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## *Pavilion Officially Opened*



Great Shelford Bowls Club Team reach finals of Gilbert Cup

## *From Sawston to Kazakhstan*

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## **GREAT SHELFORD PARISH COUNCIL**

### **Extracts from August meeting of the F&GP Committee**

Minutes of the F & GP Committee meeting of 11 December 2013 were confirmed as accurate and signed by the Chairman.

Minutes of the Council Meeting of 22 July 2014 were received. The following progress was noted:

**Grange Field Dangerous Trees:** The Clerk was in touch with the owners who seemed responsive and were planning an inspection.

**Arch:** The Clerk said that Nigel Benee had provided advice on repositioning the Arch. Travis Perkins in Stapleford had agreed to provide a truck with a crane to lift it into position.

**Skateboard Ramp:** Cllr Shelton was working with the SSYI to attract funding for a replacement. WREN and Ameycespa were suggested as donors who might be sympathetic to an approach from SSYI.

**High Green Phone Box:** It was agreed that the SCDC consultation be put on hold in the hope that BT was about to refurbish the box.

**Social Club Insurance:** Cllr Smith was asked to obtain confirmation from the Community Association that insurance was in place.

### **RISK ASSESSMENT/MANAGEMENT**

The Clerk emphasised that it was for Parish Councillors to identify risks, assess them as high, medium or low, and identify controls necessary to minimise them. It was agreed that Cllr Watson should take this forward initially with the Clerk for the September Council Meeting.

### **DEFIBRILLATOR**

It was agreed that the Parish Council, working with the Football Club, should purchase this at a cost to the Council of £318.

### **PLAY AREA**

It was agreed to accept the quote from Borley Brothers, including their Option 1 for renewing chains on the 4 seat 2 bay junior swings. Total cost £1,044 plus VAT.

### **CLAY PIT**

It was agreed that the possibility of forming a new Standing Committee be on the Agenda for next Council Meeting.

### **SSYI GRANT REQUEST**

£2,400 agreed from LGA 1972 Section 137 Funds.

## **ST MARY'S TODDLER GROUP**

It was suggested that the Parochial Charities might be a more appropriate local organisation from which to seek funding. It was agreed that the Toddler Group be invited to use the Sports Pavilion in lieu of a donation.

## **FINANCE**

Cheques (8) as presented by the Clerk, amounting to £6,549.51, were signed and receipts of £940.00 noted. The Clerk was instructed to hold payment for the repair to the damaged area on the Rec behind the Memorial Hall, until further work had been completed satisfactorily.

## **FIRST QUARTER ACCOUNTS**

These were reviewed and approved. Budgets were reviewed and no changes were proposed. It was noted that Cllr Harwood was anticipating at least a full spend in respect of the Cemetery Budget, given that various tools needed replacing and plants and other supplies were to be ordered.

## **CEMETERY AND ALLOTMENT CHARGES**

The following charges were agreed:

Cemetery: Exclusive right of burial £200; Exclusive right of Cremation £150; Interment £150; Headstone £150; Kerb £170.

Allotments in Stonehill Road: Full £40; Half £25; Third £21; Small £19.

Allotments at Cemetery: Full £35; Smaller £30; Half £22.

It was agreed that in future allotment invoices should be issued in April for the year ahead.

## **NEXT MEETING**

The next F & G P Meeting will be Tuesday 16 December 2014.

## **MATTERS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION**

It was hoped that District Councillors would brief the Parish Council on the Jesus College proposals for a Science Park and 1,250 houses between Trumpington and Great Shelford.

*Full copies of the Minutes can be seen at [www.shelford.org](http://www.shelford.org) and at the Library.*

**The next issue of the *Great Shelford Village News* should be available in the shops on Friday 31 October 2014, and subscribed copies delivered shortly after that.**



## PLANNING APPLICATIONS PARISH COUNCIL COMMENTS

S/1764/14/VC	Network Rail Websters Level Crossing, Granhams Road	Variation of Condition 2 (approved plans) to resite the footbridge further to north west, increase the width, change levels of the staircase and include works to the cycleway and culvert extension.
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We reluctantly agree to the amendments which will make the footbridge larger. We are pleased to see that pedestrians and cyclists will be segregated at the foot of the bridge. We note that there does not seem to be any protection of the oak tree on the east side of the crossing. This is a significant tree and should be protected.

S/1275/14/FL	Mr Cullum Land at Chaston Road	Detached three-bedroom house.
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No objections as long as the neighbours are happy and it does not adversely impact on trees.

S/1443/14/VC and S/1445/14/LB	Mr C Worthington Lowden Construction Ltd. Rectory Farm, Church Street	Variation of Condition 2 of Planning Application S/1367/12/FL in order to amend the design of the previously approved scheme. Conversion, refurbishment and extension of curtilage listed redundant agricultural buildings into three private residential dwellings and 1 private live-to-work unit, along with associated hard and soft landscaping, access works and removal of post 1948 agricultural structures.
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Happy to leave the decision regarding internal alterations to the conservation team.

The Heritage Statement (7.06) indicates that the clunch walls of the main barn will be retained but much of the rear part of the east facing wall has been removed.

We are concerned that alterations are being made without the prior approval on the LPA and hope Building Control will actively monitor the work being done. We oppose the relocation of the retaining wall on the east side of the main

barn and the intrusion of car parking into the open views across the stackyard. The original location is sensitive to the farmyard setting of the barn – an important feature identified in the Conservation area appraisal and the VDS.

S/1559/14/FL	Mr Niall Barber 109 Cambridge Road	Erection of two storey side extension and single storey rear extension.
Recommend approval.		

S/1925/14/FL	Mr and Mrs G Carney 14 Poplar Close	Erection of single storey extension to side and rear of dwelling.
No recommendation. We have some concerns that the height and depth of the extension will cause loss of light to 16 Poplar Close.		

## COUNTY COUNCIL

### Public Health

The Annual Public Health Report has been published and shows that Cambridgeshire has better health outcomes than other counties in England except in 2 out of 32 indicators. We have a higher incidence of malignant melanoma and a higher rate of serious road traffic accidents. The road accidents are influenced by the high levels of through traffic in the County but the casualty rate per km is lower than the national average.

### Carers Away day

This is a free event on Friday 3 October from 10am to 4pm at Huntingdon Marriott Hotel. It includes lunch and refreshments and gives carers the opportunity to meet up informally and take part in discussions and a range of activities as well as swap stories. To find out more email [caresupportteam@cambridgeshire.gov.uk](mailto:caresupportteam@cambridgeshire.gov.uk).

