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GREAT SHELFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Extracts from October meeting

PUBLIC SESSION

New street lighting Keeley Russell, Head of Client Liaison, Balfour Beatty, briefed on the PFI with Cambridge County Council to upgrade and replace street lighting. (See article in November 2014 *Village News* page 23 on Street Lighting and County Council report in this issue, page 5.)

Superfast broadband Dr Mundell of The Orchards briefed on the inability of the four houses in The Orchards to connect to Superfast Broadband despite a BT Superfast Broadband cabinet being located on Hinton Way very close to The Orchards. It seemed they had been overlooked by Connecting Cambridgeshire when the contract with BT had been drawn up. Discussions were still taking place with BT and others. Dr Mundell was grateful for the support of the Chairman and Parish Council; he would be interested in hearing from anyone else in a similar position. (See page 10.)

SPORTS PAVILION

The Clerk said that Tim Page (Architect and Project Manager), who was unable to be present, had taken legal advice and engaged TRADA (the timber trade association) to inspect the timber cladding. This had taken place. Preliminary findings were that juvenile, defective timber had been used and should be replaced. As the fault appeared to lie with the timber supply, Omnis wished to resolve it with their supplier. Mr Page had told the Clerk that he recommended this approach. The Council **agreed**, but expected to see the TRADA Report before it was passed to Omnis. **Action:** Clerk to inform Mr Page.

The Clerk confirmed that Mr Page had said that legal and TRADA charges would be shown on his next Interim Certificate as costs due to Omnis. The Clerk said that the cost of the recently completed Recreation Ground repairs should also be included.

MINUTES of 17 September were **confirmed** as accurate records and signed by the Chairman.

PROGRESS ON MATTERS ARISING

Speed limit reductions The Clerk said that the 40 mph signs had been removed on Cambridge Road. Work had not yet started on Hinton Way.

SSYI insurance cover in respect of using the Sports and Social Club premises: The Chairman said this was in place.

Jesus College Science Park Briefing Meeting for Councillors at Stapleford taking place on 22 October. Clerk to be informed of those wishing to attend.

Village Plan Cllr Fane briefed on the preliminary meeting he had convened

recently. This had covered the following areas:

- the status of the plan, the way it should be drawn up and the possible issues it might cover
- that we should at least consider progressing a formal neighbourhood development plan, giving the plan (to include an updated Village Design Statement) some teeth in planning terms
- that it was felt important the views of the wider village community be sought at the earliest stage, starting with a public meeting in the Memorial Hall, probably in November
- that others in the village, possibly also in neighbouring villages, should be involved in any working group
- that Cllr Hodge had agreed in principle to chair the working group, at least in its initial stages.

The Chairman had booked the Memorial Hall for an Open Meeting on 14 November at 7.30 pm and had invited two experts from SCDC. He would also be inviting representatives from Stapleford and Little Shelford. It was noted that the Histon and Impington plan was a good example.

Advertising/notice boards The landscaping sign by the Memorial Hall required Planning Permission. This was regretted, particularly given the benefit derived from the planting and maintenance generously provided free by Sterling Plants. The Parish Council was grateful to Daniel Lee for this. It was suggested that the sign, or a similar one, could be placed within the adjacent Parish Council notice board. It was **agreed** that Cllr Harwood should explain the position to Mr Lee. **Action:** Cllr Harwood.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES AND REPRESENTATIVES

Planning Committee See pages 3-4

Cemetery and allotments Cllr Harwood's report had been circulated and was noted. It was agreed that Seamus (Village Man) had sufficient time to undertake strimming and other work through the winter months at the cemetery and allotments.

RISK ASSESSMENT/RISK MANAGEMENT

Cllr Watson referred to the risk assessment/management matrix circulated at earlier meetings. He and the Clerk had worked through it carefully. It was **agreed** that Cllr Watson and the Clerk should continue their work. **Action:** Cllr Watson and Clerk.

