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The strange story of the Santa Cruz Water Lily

Photo taken at Shelford Bottom by David Fuller



What two tons of daffodil bulbs look like

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GREAT SHELFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Summary of items from 19 March Council Meeting

Elaine Westwick said she is a local resident. She currently teaches Pilates in the Johnson Hall, Stapleford and would like to add an outdoor class on the Recreation Ground on Friday afternoons throughout the summer months. She hopes to attract around 10 people, probably fewer to begin with, and would charge around £5 per person. It would be based outside only and would avoid any grass which has been damaged by the rain. She is a member of the Register of Exercise Professionals and the Body Control Pilates Association and has insurance cover.

The Council had no objection and would contact Elaine to agree a suitable fee.

MATTERS ARISING

Festival of Wheels Cllr Shelton said he is concerned that conditions on the Recreation Ground will not be fully recovered in time for the Festival of Wheels.

Abberley Wood A further incident has occurred at the pumping station; fortunately, this time, the response from Anglian Water was much improved.

Tree Work Cllr Hodge said she feels that if the hedge behind the houses at the top of the Recreation Ground is cut back too severely it will be detrimental to the appearance of the area. She suggested that the only tree that needs to be removed is the dead one overhanging the seat. A tree inspection is being arranged.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Recreation Ground: Talking about the groundwork at the new pavilion Cllr Smith said he and Cllr Knowles had worked with forks on the flooded spots in an attempt to disperse the water. He understood that a contractor would be coming on 24 March to start work on the area. The Chairman disputed this, saying he had been informed that they would not be coming until April.

Concern was expressed that the ground might not be in a suitable condition for the Festival of Wheels or the Feast. Following further discussions it was resolved that should the contractor not arrive on 24 March, an Extraordinary Meeting be called to discuss what action should be taken.

Highways: Cllr Shelton said he is frustrated that the County Council had lost information and the petitions regarding the reduction of the speed limits on Cambridge Road and Hinton Way. Cllr Kenney agreed to look into this.

He then expressed his concern regarding the volume of traffic along London and Cambridge Roads between 8 and 9am; with the increasing development the County Council will have to address this problem.

Cemetery: Referring to Chancel Repair Liability, Cllr Harwood said Jesus College had informed the Parish Council that the College accepted full Chancel Repair Liability and, further, that the CRL does not derive from land. The tithe entitlement of the lay Rector was redeemed by a payment to which liability for the chancel repair attached, which resolved entirely the CRL issues regarding any liability of the Parish Council.

Sustainable Shelford: Cllr Winter talked about a proposed new grant for insulating older houses. A further meeting will be held in April. He hoped to bring further information to the next meeting.

NEW PAVILION

Cllr Watson introduced provisional fees for the hire of the pavilion and recreation ground by the sport clubs. After some discussion it was agreed that Cllr Watson should initiate discussions using these figures.

Cllr Seeking said the Bowls Club is worried about the security of its grounds; it has been advised by the insurance company that the original fencing removed by the contractor needs to be reinstated. The Club had been led to understand that when the fencing was removed it was put in to store and would eventually be replaced.

PAVILION FURNITURE

To commemorate Doug and Will, the Ellum family has offered to purchase furniture for the new pavilion. The chosen style of chairs and tables was presented to the meeting. The family would like a small commemorative plaque placed in the alcove where the chairs will be stacked when not in use. Approval was given for both the furniture and the plaque.

PAVILION CLEANING

Cleaning the new pavilion is becoming problematic, taking more of the Village Man's time than envisaged, and also requiring the use of specific cleaning methods. With this in mind Cllrs Knowles and Hodge met with a professional cleaner to look at what this involved, how many hours it would take, and whether she would be prepared to undertake the work. Following a heated discussion it was proposed that the Architect be asked to collate the manufacturers' cleaning instructions before further action is considered.

FEAST INSURANCE

On a proposal from Cllr Coggins, seconded by Cllr Talbott, it was **agreed** that the Parish Council would pay the Feast insurance of approximately £500.

Cllr Shelton said sponsorship for the majority of the Festival of Wheels has been obtained but asked for back up from the Parish Council to cover the £150 insurance fee, should it be necessary. This was **agreed**.

MOBILE WARDEN SCHEME

A request has been received for financial assistance towards the cost of renewing police checks for staff and helpers, at a cost of approximately £400. It was **agreed** that the Council should offer a donation to cover this expenditure.

LIBRARY READING SCHEME

Plans are underway for this year's Summer Reading Challenge 'The mythical Maze'. Since its inception the Parish Council has made a contribution each year towards the scheme. It was **agreed** that a donation of £250 should be made.

FINANCE

It was **resolved** that 20 accounts totalling £19,054.90 be approved for payment.

CORRESPONDENCE

An irresponsible person or persons dropping bags of dog waste on the footpath between Elms Avenue and the High Street is making the area hazardous for children who use the footpath on their way to and from school. Environmental Health will be asked to consider installing a dog bin.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Village signpost on the junction of High Street and Woollards Lane needs to be re-furbished; also the original telephone kiosks around the village are in need of attention.

Cllr Harwood reported a further epidemic of vandalism at the railway station and would inform the PCSO.

