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Festival of Wheels Pictures and Review



Elliot Munro, driving his sister Megan, at the Festival of Wheels

Photograph by David Jones

Shelford Festival and Feast Pull Out

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GREAT SHELFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Summary from 14 April Council Meeting

The Minutes of the Meetings of 19 and 26 March were confirmed as true records and signed by the Chairman.

MATTERS ARISING

Pilates Classes on Rec (19 March Meeting): The Recreation Ground Sub-Committee has set a fee of £10 per session, subject to review (*Ed Committee note: more details on page 8*).

New Pavilion Groundworks (26 March Meeting): The Chairman has not imposed the Penalty Charges. Work had commenced and would be completed the next day.

Cllr Smith said the immediate area on entering the Rec from the car park should be finished with tarmac with a wooden collar along the grass edges.

REPORTS FROM NOMINATED AND ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES

County Council: Cllr Orgee outlined the main provisions of the new City Deal. Between 2015 and 2019 the Greater Cambridge area, comprising the City and most of South Cambridgeshire, would receive £100m. If growth targets (ie new affordable homes) were met, there was the prospect of a further £200m from 2019 to 2023 and a further £200m thereafter. This was new money from Central Government. It was a very positive initiative. The County would work closely in a Joint Authority with the City and South Cambridgeshire. Targets would be agreed with Central Government. Parish Councils would be asked to identify exception sites for affordable housing. The Green Belt might be reviewed in about 2019.

Highways: With regard to the proposals to reduce speed limits on Hinton Way and Cambridge Road, Cllr Orgee has investigated why the very significant delays had occurred and what was now to happen. The delays were not due to papers going astray: there had been a fundamental misunderstanding of the position between the Parish and County Councils. The County had been awaiting confirmation that the Parish would pay for the changes; the Parish believed it had provided that commitment. Meanwhile, nothing had happened. Cllr Orgee has secured commitment at a senior level that implementation would now go ahead as rapidly as possible. Highways would be calling the Clerk in the morning. Costs were likely to be around £700 for the Order, plus other charges relating to the signage. These should not be excessive considering the limited work required and as no new signs were needed. It was agreed that the Clerk should proceed on the basis that reasonable costs should be no more than around £1,500.

District Council: District Cllr Shelton said that Mike Cooper (Highways Officer) needed to look at a number of issues. In respect of the forthcoming Festival of Wheels, arrangements were well advanced: the organisers hoped to use the new pavilion; in addition to vehicles, there would be a bouncy castle, go-karts etc.

District Cllr Nightingale said he was organising a commemoration at the War Monument on the evening of Sunday 3 August to mark the centenary of the outbreak of WWI. He had the support of both churches and the British Legion. Relatives might light candles. There could be some musicians. The Plough would lay on a Reception after the event. Cllr Harwood noted that we should remember not just those that died, but also that more than 50% of Village men of military age had served. The initiative was welcomed by the Council.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Cllr Nightingale noted that the Twinning Committee was hosting their French equivalents over the Tour de France weekend, 5–7 July. In addition to the local event on the Memorial Green on 7 July as the Race passes through the village, there would be a visit to the Fitzwilliam and a Ceilidh at the Rugby Club on the Saturday.

Cemetery and Allotments: In respect of Chancel Repair Liability, Cllr Harwood said that an application to remove CRL from the cemetery land had been lodged with the Land Registry, who had judged that the application had merit. Unfortunately, the PCC had lodged an objection to the application. Should the Parish Council choose to go forward with the application, a formal timetable would be set in place which could lead to a tribunal and costs. It was agreed that the next step was for Cllr Harwood to arrange a meeting (accompanied by the Chairman) with Jesus College Bursar to seek further supporting documentation.

New Pavilion, Cleaning and Charges: Cllr Watson circulated draft conditions of hire, booking form and information sheet. He requested comments.

South Cambridgeshire Environmental Health had still to inspect the kitchen.

It was agreed that the formal opening of the new pavilion should take place on Sunday 22 June. The Chairman would coordinate arrangements.

Bowling Green Security: It was agreed that Cllr Seekings should obtain a quote for chain link fencing for the two lengths either end of the pavilion.

The Arch: This will be re-sited at the entrance to the children's play area, as already agreed.

FINANCE

Resolved that 9 accounts totalling £5,715.10, as presented by the Clerk, be approved for payment.

CORRESPONDENCE

2nd Annual Shelford Fun Run 14 September: This was welcomed; it had been a good event last year. The Clerk would liaise with the organisers and contact the footballers to ensure there was no clash.

County Council prohibition of waiting around Babraham Road P&R: The Clerk would write to say that this was thought to be misguided and a waste of money.

Implementation from mid-May of £1 fee at P&Rs was noted.

Cambridgeshire Care Network's request for £500 in support of weekly Friendship Club at St Mary's: Resolved that grant of £150 be made.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Lime trees on verge of Cambridge Road towards the cemetery had vigorous epicormic growths. This would be dealt with. Clerk to ensure that when verges are cut, the daffodils on Cambridge Road are saved.

The Chairman noted that this would be the last meeting attended by Cllrs Amis and Seekings. He thanked them for their considerable service of 40 and 30 years respectively and said how sad the Council was to be losing them.

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

PLANNING APPLICATIONS PARISH COUNCIL COMMENTS

S/07/17/14/FL	1 Stonehill Road	Extensions
No objections.		

S/0762/14/AD	Arthur Rank Hospice, Land at Cherry Hinton Road	Proposed Sign
Parish Council recommended refusal. Location and design could create a traffic hazard. No objection to a different design in more appropriate location.		

S/0560/14/FL	22 Mingle Lane	Replacement Dwelling. Amended application.
Height and width of dwelling reduced; roof lights in home office to be set 1.7m above finished floor level; height of garage reduced. Recommended refusal. Amendments are small in relation to the scale and size of proposed dwelling and are insufficient to overcome previous objections to the impact on the character of the area and the amenities of the occupiers of 22B Mingle Lane. If District Council minded to approve, PC would like it to go to Committee.		

A NEW PARISH COUNCIL

The four-year term of the Great Shelford Parish Council expired in May. Consequently, the Election of 15 new Parish Councillors was announced in mid-April. As only 13 nominations had been received when nominations closed on 24 April, the Returning Officer declared all of them as being duly elected without the need for a ballot.