REQUEST TO PLANT TREE ON RECREATION GROUND in memory of William John Wood, a long-time and popular resident of Great Shelford. **Approved.**

PROPOSAL FOR FISH AND CHIP TRAILER AT MEMORIAL HALL CAR PARK

It was noted that there were precedents, but not for six days per week trading. Several Councillors expressed empathy with nearby residents and users of the Memorial Hall sharing their concerns in respect of noise, smells, litter, and traffic congestion. After taking note of views expressed by members of the public and by prior submission, and comments by Mr S Dara Bahadirgil, in addition to those in his letter of 17 September 2014 to Cllr Hodge, it was **agreed** to allow the venture to proceed on a trial basis for two months, three days a week, Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays, from 1700 to 2200 hours.

FINANCE Cheques (11) as presented by the Clerk amounting to £9,948.09 were signed and receipts of £54,819.67 noted. The Banking Arrangements paper circulated by the Clerk containing details of Standing Orders and Direct Debits was **approved** and signed by the Chairman and Cllr Hodge.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk advised that the **External Audit** for 2013/14 had been concluded. The final Audit papers had been displayed publicly for the required number of days.

Mobile Warden Scheme A request had been received for a grant of £3,300. It was agreed that this should be on the Agenda for the next meeting.

Remembrance Day Wreath The Clerk had been advised that this was ready for collection. There was no charge but a donation of £20 was given.

MATTERS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

Request for annual grant from Mobile Warden Scheme.

Roads and Pavements Survey.

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

PLANNING APPLICATIONS PARISH COUNCIL COMMENTS

S/2231/14/PB	Mr Jeremy Pemberton White Hill Farm Granhams Road	Prior approval for proposed change of use from agricultural building to one dwelling.
No objections.		

S/1999/14/FL	Mr Ryan Thomas 30 Leeway Avenue	Single storey extensions to the front, side and rear elevations, including the creation of an annex.
<p>No recommendation. Although the rear extension is very large it does not appear it will have an adverse impact on 28 Leeway Avenue as they have approval for a similar rear extension. However we hope this will be checked as the extension is south of that property and could possibly overshadow part of their patio. Looking at the internal layout it appears that the proposal is to create two separate units. If this is the case there may be insufficient room for car parking (due to the front extension and the cars of additional occupants). We would like to see a condition put on the application that the additional unit should be ancillary to the use of the main dwelling.</p>		

S/2399/14/FL	31 Granta Terrace Guster Group	Erection of three dwelling houses and associated works and infrastructure following demolition of existing dwelling.
<p>Recommend refusal. Although the number of properties has been reduced and the car parking spaces increased, we do not believe the amended layout overcomes our objections to the proposed development in terms of parking and design and layout. This is a constrained site with no turning head and we cannot see how it will be feasible to park and manoeuvre cars within those constraints. This will lead to parking on Granta Terrace and London Rd. When the application goes to committee we would hope there is a site visit.</p>		

S/2275/14/FL S/2322/14/FL	Mr and Mrs J Beale 37 Buristead Road	<p>Installation of roof window in south facing roof slope of dwelling serving a bathroom.</p> <p>Installation of roof window in north facing elevation of dormer window to main roof serving a bedroom (both retrospective).</p>
<p>As long as the windows are above eye level (if not the glass should be obscured) no objections.</p>		

COUNTY COUNCIL

Street Lighting The County Council's street lighting columns are in many cases well beyond their design life and there are structural problems with the old concrete columns in particular.

About five years ago the County Council decided to replace its street lights with more modern energy efficient lighting. A procurement process was gone through and an approved contractor selected. Just before the contract was signed the government decided that it would only provide street lighting credits for 90% of the cost as against an original expectation of 100% funding. This meant that at the last minute the contract had to be revised so that only 90% of street lights would be replaced.

The County Council insisted that consultation with local residents was built into the contract and that the first point of contact would be with local parish councils because, in the County's view, they were the people best placed to comment on the detail of any designs put forward.

There have been problems with parishes being given less time than expected to comment on initial designs put forward, but many parish councils have organised special public meetings or drop in sessions where residents can see the initial detailed plans for their roads and comment on them – and in many cases changes have been made to the designs. Meetings or drop in sessions have been organised in Sawston, Harston and Hauxton by the parish councils, and in other villages parish councils have set aside the first part of a parish council meeting for a presentation on the replacement programme. As with existing lights, if particular residents have problems with specific replacement lights, for example, a light shining directly into a bedroom, then a back-plate or front baffle can be fitted to address the problem.