Full copies of the minutes can be seen at www.shelford.org and at the Library.

PLANNING APPLICATION PARISH COUNCIL COMMENTS

S/0560/14/FL	Mr A and Mrs J Philips 22 Mingle Lane	Replacement dwelling
Recommend refusal. We believe the reasons for refusal as given on S/1131/13/FL also apply to this application. The proposed dwelling is of a design, height and bulk which is out of character with existing buildings and would have a detrimental appearance on the street scene. In addition the siting of the new dwelling some 2.4 metres from 22B Mingle Lane with a 9m high gable wall will be overbearing to the occupiers of that property.		

GREAT SHELFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Summary of items from 26 March Extraordinary Council Meeting

The Chairman explained that the reason for the meeting was to discuss the external landscaping at the new pavilion. A recent letter from the contractor states that a specialised landscape contractor has been engaged to commence works, weather permitting, on 7 April.

The Chairman had been advised by Scotsdales that if the area is seeded it would not be fully usable by July. With the Festival of Wheels scheduled for early May and the Feast in July, he feels the only option would be to turf the top end of the damaged area. Asking each Councillor to comment, the general consensus was that the whole area needed to be carefully handled and the top area should definitely be turfed.

The Architect said although we had experienced unusual weather conditions, it was poor judgement on the contractor's part not to have laid an access road; much of the damage was caused by the movement around the site of heavy equipment.

Problems have occurred with the alarm system which appears to be electrical. Until a separate system is in place to isolate the three areas (toilets, changing rooms and main hall), it is not practical to let the sports clubs use the facilities.

Cllr Seekings asked about the replacement of the Bowling Club's fencing. The Architect said it was always intended that yew hedging would replace the fence and act as a barrier.

It was resolved that the Penalty Clause should be invoked should the works not be completed by Monday 14 April 2014.

HELP WANTED!

Are you a frequent visitor to the parish cemetery in Cambridge Road, or do you live nearby? Or perhaps have an allotment at the cemetery allotment site?

I am looking for help with a little planting project at the cemetery in the autumn.

The lavender hedge has seen better days, so I would like to replace it. I would also like to plant some rambling roses around the cemetery. So I am looking for someone who would be prepared to help by keeping an eye on the new plants, and watering them if they get dry, just until they establish themselves. I would also appreciate it if anyone would like to help with preparing the bed and planting.

Helen Harwood (Cemetery & Allotments, Parish Council)

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT TO ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The New Pavilion is nearing completion. Unfortunately, due to a long wet winter, the ground works were delayed. Let's hope, when this impressive building is complete, all residents of the village, and the sports clubs, will approve of the hard work by the Parish Council over the last three to four years. The next objective for the Parish Council is to obtain the Grange Field for much needed extra recreation space.

Over the past year I've been working on completing the Hinsby roundabout at Shelford Bottom. We missed the daffodil season last year, but I think we made up for it this year (see photo on front and back covers). Can I thank our sponsors: Hill Residential and Scotsdales. Sterling Plants and Gardens have taken over the shrub bed outside the Village Memorial Hall and will be replanting and maintaining it.

Arthur Rank is planning to move to Shelford Bottom. A planning application will be submitted in June with a starting date later this year. New plans for the former Railway Tavern Site are also due to be resubmitted to the Parish Council.

On 7 July the Tour de France will pass through our Village. We are planning a small event on the Memorial Green to coincide with the Tour, supported by the Twinning Committee, who will have their opposite numbers here from France that weekend. We will be offering tea and coffee in a marquee, and are hoping to have ice cream and sweet stalls.

This year is the 100th anniversary of the start of World War One. I have asked the Rev Simon Talbott if we could arrange a candle-lit service at the Memorial on 3 August. The Plough Pub has offered to arrange some light refreshments for the event.

We are losing two of our long serving members of the Parish Council: Joy Amis after serving 40 years, and Martyn Seekings who has completed 30 years, including two years as Parish Chairman. Gill Hinsby and Eric Knowles are also standing down, both having served for many years. We will miss their tremendous experience. Sadly, we have also lost our long serving Parish Clerk, Wenda Burbidge, after completing 23 years. She has supported eight Chairmen whilst guiding 15 Councillors to make the Village what it is today. We presented Wenda with a stone birdbath and flowers. We hope she will enjoy them and more time in her garden. I would like to thank all the County, District and Parish Councillors for all their hard work and support over the past year. I welcome our new Parish Clerk, Mr Ian Kydd.

Cllr Charles Nightingale

Chairman, Parish Chairman and District Councillor for Shelfords

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This is a set of policies and land allocations that will guide the future of our district up to 2031. Once adopted, all planning applications will be assessed against these policies.

The draft local plan was published last summer to provide an opportunity for comment. The District Council considered the comments at a meeting on 13 March and decided to submit the local plan to the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government for independent examination, together with the comments received. These documents were submitted on 28 March.

An independent inspector will establish whether the plan is sound, taking all the representations into consideration, and there will be a report on the findings. Where it is considered that more information is needed, a series of examination hearings will take place. These are likely to occur sometime after July 2014. The proposed Local Plan can be viewed on www.scambsgov.uk/localplan. This webpage will be updated as the examination proceeds.