Ten Councillors from the previous Parish Council are continuing. They have been joined by Stephen Chittenden, best known to readers of the *Village News* as the former Chairman of the Tennis Club; Mike Nettleton, a local business owner, and David Poskitt, currently sitting his final school exams and soon to be at university.

Councillors Joy Amis, Gill Hinsby and Martyn Seekings have stood down. At their final Council Meeting, Chairman Charlie Nightingale expressed warm and much deserved appreciation of their long and dedicated service on behalf of the village.

Former Chairman, Councillor Eric Knowles, resigned at the end of March following many dedicated years on the Council, culminating in the construction of the new Sports Pavilion, a project on which he had worked tirelessly for many years.

The new Council will hold its first meeting on 28 May at which it will elect a Chairman and Vice Chairman.

The Parish Council normally meets on the third Wednesday of each month at 7.30pm in the new pavilion. Meetings are open to the public and time is permitted for the public to ask questions or to give views on the business on the agenda for the meeting. Agendas are published a few days before each meeting and are posted on the Parish Council official notice boards.

Minutes of meetings can be viewed on www.shelford.org and at the Library.

Ian Kydd, Parish Clerk

THE CEMETERY

The Parish Council wishes to apologise for the very poor state of the cemetery at present. We have been aware over the last few weeks that the grass has not been cut as often, or as tidily, as we expect, and we have been in touch with our contractors to improve their service. We hope, by the time you read this, to have remedied matters.

Helen Harwood, Cemeteries & Allotments, Parish Council

RE-CYCLING OPEN DAY AT WATERBEACH

There will be fun for all the family at this year's Re-Cycling Open Day on Saturday 21 June at AmeyCespa's waste management park on the A10 at Waterbeach.

With the Tour de France coming to Cambridge, there is a cycling theme to this year's event, with a cycle try-out around a recycled track and cycle-powered smoothie makers showing how to reduce food waste.

Visitors to the Open Day will be able to see a range of reuse, recycling and composting exhibitions, including cycle repair workshops from Opportunities Without Limits, the Sawston based charity that refurbishes bikes. There will also be coach tours of the Waterbeach site to see how Cambridgeshire's waste is recycled, and walking tours of AmeyCespa's Mechanical Biological Treatment plant and Materials Recycling Facility.

There will be model-making activities using waste packaging and competitions, including the chance to win bike lights if you bring along household batteries for recycling at the DHL electrical recycling stand.

The Open Day is a joint venture between AmeyCespa and Cambridgeshire County Council. Entry is free and the event is open from 10am to 4pm. For more information call (01223) 861010.

CARERS WEEK

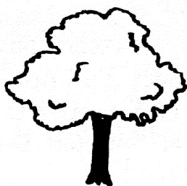
Carers Week takes place from Monday 9 to Sunday 15 June. Carers Week is an annual campaign that celebrates and recognises the valuable contribution that people make when they look after an ill, frail or disabled family member or friend.

The County Council are hosting a number of drop-in sessions for people and their carers to have an opportunity to meet our Carer Support Managers and staff from the Carers Trust. The drop-in sessions will have plenty of information and advice about support for carers. The sessions close to Great Shelford will be at:

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| 9 June 10am–2pm | Polhill Garden Centre, Coton |
| 9 June 10am–3pm: | Addenbrooke's Concourse |
| 11 June 10am–3pm: | Addenbrooke's Outpatients |
| 11 June 2–5pm: | Cambridge Central Library |

*Alice Bolina, Children, Families and Adults Information Team,
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Watch demonstrations of sheep shearing, spinning of alpaca wool from their newly arrived flock, willow weaving, ferreting, blacksmithing, stick making, field sports, and their own asparagus preparation and packing.

Enjoy guided farm trailer trips, pond dipping, farm walks and talks from the RSPB. There will also be a children's activity tent with quizzes, games, art activities, play tables, worksheets, a machinery display – and make sure you remember to say hello to the lambs, calves, piglets and farm dogs!

Open Farm Sunday is a **free** event, and Burwash Manor also has plenty of free parking for their 15 independent shops, tea rooms and day spa.

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CAKES, LOVELY CAKES AND MORE CAKES

Even if you cannot attend Shelford Feast on Sunday 13 July and would like to help, you can make us a CAKE for the teas. Books, tapes, DVDs and CDs are also welcomed for the second hand book stall.

Please either bring your cake along to the main marquee on the morning of the Feast or contact Kate Waldock on 844526 or kjwaldock@yahoo.co.uk and she will come and collect them.

We also need more helpers, both for serving food on Feast Sunday and for lots of other tasks too. Please volunteer! Contact me on 01223 842498 or coppendales@btinternet.com. Thank you.

Sarah Coppendale

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

The Shelfords Women's Institute continues to go from strength to strength since its formation in December and there are now more than forty members. At the moment meetings are held in Saint Mary's Community Room on the first Thursday of the month but the group is planning to move to a larger venue in the autumn to accommodate the growing membership.

The programme is interesting and varied, there is something for everyone. In March Bob Jarman gave a fascinating talk on sparrows in Cambridge, the reasons for their decline in numbers and some tips on ways to encourage their return. The April meeting included a fabulous demonstration of flower arranging by designer florist Amy Jones and members came away with plenty of inspiration for flower arranging at home. In May, Louise Palmer-Matteson from Cam Yoga gave an introduction to Mindfulness and took us through some simple but useful exercises that anyone can do anywhere.

The WI has also established two knitting groups which are proving to be very popular, one meets in the Queen's Head in Harston, the other in Shelford Library.

The next meeting on 5 June at 7.30pm, is a 'skills exchange', this is one of a series of hands-on sessions where members share their skills in various crafts.

New members are always welcome – come along to the next monthly meeting and watch out for our stall at the Shelford Feast.

Mary Talbott

MINDFUL MOVEMENT BY THE RIVER

A new gentle exercise class on Shelford Rec is starting. It will be held on Fridays from 2 to 3pm, first class on 13 June until Friday 18 July, £6 drop-in and the **first class is free**.