### Young People

Change 4 Life and Disney have teamed up to develop the *Ten Minute Shake Up* to encourage young people to take more exercise. There are lots of games devised to let kids have fun and take exercise at the same time. Visit [www.10minuteshakeup.change4life.co.uk](http://www.10minuteshakeup.change4life.co.uk).

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### **Same Sex Marriages**

The date and fees for conversion of Civil Partnerships into marriages has been announced as 10 December 2014. This allows couples who are in a civil partnership from before 29 March 2014 to complete the administration process in a registry Office and replace it with a proper marriage. For more information visit <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2013/30/contents/enacted/data.htm>.

### **Park and Ride Charging**

On 22 July 2014, a £1 fee was introduced for parking at all five Park and Ride Centres in Cambridge. Daily ticket machines can be found outside the main buildings but discounted tickets can be purchased in advance. More information can be found at [www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk), following the links to Park & Ride.

### **OFSTED Inspection**

Most people know that Cambridgeshire County Council (CCC) had an inadequate inspection of its services for safeguarding and child protection two years ago. We have just been re-inspected and everyone is delighted that CCC has now been labelled 'Good'. OFSTED said that Council Leaders responded purposefully, and the new model of Social Work was praised. They said that social workers felt safe, secure and valued and senior management was supportive. CCC's Adoption processes were specially praised and they thought permanency planning was rigorous. They liked CCC's partnership with Coram and that prospective adopters have comprehensive training. It is a testament to the hard work done by managers and front-line staff.

### **pinpoint**

pinpoint is an independent information and support network created by parents for parents. As well as giving a wealth of information and advice on all aspects of being a parent (or carer) and raising a child, it provides parents with a voice to give feedback. It also provides a starting point for those parents caring for a child that has special educational or disability needs. The Cambridgeshire site can be found at [www.pinpointcambridgeshire.org.uk](http://www.pinpointcambridgeshire.org.uk).

*Gail Kenney*



## GREAT SHELFORD PARISH CHURCH

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A very warm welcome to your historic parish church – please call in and enjoy the sacred space.

### **Harvest Festival and Stewardship Appeal and Gift Day Sundays 5 and 12 October**

A highlight of the autumn is always **Harvest Festival** and there will be a chance to support local good causes and those in need as part of the celebrations. Harvest Festival giving this year will go to the Cambridge Food Bank and a list of the goods they are seeking is available in the church.

We are delighted that we will be able to have a **Harvest Lunch**, as in previous years, in the Memorial Hall at 12.30pm. Thank you to Dorothy Doel for offering to coordinate things. Offers of help will be welcome – please contact Dorothy. Tickets are still available: (adult £7.50, child 5–11 £2 and under 5s free) from Bob or Dorothy Doel. Telephone 01223 843946 or email [dorothy@woodlandsroad.plus.com](mailto:dorothy@woodlandsroad.plus.com).

The weekend will also include a special **Stewardship Appeal and Gift Day**, where we encourage generous financial giving to support the work of the Parish Church. We are making a special appeal this year in order to help fund our work across the community and planned new work. Please do consider if you could help – we do need to widen our giving support and would welcome your assistance. Our costs, just to cover the basics, are rising sharply and our planned new work will need more resources. In particular we want to extend our work with families and children and to offer quality care and support to our more senior residents. Having a full time priest in charge, and possibly a part-time assistant curate next year, will need adequate resources so that they have a chance to make an impact and become a real gift to the wider community.

We shall be welcoming Paul Evans, the recently appointed Ely Diocesan Secretary, who will give the address at the Parish Communion on 5 October. Paul will speak on Christian Stewardship and how we can respond to the generous gifts that we have received from God.

Please respond to our appeal if you can. Stewardship response forms and Gift Day envelopes have been distributed widely in the community, but if you did not receive one, more are available in the church. They will be received and offered up in worship on our Gift Day, **Sunday 12 October**.

## 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. Activities for children are in the Community Room every Sunday during the Parish Communion.

## From the registers:

Baptisms:          31 August          Aoife Beeby  
                         14 September      Harris Stratford  
                         28 September      Cecila Macpherson

Marriages:        26 September    Matthew Garner & Christina Singer

Burial of Cremated Remains:  
                         13 September    Kitty Wright

Applications for baptisms, marriages and the calling of Banns of marriage should be made to the Parish Administrator: Katharin Page, on 07710 518220 or email [katharinpage@yahoo.com](mailto:katharinpage@yahoo.com).

Community Room enquiries and bookings to Mary Lester on 01223 842411 or email [lestermh\\_uk@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:lestermh_uk@yahoo.co.uk).

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*Simon Talbott*

## COMMUNITY OIL BUYING SCHEME

Now is the time to consider your heating oil requirements for the winter months. Traditionally heating oil prices in the summer and early autumn months tend to be cheaper and deliveries faster than in the colder weather.

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Through our partnership with AF Affinity Limited, a subsidiary of Anglia Farmers Limited, the leading agricultural purchasing co-operative in the United Kingdom, the scheme makes the most of collective purchasing power.

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The Grant Application Form is now available on our website at [www.shelfordfeast.co.uk/beneficiaries/](http://www.shelfordfeast.co.uk/beneficiaries/) but it is important to remember that grants are given in line with our constitution as a charity and according to our criteria, that Good Causes should be local, meet a genuine need, help the old and the young in particular, and be given where they will make the most positive impact.

We also need to be sure that there has been a significant contribution to The Feast by the organisation or its supporters. This is vital because without the enormous help we have from volunteers on stalls, those who man the bar and the food tent, the people who give up their time and energy to set up and take down the Feast it simply could not take place.

Grant forms should be delivered to Duncan Grey, Feast Secretary, by 30 September.

### **Exhibition**

This year the traditional Donation Evening in The Square and Compasses is being replaced by an exhibition of Feast-related information and displays by each of the good causes we support. We hope all recipients of Feast donations will send representatives and produce some material for display.

The exhibition evening is planned for **Saturday 15 November** in the Memorial Hall, Great Shelford. It is hoped that all recipients of Feast Grants will create a display and everyone in the village is invited to attend.