The time for local consultation in Great Shelford was too short in my view and I have raised this issue with council officers. However, I have successfully taken up specific lighting issues raised by local residents and will continue to do so.

County Council electoral divisions The Local Government Boundary Commission England (LGBCE) contacted the County Council earlier this year to inform the council that LGBCE was going to carry out a review of the County Council's electoral divisions. At present Great Shelford is part of the two-member Sawston division that covers the seven villages of Great Shelford, Harston, Hauxton, Little Shelford, Newton, Sawston and Stapleford and has just over 13,000 electors. In an initial response, the County Council has suggested that the total number of county councillors should be reduced from

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69 to 63, with each county councillor representing about 8,000 electors, rather than the current average of just over 7,000 electors. There will almost certainly be changes locally since the Commission has made it clear that it very much favours single-member wards.

The LGBCE is now carrying out a consultation about Cambridgeshire's county electoral divisions that can be viewed at www.consultation.lgbce.org.uk. In my view it is important that the Parish Council and local residents respond to the consultation so that any new division that includes Great Shelford has some local and geographical coherence. This first round of consultation ends on 19 January 2015.

Highways Minor highway improvements are being ordered. Several of our villages are involved. Sawston's zebra crossing near the school stands at 14th on the list, Stapleford's 40mph limit on Haverhill Road is 16th and Newton's improvement is just below that. We know that there is £200,000 to play with but we don't know how much each improvement costs.

A10 We are concerned about the amount of traffic flowing (or not!) through Harston and bisecting this village. About 16,000 vehicles pass through Harston between 7.00am and 7.00pm now, and many of them are heavy lorries. The traffic will get worse as building along the A10 continues apace. A bypass is essential.

Solar Farm There are plans for a solar farm just outside Sawston on the Green Belt. The first plan was for 1,000m x 600m and was turned down by South Cambs. The new development was for a reduction in size by 60% but still in the Green Belt. We are opposed to any building on the Green Belt as it will change the nature of our villages and make them into suburbs. There is also a plan for a burial ground for 8,000 people on the Green Belt just outside Newton. Quiet neighbours at least! Babraham Institute has also got approval to build on the Green Belt.

Connecting Cambridgeshire The superfast Broadband has reached 42,000 premises, nearly halfway to the 90,000 promised by the end of 2015. The take-up in Cambridgeshire is consistently above average. Most people are excited when they see the green cabinets but some are distressed when they spoil the view. The sitings take into account the location of power and the width of the pavement as well as the need to avoid underground services. Planning Consent is not needed and Councillors are not consulted but Connecting Cambridgeshire works closely with local people. Mark Heath has received the Points of Light Award for voluntary work campaigning for better Broadband and helping people to get online in Spaldwick.

Tony Orgee and Gail Kenney, County Councillors

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SHELFORD SCHOOL NEWS

AN INSPECTOR CALLS

‘Children make good progress because they are taught well.’

‘At playtimes, there is a delightful atmosphere ...’

During our last inspection in February 2010, Ofsted judged our school to be good, which meant that we would be inspected less often than other schools. An interim assessment carried out by Her Majesty’s Inspectorate two years ago showed that the school’s performance had been sustained and that its next full inspection could be deferred until the summer of 2014 at the earliest. We have therefore been ‘awaiting the call’ for some time, and in the week before half term, it finally came.

Readers of a certain age will remember that period in the early 1970s when Britain changed to decimal currency and every transaction was accompanied by a mental calculation into ‘old money’. Trying to compare past and present Ofsted judgements is by no means straightforward, as the inspection framework has changed twice during the time since our last inspection. However, what is certain is that the bar has been raised. Achieving SATs scores which are higher than national and local authority levels is not enough. It must be comprehensively demonstrated that all groups of children make good or better progress given their starting points. Furthermore, and quite rightly, it is not just Achievement of Pupils that informs the inspectors’ judgement; they also judge Leadership and Management, Behaviour and Safety of Pupils, Quality of Teaching and Early Years Provision.