Meet outside the new Pavilion at 1.50pm for a 2pm start by the river. Standing movement based on Qigong and Pilates to make body and soul sing. For more details contact me at elaine@barefootpilates.co.uk, 01223 700232 or visit www.barefootpilates.co.uk. Beginners and creaky bodies welcome.

Elaine Westwick

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Juliet is leading the Heritage Funded Lottery project 'Voicing the Garden', which is built around the Garden's oral history archive of some 60 recordings by staff, City residents and visitors who have grown up in, or simply enjoyed, the Botanical Gardens.

The next talk in the library will take place at 7.30pm on **26 June** by David Jones, local author of *Hideous Cambridge*, a provocative book for anyone who cares about urban living. Taking its title from the name of the book, David will discuss why the growth of Cambridge is a mixed blessing; the mediocrity and offensiveness of too many new developments; the possibilities (and examples) of better design; the human cost of rapid, greedy, exploitative development; the perversity of building luxury apartments for commuters when 8,000 locals are on the housing list; the invasion of commuters and international investors; and what possible remedies there might be. Entry fee £5 (£3 for Friends).

Mike Roe, Chairman, Friends of Great Shelford Library

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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Everything sold at the market is the work of a market member. All preserves and cakes are home-made, plants, fruit and vegetables are home-grown and crafts are hand-made. If you are a home baker, gardener or craft maker, would you like to become a Country Market producer? We'd like to hear from you. The Membership fee is almost nothing and joining us doesn't mean you have to come laden with many boxes of produce. Just a little of something new is always welcome and valued. 'Acorns can grow into oak trees!'

Some of our regular lines do sell out quickly but by using our ordering system, you won't be disappointed. You can order by phoning 843946 but from 8.30 am on a Wednesday morning the number to phone is 07732117892. The Market is in the Memorial Hall, Woollards Lane, every Wednesday morning from 8.30 to 11.30.

Dorothy Doel

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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.

Path upgrading

Work to improve the path between the church and the Community Room, and to give better access to both from the school side, will be completed early this month. We are immensely grateful to the Friends of St Mary's for raising the funds to pay for this. Thanks to a very generous individual donation, we are also able to add an extended area of paving between the room and the cremation plots. This work will greatly improve accessibility to both buildings for all, but especially for those with limited mobility.

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Joint Service for the start of Shelford Feast week – Sunday 6 July 10.30am

St Mary's and Great Shelford Free Church will gather together in the Feast marquee to share a joint service for the start of Feast week. The Parish Communion at St Mary's that morning is cancelled (other services remain the same). The service is open to all, so please do come along and bring your friends!

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:

Baptisms:

Sunday 10 May Harry and Emily Chatwin

Funeral:

Monday 11 May Noel Sutcliffe

Burial of Cremated Remains:

Thursday 22 May George Finch

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Simon Talbot

SHELFORD SCHOOL NEWS

The sun was shining for the return to school after the Easter holidays and there were many changes to greet the children. The school meadow (previously Jesus College land) was open for use. The final seed will be sown shortly and seven scarecrows (one per class) will guard the seed to ensure a crop of beautiful meadow flowers. The all-weather path around the playing field is now open and gives access to a range of outdoor learning equipment and activities. The Church School Garden ground works have been completed ready for planting and furniture. This garden will capture and symbolise the Christian values and ethos that underpin our school. Thank you very much to Mr Scott Nicholas, the Manager from the Co-op in Great Shelford, who has raised £150 for the school in a recent fundraiser held at the shop. This will be used for garden purchases.

The school and PTA recently organised a Sponsored Spellathon to raise much needed funds. Each child was invited to choose a list of 20 spellings they felt they could learn. Children were reminded that the activity was meant to be fun, a challenge, and an opportunity for them to achieve and to help the school. Huge thanks must also go to Andrew Unsworth who recently completed the London Marathon, raising money for Children with Cancer and Shelford School PTA. Super work Andy!

We are very grateful to the Assessment Network Ltd for a generous financial gift to improve ICT in the school. Children will now be able to access 30 laptops for whole class lessons when required. From September 2014, the school will join the Cambridgeshire ICT Service STARZ network. This is an online learning platform for schools, in which pupils will be able to contact each other within a safe online space.

At the end of April, Year 3 and Year 1 pupils were treated to a visit from 'Cooks on the Move'. This group of cooks from Cambridgeshire Catering Service helped the children to make pizzas, which they thoroughly enjoyed. This is evident in Eira's comments after the session, "When I tasted it, it was scrummy and I ate every crumb. I loved it".

Members of the Year 5/6 Netball club recently represented the school at two Cambridgeshire Schools' netball tournaments. The games were hard fought with some close matches. Well done to all children involved, who demonstrated great team playing and super sportsmanship.

All that is left to report is the upcoming PTA Summer Fair. This will take place on Saturday 14 June between 1pm–3.30pm and promises, as usual, to be a great afternoon out. See you at the Fair!

Julie Crawford, School Governor

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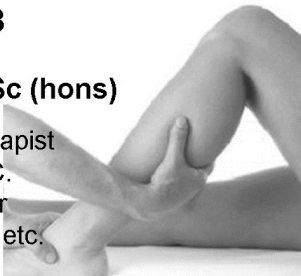
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It is very difficult not to notice the Christian festivals of Christmas and Easter; people of all faiths and none frequently go shopping, and immediately after the Christmas season (which many shops commence in October) the first chocolate eggs appear. Yet the major festival of Pentecost, which marks the beginning of the Christian church, can easily be missed. The name Pentecost, derived from the Greek word for 'five', is celebrated on the Sunday which falls on the 50th day after the Easter festival – this year it will be 8 June.

On the day of Pentecost, as recorded in the New Testament, the Holy Spirit came to the followers of Jesus in what appeared to be tongues of fire accompanied by what sounded like a mighty rushing wind. Jesus had told them to wait until the Spirit came to them in power. After the fulfilment of that promise, they began to go out and preach about Him as commanded. The Apostle Peter's sermon, which people of many nations heard in their own native tongue, resulted in 3,000 people becoming believers.