Wine, cheese and beer will be available and a voluntary donation to cover costs will be invited. All are welcome. It would be useful if you can tell us in advance at [info@shelfordfeast.co.uk](mailto:info@shelfordfeast.co.uk) that you are coming so we can arrange refreshments.

The exhibition will open at 7pm and the actual disbursement ceremony will take place at 8pm.

Please do come and see what our local organisations have done with the money they have been given in recent years. That amounts to £215,000 since 1994 – and at the Exhibition we will announce how much we have raised this year. How near will it be to the magical quarter of a million pound target?

*Duncan Grey*

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'We plow the fields and scatter' – well some do, the rest of us go to Tesco!

As Harvest approaches some hold to the nostalgic idea of bringing in the crops, although outside of school and church Harvest is often ignored, sitting inconveniently between summer and the deluge of Christmas merchandise without much of a commercial appeal.



Is Harvest then just an old fashioned idea that has little relevance today, when most rely on the Tesco delivery man rather than their local farmer? At GSFC we are going to celebrate Harvest. We are going to take it as a chance to stop and be thankful for the good things God has provided for us and we will gather together after the service with a Bring And Share Lunch.

This, I feel, points to the significance of the Harvest celebration, more so than that last minute searching the back of our cupboards for something to bring and place as a Harvest

offering (unless I'm the only one who has done that!). Harvest points to our need to be thankful – for the food we have on our table, the roofs over our head and money in our pocket, the health of our family, the education of our children, local services, health care and so on. Yes, we can think of many who go without throughout the world, and we need to think of and help others who are in need, but we also need to count our blessings because in doing so we confirm that it's not all about our abilities and ingenuity as humans and acknowledge the role of God, the creator and sustainer.

So I would encourage you to resist buying those mince pies for a few more weeks and allow a period of time to elapse, not pretending that life is without pain and tragedy, but to allow your focus to shift to Harvest and what it is you can be thankful for.

As a church we will be celebrating Harvest on Sunday 5 October and as always you are more than welcome to join us for our service at 10.30am and for lunch afterwards.

*Rev Martin Cockerill, Pastor Great Shelford Free Church*



**Creative worship for all ages @ Tea  
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**19 October – 3T Bread & Pizza Making Special @ Free Church**

Jesus said 'I am the Bread of Life'. There is no getting away from bread, it's everywhere. We will be spending time baking together while enjoying fresh coffee!

3T is an informal event for all, whatever age or phase of life you are in. Some events are outdoors and will require suitable clothing, some inside in a more relaxed, 'civilized' setting. However, 3T will always be creative, informal and spiritual. 3T gathers on the third Sunday of every month at 3.30pm – venues will change so please see the website for event details.

**'Create and Share' Special at GSFC  
make a wool hand-felted bag with Nodeen Salmon**

Thursday 2 October, 9.30am–12.00; 1–3.30pm

Stay for the day and bring a plate of food for a 'Bring and Share' lunch.

Suggested donation £10 for a half day workshop or

£15 for a full day workshop plus £6 for materials.

To book a place, contact Liz Jenkin: [liz.jenkin@virginmedia.com](mailto:liz.jenkin@virginmedia.com)

**Worship Services in October @ 10.30am**

- 5 October: Rev'd Martin Cockerill – Offering our gifts to God.  
 12 October: SASRA – Lee McDade, chaplain based at Catterick Camp.  
 19 October: Rev'd Martin Cockerill – Life giving Fellowship. How do we bear with each other?  
 26 October: Simon Cragg  
 Communion Service @ 6.30pm

**Weekly Activities**

- Tuesdays: 10am – Coffee Pot (shoppers' respite café);  
 3.30–4.45pm – Jump (3–5 years) Heroes (6–11 years)  
 Wednesdays: 10am – Little Steps (1–3 years)  
 1.30–3.30pm – Tiny Toes (under 1 year)  
 Thursdays: 8pm – Stretchworks, a 'workout'  
 Fridays: 11am – Worship Service  
 12.15pm – Call Inn – a social lunch

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## SHELFORD MEDICAL PRACTICE

### Flu Clinic

We are holding our annual Flu clinic on Saturday 11 October 2014. To book an appointment, please ring the surgery on 01223 843661.

### Appointments with Doctors

Since we last revised our appointments system, new partners have joined us and we have been able to offer more choice of doctors and more flexibility in how and when you can book to see them. We are quite frequently not fully-booked each day at the moment. Our main aim is still to offer as many book-on-the-same-day appointments as possible. What we have changed is to open up more opportunity for you to book with the doctor of your choice on the same day. In addition, we now offer more book-ahead slots for routine appointments – again with the doctor of your choice.

You can use any of these means to make an appointment:

- **In person:** the Health Centre building is open from 8am–6pm weekdays. The only time we close during those hours is on Wednesdays from 1–2 pm.
- **By telephone:** the phone lines are open from 8am–1pm and 2–6pm every weekday.
- **Internet:** you will need a username and password to access our Internet booking, which you can get from the practice in person, by telephone or through our website. If you do not ask in person, then we post you your username and password. Once you have them you can go through our website to the online facilities page.

Three types of doctor appointments are available online:

- From 8pm you can book an appointment the next day.
- From 6am you can book an appointment the same day.
- From midnight you can book an appointment up to 3 days in advance.
- Different doctors have online appointments available at different times during the week, so there is usually a choice of doctors for each day.

### Appointments with Nurses

Appointments with nurses can be booked in advance and there are more advance appointments than same-day ones, as nurses do more routine tasks that require booking for future dates. Internet appointments for nurses are not currently available because there is a large variety of tasks that need slots of varying time length. We shall, though, be offering advance phlebotomy (blood taking) appointments online shortly, as they are all 10-minute ones.

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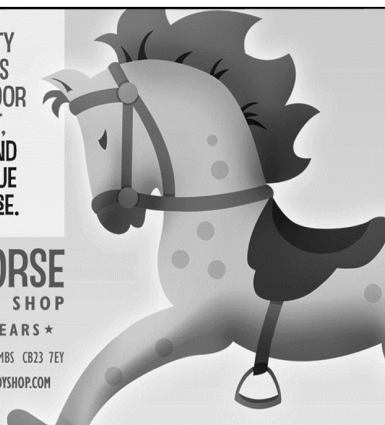
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## **SHELFORD SCHOOL NEWS**

### **REFLECTIONS AND NEW BEGINNINGS!**

Welcome to the new school year! We hope everyone had a very good summer break and are all ready for a wonderful new school year, where there will be many opportunities for involvement, growth, and learning. This is a very exciting time of year for most students – learning how to navigate the new layout and class routines, meeting new friends and teachers and reconnecting with old ones. As in any time of change and transition, this can also be a rather stressful period; this is true for both returning families as well as those brand new to the school. Students who are starting school for the first time, or moving to a new school, have the biggest adjustment, but even moving up a year means coping with a new teacher, more academic demands and establishing routines following the Summer holidays.