JW from information on www.scambsgov.uk/localplan

COUNTY COUNCIL

A cautious welcome to schools funding announcement Cambridgeshire pupils will receive an extra £275 per pupil in 2015–2016. It is well known that Cambridgeshire has been the most poorly financed County for education, and head teachers, governors, County Councillors and MPs have all been lobbying to secure more money for our schools. Although this extra money is a start, we are still very poorly funded in comparison to most Counties and we will need to continue to raise this as an issue.

The Compass Centre, Sawston This building is owned by the Council and has just been sold. Contracts were exchanged last week. The property was offered to the Parish and the District Council before being sold, but they did not need it.

TWIST2: a motorcycle campaign to learn from others' mistakes CCC and Peterborough Safety Partnership has launched a campaign, Twist2, to encourage motorcyclists to enhance their skills. It comprises short animated films and a data base of training courses. Motorcycles are less than 1% of traffic but are involved in 12% of accidents, and motorcyclists are 30 times more likely than car users to die on the road. The videos show dangerous manoeuvres that get motorcyclists into trouble, and encourage them to enhance their skills and become safer. The four shorter films focus on the mistakes drivers make that have implications for others, and try to help them

anticipate other people's mistakes. The database of courses and films can be found on the website www.twistandride.net.

New household recycling service CCC has one of the highest recycling rates in the country and is looking how to best deliver this service for the future. We want to reshape the service and deliver savings of £440,000 from April 2015. The review will look at accepting trade waste at cost, service management by the voluntary sector, and changing opening hours. With the expected extra 70,000 homes in Cambridgeshire it is essential that we plan now for our future waste.

New approach to highway maintenance CCC is planning a new approach to improving the condition of roads and pavements. This strategy recognises the importance of all roads and adopts a preventive approach to maintenance and repairs. It will coordinate works on the highway throughout the County and reduce the supply chain. This might cut costs by up to 20% in the long run and local priorities will be taken into account.

Another new no-calling zone to freeze out rogue traders Trading Standards have been working with the police and the local community to protect vulnerable people and to establish a new no-calling zone centred on sheltered accommodation in Swavesey. There are now more than 100 such zones in Cambridgeshire. These no-calling zones are established with the cooperation of the local residents and protect them against unscrupulous traders and salespeople. Residents are offered help and advice and also an information pack which enables them to have confidence to say 'no' when cold callers come. Nationally there are more than 10,000 complaints about cold callers a year. For more information go to http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/info/20074/trading_standards/273/trading_standards_community_projects.

Tony Orgee and Gail Kenney

LITTLE SHELFORD PANTOMIME – AUDITIONS



Auditions will be held on Sunday 15 June at Little Shelford Memorial Hall for *Aladdin*, Little Shelford Pantomime 2015. Those who have been in pantomime before, please come and audition between 1 and 4 pm. Children new to pantomime, please come between 4 and 5 pm.

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If you have any tests ordered by the surgery, you should enquire about the result as a matter of routine. You cannot assume that there is nothing you need to know.

What is an appropriate length of time?

- If a doctor or nurse requests a blood test, an X-ray, or a swab test, the results will be sent back to the surgery within a matter of days from the sample being taken.
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WHAT'S ON AT SCOTSDALES?

Thursday 22 May Secret Garden (RSPB Talk)

(2pm–3pm) How well do you know your closest neighbours? Come along for fascinating stories from the hidden lives of our garden wildlife: how unemployment causes the breakdown of society in wasps, which skilled flier can dodge raindrops, where squirrels sleep and more ... you'll look at your garden with fresh eyes! Booking advisable – email enquiries@scotsdales.com or call 01223 842777.

Sunday 25 May James Wong

(all day) James Wong will be spending the day with us, to answer any of your questions, as well as giving top tips for bumper crops.

Sun 25 May National Trust 50 Things to do before 11 ¾

(Children's event 11am–3pm) Today we will be setting up a snail race, creating some wild art and finding a geocache so lots to choose from. We'll be working alongside the National Trust, encouraging children to get mucky, discover their wild side and most of all enjoy what Mother Nature has to offer! Booking is required to guarantee a place.

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social media provisions in the coming months. Your feedback is appreciated – more information on the site.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM): New Churchwarden: Dianne Fraser

The APCM elected Dianne Fraser to replace Mary Lester, who is retiring shortly after serving a full term as Churchwarden. Our sincere thanks to Mary for undertaking this role, especially during the long vacancy. Dianne will serve with Stella Nettleton, who was re-elected. Best wishes to them both for the coming year.

A Joint Celebration of Wholeness & Healing with St. Andrew’s Stapleford – Sunday 11 May at 6.30pm

Healing, reconciliation and restoration are integral to the good news of Jesus Christ. For this reason prayer for individuals, focused through laying on of hands or anointing with oil, has a proper place within the public prayer of the Church. God’s gracious activity of healing is to be seen both as part of the proclaiming of the good news and as an outworking of the presence of the Holy Spirit in the life of the Church. The service therefore, is **for everyone**, not only because the healing ministry of the church is a shared ministry – Jesus sent out **all** his followers to heal the sick – but also because we are all in need of healing. It is only when we acknowledge our own need of healing, that we are given the grace to minister to others. After the readings, sermon and intercessions, everyone is invited to come forward for the laying on of hands and then if any wish, they may also be anointed. At the end of the service there will be an opportunity for a time of prayer with individuals.