We are therefore delighted, and justifiably proud, that our school has once again been judged to be ‘Good’ in all areas. The full report will soon be available on the Ofsted website, but in the meantime, these are some of the main findings. The inspectors highlighted the fact that children make good progress in the Early Years Foundation Stage, settling quickly at the start of the year and rapidly learning new skills. They felt that pupils are prepared well for the next stage of their education, achieving well and flourishing socially. Across the school, teachers were seen to have good expectations of what pupils should learn, teaching in ways that engage pupils fully and inspire a love of learning.

The children’s personal and social development was singled out, with pupils demonstrably keen to do well and behave sensibly both in and out of lessons. They were friendly and polite and spoke of how they feel safe in school. The school’s provision of many memorable experiences was praised, experiences which contribute well to the children’s personal development and ensure that they leave school as confident, kind and tolerant individuals.

As governors and senior leaders we are of course not complacent and are well aware of the areas in which we need to consolidate practice and move forward. The inspectors recognised that it is the elements of both support and challenge within our team that have ensured improvement since the previous inspection, and we are confident that despite financial constraints and changing governments we have the capacity to improve further. Last but not least, the inspectors noted the very positive partnership the school has with parents, who were overwhelmingly supportive. So, many thanks to the parents for providing such delightful children to work with, and to Mrs Evans and all the team for their hard work and steadfast dedication to their education.

Liz Jenkin, Local Authority Governor

LATEST FROM THE TELEPHONE KIOSK

RING RING!

Hello, is this the Head Elf? It's Rudolph speaking. I've crash landed into a telephone box and sprained my leg! I managed to find a 50p coin and put it in the coin slot so I could call you for some help.

Luckily I met some children from the local school and they're going to look after me for the night which is very kind of them. They also gave me some food which was absolutely brilliant! The children are really nice!

I'll see you when you get here! Bye!



Written by Year 3 pupils *Daniel Lockey, Oliver Chatwin, Luca Sartini-Baldwin and Conall Darby*

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SHELFORD MEDICAL PRACTICE

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The Health Centre will only be closed on the Bank Holidays, that is, Thursday 25 December, Friday 26 December and Thursday 1 January. We shall be working our normal hours on every other day. The Christmas fortnight is usually particularly busy, what with students coming home for the holiday, people wanting last minute prescriptions and so on. If you are able to arrange for routine appointments outside that fortnight, you will have a wider variety of choices. We shall be issuing double prescriptions in advance of that period to try and avoid you having to go to the pharmacy in their equally busy time.

If you need any special arrangements for prescriptions because you are going on holiday we will try and accommodate them, if you let us know. If you can give us as much warning as possible, that will help both you and us.

The national NHS Friends and Family Test

The Government introduced what they call 'The NHS Friends and Family Test' into hospitals a couple of years ago in order to gain feedback about NHS services. They are implementing the test in GP surgeries throughout England on 1 December. Every patient who uses a GP surgery from then on must have the opportunity to fill in a card that will ask 'How likely are you to recommend our service to friends and family if they needed similar care or treatment?' The choices are: Extremely likely; Likely; Neither likely or unlikely; Unlikely; Extremely unlikely; Don't know. There is also a space to say why you said what you did. (I am not allowed to alter the wording to correct any grammar mistakes!) Every month, we will count the number of cards filled in, and enter the number of responses that say either 'Extremely likely' or 'Likely' into a national database. The Government will then put the results on the NHS Choices website. I shall discuss results with the members of our Practice Patient Group.

Other means of feedback direct to the practice will continue. They include: feedback forms on our reception counter and on our website; our complaints procedure; written and verbal comments in person, by post, by phone and by email through our website. I would welcome any suggestions, complaints or compliments about the practice.

Finally, I wish you a happy and healthy holiday season.

Jennet Ashton. Practice Manager
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Annual Toy Collection Our annual toy collection for the Salvation Army will be on Sunday, 7 December. If toys are wrapped please label by age group and boy/girl.