We have welcomed a number of new families to school and hopefully they will soon feel very settled amongst us. There are also welcomes for Mrs Ashton and Mrs Millard as Year 4 teachers for the first term, Mr Cleverley joining Year 3, and we look forward to the arrival of Mr Walker, our new deputy Head teacher, in January. We are exceptionally pleased that Mrs Caroline Courtney will continue with her leadership role on a part time basis for the Autumn term and for all our staff and pupil leavers, we wish them every success with their own exciting new beginnings.

For any new beginnings, there is always a great deal of reflection and preparation for the year ahead. Children and staff are pleased to have smart, newly painted hall and corridors and a canopy from the school building through to the Reception classroom, enabling all to have a ‘dry’ walk into the school building. The planting initiated throughout last year has matured and the outdoor learning environment is a super asset to the school. The House System, Otters, Red Squirrels, Eagles, Swans, Stags and Owls has been a great hit since it was introduced in 2012 and within the next month it is hoped that the children will enjoy the opportunity of celebrating their house identity by wearing house t-shirts for PE lessons, as well as Sports’ Day. Additionally, there are a superb range of extra-curricular activities this year, such as Orchestra, Badminton, Bible Explorers, Choir, Wildlife Garden, Jazz Dance, Art, Tournaments, Triathlon, Gym and Netball. Many thanks must go to all the staff and volunteers for providing such wonderful opportunities for our children. We would also like to congratulate the new Head Boy, Henry Denton and Head Girl, Angela Ede and the new School Council: Zane and Joel Dennington, Scarlett Wilkinson, Tom and Matthew Ransinghe, Poppy Judges, Abby Hutton, Owen Payne, Eira Sheridan, Rosie Christalou, Amy Dorna and Guy Semple.



Thank you so much to staff, parents, governors, PTA Committee and friends of the school for your tremendous help over this academic year and for the many ways in which you have contributed to pupils' learning. This takes a range of shapes and forms from walking children to school via the walking bus, discussing the school improvement plan, running a club, attendance at parent briefings and consultations, helping in class, or fundraising for a path which enables all-year access to outdoor learning activities. The PTA – Mrs Colleen Marshman, Mrs Brie Lury and Mrs Alison Denton will all sadly, be stepping down at the AGM in the autumn as Chair, Treasurer and Secretary respectively. Other committee members will also be leaving after a number of years and enormous gratitude must be paid to an exceptional team. The children and staff have so much appreciated your generosity as you have given time, money and effort to enable great things to take place.

*Ms Wendy Butler (Parent Governor)*

## **BLOOD DONATION**

### **SHELFORD RUGBY CLUB WEDNESDAY 8 OCTOBER**

It is important that vital blood stocks are maintained at all times, as red blood cells have a shelf life of just 35 days and platelets a shelf life of only seven days. NHS Blood and Transplant needs to collect blood of each blood group in the right quantities to meet patient needs and regular donors are crucial in enabling us to do so.



The next donor sessions in Great Shelford are at the Rugby Club on Wednesday 8 October 2014. Session times are 1–3pm or 4.15–7pm.

You can register as a donor and book an appointment to donate by visiting [www.blood.co.uk](http://www.blood.co.uk) or telephone 0300 123 23 23.

## **WILL YOU BE ALONE THIS CHRISTMAS?**

If you are going to be alone this Christmas Day and are over 65 years then you may wish to celebrate the day with others.

To help identify how many people would like to get together, can you please get in touch with me on 01223 844763, email [cllrnightingale@btconnect.com](mailto:cllrnightingale@btconnect.com), or drop a line to 12 Aylesford Way, Stapleford.

*Cllr Charles Nightingale*

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'It sounds like you need to look after yourself. Here are some ideas for keeping yourself healthy:

- You must get enough rest and sleep at night.
- You need to drink plenty of water to keep your body rehydrated.
- Make sure you eat a variety of food and keep a balanced diet with lots of fruit and vegetables.
- Try to do a little exercise each day.

Hopefully these things will do the trick and you'll be well again in no time.'

'Oh thank you so much doctor, goodbye.'



Thank you to Elliot Cook, Rafaela Wilkinson, Gordon Doubleday, Jack Vaughan, Tom Ranasinghe, Eva-Louisa Narinian, Abigail Pearce and Madeleine Brown (Year 2) for their contributions.

*Romina Plava*



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## COUNTRY MARKET

The last quarter of the year is upon us! The vibrant outdoor flowers are almost over and the garden section has more of an autumnal feel. Good quality cooking apples are plentiful and the longer keeping dessert apples should soon be ready. Vegetables sell out very quickly. If any reader has a surplus of garden produce, particularly vegetables, why not become a market producer? We're waiting to hear from you!

Not only is the craft section set for the changing seasons but we have just welcomed three new members with some quite exciting craft work: 3D greetings cards, quirky lavender bags, postcards, creatures with a difference and more! The bead necklaces and most exquisite original felt jewellery will add new dimensions to our well-established traditional gemstone and contemporary modern designs. Towards the end of the month, Advent Calendars will be on display.

And before long we will be thinking about our annual chutney tasting mornings in November, what a thought! Dates for your diaries are 12 and 19 November.

Cakes, bakes, preserves and free range eggs are plentiful each week and can always be ordered in advance on 01223 843946 or 07732117892 or at the market. In the meantime a thank you to those customers who telephone if they need to amend their standing orders – this is much appreciated.

