the bus is not taking the most effective route – despite virtually no patronage, and with other bus services available in that area it is still continuing to run around the Anstey Way estate in Trumpington in the mornings. It was suggested by several local residents that it would be more effective to run it on the same route (via Hinton Way) for each journey rather than the six variations as per the current time table. When asked how much longer the 31 would be running (it has already been extended to May) the CFT officers said it would continue to run ‘until another alternative was found’. The fact that it serves other South Cambridgeshire villages that have no bus service makes an argument to continue a transport link in that area. Another bus service, the 7A running between Hinxton, Duxford (Heathfield), Whittlesford, Sawston and Stapleford to the Babraham Park and Ride site was also discussed. Whilst it provided an additional bus through Hinton Way it took some passengers off the 31. It was felt that money could be better spent if the 31 ran more frequently over that part of its route, leaving the 7A to be rerouted via other areas not served by a bus.

In all, in my opinion, a constructive meeting and I hope that Cambridgeshire County Council will listen and act on the feedback.

John Wakefield

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| Date | Event | Time | Place |
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| 3 | Post Office reopens | 1 pm | |
| 6 | Carpet Bowls | 7.30pm | Memorial Hall |
| 7 | A Pleasing Terror (page 23) | 7.30pm | Church Room |
| 8 | Scouts' Jumble Sale (page 25) | 2pm | Memorial Hall |
| 11 | Garden Club: Six of the best (page 43) | 7.00pm | School Hall |
| 13 | Carpet Bowls | 7.30pm | Memorial Hall |
| 15 | Granta Deanery Spring Fair (page 33) | 10am–12noon | Memorial Hall |
| 19 | Presentation on Bridleways (page 30) | 7.45pm | Stapleford Pavilion |
| 20 | Carpet Bowls | 7.30pm | Memorial Hall |
| 22 | SSYI Big Breakfast (page 29) | 8am–11am | Little Shelford Mem. Hall |
| 22 | Farmers Market | 9am–12noon | Memorial Hall |
| 26 | Engage in the afternoon (page 27) | 2pm | Library |
| 27 | Carpet Bowls | 7.30pm | Memorial Hall |

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

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READERS' LETTERS

PEDESTRIAN RAILWAY CROSSING

In my view both Duncan Gray and Helen Harwood made interesting and valid points about the pedestrian crossing near Granhams Road. I believe, however, that there are other solutions. Locking gates and/or warning lights could be introduced to control the crossing, or alternatively the crossing could be moved to a location nearer Cambridge. The former can be done with existing technology and would be just like any other level crossing or traffic light. The latter would only require a diversion of the pathway along the present roadway until it reached the existing Trumpington farm crossing, where there is better visibility. This does not materially alter the route of the footpath (for extra safety, the locking gate solution could also be used here). Both these solutions solve all the current objections as no steps are involved, there would be no ugly bridge, and much less cost.

Daniel Bangham

POST OFFICE CROSSING

I recently used the mechanism for reporting highways problems to report a problem with the 'puffin' pedestrian crossing by the Post Office – there was always a maximum delay after pressing the button regardless of traffic conditions. I received the following response from South Cambs. Council.

'Many thanks for your report in relation to the problems that you have encountered with the crossing at High Green Great Shelford. We have been out on site and discovered that there are faulty detectors. We are aware of the issue and a fault is on the system. We are in the process of co-ordinating this work with our maintenance contractor to get the detection system repaired as part of our asset management program.'

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Roger Stratford

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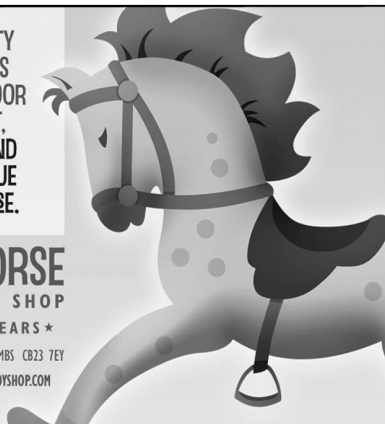
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TENNIS CLUB



Great Shelford Tennis Club wishes to devote this section in tribute to a club stalwart who is moving on. (Note he is not 'passing on' – this man is thriving.) Nick Tait (pictured) is standing down as Men's Captain after more than five years in the job. He oversaw several victories in Division One of the Cambs League, and saw team numbers swell to make GSTC the region's most successful club. Before captaincy, Nick was chairman of the club, and before that (much much before) he was a boy's champion. So farewell then Taity, and many thanks. You are a GSTC legend.