To our rational twenty-first century mind set, that may sound like a myth or a story that has been exaggerated wildly in the telling. Yet Christians today believe that the Holy Spirit is as alive and as vital as ever. They believe that He, God the Father and Jesus the Son, are One and that, furthermore, He will dwell wherever He is invited. That may sound even more incredible and even deluded to some ears, yet it is what we celebrate and base our lives upon.

At the Free Church, we will be welcoming the Holy Spirit once more into our midst on Friday 6 June at 7.30pm. Our worship will include music, testimony, scripture and prayer as we too gather together and await His coming in our lives. Anyone is welcome to join us at the church's 'Birthday Party', but be prepared – you may find your life changed for ever!

As the children in CS Lewis's *The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe* discovered when they went to Narnia, there is One whose power can melt the fear that seeks to hold us: "Aslan is a lion, the Lion, the great Lion." "Ooh" said Susan. "I'd thought he was a man. Is he quite safe? I shall feel rather nervous about meeting a lion"... "Safe?" said Mr Beaver ... "Who said anything about safe? "Course he isn't safe. But he's good. He's the King, I tell you."

Liz Jenkin, Elder, Shelford Free Church

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Sunday 22 June

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For further information about Great Shelford Free Church (Baptist) visit our website:
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Shakespeare: Certainly.

Pupil: What was the first play you wrote?

Shakespeare: Henry VI.

Pupil: Why did you become a writer instead of anything else?

Shakespeare: Because I liked writing plays.

Pupil: Why did you write those sorts of plays?

Shakespeare: Because people like romantic comedies.

Pupil: Are there any animals in your plays?

Shakespeare: There were horses in Macbeth.

Pupil: Where did you live?

Shakespeare: In a small little cottage in Stratford-upon-Avon.

Pupil: How old were you when you started writing plays?

Shakespeare: 11 years old.

Pupil: What was your favourite play?

Shakespeare: Macbeth, because of the witches.

Pupil: Thanks Mr Shakespeare, that was very interesting.
Goodbye!

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Dr Harriet Bowers will be changing her working pattern at the beginning of June and will be working only on Wednesdays from then.

This means that in a normal week, GPs will usually be working on the following days. There will naturally be variations at times when people are on holiday or at professional meetings. We shall also have one or more Registrar GPs working on most days:

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Thursdays	Drs Hitchcock, Schramm, O'Leary, Keller
Fridays	Drs Tweedale, Hitchcock, Schramm, Keller

Appointment system: We have had some feedback recently that has led us to change our pattern of morning appointments. We have made it easier to book with your preferred GP, both in advance and on the same day. This has meant altering the proportion of advance bookings to same-day ones and increasing the overall number of appointment slots. We shall be monitoring the effect this has on how easy it is to book appointments and also how many people fail to turn up for their appointments. Please remember that you should let us know if you will not be able to attend an appointment.

Tour de France: This will be a challenging day and we shall not be booking appointments for that day in advance. Our staff will be working but will only offer emergency appointments to patients who are certain they will be able to reach the Health Centre. It will be difficult to make house calls, so we will assess on the day whether an urgent house call is possible, or whether an ambulance will be more appropriate.

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8	Cactus Society Annual Show	10.30am-4pm	Memorial Hall
8	Open Farm Sunday (page 7)	11am-4pm	Burwash Manor
14	PTA June Fair (below)	1-3.30pm	Shelford School
19	Brownie Birthday Party (page 25)	7-8pm	Scout Hut
21	AmeyCespa Re-Cycling Open Day	10am-4pm	Waterbeach
22	Opening of new Pavilion	to be advised	Shelford Rec
25	The History of Tea (page 35)	2-3.30pm	Library
26	Hideous Cambridge (page 10)	7.30pm	Library
28	Farmers' Market	9-12 noon	Memorial Hall
28	Shelford Twinning Quiz Night	7.30pm	Free Church Hall

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

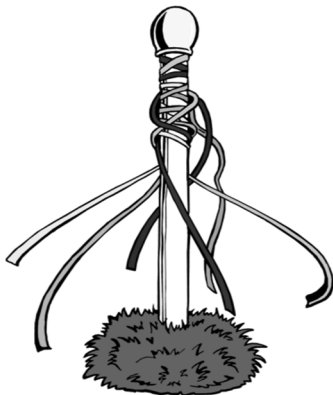
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This year, Brownies are 100 years old and to celebrate, the 2nd Shelford Brownies are having a party at their meeting on Thursday 19 June 2014. We would like to invite all former Brownies to come along to the Scout Hut in Great Shelford, from 7–8pm, to meet the pack and have a cup of tea and cake.



It would be lovely if you could bring along a picture of yourself as a Brownie (or better still email to me) so that we can have a display of Brownies, and their different uniforms, through the years.

If you know of anyone who was a Brownie and might not see this invitation, then please do let them know too.

To give us some idea of how many to cater for, please let me know if you can join us. Email brown_owl@hotmail.co.uk or telephone 01223 841364.

*Charlotte Coulson
Brown Owl, 2nd Shelford Brownies*

THANK YOU FROM 1ST SHELFORD GUIDES



Thank you very much from 1st Shelford Guides to everyone who came to our cake and book sale at the end of April. The four Guides who organised the sale, and ran it with the help of other Guides, were raising money to help pay for a residential trip.

The trip will be the final part of their Baden Powell Challenge Award (this is the highest award that Guides can achieve). They have been working on the Award for about a year and have done a wide range of activities including running cooking competitions and sessions on Fair Trade, litter picking and fundraising for a school in India. All the baking was obviously appreciated because they raised £238, which will make a significant contribution to the cost of their trips.

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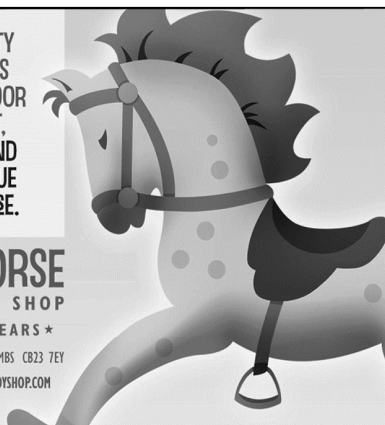
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Congratulations to Tim Savill (pictured, left) and Olly Fountain (right) for reaching the quarter finals of the men's doubles by fighting off the challenge from much more experienced players. It was a fantastic achievement for the boys who are relative novices at doubles. The group

winners were father-son combo Khalid and Babbar Sattar. The other group was topped by experienced duo Mark Sanders and Chris Cope, but the battle for the last quarter-final slot came down to the wire, with so-called 'duffers' pairing of Grant Halliwell and Nigel Will edging out Rik Henson and Andrew Tindall. Well done everyone who took part and good luck to all those through to the quarter-finals, where some fine players lurk.