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

Dorothy Doel

## **A Choral Evening**

**Great Shelford Parish Church**  
**Friday 17 October 2014 at 7.30 pm**

*A programme of music by local composer*

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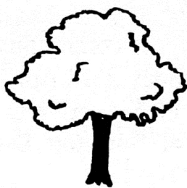
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## DIARY – OCTOBER 2014

Date	Event	Time	Place
2	Carpet Bowls	7.15pm	Memorial Hall
4	Table Top Sale (page 35)	9am	Memorial Hall
4	Hidden Paris Talk (page 37)	7.30pm	Free Church Hall
7	Zipper Club	9.30am	Memorial Hall
8	Blood Donations (page 19)	1pm & 4.15pm	Rugby Club
9	Carpet Bowls	7.15pm	Memorial Hall
11	Saffron Walden Band Night	7.30pm	Memorial Hall
14	Garden Club: Roses (page 42)	7.30pm	Shelford School
16	Carpet Bowls	7.15pm	Memorial Hall
17	Choral Evening (page 22)	7.30pm	Parish Church
18	Ceilidh (page 45)	7.30pm	Lt Shelford Hall
22	Engage in the Afternoon (page 42)	2pm	Library
23	Talk on Mary Shelley (page 34)	7.30pm	Library
23	Carpet Bowls	7.15pm	Memorial Hall
24	Coffee Morning (page 47)	10am	Community Room
25	Farmers' Market	9am–12noon	Memorial Hall
30	Carpet Bowls	7.15pm	Memorial Hall

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

Black Bin Collection: 13 and 27

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## OVER-70S CHRISTMAS PARTY

Christmas is coming, and it's time for the over 70s Christmas  
Party on **Wednesday 26 November 2014** at 2.15–4.30pm  
in the Memorial Hall.

If you are over 70, and fancy a chat, a laugh and a good tea, then this is the event for you. Tickets are free and you may apply for more than one ticket. Your guest need not be over 70 (if you wish, for example, to bring your daughter). There will be 80 tickets, on a first come, first served basis, so don't be slow!

PS. If you're under 70, and good at baking or making tea, then help is very welcome, either beforehand or on the day.

If you would like tickets, please telephone me on 01223 840393, or email [helen\\_harwood\\_uk@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:helen_harwood_uk@yahoo.co.uk), or drop a note to 28 High Street, Great Shelford.

*Helen Harwood*

## SPORTS PAVILION



Rt Hon Andrew Lansley MP, Wenda Burbidge, Steve Morrow, Jimmy Dean and Cllr Charles Nightingale

On Sunday 7 September the Great Shelford Sports Pavilion was officially opened. The main ribbon cutter was Steve Morrow, ex-Arsenal and Northern Ireland football star, assisted by Wenda Burbidge and Jimmy Dean. Jimmy Dean is the grandson of George Freestone who secured the Rec Ground for the Parish. He was also a long-time local footballer and much involved with running the Great Shelford Football Club and, latterly, supporting them.

About 150 were present in the lovely sunshine for the opening. Most stayed behind for refreshments and the opportunity to look around the new facility. Representatives from all the Village Sports Clubs were there as well as many of the funders whose generous support made it all possible.

Cllr Charles Nightingale acknowledged the very important and generous contributions from the funders and introduced all of those who played a leading role in making it happen – he paid particular tribute to Bridget Hodge, Eric Knowles and Tony Smith. Tim Page the Architect also spoke about the building, how special it is, sustainable and perfect for the position it occupies and the purpose for which it is intended.

It was great to see the new pavilion fully opened and being enjoyed by so many people.

*Ian Kydd*

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## WOMENS' INSTITUTE



The Summer Party in July (see photo above) was well-attended and enjoyed by all and we then took a break from our regular monthly meetings in August. The Womens' Institute stall was well-supported at Shelford Feast where we raffled hampers filled with mainly homemade produce and crafts. It also provided an ideal opportunity to attract new members. A good number of women expressed interest in joining and we were very pleased to see some of them at our September meeting, where Jerry Dodd gave a lively and humorous talk entitled 'What's that smell in the kitchen?'

We have interesting speakers for the Autumn: in October Peter Jackson from Scotsdales will give a seasonal gardening talk and in November Mary Dicken will speak about Medieval Women.

The WI continues to attract new members and has outgrown the St Mary's Community Room so our meetings have now transferred to All Saints' Community Hall in Little Shelford. We continue to meet at 7.30pm on the first Thursday of the month and new members are always welcome – just turn up!

*Mary Talbott*

### SHELFORD RUGBY CLUB

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Once again this year Great Shelford Free Church will be a drop off point for this appeal so you will be able to bring your shoeboxes into the church for collection.

For anyone who is not sure what this appeal is, it is an opportunity to provide a child who has very little to enjoy in life with a shoebox full of good things to enjoy at Christmas – or soon afterwards. Simply pick up a leaflet from the Free Church (Ashen Green entrance) to find out more about the appeal and what to put in your box. If you find it difficult to get a shoebox (not too big) we have some free ones available which simply need to be made up according to the simple instructions. Pick one up with your leaflet. Call in whenever you see someone at the church or phone 01223 842181 to check.

Perhaps you would like to get together with a friend or a group of people to fill one together, or even do it online by following the links on the Operation Christmas Child website ([www.samaritanspurse.co.uk](http://www.samaritanspurse.co.uk)). In past years all the boxes from our area have gone to children in various parts of Eastern Europe, although boxes from some areas go to children in various parts of Africa.

The joy on the faces of the children who receive these boxes is testament of how much even a small gift means to these children who seldom receive a gift of any kind. Please consider them as you sort out your Christmas gifts.

Bring your filled boxes back to the church between 1 and 18 November. Office opening times are listed with the Free Church information. Thank You.

*Lesley Cornell (on behalf of Great Shelford Free Church)*

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## FROM SAWSTON TO KAZAKHSTAN

Kazakhstan is a country in central Asia between Russia and China, rich in minerals and natural resources and larger than Western Europe. Yet it is a country few people know very well. 60% of the country's population is native Kazakh and Muslim, descended from the Mongol empire of Ghenghis Khan. The other 40% are largely Russian and Orthodox, arriving in the Kazakh Soviet Republic in the 1950s as part of Khrushchev's disastrous virgin land expansion and resettlement.

The 60 history teachers I spent the summer training were a mixture of Kazakhs and Russian Kazakhs. The Kazakh national and cultural identity was submerged under Soviet dominance. Since 1917, Kazakhstan had been part of the Soviet Union and any attempt to write their national story or keep archives



Steve Mastin (in tie and blazer) with some of the teachers, at Kazguu University, in front of a mural depicting the history of ancient Kazakhstan

of peculiarly Kazakh achievements were met with cruel repression. And even before the Soviet Union, Kazakhstan had been a colony of the Russian Empire under the Tsars which meant that for over 200 years, their cultural and national story had gone largely unwritten, and certainly untaught to its children. That is until 1991 when for the first time, Kazakh school children could learn about their nation's past. It is humbling to hear the excitement and enthusiasm in the voices of Kazakh teachers as they discuss the new history curriculum that they will teach. I had wondered why the History of Kazakhstan was taught as a distinct subject, separate from World History. The answer is that this is the first time in 250 years that they can teach their own history and it is a priority.