Speaking of legends, and as regular readers of the *Village News* know (some might even remember), Julius Caesar divided Gaul into three parts. The membership of Great Shelford Tennis Club is similarly divided: there are those who play, those who watch their family play, and those who forgot to cancel their direct debit. Ha ha not really! I hope you liked our little joke. Of course we don't have direct debits. Not yet anyway. This is a longish way of announcing the momentous acceptance by the A.G.M. that we are to move towards an electronic system of subscription and payment. It is called 'Club Buzz' or possibly Clubbuzz. Whatever the spelling, it is the future, so cross your fingers, read those emails and let's all get behind it.

No surprise who scoops March's Member of the Month Award – it's Taity!

Stephen Chittenden

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This year it should be easy to find a daffodil in the garden for St David's Day, though I am not so sure about the leeks! Amongst our baked goods, look out for Welsh Cakes at the beginning of the month, some Irish Soda Bread for St Patrick's Day on March 17 and special cakes for Mother's Day on March 30. Our Craft section has a range of original hand crafted gifts and cards which would make special gifts for Mother's Day and other occasions. Cooking and dessert apples will remain plentiful throughout the month and we are looking forward to the plant tables beginning to fill up after the long winter weeks.

Easter falls in mid April but it's not too soon to be thinking about ordering a Simnel Cake, sometimes called an Easter Cake, for April 20, as well as something special for Mother's Day: To order just make a phone call to 843946 if you are unable to get to the Memorial Hall on a Wednesday morning.

Dorothy Doel

Shelford & Stapleford Youth Initiative

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THE MAGOG TRUST

There are many of us who enjoy the unique spaces that the Magog Down has to offer, from the views, walking and bird watching, to simply taking advantage of the dog walking facilities. What we may not fully appreciate is that the Down is looked after by a small group of trustees and volunteers who carefully monitor where the money comes from and what it is spent on. As the incoming Treasurer, I thought that it would be useful to explain in a bit more detail where our money comes from and how much we have to spend.

Annually, we receive income of around £90,000 to maintain the Down and spend between £85,000 and £110,000, depending on the maintenance schedule and our plans for the year. Last year – a very busy year – saw us bring in £87,375 and spend £106,481. To help us understand where the money goes we split the income and costs into three activity streams. These are:

Land Management This represents our farming and conservation activities. Since the Trust began, we have had a series of stewardship agreements which provide a steady income in return for providing free public access to our land and enhancing its conservation value by restoring chalk downland, creating new woodland and recreating other habitats to restore the diversity of flora and fauna on Magog Down. In the last financial year we generated £57,632 in income for land management. However, a busy year, which included the reshaping of our woodland to protect our Scheduled Ancient Monument and the maintenance of fencing, meant that our land expenditure was £77,297.

Community Liaison This includes the membership and community activities of the Magog Trust. These activities are wholly charitable in that they relate to our access and educational objectives. We aim to break even on these activities. Last year membership brought in £7,497, a very much appreciated, significant and useful part of our income. The dog walkers amongst us are not forgotten and we spent £3,837 last year in dog bin clearance.

Corporate This includes the finance and administration functions of the Trust and the management of our expendable endowment, which was set up following receipt of a very generous legacy. Last year our Investment Income was £18,840, with donations, grants and other income amounting to a further £3,406. This income covers the cost of the Ranger Service that we buy from Cambridge Past, Present and Future, which last year was £13,817.

I hope that this gives you a bit of insight into how the Magog Trust is financed and next time you use the Down and notice the new fences, the grass that has been cut, the dog walking areas managed, or the hedges and trees that have been maintained, you may have a clearer picture of where the money comes from.

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Leanne Ehren

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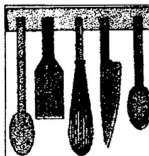
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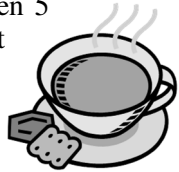
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Medical records have been in existence since the birth of the National Health Service in 1948. Initially they took the form of a small envelope with cards stored inside. These were called 'Lloyd Georges'. The envelope had the patient's name, address and date of birth; the cards inside contained details of vaccinations administered and GP consultation notes and inside the envelopes were stuffed carbon copies of letters written to, and received from hospitals.

Over time the envelopes and cards became dog-eared and flimsy. Larger folders started to be used and the correspondence inside, carbons of letters to, and original letters from the hospital were filed in date order. A hole was punched in the top left hand corner of each paper and all were held together with a treasury tag. Each time the patient moved surgeries the folders were returned to the Health Authority and then forwarded on to the new surgery.

We have moved on. Patients now have an electronic record and this is an entirely separate record from that held by Addenbrookes. Hospitals have their own records and cannot see the Practice Notes. Although the 'old', paper records are still held at the surgery they are stored away in our Records Room.