Deanery Quiet Day – Saturday 17 May: St Mary’s will be hosting a Quiet Day for the Granta Deanery parishes on 17 May, led by the Bishop of Ely. The ‘day’ will run from 10am–2pm and use both the parish church and Community Room. Tea/coffee will be available during the morning and you are welcome to bring your own lunch if you wish.

Special Guest Preacher at Parish Communion: The Revd. Canon Bob Reiss will preach at the Parish Communion on Pentecost (Sunday 8 June). Bob has recently retired as Canon Chancellor at Westminster Abbey; prior to this he was Archdeacon of Surrey in the Guildford Diocese. Earlier in his ministry in the 1970s he was Chaplain at Trinity College Cambridge.

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. There are activities for children in the Community Room every Sunday during the Parish Communion.

From the registers:

Baptism:	Sunday 13 April	Sophie Lily Coe
Funeral:	Thursday 10 April	Sue (Molly) Duffing

Applications for baptisms, marriages and the calling of Banns of marriage should be made to the Parish Administrator: Katharin Page, 41 Hinton Way, Great Shelford, Cambridge, CB22 5AX. Telephone: 01223 694244. Email: katharinpage@yahoo.com

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

The Revd Simon Talbott, Priest In Charge, The Vicarage, 12 Church Street, Great Shelford, CB22 5EL. Telephone 01223 847068 or 0705 0042616. Email vicar@saintmarysgreatshelford.org.

Simon Talbott

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MONDAY MAY 19 AT 7.30



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This walk returns by popular request from all those who missed it the previous times. But as I have been doing a bit more research recently, it should be an updated version of the one I did a few years ago.

The walk will last about 1½ hours, starting from the railway station and ending by Coppice Avenue.

Meet by Zara, beside the railway station.

You are welcome to join us afterwards at the Square and Compasses, where refreshment may be taken!

Please note that, at time of writing, I am awaiting an appointment for an eye operation. If, by ill luck, it coincides with the walk, then I will postpone the walk for a couple of weeks. Please check by emailing or ringing.

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In the seasons of the church calendar, April brought us Easter; that amazing time when we remember what Christianity is all about: God sending His Son Jesus to stand in our place wiping out all our wrongs so that we might have a personal relationship with Him. Now we enter May and we have another big church festival – Pentecost. This is when we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit, the conduit for God's power to work in and through us on a daily basis. Isn't that amazing! Without Jesus, we would be cut off from God. Without the Holy Spirit, we lack the fruit: love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

Christians are no better than the next person and, sadly, many of us don't always portray this fruit. Like the plant variety, some produce good fruit, some not so good and some hardly any at all. However, that doesn't mean the fruit doesn't exist or is worthless.

So go back to the source. Ask God to show you, through the power of His Holy Spirit at this time of Pentecost, what real fruit can be like and how it can make such a difference to your life ... It could be beautiful!

At GSFC, of course, we have our own 'new season' with our new minister, Martin Cockerill. Have you met him and his wife Claire or their children Toby and Sam? Come and see them at GSFC and say 'hello'.

David Baslington (Elder, Great Shelford Free Church)

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For more information, contact Janet Jefferson via the church office:

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CAMBRIDGESHIRE FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE

The fire service needs volunteers in your village!

Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service Community Champions scheme has been running for two years and now more volunteers are being recruited. The Champions promote fire safety in their communities by attending local events, talk to local groups and organisations, and also refer vulnerable people to CFRS for home fire safety visits. So could you help your community stay fire safe? Find out more by contacting Rachael Brown on 01353 865037 or email Rachael.brown@cambsacres.org.uk.

Make sure fire safety still stays at the forefront of your mind in May – and don't forget to test your smoke alarm and the smoke alarms of the vulnerable and elderly in your neighbourhood. *Leanne Ehren*

Little Shelford Memorial Hall

Saturday May 31

FLUTE MASTERCLASS 1–5pm

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Date	Event	Time	Place
4	Festival of Wheels (page 12)	12.00–5.00pm	Recreation Ground
13	Wintercomfort Information Evening (page 22)	7.00–8.00pm	Free Church
17	Cheap and Chic Bazaar (page 25)	9.30am–3.30pm	Memorial Hall
18	Car Boot Sale (page 35)	9.00am–12.00pm	Stapleford Primary School
19	Hinton Way Walk (page 16)	7.30	outside Zara
21	Engage: British Motoring in the 1930s (page 30)	2.00–3.00pm	Library
22	European and Local Elections	7.00am–10.00pm	Memorial Hall
22	Wintercomfort Information Evening (page 22)	7.00–8.00pm	Free Church Hall
24	Beating the Bounds	10.30am	St Mary's Church
26	Farmers' Market	9.00am–12.00pm	Memorial Hall
31	Craft Event (page 20)	9.00am–1.00pm	Memorial Hall

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

STOP PRESS

The opening ceremony for the new sports pavilion on the Recreation Ground will be held on Sunday June 22, when the pavilion will be open to the public.