The country has impressive ambitions for the education system and I was asked if I would help train history teachers for the task ahead. It was a privilege to share our experiences in England and how we teach history in Sawston Village College and to listen to their experiences of the Soviet education system where nothing was questioned and children only spoke when asked a direct question. That is changing and the country is determined to be among one of the best education systems in the world, giving pupils the opportunities that we in the Village College enjoy every day.

The people are among the friendliest in the world. However, there is one national trait that would not be out of place in my GCSE classes. Kazakhs readily admit that one of their cultural characteristics is their tendency to waffle around a subject rather than answering a question directly. It was a source of some frustration to me for the first day of training 60 teachers since I would ask a question and each teacher in turn would talk around the subject, very articulately, but never in fact answer the question. I eventually showed them something I show to my Year 11 classes before they leave for their exams: two cartoons showing on the one side a shark circling a man in a rubber tyre and on the other side a shark attacking a man in a rubber tyre. They got the point. Only then did they laugh among themselves and let me into the joke that what I had just described was a very typical Kazakh trait.

The food is a mixture of standard Russian fare with a Kazakh abundance of meat. Horses are bred for nearly everything on the steppe in



Steve Mastin (right) with one of the teachers

Kazakhstan and therefore horse meat is as common as beef is in England. Dried strips of salty cheese, known as chechil, goes very well as a snack with beer (or vodka if you're Russian Kazakh). However, one delicacy I failed to appreciate – horse milk. I was asked to try some by Zukhra, my Kazakh hostess, and as I sipped the frothy liquid, I could see the anticipation in the faces of the other teachers. It is warm, sour and slightly fizzy and I am afraid I could not finish it. Camel's milk was also on offer but after the mare's milk, I declined anything other than cow's milk. My sense of adventure had reached its limits.

*Steve Mastin, Head of History, Sawston Village College*

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In the end the first team finished in our highest ever position in our history, fifth in Senior One, thanks to four successive victories at the end of the season. Paul Ellum was the star of the season, finishing as the League's highest wicket-taker, a huge achievement for the man who is not only a brilliant bowler but our groundsman and the cornerstone of the club. He and Dan Heath, who had a great year with the bat and the wicket keeping gloves, shared the Player of the Year trophy and of course they also claimed the Bowler of the Year and Batsman of the Year respectively. Paul Mortlock can be proud of the team and of the way he skippered the first team.

Joff Edevane, the Second team captain, can also take credit for his excellent leadership and for a very successful season. It all came down to the final game of the season against Cambridge Kerala. Win and we would be champions. Lose and we would finish third and not even gain promotion. On a very poor wicket at Waterbeach we thought we'd done enough in putting 180 on the board thanks to an outstanding innings of 83 from Kane Munday. However, Kerala chased that total down in the penultimate over for the loss of nine wickets. On the day, they were just better than us and good luck to Kerala, but it was a cruel blow to have the whole season come down to one ball and one wicket and to miss out on promotion. Still, the seconds had a great year winning 11 League games and losing only 4. Danny Nicholls was Player of the Year, John Dakin was batsman of the Year and Kane Munday and Trevor Parker shared the Bowler of the Year trophy.

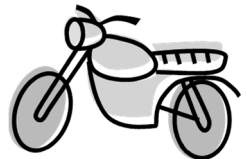
Our midweek team, Shelfords, finished a highly creditable second in Division Two of the Adams Harrison League and our youth section is proving to be very popular.

If anyone wants to contact us to find out about playing at Great Shelford Cricket Club, please ring Paul Ellum on 01223 842394. *Brian Higgins*

*Great and Little Shelford Primary School PTA*

### BIKE SALE

**Saturday 18 October, 9am–1pm**  
**Memorial Hall, Great Shelford**



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## TENNIS CLUB

What a difference a week or two makes. The club's annual mixed handicap was washed out by torrential rain on the August bank holiday Monday. But just a fortnight later, Great Shelford was blessed with blue skies, wafted by warm winds and soothed by a sunny afternoon. Sunday 7 September was a glorious



day for the veterans' tournament, boosted by the half-time excitement of seeing the new pavilion opened. The tournament itself was won by Chris Cope and Jenny Fleck (pictured) after an excellent final against runners-up Sarah Coppendale and Nigel Will.

Congratulations to our winners and all who played, and big thanks to Mark Sanders who once again took on the duties without actually playing himself.

The GSTC club dinner has a new venue. This year we shall gather at St Edmund's College on Saturday 22 November for a typically wild evening of food, drink and prizes. Note to members: tickets will soon be on sale, so pop it in the diary. Note to non-members: What the deuce are you waiting for? (Deuce...geddit?) Joining details are at [gstc.org.uk](http://gstc.org.uk).

*Stephen Chittenden*

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### **Thursday 23 October at 7.30pm in the Library**

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Date for the diary: on 4 November Helen Harwood will talk on

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## CEMETERY

Over the past few weeks, we have had a couple of volunteer sessions down at the cemetery. Our wonderful group of volunteers (some of whom are pictured below) have allowed us to give the cemetery a little extra TLC beyond what we can provide from contractors.



With tireless enthusiasm, and patience, they have swept the car parks, dug out compost bins, weeded overgrown graves, edged and washed down the memorial plaques in the cremation area, trimmed trees and demolished the old soil bay enclosure. And, if you are a regular visitor, I'm sure you'll have noticed that we have planted a new lavender hedge.

Hopefully, by the time you read this, the hedges will have been trimmed. The reason we have waited so long is because, as it is a country cemetery, we follow DEFRA and Natural England guidelines which state you should avoid hedge trimming between March and July/August to protect nesting birds. But now is the time to do it, and it will be lovely to get the hedges looking neat and sharp again.

I would like to express hearty thanks to all the volunteers who have contributed so much energy and enthusiasm.

*Helen Harwood*

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Great Shelford Bowls Club has had a very successful season. One of our members, Richard Parkinson, got through to the Mens' Four Wood Singles All England National Championships at Royal Leamington Spa. Although he didn't win, it was an achievement to get there and represent Great Shelford.