Village Christmas Carol Singing Come and join us at the Great Shelford Memorial Hall on **Thursday 18 December from 7 to 8 pm**. Refreshments afterwards – contributions to a local charity.

Advent Evening Services The evening services in Advent will all be special celebrations to explore the theme of waiting. We start on Advent Sunday, 30 November, with an **Advent Carol Service** at 6.30pm including music, readings and prayers by candlelight, hosted this year by **St Andrew's, Stapleford**. On Sunday 7 December we will have a **Service of Hope** by candlelight at 5pm. The **Christingle Service**, in aid of the Children's Society, is on Sunday 14 December at 5pm. This is a very special act of worship, celebrating Jesus as the light of the world. Do come along and bring your children. The parish **Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols** is on Sunday 21 December at 6.30pm.

Services for Christmas You will be very welcome at all our services over the Christmas season and please do encourage friends and visitors to come along.

Sunday 21 December 6.30pm Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols, followed by mulled wine and mince pies in the parish church.

Christmas Eve

Crib Service 5pm (note change of time) Planned for children and the young at heart, a simple re-telling of the Christmas story with traditional carols.

'Midnight' Parish Communion 11pm (note change of time) The first service of Christmas, with carols, sermon and Holy Communion.

Christmas Day

Holy Communion (BCP 1662) 8am A said tradition language service with a short sermon.

Parish Communion 10am our main service for Christmas morning with carols, sermon and Holy Communion.

No evening service.

Vicarage 'Open House' There will be *Open House* at the Vicarage on Sunday 21 December from 11.30am to 2 pm. Seasonal refreshments promised – **everyone** welcome.

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

Funeral:	Thursday 13 Nov.	Gladys Cook
Burial of Cremated Remains:		
	Thursday 23 Oct	Prof. Thurstan Shaw
	Monday 17 Nov.	Molly Duffing

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.

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

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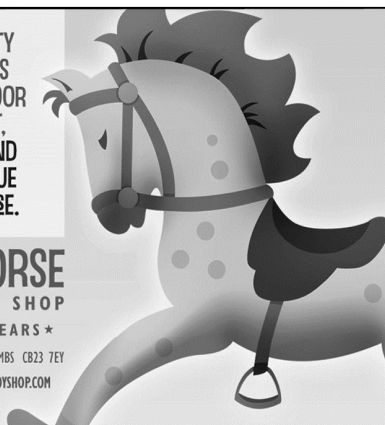
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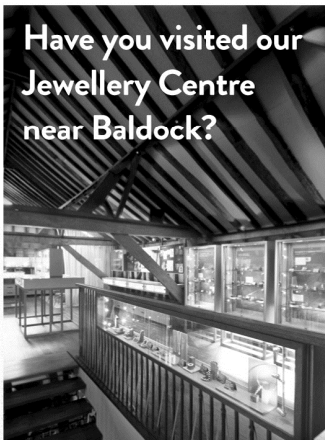
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We will perhaps celebrate with gifts and parties, enjoy festive food and either visit or host members of our family. However, most will give little thought to the significance of the events behind the celebrations.

Let us consider the following:

- The life, teaching, extraordinary claims and miracles of Jesus as recorded by eyewitnesses are unique.
- That Jesus was born, lived and died as recorded in more historic records than any other event in all antiquity.
- The Bible is unique in its continuity with 66 separate books written by over 40 different authors on three continents over a period of 1500 years.
- The Christian experience is unique. Regardless of culture, nation, personality, profession, wealth or poverty, the personal testimony of millions is one of a relationship with God, helping people find peace, forgiveness, the power to change, new meaning, hope, purpose.

You might ask whether religion has caused most of the problems in the world. Probably – or is it man's greed and lust for power?

You might say that you don't believe in God and Jesus Christ. Wow! I wish I had your faith. Forgive me for my lack of faith ... whoops. God already did that.

Why celebrate Christmas? Why bother with Jesus? Why do we need him? Why did he come? Why not? What do we have to do? What now?