Further details will be given in our June edition.

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Ann Worthington

CRAFT EVENT

in aid of Blind Dog Rescue UK

Saturday 31 May

Great Shelford Memorial Hall

9.00am-1.00pm



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NB: Watching the May Day Morris Dancing is a free of charge event but donations to the upkeep of Wandlebury are welcome. Breakfast tickets cost £2.50. Booking by 5pm on Monday 28 April for this part of the event is essential so catering can be arranged.

Saturday 10 May: May Celebration and Tree Festival (11am to 4pm – drop in at any time)

Head to the Stable Rooms and Paddock for a celebration of spring, trees and traditional activities. See heavy horses at work and watch craftsmen ply their skills. Be entertained by maypole dancing. Dress as a Green Man or May Queen, and join in the crafts. Bring a picnic and stay for the day!

NB: This event is free but recommended donations of £3.00 per adult and £2 per child are welcome to support the park.

Saturday 24 May: Local Reptiles and Amphibians (11am to 12.30pm)

Join CambridgePPF's experienced field teachers for a guided stroll around Wandlebury searching for common frogs, toads, newts, lizards, slowworms and grass snakes. This event is aimed at adults and older children. Remember to dress according to the weather. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

NB: Tickets £3 per person (members £2.00) Booking is essential.

Wednesday 28 May: Bees and Wasps (10am to 12.30pm)

Learn all about our helpful buzzy friends and how they live and work together. An educational walk and talk will be followed by related craft activities led by the charity's experienced field teachers. Event suitable for children aged five and above. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Please book early to avoid disappointment.

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The route will take us to the bridge between the Shelfords, across Rectory Farm to Shelford Road, along Granhams Road and to the Nine Wells, and across the fields to Hinton Way, through Woodlands, and end outside the Square and Compasses. Please note that we will be crossing an unmanned level crossing, and walking along Granhams Road, where there is no pavement. In both cases, great care must be taken.

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Early in March came the call to our membership and friends: ‘Could we provide homemade jams, marmalades and homemade cakes for our stall of British produce at the annual Salon de la Gastronomie in Verneuil-en-Halatte?’ This two-day event is similar to our farmers’ market, only on a larger scale. It is organised by members of the Verneuil-en-Halatte tourist information bureau for vendors of local produce, also for vendors from other areas of France ... and for ourselves.

The weeks prior to our departure saw our members busily baking, marmalade-making, shopping for ‘deals’ of Yorkshire tea for hard water and packets of shortbread; also for a variety of English cheeses. Then there was the labelling and pricing ... ‘How much was it last year?’

On the eve of our departure all our prepared and boxed produce was tightly packed into the back of the Jeffersons’ car, leaving just enough room for the five of us, including Colin our driver, plus our personal belongings. Early Friday morning saw us speeding towards the Channel Tunnel. After a ‘Flunch’ lunch at Calais and a refreshing break at Beauvais – including a visit to the Cathedral – we drove on to arrive safely at Verneuil, where we were made most welcome by our respective hosts and friends.



Janet, Colin and Penny at the stall

We had to be ready for the official opening of the Salon at 10.00 on the Saturday morning. An early start found us hooking up red, white and blue bunting, ‘twinning’ posters and maps, and setting out our wares on our three allocated trestle tables; our cakes of varying flavours, shapes and sizes were attractively displayed by Janet on the left; teas and biscuits in the

centre next to the jams and marmalades; with the cheeses on the right ... and, of course, bite-sized portions had to be prepared for prospective clients to taste!

All around us were colourful and well stocked stalls which filled the hall. There were cheeses, ‘charcuteries’, wines and champagnes, preserves, specialist chocolates and nougats, gingerbreads, organic herbs, soaps and remedies, fruit, vegetable and flower displays ... and more.

Buyers and sellers alike were amply and continuously fortified throughout with wine, beer, aperitifs and strong black coffee from the bar. The local restaurant cooked and served an excellent lunch on the premises ... with more wine and coffee! Gratifyingly, by Sunday evening most of our wares had been sold. (We actually made a profit which will go towards the continuing work of our twinning association.) We also found that we were on nodding acquaintance with several of the vendors, some we had met on previous Salon visits. Our time with our French friends ended with an evening aperitif together to celebrate the success of another Salon de la Gastronomie.

Our thanks must go to those committed members of our association who organised and ensured the success of this 2014 event.

Margaret Moule

SHELFORD FUN RUN

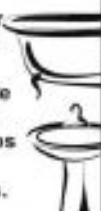
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STAPLEFORD GRANARY

We've had another busy month at the Granary. At the end of March we were incredibly lucky to invite world-class musician Derek Gripper from South Africa to the Granary to give a guitar workshop and evening concert. Derek's music was truly spellbinding and as well as many local audience members we had visitors from as far away as Wales and Cornwall to hear him play!



Derek Gripper Workshop

Photo Trevor Barlow

As I write the Phoenix Chorale and Phoenix Training Choir are busy rehearsing in the recital hall. It's fantastic to have the space filled with music during the week.