When a patient registers at the Practice an electronic record is set up on our computer system. The old paper notes are summarised and details of next of kin, vaccinations, significant illnesses, medications, and allergies are all entered into the electronic record. Summarising the most important information onto to the patient's electronic record means that the doctors do not have to read through the entire notes to search for one important piece of information. From that point all consultations with the GPs are recorded electronically, including prescriptions issued together with medication strengths.

Every letter to a patient or referral made for a patient is typed via the software on the computer system and is therefore also stored electronically. Each day the Practice receives, on average, two hundred letters. Each one of these is scanned onto the relevant patient's record and 'coded'. Coding is the translation of medical terminology as written by the clinician to describe a patient's complaint, problem, diagnosis, or treatment into a coded format which is nationally and internationally recognised. It is this coding which assists the Practice in focusing on patients with specific diagnoses so that they can be called into appropriate clinics. It also aids the GPs in that they can perform searches of records using either codes or names.

An electronic record has transformed our ability to manage chronic illness and diseases effectively, for the benefit of all.

Alison Podgorska

ADVICE FROM TRADING STANDARDS

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- Always meet the puppy in its home environment with its mother and the rest of the litter.
- Ask where the puppy was born. If it was born abroad, it should either have a pet passport (if it came from Europe) or a Veterinary Certificate (if it came from elsewhere in the world). Check that the description in the passport or certificate matches the puppy, particularly its age, and check it has been vaccinated against rabies and treated for tapeworm. If you have any concerns at all, speak to a vet before buying it. If possible have the puppy's microchip scanned to check it matches its passport.
- Advertisers will not always make it clear that a puppy has been imported but tell-tale signs are a low price, the language used in the advert (which may suggest the advertiser is not English e.g. describing the puppy as 'potty trained') and the way the puppy is photographed (often importers accessorise puppies in the photographs). Also be cautious if a puppy is described as having a passport, Europass etc as this indicates it has been imported. Points such as these should lead you to ask extra questions of the seller.
- If they are advertised as a pedigree, ask to see their pedigree papers and ensure the breeder's name is on them. Make sure you are handed the papers at the time of purchase.
- You could use an RSPCA and Animal Welfare Foundation's Puppy Contract (www.puppycontract.org.uk). It requires the seller to record detailed information about the puppy and its parents, and all information provided in the contract is legally binding. In exchange, you commit to meeting the puppy's future health and welfare needs.

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WHAT ROLE CAN A BOTANIC GARDEN HAVE IN CONSERVATION?

One thing we can do is use our horticultural skills and facilities to grow stocks of threatened plants for reintroduction into the wild. Here at the Garden, we are currently involved in two reintroduction attempts.

With many species of plant in Britain declining or under threat of extinction reintroduction may seem an attractive option, but it's not simple. All sorts of issues must be addressed before reintroducing a plant to its 'natural' site: do we know why the plant went extinct there and have things changed so that it won't just die out again? And is it *really* extinct, or have we not looked hard enough? Is what we have in cultivation the same thing that went extinct? This last, in particular, is where taxonomy – the science of classification – and the Botanic Garden comes in.

Interrupted brome, *Bromus interruptus*, is a weedy grass of farmland, endemic to Britain. Don't be put off by the 'weedy', it is actually rather attractive, especially in seed. It's a winter annual, germinating in the autumn and flowering the following summer. It is very much a Cambridgeshire plant, first recorded in 1849 at Odsey on the county border with Hertfordshire, and last seen in the wild in 1972 at Pampisford. We've been working with a farmer in Whittlesford and the Botanical Society of Britain and Ireland to try to re-establish a population on a field margin. To this end we went out last autumn, watched the margin being ploughed then scattered about 5,000 seeds of interrupted brome in its wake. We went back later and were delighted to see lots of seedlings – we'll have to actually count them at some point but a rough guess would be a couple of thousand! Now we wait to see whether they'll grow and seed a new generation this autumn.

Our other species is the marsh pea, *Lathyrus palustris*, a delightful scrambling, perennial pea of reedy fens which is declining due to fen drainage and the loss of traditional management techniques. In the mid-1990s, the RSPB began to re-establish fen at Lakenheath, an old site for marsh pea. Now that the reeds are established and bitterns are again booming, the RSPB is looking at the rare plants which had been lost from the site. We have spent a couple of years growing marsh pea plants from seed saved from another reserve and we plan to plant them out this spring. While we have our fingers crossed for a successful reintroduction, you can come and look for the marsh pea in the Botanic Garden Fen Display.