Club matches continue throughout the summer, with 13 teams representing your village against various clubs from Cambridgeshire and beyond. GSTC are the current county champions, and its Ladies and Men's first teams play to a very high standard, with former professionals and US college players such as Jodie Tiley often to be seen on court. But do not underestimate the excitement of lower-division tennis. Your correspondent witnessed a cracking recent victory by GSTC 8ths at Saffron Walden; its crucial point a cross-court backhand winning return from veteran Neil Harvey to take the set. 'I can't pretend I didn't enjoy it!' says Neil who, typically, lavished praise on junior team-mate Tim Savill. 'Tim is a great player to partner.' Neil is a former Member of the Month, but not this time. June's MoMs are those hot-shot double-whammy winners, Olly Fountain and Tim Savill. Thoroughly deserved lads!

You are always very welcome to come down and support your village teams. Home matches are always at 7pm. See the schedule on our website gstc.org.uk under 'Teams – Fixture List'. Better still, join and play!

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Our 1st team currently play in National League 2 South, but Shelford Rugby Club also has four other senior teams, a ladies team and twelve youth teams from under 7s to Colts. This season there were 340 registered children playing for the Club.

We always welcome new players from U7s up to adult teams. Please see our website for information about the club and who to contact for each age group www.shelfordrugby.co.uk.

Free Touch Rugby sessions are being held on Little Shelford Wale Rec on Tuesdays from 6.30pm until the summer holidays. Everyone is welcome.

You will also see a number of Shelford Rugby Club players at the Shelford Feast in July – running a stall and demonstrating some of the children's rugby skills.

Youth Registration day is 7 Sept at 10am till noon. The children will be training every Sunday in Sept so it is a great time to come and have a go. If you enjoy the game then you can join as members. The mini/youth season runs from the first Sunday in Sept through to the last Sunday in April. There will be home games, away games and tournaments. For the older children there is also mid-week training and some of the older teams have the opportunity to go on tour.

If you would like any further information please do not hesitate to call me on 01223 842103 or email shelfordphysio@aol.com

Stephanie Hatter, Youth Membership Secretary

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The traffic signals for the pedestrian crossing near the Post Office have been faulty for some months – the detection loops in the road surface had become damaged and were not working. Rather than repair these loops, replacement modern above-ground detectors have been installed. The signals do now appear to be operating properly and pedestrians no longer have to wait an unreasonably long time for the lights to change when there is little or no traffic.

Roger Stratford

SSYI FESTIVAL OF WHEELS



Photos by Peter Mann

Many thanks to all those from the Villages who joined us on the Great Shelford Recreation Ground on Sunday 4 May for the inaugural Festival of Wheels to raise funds for the Shelford & Stapleford Youth Initiative, our local Christian Charity that runs Youth Work in the Villages.

We were blessed with fantastic weather and not only was the day a great success, with a really strong family and community feel and close to 1,000 visitors attending, but it has helped us raise nearly £2,000 to support the vital work of the SSYI across the three villages.

There are many people to thank who helped make the day a success, including Ben Shelton who originated the idea; the Girl Guides who served teas all afternoon; all those who came to show their own classic cars, bikes, motor bikes and model railways; Porsche, Elms BMW and Mini, Vindis Volkswagen and Mercedes Cambridge for bringing stunning new cars; South Cambridgeshire District Council (SCDC) for bringing the refuse truck and supporting the event; the Police for bringing a police car and letting the children be policemen; All Saints Little Shelford TNG Group for providing volunteers; the local farmers who brought their magnificent tractors and, of course, the SSYI Club members themselves who helped on stalls and taxied children around in their peddle go-karts. We should also thank our main sponsors for the event, Scotsdales, Bush & Co and Hill Residential and our other sponsors, Column5 Consulting, Great Shelford Parish Council and Welches.



1929 Jowett, winner of
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Thanks also to Councillor Dr David Bard, Chairman SCDC, who performed the official opening and our own Parish Council Chairman, Charlie Nightingale, who picked out a magnificent 1929 Jowett Motor Car owned by Daniel Bangham of Great Shelford as the Best Set of Wheels.

So, two big questions remain. Should we have another Festival of Wheels next year and how can the community continue to support SSYI? Suggestions, ideas and thoughts on the Festival of Wheels are welcomed by Ben Shelton on 01223 841 085 or bjs6@hotmail.com. While SSYI would value greatly two things – more regular donors, just £10 a month makes a huge difference, and volunteers to help staff the clubs. Our volunteers are aged 20 to 70, get full training and generally give 1 or 2 evenings a month which also makes a huge difference. To

explore regular giving or volunteering at SSYI, contact me, David Jones, on 01223 847213 or davidjhjones@btinternet.com.

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The first team, skippered by Paul Mortlock, will be disappointed with their season so far in Senior One, having won one and lost two. The win was a very comprehensive beating of March Seconds at home but the defeats against Kimbolton and Granta seconds were avoidable. On both occasions we limited the opposition to below-par scores, but were then unable to chase those scores down. Not surprisingly, the star of the season so far is a bowler, the ever-dependable Paul Ellum who has taken 13 wickets in three games.

The Seconds by contrast, led by Joff Edevane, have started very brightly in Junior Six South, with two very convincing home wins, amassing a total of over 500 runs. Dr Will Thomas has led the way wielding his bat like a scalpel with a ton against NCI V and 47 against Barrington Twos, with Steve Matthews taking five wickets against Barrington too. Jon Dakin has also scored heavily.

The midweek team (Shelfords) have won one and lost one. Our Under Elevens started with a defeat at Linton but then won a Cup match against Hardwick. Interested in playing cricket? Contact Paul Ellum on 01223 842394.