The end of April will be our first Goldfield concert, spring-boarding our ensemble in residence concert series. Our spring nature walk with Kevin Hand on May 6 has sold out. We have a guitar day with Fellow of the Royal College of Music Gary Ryan on Saturday **May 10**. The first session of Jazz Choir with Ruth Applin, is on **May 13**. This will be a relaxed and dynamic Jazz choir open to singers of all ages and abilities. You can attend one session or all three.

May also sees an opportunity for adults to experience creating music with a Gamelan workshop on **May 17**, no musical experience is necessary for this. It is an opportunity for adults (and older teenagers) who maybe don't think of themselves as being particularly musical to play in a musical ensemble in a

relaxed and comfortable atmosphere. The day will be followed by a concert by the Cambridge Gamelan Group with dance by Ni Madé Pujawati.

We have another exciting opportunity on **May 17** to make and take home a wooden stool. Peter Wood from Greenwood Days will take you through the process of choosing the timber and crafting it into a usable stool to take home. You can see some great pictures from another wooden stool course he ran on our Facebook page (www.facebook.com/pages/The-ACE-Foundation) if you want to have a look at what is involved!

At the beginning of June we have our State of Nature Report, a natural history lecture by Dr Roland Randall which will review the trends shown in State of Nature, paying particular attention to species and environments in our region, and discuss ways in which negative trends might be reversed.

As always bookings can be made by calling Susannah on 01223 849004 or online at www.staplefordgranary.org.uk. *Susannah Bingham*

TENNIS CLUB



We've all heard of Chairman Mao from China. Well here in Great Shelford we have Chairman Rau. Pat Rau (pictured) has been Chairman of GSTC since his election in February 2012 and what a splendid job he has been doing. He's a decent player too; on court he's known as The Great Wall.

'This is the very best time of year to take up tennis', says Chairman Rau, 'By joining a club like ours we can coach you to make you better and keep you fit. You can make new friends too – what more could you want!'

We are not only celebrating Pat's chairmanship, but also the birth of his first child; a little boy called Hugo. Pat met his

lovely wife Rachel while she was working in Cambridge's trendy outdoor joint, White Stuff. So you might say it was love at first White! So thanks Pat, congratulations to you and Rachel on the baby and keep up the good work. Here's some more good news ... You are member of the month for May!

'About time,' says Pat.

'Hooray!' say we. Join us at gstc.org.uk.

Stephen Chittenden

CRICKET CLUB

The cricket season is upon us and GSCC are determined to lift some of the gloom surrounding our summer game after the disastrous Ashes tour by our national side.

The Under 11 team have been sponsored by Haart estate agents and will be in the CYCA Under 11 E league. We have some very promising youngsters who will be pressing for a place in our men's teams in maybe four seasons time. If you are looking to join our youth section, ring Steve Johnson on 07549353464. The pavilion will be in use this summer, which will be a relief after the make-do arrangement last year, and we have found some funding for the furniture in the teas room.

The second team will be in Division Five South of the CCA Junior League and the firsts will still be competing at the heady heights of Division One of the CCA Senior League. Contact Paul Ellum on 01223 842394 if you're looking to join us.

The Cricket Club would like to record its thanks to the Parish Council and to our friends at the football club and in particular to Eric Knowles, Tony Smith, Tony Holden and Bridget Hodge for showing such determination and stamina in pushing for a new pavilion. We are also grateful to Tim Page, the architect, who has been so accommodating. We are thoroughly delighted with the new facility. We would also like to thank Wenda Burbridge for all her hard work and efficiency over the years as Clerk to the PC.

Brian Higgins



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RUGBY CLUB

We are coming to the end of the rugby season. A few of the mini and youth teams are about to go on tour – Bournemouth, Holland and France!

This year's U15s have been raising money for their big tour to Canada in 2015. At the Bishop Stortford vs Shelford game a number of the team biked the 24 miles from Bishop Stortford to the Davey field. Kieran Hatter, who has played at Shelford since he was five and been growing his hair ever since, had his hair shaved off. All proceeds went to tour funds but his long plaits have been sent to Cancer Research to be made into wigs for people who lose their hair through treatment for cancer.



Kieran after the shave

Registration Day for 2014–15 season is 7 Sep at 10am at Davey Field. All welcome from U7s to U18.

Due to many generous donations, including a large donation from the RFU, we have reached our target for **new floodlights** at Shelford. The 1st team pitch lights have already been fitted and the light pollution has been significantly reduced due to the LED bulbs.

Touch Rugby

When the rugby season finishes we start to play touch rugby again! Touch is a great way to develop your fitness and skills. It's fast and non-contact so everyone can participate.

On Tuesday nights we have *Family Touch* – this is relaxed and social, and suitable for all age groups. It's ideal for beginners or those seeking a very relaxed game. There is a small voluntary charge to cover expenses.

Monday nights and Saturday mornings we have *Social Touch*. Cambridge touch organises games on Parkers Piece. We play the proper rules, and there will be some international players mingled in with a wide range of ages and abilities. Come and try! Free.



If you are interested in taking part, contact jo.whitehead@ashridge.org.uk.