*Pete Michna, Experimental Section Supervisor and
Juliet Day, Development Officer at the Botanic Garden*

ACE FOUNDATION

March is going to be a busy month at the Stapleford Granary. We have our Advanced singing performance class with Alison Pearce, places for performers have now sold out but we still have observer spaces available. We also have an advanced violin performance class with Steve Bingham on March 8, this would be ideal for any violin players who are looking to improve their performance technique or have auditions or exams coming up.

The chairs for the concert hall have now arrived and will be put to good use at our first folk concert with Megson on March 9, which is now sold out. Our Band in a Day workshop with Megson still has a couple of spaces available if you are a folk musician or singer.

On March 23 we are looking forward to our African Guitar workshop and concert with Derek Gripper. This is an incredibly exciting opportunity to see and work with him whilst he is in the UK to perform a concert at the Globe with John Williams and John Etheridge.

April will also be an exciting month with our first memoir writing course with Jo Browning Wroe, this will be a great opportunity to get down your life stories for your own enjoyment or to share with family and friends. We also have our Goldfield Chamber Music concert, Exploring Drawing weekend with Mark Rigby, a Clarinet afternoon and another Come and Sing session with Lucy Barlow.

As always full information and bookings can be made from our website www.staplefordgranary.org.uk.
Susannah Bangham

THRIPLow DAFFODIL WEEKEND

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GARDEN CLUB

THE FLOWERS OF JAPAN

Local gardener Steve Jones returned to speak about Japanese gardening. The northern and mountain areas of Japan experience short summers and lengthy winters with heavy snowfall, whereas the southern islands facing the Pacific Ocean enjoy a subtropical climate. In spring, weather reports on the news chart the steady progress of the cherry blossom from warm Kyushu during March, to colder northern Hokkaido around May. Due to much of Japan being mountainous, the majority of the population live close together in cities, in the narrow coastal areas. As a result there are many very small urban gardens, some of which are situated on rooftops. Any spare fragment of land tends to be cultivated, often with edible plants, and even small rivers have fruit trees planted in them.

There is a strong religious sense that gardens are important and all temples have a garden setting. Tea gardens have a path leading to a teahouse in a rustic tranquil setting, deemed fitting for the tea ceremony. The water gardens around the Imperial Palace in Kyoto are regarded as a celebration of the spirit of the landscape and the visual placing of rocks, ponds and bridges is done with great care. Rocks are considered to be inhabited by spirits, and trees are garlanded with ropes. Very old trees are revered, their aged limbs being supported by bamboo structures and wooden props.

Topiary is practised on a large scale and hedges give the appearance of living sculptures. Trees are trained into shape and extensively pruned and manicured into perfect cloud forms. Often this process has gone on for many generations and some Japanese gardens are several hundred years old.

The city of Kyoto has many old gardens. The Kinkaku-ji garden surrounds a lake with rocks and islands, which give an illusion of distance, emphasized by surrounding pine trees, all trimmed to scale. The gilded Golden Pavilion stands above the lake, perfectly mirrored in the water.

The Temple of the Silver Pavilion, Ginkaku-ji, has a dry landscape garden with a platform of sparkling white sand, raked into long parallel lines beside a flat-topped sand cone. The garden is designed to be viewed from the veranda by moonlight. The famous Zen Buddhist contemplation garden, Ryoan-ji, consists of five groups of three rocks placed in a rectangular bed of raked gravel. All the stones except one are visible from any one viewpoint.

One of the oldest gardens in Japan is Saiho-ji, which has a path leading through carpets of moss under evergreen trees, which are left to grow naturally over bridges and onto islands. In autumn brightly coloured maple leaves contrast

well with the intense green colour of the moss. The moss absorbs sounds and has an overall calming effect.

Modern Japanese creative design includes geometrical bedding with checkerboard planting of pruned azaleas and gravel, inspired by patterns of rice fields in the landscape. Chrysanthemums are often grown in pots and trained to form floral patterns. Spring and autumn are considered the best times to visit gardens in Japan.

Helen Chubb

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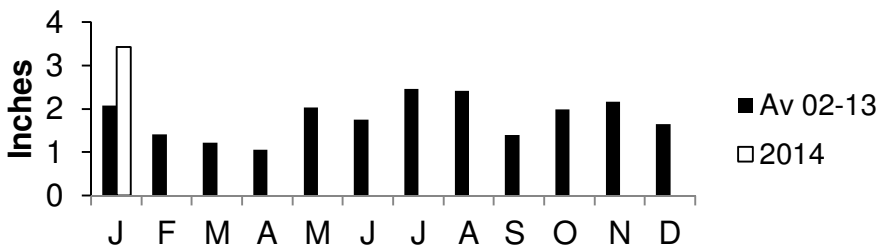
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