If you'd like to discuss any or all of these questions, please don't hesitate to contact the GSFC church office to arrange to meet with me or someone else who will gladly discuss these with you.

We hope that you all have a really good Christmas.

David Baslington, Elder, Great Shelford Free Church



Creative worship for all ages @ Tea Time Together

3T Christmastime Craft @ Free Church 7 December: 3.30 pm

Jesus' birth can be all about shopping and busyness. We will be slowing down for a time of Christmas craft and festive fun for all with a glass of mulled wine.

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 GSFC website for event details.

Services at GSFC in December

7 December @ 10.30 am

Advent Series (2) Rev'd Martin Cockerill

14 December @ 10.30 am

Advent Series (3) Rev'd Martin Cockerill

21 December @ 10.30 am

All Age Christmas Service – Rev'd Martin Cockerill and Diana Parr

21 December @ 6.30 pm

Candlelit Carol Service – Liz Jenkin

25 December @ 10.30 am

Christmas Day Celebration Service – Rev'd Martin Cockerill

28 December @ 10.30 am

Worship Service

Weekly Activities

Sundays:	10.30 am	Worship Service
Tuesdays:	10.00 am	Coffee Pot (shoppers' respite café);
	3.30/4.45 pm	Jump (3/5yrs), Heroes (6/11 yrs)
Wednesdays:	10.00 am	Little Steps (1/3yrs)
	1.30/3.30 pm	Tiny Toes (under 1yr)
Thursdays:	8.00 pm	Stretchworks – a 'workout'
Fridays:	11.00 am	Worship Service
	12.15 pm	Call Inn – a social lunch

For further information about Great Shelford Free Church (Baptist)

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THE SHELFORD FEAST (IT'S NOT ONLY IN THE SUMMER, YOU KNOW!)



The Bunch, organisers of The Feast

All photos: Oggi Tomic

There are two high points in The Feast Calendar. The first is of course the Festival / Feast itself – a week of entertainment and hard work in July. The second is when we give grants to those in need and who have helped us.

The Feast motto is to entertain and to raise funds for local good causes. Our criteria for donations include being local, having a need, and naturally we generally concentrate on the young and the old. We especially appreciate those who help us in creating a Great Shelford Feast.

This year we decided to make the donation evening an occasion where the community could see what all the local groups are doing and share in the community spirit which makes Shelford such a vibrant place to live.

And so we held an exhibition in the Memorial Hall. Nearly forty local good causes took part, each with a board or a table to present what they do to benefit the community and how they have – and will – use Feast funds. Here was their opportunity to showcase their activities and talk about what they do, together.

And so 150 people gathered together to celebrate The Feast, to watch slide shows of recent Feasts, share ideas and encourage each other and to receive the grants they so richly deserved.



Andrew Heather, Feast Chairman, gives £500 to Harry Mallows and Aaliyah Kinnley of Kangaroos club



Brie Lurie receives £500 for Beavers from sponsor Sam Cooke of Tuckers.

great evening, for what you do for the community, and The Bunch is looking forward to seeing you at The Shelford Feast – 6 to 12 July 2015.

The full list of donations is: **£4,000** to Shelford School, **£3,000** to the Mobile Warden Scheme, **£1250** each to Rainbow Pre-school and Wacky Club, **£1,000** each to the Parish Council and SSYI Youth Club, **£500** each to Acacia Court,



Betty Woodhouse, representing Acacia Court, receives £500 for a Christmas lunch for the residents.

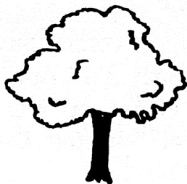
The Big News was that 2014 was a record-breaking year, with a terrific **£26,000** donated to local good causes. This means that next year we are within arm's length of an amazing £250,000 (yes, that's quarter of a million pounds!) for all the money The Feast has donated since its revival in 1994. And that is a phenomenal total!