Stephanie Hatter, Youth Secretary

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FOOTBALL CLUB

By the time you read this, the season will be all but over. Our First Team will have played Cottenham in the Cliff Bullen Challenge Cup Final, and our Ladies will have played in the League Cup Final against Billericay and the Cambridgeshire County Cup Final against old rivals Cambridge Ladies.

The Ladies play their last league game on Sunday 4 May away to Sawbridgeworth and, whilst the title doesn't seem to be in reach, they have again had a magnificent season and should finish in the top 3 or 4.

Our First Team have their final league game on the evening of Friday 2 May with a 6.15pm kick off. It's against Over who, as I write, are one point ahead of us at the top of the Kershaw Premier, having played one game less.

It is quite probable that it will be the title decider and Over, I'm sure, will bring a lot of support so, I ask, whatever you have planned for that evening, cancel it and come over to the Rec. to support Great Shelford and cheer the lads on. It could be one of those evenings when we all look back and say 'I was there' when Great Shelford retained the Kershaw Premier League title.

I would also like to make mention of our new Veterans Team who have reached the final of the Vets League Cup (yet to be played) and have every chance of winning the league. Also, our Reserves who, after another troubled season, have now started winning games again mainly due to the commitment shown over the last three to four weeks, helped by some new signings.

Finally, I would like to thank our managers, committee, match day helpers, sponsors, Life Presidents, and of course, all the players for making this another season to be proud of.

Our AGM will be held in the Sports and Social Club on Thursday 15 May, starting at 7pm. So, if you would like to get involved with one of Cambridgeshire's most successful amateur football clubs, please come along. NEW FACES ARE NEEDED.

SUPPORT THE TEAMS, SUPPORT YOUR CLUB

Peter Ellwood

LANCE PEARCE

My father-in-law, Lance Pearce, lived in Great Shelford throughout his life and a book he wrote before his death in 2003 *Ace of Spades (Lucky for One)* detailing his war memoirs, starting in the Home Guard in the village, has recently been published. A copy of this will be available in Great Shelford Library and may be of particular interest to any of the older members of the community who might remember him.

Richard Northrop

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WATER LILY WONDER

May sees the magical re-appearance of the water lily. Fleshy ropes have stretched upwards from the rhizomatous tangle of roots embedded in the murk and mud of stretches of still water, to open out once the surface is breached into round leathery lily pads. These are followed by the gorgeous blooms, often scented, consisting of many whorls of satiny petals in a range of colour from pure white, through peach and pink to deep red. The flowers and lily pads are a hive of activity all summer, providing landing spots for dragonflies and damselflies as well as shelter and food for all sorts of snails and invertebrate larvae.



At the Botanic Garden, our Glasshouse Range allows us to display some really supersize water lilies and this month we re-open our Tropical Wetlands house starring the Santa Cruz water lily, *Victoria cruziana*. Initiating germination is horticulturally very challenging as a steady hand is needed to wield a penknife to prise off the operculum, a

sort of lid, on the large round seeds, which are then submerged into warm water to germinate. Once the first hastate leaves give way to the first 'proper' rounded lily pad, growth is rapid: it takes just 90 days from germination for this native of the Paraguayan waterways to unroll a giant leaf up to 2 metres in diameter! The leaves are very strong and are intricately webbed underneath to spread the weight and allow the huge leaf to float. They also have a distinctive upturned, crimped edge, up to six cm in depth, with a couple of notches let in to allow rainwater to drain out.

But even more extraordinary is its floral biology. On the first evening, the bud opens to reveal a crown of beautiful white petals and emits a pineapple aroma. Chemical changes within the flower heat up the inflorescence, making it irresistible in the wild to scarab beetles, which arrive and scramble into the large internal chamber, intending to use this boudoir to feast on the special starchy food parcels made available and to seduce other six-legged visitors. The flower is currently female but as the second day dawns, it closes up, trapping the beetles within, and undergoes a sex change. The flower loses the pineapple aroma, the petals start to turn pink and the male stamens ripen to release pollen. On the second evening, the now male flower opens up for the second time to release its hoard of imprisoned beetles, which in scrabbling to leave become covered in pollen, which they carry off in search of another pure white, pineapple scented, and crucially, sexually female bloom.

So when you next notice pollen beetles climbing in and out of one of our native *Nymphaea* on the more sluggish stretches of the Cam or Ouse, spare a thought for the kidnapped scarab beetles overnighing in the Santa Cruz water lily of Paraguay!

You can come and see how this year's Santa Cruz water lily is growing at the Botanic Garden's Festival of Plants on 17 May, 10am–4pm. Admission is £4.50/£4.95 gift aid (£3.95/£4.30 concession) and accompanied children 16 and under are admitted free of charge. For further visitor information please call 01223 336265 or visit www.botanic.cam.ac.uk.

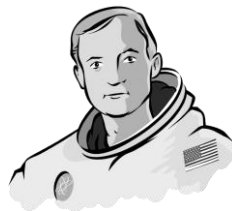
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Mission Control: What is it like?

Neil Armstrong: The surface is fine and powdery. I can kick it up with my toe. I can see the footprints of my boots.

Mission Control: Your footprints will be on the moon forever.

Neil Armstrong: Isn't that something! Magnificent sight out here.

Mission Control: Have you planted the flag?