Brian Higgins



SHELFORD TWINNING ASSOCIATION

QUIZ NIGHT

Saturday 28 June 2014

At Great Shelford Free Church, Ashen Green

Doors open at 7pm for 7.30pm start

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£10 per head including supper

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TWINNING VISIT TO VERNEUIL 5–8 APRIL



‘What on earth have you got yourself into this time?’

There was a small yet insistent voice in the back of my mind at eight o’clock on a sunny Saturday morning, as I sat with my ten year old daughter on a coach speeding down the M11. Joining the twinning trip to Verneuil had been a somewhat spur-of-the-moment decision,

based on fond memories of twinning trips to Normandy back in the eighties, plus an enthusiastic endorsement of an earlier Verneuil trip by a friend down the pub. In the cold light of morning, the prospect of spending a weekend in a stranger’s house, speaking a language I’d not used properly in over twenty years, was filling me with a degree of misapprehension.

Thankfully, all such feelings quickly fell by the wayside as we sped through the tunnel and into northern France. From the fantastic spread laid on by the villagers of Verneuil on the first evening, to the crowds of Montmartre on the last day, it was certainly a trip full of experiences to treasure. The weekend was made all the better by the fantastic hospitality of our host family who were unstinting in their welcome (and extremely sporting in their willingness to indulge me in my attempts to resurrect my rusty French).

It’s hard to pick out one highlight over another, but a few things stand out particularly: an impromptu card school with the kids sitting cross-legged on the floor of a Euro Tunnel carriage, bellowing ‘Uno!’ above the racket of the train; racing around the Chateau de Pierrefonds, hunting for the location of Arthur’s throne room in *Merlin*; testing my French to destruction discussing the finer points of *Game of Thrones* with my host; relishing a typically Gallic approach to health and safety on a trip round the last nail factory in France; counting all three hundred steps up to the dome of Sacré Coeur (see photo), and all the way down, just to make sure.

So, if you’re reading this, and a small voice is muttering that going on a twinning trip might not be a good idea – do yourself an enormous favour, and ignore it. I’m certainly glad I did, and intend to carry on ignoring that little voice next year.

Dan Staines

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Last month we discussed how we had bid for some of the Prime Minister's Challenge Fund to allow the Practice to move towards opening every evening and at weekends. We are sorry to say that we were unsuccessful in our bid and have not been allocated any additional funding.

Naturally we are disappointed. Not only had we hoped to extend our surgery hours for regular appointments, but had also planned on increasing emergency/urgent appointments during the evenings, in the hope of not just providing a better service for our patients, but also reducing demands on A&E. We had been given full support in this bid by the local commissioning group, responsible for resource allocation within the local NHS, but it appears that the majority of the funding has gone to much bigger projects elsewhere in the country.

We will keep exploring other options to obtain sufficient funding to move towards extended opening hours, but in the meantime will continue to provide the best possible service that we can, given the resources made available to us.

General practice nationally provides in excess of 90% of all NHS contacts, but gets less than 9% of the NHS resources, a percentage that has fallen in recent years.

Moving work out of hospitals and into general practice is part of the NHS national policy strategy. Here at Sawston Medical Practice we are enthusiastic about meeting the challenges ahead. We are lucky to have the most fantastic building to complement our clinical team. As resources become available we will continue to bid for new services and extended hours.

Tour de France 7 July: We are working with the East of England Ambulance Service to plan patient care on this very busy day. The main issue will be the closing of the Sawston Bypass from 7am, effectively cutting our patient area in half.

We will be running our normal Rapid Access Clinic on that day for patients who require treatment for urgent issues. The pharmacy will be open as usual but we recommend you do not plan to pick up medication on that day.

There will be no pre-bookable appointments for Doctors, Nurses or Phlebotomists. We will be unable to carry out routine home visits, but if it is an emergency either a GP or the ambulance service will be able to attend.

Our advice for the day is to call us in the first instance and we will be able to advise you on the best course of action.

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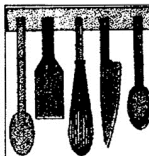
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MAGOG DOWN

THE EASTER BIRD COUNT ON MAGOG DOWN

On the Saturday and Monday of the Easter Weekend, all visitors to Magog Down were asked to help Magog Trust by recording all the various species of birds they saw on their walks over the two days. The weather was very warm and encouraged many families to visit the Down.

Walkers and families were provided with a recording sheet showing pictures of all the birds that might possibly be seen on the walk. Many children were excited about the bird survey.

From the 65 returned survey sheets there were numerous small birds recorded, such as Chaffinches, Blackbirds, Linnets, Goldfinches, Great Tits and Blue Tits. Kestrels were seen hovering over the North Down above the stunning display of cowslips. The cowslip display is possibly the best in 25 years, probably because there were only two frosts this year along with plenty of rain. This will mean that there will be a mass of seeds for dispersal for new cowslip plants in 2015.

Raptors were observed, including a Buzzard; somebody thought they saw a Hobby Hawk and possible a Red Kite. The bird mostly associated with Magog Down is the Skylark and six to eight birds were seen on the wing above the South Down.

Interestingly, many people walked the Down for the first time and really praised the Magog Trust for all the hard work to keep Magog Down as a great family space to enjoy. We look forward to those visitors becoming Friends of the Magog Down.

To support the Down, visitors can join the Magog Trust as a Friend. The application form can be downloaded from the web site below or just email admin@magogtrust.org.uk and the form will be sent to you. Please can you sign the standing order and gift aid section if tax is paid. Alternatively, donations are very welcome.

If you would like to join The Stapleford Bird Club, it meets on the first Saturday of the month and you will be very welcome. The next date is **7 June** at 8am led by Sue Bradley, telephone 843604. The monthly reports are available on the Magog Trust web site.

The results of the Easter Bird Survey will be aggregated, analysed and published on the Magog Trust website www.magogtrust.org.uk.

Doug Clarke

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HEATHER COPPOCK

1926–2014



Heather was born in Woodford in north London. She showed an aptitude for figures and at the age of nine was helping to do the accounts for her father's haulage company. In her early teens the family moved to Haslingfield, as her father's lorries had been requisitioned for the war effort. Heather learnt to type and got a job as secretary at Cambridgeshire Motors and later at King & Harpers Garages. Heather and her sister Joan would cycle to work in Cambridge, taking shelter in the ditches when there was an air raid warning during the war.