The Club also entered the Gilbert Cup (see the photo of the team on the front cover), which is a Cambridge and District competition, and after four rounds we made it to the finals, playing against Haddenham Bowls Club at Coton Bowls Green. Haddenham retained the cup for the second year running and, although we lost, we enjoyed playing. Well done to all our players.

Our green is now closed for the winter but we open in the spring. If this inspires you to play bowls look out for our article in a future issue of the *Village News*.

*Wendy Seekings, Secretary*

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Appropriate trimming will maintain hedgerows in good condition and prevent spreading for many years, but from time to time some restoration work is needed in order to encourage new growth at the base of a hedge and keep it thick and vigorous. Coppicing is best carried out in winter. The hedge is cut as low to the ground as possible and the new growth is trimmed for the next couple of years to encourage a dense base.

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*Doug Clarke*



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**Flu Days** this year are Saturday 11 October and Saturday 8 November. Clinicians will be available throughout the day to ensure as many people as possible get their vaccinations. Flu vaccine provides protection for one year, so if you were vaccinated last year you need another one this year to protect you for the coming season. Flu vaccinations are free of charge for the following:

- aged over 65 (by 31 March 2015)
- pregnant or expecting to become pregnant over the flu season
- have a long-term medical condition (contact the practice for full list of qualifying conditions)
- live in a long-term residential care home
- main carer of an elderly or disabled person
- child aged 2, 3 or 4 years

If you do not qualify in these groups, you can still receive a vaccination for a small fee – please pop in to see the Pharmacy to discuss the options available.

Please also consider a **Shingles vaccination**. Vaccination is available for patients who are 70 years old (born between 2 September 1943 and 1 September 1944) and also patients who are 79/80 years old (born between 2 September 1935 and 1 September 1936). These can be booked at any time.

We also offer a **pneumonia vaccination** for patients over 65 in the eligible categories above. This is a single vaccination which will usually last your lifetime. Again, you can have this at any time.

Finally, some brief advice for the coming months. During the winter months, you are more likely to pick up a cough or cold. Many of these illnesses are self-limiting and can safely be self-managed. Antibiotics are generally NOT prescribed for coughs and colds. Here are a few basic treatments you can do for yourself at home to help you get over the illness a little bit faster:

- Make sure you drink plenty of fluids and keep well hydrated.
- Get plenty of rest.
- Eat a healthy low-fat, high-fibre diet, with lots of fresh fruit and vegetables.
- Over-the-counter paracetamol or ibuprofen (if there are no contra-indications) may reduce your symptoms.
- Please also seek advice from your Pharmacist.

Of course, do not hesitate to contact the surgery if you have any worrying features such as a high temperature, are coughing up blood-stained phlegm, have breathing problems, or your symptoms persist for longer than 3 weeks.

*Ali Podgorska*

## SHELFORD GARDEN CLUB

The new season of talks is coming, so don't miss out, get the dates in your diary now. All talks are held in Shelford School Hall and start at 8pm with homemade refreshments served from 7:30pm. Visitors are most welcome (£2).

For membership enquiries, please contact Jane Westaby on 01223 840629.

14 October	<b>The Very Best Of Our Climbing And Rambling Roses</b>	by Ian Limmer
11 November	<b>Carrots And Parsnips</b>	by Mike Day
9 December	<b>A Packet Of Parsley – My Life In Horticulture And How It Began</b>	by David White
13 January	<b>Trees For Modern Gardens</b>	by Peter Jackson
10 February	<b>Alpines And Alpine Troughs</b>	by Angela Whiting
10 March	<b>AGM at 7:30, followed by What The Judges Are Looking For</b>	by Robin Carsberg

For our first talk on 14 October, we are delighted to welcome Ian Limmer. He joined Peter Beales Roses straight from school and has worked there for approximately 40 years and is now Nursery Manager. This year you may have seen him interviewed by BBC TV at Chelsea where Beales were launching their new rose called Frilly Cuffs. Ian will be bringing plants for sale.

*Rosie Cranmer*

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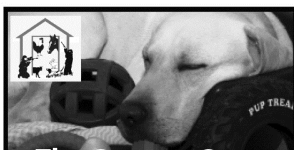


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## SHARING AUTUMN'S BOUNTY

The word harvest in fact comes from the Anglo-Saxon word *haerfest* meaning autumn, but today the word has come to mean the gathering in of the farmer's crops and the final picking and storing of our allotment and orchard fruit, and even, occasionally, the offering of tins of baked beans or tomato soup to the school harvest collection!



Red Admiral on rotting fruit

But the real autumn harvest for the wildlife in our gardens is not restricted to the perfect specimens of the supermarket shelves but includes all shed seedheads, cones, nuts, flowerheads, berries, drupes, fruits, rotting wood and deciduous leaves raining down from the tree canopies. It is time for a pre-winter feast to stock up on reserves. Red admiral butterflies are starting to congregate in the south of the country after summer sojourns up north and love feasting

on fallen rotting apples and pears – in fact gathering a tray of windfalls in a sunny spot is great for watching butterflies such as red admirals but also commas and second brood small tortoiseshells close up. Long-tailed tits become more active again in private gardens, picking off soft fruit and hedge berries. 2014 is predicted to be a ‘mast year’, a complex, little-understood natural phenomenon which sees some tree species produce very large crops of seeds – good news for small mammals and larger birds like jays. Many plant species like poppies play a numbers game, producing enormous amounts of seed knowing that the vast majority will not find the perfect growing conditions, but will become protein-rich nuggets for smaller birds and mammals. The carpet of autumn leaves is not only a pleasure to kick through but provides a permanently damp, dark and cool habitat for invertebrates such as slugs, snails, worms, millipedes, woodlice, spiders and other toad and frog delicacies which, together with fungi, are essential for breaking down this nutrient rich bounty so that it can re-invigorate the life cycle. Gathering up some leaf litter into a large glass jar and allowing it to settle is a great way to observe the invertebrate army at work.

Busy lives have led to many making their gardens as low maintenance as possible with large areas of paving, decking and planting restricted to exotics in pots. Our increasing reliance on cars for transport has increased the amount of land put down to sterile hard landscaping. As we see more intense development, our private gardens will have a more and more important role to play in helping to maintain the richness of wildlife in the ecosystem, so resist

the urge to tidy the garden too manically this haerfest, and let the wildlife share in the harvest.