Neil Armstrong: Yes I've got the flag up now. You can see the stars and stripes on the moon.

Mission Control: What an amazing day.

Neil Armstrong: Now I'll return to the lunar module.

Thanks to Year 1 for this conversation.

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We are aware from our regular patient surveys that the vast majority of our patients are happy with our current accessibility. But we also know that there is a group who find the times difficult, even with our early opening from 7am on Fridays and late opening to 8pm on Mondays.

As part of our ongoing commitment to improving our service, and in response to your feedback, we have recently applied to the Prime Minister's Challenge Fund for additional funding. If we get this it would allow us to move towards 8am to 8pm opening during weekdays, with a plan to provide regular Saturday and Sunday clinics too in the medium term.

Competition to get funding for any new service in an ever-squeezed NHS is fierce. We think we have a great bid but are also aware that the fund is many times oversubscribed. We can expand our service but only if we get the funds.

By the time of next month's newsletter we should know whether or not we have been successful in our bid. Let's all keep our fingers crossed.

In the meantime we welcome all feedback about our services and constructive suggestions for improvements. Please do let us have your suggestions, or even better why not volunteer to join our patient reference group. If you are interested please contact Gerard Newnham, our practice manager, with your details.

Alison Podgorska

GARDEN CLUB

SIX OF THE BEST GARDENS

Andrew Sankey presented a slide show illustrating some of the best gardens to visit. If Shrewsbury is used as a centre point, Dorothy Clive, Hodnet Hall and Powis Castle are all within easy reach.

Hestercombe, Cheddon Fitzpaine, Somerset



Hestercombe Gardens

The garden is a masterpiece of design resulting from the collaboration between the architect Edwin Lutyens and garden designer Gertrude Jekyll. A series of terraces joined by formal stone steps overlooks a sunken garden known as the Great Plat, crossed with long, narrow water brooks. On the east terrace a pale blue and yellow planting scheme gives way to oranges and reds. A massive pergola clothed with clematis, jasmine and honeysuckle frames the countryside beyond. The Dutch garden is a parterre of lavender, yuccas, roses and lamb's ears punctuated with large terracotta pots. Beyond is a restored 18th century landscape garden with woodland, lake and impressive Great Cascade waterfall.

Knighthayes Court, Tiverton, Devon (National Trust)

These Victorian gardens remained largely unchanged until the late 1950s, when an ambitious replanting scheme was undertaken by the owners. Near the house the south facing terraces are planted with shrub roses, peonies and herbaceous plants in soft colours and silvers. Yew encloses a paved garden in shades of soft pink, purple and grey with two standard wisterias. Battlemented hedges frame a tranquil pool garden and topiary hounds chase a fox along the top of a hedge. The woodland garden has been opened up to create dappled shade, allowing a succession of plants to flourish through the seasons, from magnolias, rhododendrons, cornus and bluebells to the later flowering foxgloves, hydrangeas, and cyclamen. The walled kitchen garden constructed in tiers around an ornamental pool has been restored to its former glory.

Chatsworth Garden, Bakewell, Derbyshire

Chatsworth is gardening on a grand scale, developed over 400 years. The early French-style parterres have long gone but remaining from this period is the stunning great cascade, a broad stairway of water, which tumbles gently down a grassy hill from various spouts and dolphins arranged around a pavilion at the top. A copper willow tree modelled on one dating from 1692 spurts surprise showers from its branches. Capability Brown designed the landscaped woodland park. The great Victorian head gardener Joseph Paxton planted rare conifers and brought in enormous rocks to create a rock garden. His Emperor Fountain with its 84 metre high water jet still remains impressive today. From the 20th century come the orange and blue-and-white borders, the rose garden and old conservatory garden, together with wildflower areas. A yew maze and double rows of pleached limes and serpentine beech hedge are neatly clipped to give formal structure to the garden.

Powis Castle, Welshpool, Powys (National Trust)

The castle has a stunning cliff edge location and the gardens were originally laid out in the late 17th century as a series of terraces on the south east face of the castle rock. Influenced by French and Italian Renaissance design styles, they feature innovative planting with architectural statuary and urns together with an orangery and an aviary. The long hot border is backed by a massive yew hedge, rising to over 15 metres high in places. Planting is exuberant and tender plants grow well in the shelter of walls and hedges. The garden is steep but has superb views.

Hodnet Hall, near Market Drayton, Shropshire

Below the late Victorian Hall the gardens focus on a series of descending pools, surrounded by interconnecting water gardens. Fine swamp cypress, flowering cherries and a handkerchief tree form a canopy and backdrop for mass plantings of candelabra primulas, *Iris kaempferi*, giant leaved Gunnera and Astilbes in shades of pink. In April and May blossoming magnolias, camellias, rhododendrons and azaleas are an attraction.

The Dorothy Clive Garden, Market Drayton, Staffordshire

Originally created by the late Colonel Clive in memory of his wife, the garden is based on a quarry planted with rhododendrons and azaleas. Rising on the south facing slope above it, is a giant scree and rock garden with a pool at its base. There are herbaceous borders, Mediterranean-style plantings and a bog garden. A cascading waterfall is a distinctive feature of this garden.

Helen Chubb



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