Heather moved to Little Shelford in 1953 when her son Christopher was a baby. Her husband Les converted the two cottages next to the Hall in to one, eventually naming them the Long House. In 1955, as proper sanitation had not yet arrived in Little Shelford and her daughter Elizabeth was due, they moved to Station Road opposite the then Shelford Corn & Coal Company in Great Shelford.

Eventually, with great reluctance, the family moved to Cherry Hinton, although Heather's father had had family connections with the area when he was a boy. Heather worked as secretary in the Parks department at Cherry Hinton Hall. Heather had a good knowledge of the wild flowers in the local area, and when the disused chalk pits at Cherry Hinton were threatened with development, she campaigned successfully to help conserve them as a nature reserve.

In her retirement Heather worked in the old Shelford Library, helped as a volunteer at Addenbrookes Hospital for over 20 years and enjoyed serving in the Oxfam shop in Sawston. Heather loved the Shelfords, was a keen member of the Garden Club and enjoyed being kept in touch via the *Village News*. Until recently, when illness prevented her, she would regularly drive over to visit friends, do shopping and go to the library.

Heather may be remembered for her book 'Over the Hills to Cherry Hinton' which showed her great love for the history of the local area. She also wrote a booklet about the history of the saffron crocus in Cambridgeshire and an article on the old Addenbrookes Hospital.

Helen Chubb

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IN THE NIGHT GARDEN

As the bell sounds across the Botanic Garden and the last of the visiting public leave, a new shift of flowers comes into bloom with the setting sun. This floral transformation is rarely witnessed, but includes some of the plant kingdom's most elegant flowers and delicate perfumes.



Evening Primrose

Flowers, whether night or day opening, are the advertising hoardings that plants use to attract pollinators. But, in the case of night blooming species, colours in the visible spectrum become redundant. It is scent and contrast, usually white petals against a dark sky, that matter and this suite of characteristics is a common theme in the floral plan of species with night blooms. They appeal to crepuscular (activity at dawn and dusk) and nocturnal animals; bats, moths, mice and oddities like the kinkajou, a small rainforest mammal native to Central and South America. The Garden holds many of these exotic night bloomers, but there are

also plenty of temperate candidates for your own garden.

Evening primrose (*Oenothera* spp.) are easy to grow biennials and, as their name suggests, open in the early evening, unfurling before your eyes. Under ultraviolet light, the lovely, wide-cupped flowers are shown to have spectacular nectar guides, invisible to our eyes, but hugely helpful to the pollinating bees and moths on the hunt in the gloaming. The bees are persuaded to stay up past their usual bedtime by the rich scent and nectar lures and live a shady half-life moonlighting as pollen chauffeurs. This behaviour is known in the zoological world as a vespertine (evening) temporal specialism.

A tender plant for pots and borders, the night phlox, *Zaluzianskya capensis*, is steadily increasing in popularity. We grow night phlox nestled near its mullein and snapdragon relatives in the figwort (*Scrophulariaceae*) family on our Systematic Beds, and the flowers have an exquisite, heavy vanilla scent. The petals are fused into a tube which splays at the apex into five flat appendages. The tube prevents all but an elite group of insects – long-tongued, night-flying hawk moths (*Sphingidae*) – from accessing the highly prized nectar lure.

So take the opportunity as the nights get warmer this month to get to know your garden after dark, and discover the hive of activity ongoing through the night. On June Wednesdays, the Garden opens late until 8pm for you to enjoy a

peaceful wander and discover those plants just coming onto the night shift, including our exotic rainforest climbers and arid land cacti, the flowers of a great many of which open in the evening.

The Botanic Garden is open 10am–6pm through June to September (Wednesdays in June until 8pm). For news and events, detailed information about the Garden or to discover this week's Plant Picks from the Head of Horticulture, please visit the website at www.botanic.cam.ac.uk.

Juliet Day

READER'S LETTER

Despite the Government's promise of more money to repair potholes, Cambridgeshire County Council still seems to be falling behind in repairing them in Great Shelford. In Church Street there was a large number of potholes and broken up road surface between the pedestrian crossing and Peacocks. These have now been patched up, but as expected, have not done a 'proper job' as the surface is breaking up all along the centre line of the road. It will not be many weeks before more potholes appear.



Church Street near Kings Mill Lane

Also, on the bend just between Kings Mill Lane and the river bridge, there is also another 'string' of potholes. Why could they have not all been dealt with at the same time as some adjacent ones on the East side of the pedestrian crossing

beggars belief, as it would have avoided the extra expense of a second visit by the repair gang. I have reported this online a number of times but the repairs have still not been carried out.



Flooding at Freestones Corner

Finally the drain is still blocked at the junction with Station Road/London Road (Freestones Corner) and is causing severe flooding, making it difficult to use the pedestrian crossing.

John Wakefield, Leeway Avenue

WHAT'S ON IN JUNE

A round up of what's on at some of the venues near us. For more information, times, ticket prices and bookings, please contact the organisation. Please note that this information has been taken from websites, and can be subject to change and some event may already be fully booked.

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4–8	<i>We're Going on a Bear Hunt</i> for ages 3+
11–14	<i>Ubu Roi</i> by Alfred Jarry
17–21	Alfred Hitchcock's <i>Dial M For Murder</i>
18–21	<i>Private Peaceful</i> by Michael Morpurgo
23–28	<i>Another Country</i> by Julian Mitchell, direct from the West End
30–5 July	<i>All Creatures Great and Small</i> based on the James Herriot books
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SAWSTON CINEMA

10	6.30pm	<i>Despicable Me 2</i>
12	7.00pm	National Theatre Live Screening: <i>A Small Family Business</i>
Telephone: 01223 712825 Web: www.sawstoncinema.org.uk		

SCOTSDALES

5	2.00pm	<i>Clematis & Climbers for Containers</i>
12	6.30pm	<i>Barbeque Demonstration</i>
15	11am–3pm	<i>Fortresses & Castles</i> An activity day for Fathers to enjoy with their families
19	2.00pm	<i>Buzzing with Life</i> Learn what you can do to help bees in your garden
Telephone: 01223 842777 Web: www.scotsdalegardencentre.co.uk		

WANDLEBURY

18	7.00pm	<i>History of Wandlebury</i> Guided walk
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4	7.30pm	<i>State of Nature:</i> A natural history lecture with Roland Randall
6	7.30pm	<i>Goldfield Ensemble Summer Music Concert</i>

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STAPLEFORD GRANARY

During May work began on the restoration of the old orchard at the Granary and ACE's Chairman of Trustees, Dr Roland Randall MA MSc FCIEEM CEnv, has supervised the restoration. Roland is a Life Fellow at Girton College and winner of the 2012 Institute of Ecology and Environmental Management's Best Practice Award. He believes we have now saved all of the old varieties of fruit trees and we enjoyed planting five new locally grown rare variety fruit saplings to fill the spaces where the elders had been removed. We also discovered we have chicks in a number of boxes around the Granary.