### **Apple Day: Sunday 26 October**

Celebrate this year's bumper harvest at the region's biggest Apple Day at Cambridge University Botanic Garden, 10am–4pm on Sunday 26 October where the Main Lawn tent will house local apple juice and cider producers, bakers and cheesemakers together with the apple tasting stations, which will offer a wide range of apples grown in the East of England to try before you buy.

Experts from the East of England Apples and Orchards Project (EEAOP) will offer a pruning advice service and will be bringing their comprehensive display of Cambridgeshire apple varieties, so bring in your unidentified apples from the garden or community orchard and see if the EEAOP experts can name them for you. Plus, find out about the Cambridge Community Collection, an apple orchard installation for the city.

Normal Garden admission applies, plus £3 Apple Day ticket for everyone 17+, available in advance from the Garden ticket offices for fast track entry on the day.

The Botanic Garden is open October 10am–5pm, November & December 10am–4pm. Admission is £4.50, Giftaid admission £4.95 or join the Friends, get free admission and help the Garden grow! 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](http://www.botanic.cam.ac.uk).

*Juliet Day*

### *Little Shelford Memorial Hall Committee*

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### **Little Shelford Memorial Hall**

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Jill McMememy (842414) or Jeanette Thompson (842218)

We look forward to seeing you there!

## WHAT'S ON IN OCTOBER

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, can be subject to change and may already be fully booked.

### CAMBRIDGE ARTS THEATRE

6–11	<i>Jeeves &amp; Wooster in Perfect Nonsense</i> New adaptation direct from the West End
13–18	<i>The Full Monty</i> The popular film now on stage
21–25	<i>1984</i> by George Orwell
28–1 Nov	<i>Horrible Histories Barmy Britain</i>
Telephone: 01223 503333 Web: <a href="http://www.cambridgeartstheatre.com">www.cambridgeartstheatre.com</a>	

### SAWSTON CINEMA

7	6.30pm	<i>Mandela: Long Walk to Freedom</i>
Telephone: 01223 712825 Web: <a href="http://www.sawstoncinema.org.uk">www.sawstoncinema.org.uk</a>		

### SCOTSDALES

2	2–3pm	<i>Trees for a Small Garden</i> Talk by Nick Dunn
9	2–3pm	<i>Roses</i> Talk by David Austen Roses
23	2–3pm	<i>Colour for your Garden</i> Talk by Andy McIndoe
Telephone: 01223 842777 Web: <a href="http://www.scotsdalegardencentre.co.uk">www.scotsdalegardencentre.co.uk</a>		

### STAPLEFORD GRANARY

1	10am	<i>Watercolour Painting</i> with Janet Edwards
2	7.30pm	Concert: <i>Jane Austen At Home</i>
7	6pm	<i>Autumn Nature Walk</i> with Kevin Hand
7	5.30pm & 7.45pm	Performance: <i>Our Friends, The Enemy</i>
11	8pm	Concert: <i>The Soldier's Tale</i> by Igor Stravinsky
14	7pm	Course: <i>Jazz Choir</i>
15	7.30pm	Lecture: <i>Operation Chastise – The Dambusters</i>
16	10am	Introduction to Print
18	1pm	Course: <i>Saxophone Afternoon</i> with James Rae
25	10am	Course: <i>Macbeth: From Page to Stage</i>
Telephone: 01223 849004 Web: <a href="http://www.staplefordgranary.org.uk">www.staplefordgranary.org.uk</a>		

## WANDLEBURY

4	11.30am	<i>Wonderful Wandlebury History and Fun Day</i>
8	9pm	<i>Moonlit Walk Guided tour</i>
28	10am	Half Term Activity: <i>Discover Autumn at Wandlebury</i>
29	10am	Half Term Activity: <i>Spiders</i>
Telephone: 01223 243830 Web: <a href="http://www.cambridgeppf.org">www.cambridgeppf.org</a>		



## COFFEE MORNING

The Great Shelford Branch of the Children's Society will be holding an Autumn Coffee Morning in the Community Room at the Parish Church on Friday 24 October from 10–11.30am. Please come along and bring your friends to support this very worthy cause.

*Joy Amis, Chairman*

## READER'S LETTER

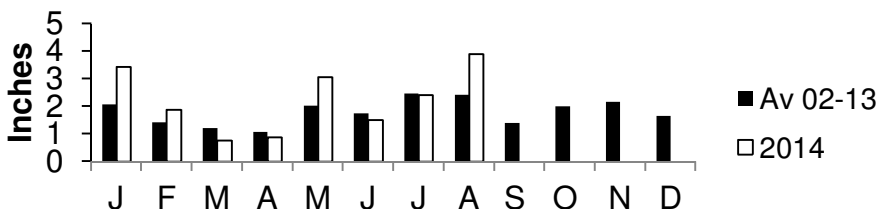
A small bus shelter that will seat a maximum of six people has been erected on the forecourt of the Babraham Road Park & Ride site (pictured below).



My question is, how much money been spent on this and why is it required when there is an inside waiting room that will seat 16 people in the warm and dry? There is already outside seating for about 10 people under the awning of the building. According to statements by the council, the new car parking charges were put in place to fund a full time attendant at the sites, thus allowing the waiting room and toilets to be open during bus running hours. So why is this additional shelter needed? Is this more tax payers money wasted?

*John Wakefield*

## Great Shelford Village Rainfall 2014



## POPPY APPEAL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Remembrance of the First World War is currently fresh in our minds. Our troops have, however, served, been wounded and killed in many more recent conflicts. They and their families deserve our support.

Each year during the fortnight leading up to Remembrance Sunday, volunteers throughout the country beg donations for the Poppy Appeal. A large part of these donations come through collectors who go from house to house. In Stapleford and Little Shelford there are volunteers enough to visit every house, but in Great Shelford many more are needed.

Help would be particularly welcome at the beginning of the Appeal, on Saturday 25th October and the days that follow. You may be able to cover only a small number of houses, or you may feel able to tackle a larger round. It could be in your own street or elsewhere. Whatever you may be able to tackle, your help would be gladly and gratefully accepted.

If you feel able to lend a hand, please telephone me, the local Poppy Appeal Organiser, on 01223 840947, or email [michael.farrar@virgin.net](mailto:michael.farrar@virgin.net).

*Michael Farrar*

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*Editorial Committee*

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