Roland Randall, far left, planting a new tree with the Granary team for our orchard

Roland Randall will be delivering a 'State of Nature Report', a natural history lecture on Wednesday **4 June**. The state of nature report is produced by 25 leading research and conservation organisations and assesses the true picture of Britain's natural history. In this lecture Roland will review the trends shown, paying particular attention to species and environments in our region, and discuss ways in which negative trends might be reversed. Tickets can be booked at www.staplefordgranary.org.uk or by calling 01223 849004.

Susannah Bangham

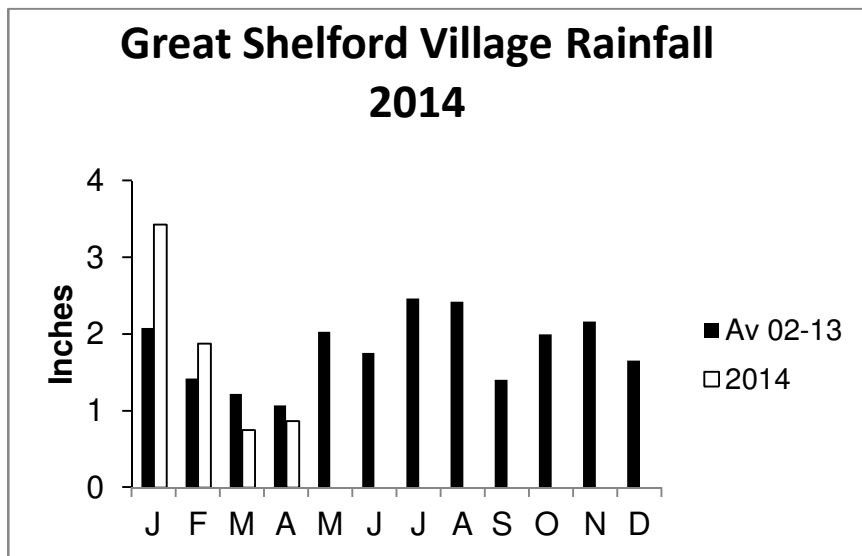
SAWSTON FUN RUN

In spite of the cold and high winds over eight hundred and sixty entrants made their way around the streets of the 28th Sawston Fun Run on 11 May. The race's male winner, Sean McKenna from Duxford, came home in 27 minutes and the ladies winner, Nicky Savill of Trumpington, in a time of 29.44 minutes. Sian Webster from Sawston won the ladies 40–54 category for the second consecutive year and Vicki Green, who completed her 27th year, came second in the 55+ category.

The conditions were atrocious both for the entrants and those having stalls at the event, nevertheless the Rotary Club of Sawston District are hopeful that at least their target of £15,000 will be reached. To date over £382,000 has been donated to local charities and organisations so it would be very special if the £400,000 could be reached this year.

Chairman of the organising committee Rotarian Ian Chamberlain said 'I'd like to thank everyone who helped set up the event, those who marshalled and provided water as well as the businesses and those who contributed in some way. We all braved the weather with a smile and hopefully everyone enjoyed both the run and the new addition of the shorter walk'.

Tony Collett



LOCAL ORGANISATIONS

Badminton (Little Shelford)	Rosie Cranmer	513572
Bowls Club	Wendy Seekings	843416
Brownies, Guides, Rainbows	Lisa MacGregor	843021
Bunch – Feast	Duncan Grey	842191
Carpet Bowls	Jenny Cater	842995
Citizens Advice Bureau	Cambridge	0844 8487979
Community Association	(for booking Memorial Hall) Sheila Tilbury-Davis	844384
Country Market	Dorothy Doel	843946
Cricket Club	Mrs M Ellum	842394
Darts League	Mr D Matthews	845287
Football Club	Peter Ellwood	562733
Free Church		842181
Friends of Shelford Library	Daphne Sulston	842248
Garden Club	Helen Chubb	845032
Health Centre	Ashen Green, Great Shelford	843661
Mobile Warden Scheme	Yvonne Robinson (Wdn) 842144	Jackie Noble (Wdn) 700920
	Jenny Morris (Chair)	846332
Parish Church Bellringers	Ann Smith	577980
Parish Church Community Room	Mary Lester	842411
Parish Church Friends	Bob Doel	843946
Parish Church Sunday Club	Joanne Staines	07790 415732
Parish Church Wardens	Mary Lester 842411	Stella Nettleton 832290
Parochial Charities	Mary Lester (Clerk to the Trustees)	842411
Police	Non-emergency number	101
Rainbow Pre-School	Alison Tomlin	07985 216603
Royal British Legion	Gillian Farrar	840947
Rugby Club	Colin Astin	842154
Sawston Sports Centre	The Village College	712555
Scouts and Cubs	Jillian Hardwick	840066
Scout & Guide HQ	Jenny Grey	842191
Shelford & Stapleford Strikers	Derek White	561753
Shelford Primary School	Alison Evans, Headteacher	843107
Shelford Support Group (transport to hospital etc.)	Mrs Wilkinson 843856	Mrs P Legge 843275
	Mrs Newman 842514	Mrs Carol Bard 571380
South Cambs DFAS	Sheila Tilbury-Davis	844384
Sunnyside Preschool Stapleford	Jane Doyle	707817
Sustainable Shelford	Mike Winter	07870 807442
Tennis Club	Lydia Seymour	07790 498875
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