This Exhibition and donation evening was a great success, not only because these groups received considerable funds to help continue their aims, but because we had in one room 150 people, young and old, willing to put something positive into the community without having any expectation of personal gain – and enjoying themselves in the process. Thanks to everyone for a

Beavers, Bowls, Brownies, CAMMS, Kangaroos, Carpet Bowls, Chestnut Club, Cricket, Cubs, Different Stroke, Football Club, Friends of St Mary's Church, Friends of the Library, Friendship Club, Guides, Junior Badminton, Parkinsons, Rugby, Scout & Guide HQ, Scouts, Shelford Twinning, Stapleford Twinning, Strikers, Sunnyside playgroup, SURFF United, and Winter Comfort, **£300** to the Women's Institute, **£250** each to Orchard House and the Pantomime, **£100** each to the Community Association and Magpas.

*Duncan Grey,
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Now that the Superfast Broadband rollout is well under way in the village, I would like to find out how many homes have not yet been connected. My property, in common with my neighbours, has not been included in the current programme and I would like to know of anyone else in the same position.

This does not apply to properties that have the ability to take up a service from Virgin but only to those previously reliant on a slow broadband connection through their telephone provider such as BT.

I can be contacted on 01223 842704 or on j.b.mundell@btinternet.com

Additionally, Mike Nettleton of local IT company Eagle Analysis has a survey on the Village website which aims to identify residual broadband issues and we would ask anyone interested to complete it. See <http://www.greatshelford.info/home/great-shelford-broadband-advice>

Jim Mundell, The Orchards

The next issue of the *Great Shelford Village News* should be available in the shops on Monday December 29 and subscribed copies delivered shortly after.

DIARY, December 2014

Date	Event	Time	Place
4	Carpet Bowls	7.15 pm	Memorial Hall
4	WI Christmas Party (page 42)	7.30 pm	All Saints Community Room
6	Fitzwilliam Concert Choir (page 16)	7.30 pm	
6	Twinning Association Wine Tasting (page 33)	6.30pm	Free Church
6	Stapleford Parish Council Christmas Fair	9.30am	Memorial Hall
9	Garden Club: A Packet of Parsley (page 45)	7.30pm	Shelford School Hall
9	Stapleford History Society (page 38)	7.30pm	Jubilee Pavilion Stapleford
11	Carpet Bowls	7.15pm	Memorial Hall
12	W.I. Music for Christmas	7.30pm	Memorial Hall
13	Scouts Breakfast (page 10)	8.30–11am	Scouts Hut
17	Engage: the Cambridge Corpus Clock (page 41)	2.00–3.30pm	Shelford Library
17, 18	Carol Singing Rehearsals (page 16)	7.30–9pm	Free Church Hall
18	Carol Singing (page 16)	7.00–8.00pm	Outside Mem. Hall
20	Stapleford Choral Concert (page 27)	7.30pm	Stapleford School Hall

There will be a Country Market in the Memorial Hall on December 3, 10 and 17 (page 30). There will not be a Farmers' Market in December.

BIN COLLECTIONS

Black bins 8 December, 22 December

Blue bins only 1 December **Blue Bins and Green Bins** 15 December

VILLAGE NEWS DISTRIBUTOR NEEDED

Would anyone be willing to distribute about 20 copies of the *Village News* every month to the area in the middle of Cambridge Road? If so, please contact me on 01223 842553.

Bridget Hodge

TENNIS CLUB

Not much to report this month. Total tedium. What oh what (our members cry) can relieve the unbearable darkness of December? Joking!! Autumn at GSTC is fantastic for four reasons (though other reasons are available).

1 British Top Ten player David ‘Bomb’ Rice has joined the club and now has regular sessions with head coach Hamid Hejazi. When David’s not signing autographs for the juniors you might have seen him around the village ... six foot seven with a serve like a howitzer. Do say hello as he’s just settling in and is ever so friendly.

2 Hamid is a dad. Best wishes to Hamid and Jamie on the birth of baby James in late October. He has his mother’s eyes and his father’s backhand.

3 The Junior Tournament. The boys’ final was contested by Sam Jacot (pictured, left) and Giovanni Cinque, with Sam emerging victorious. Olivia Hyde won the girls’ contest. Congratulations to the winners and all who took part.

4 The GSTC Annual Dinner will have taken place, but not before the *Village News* went to print. So you’ll just have to buy the next edition to find out all the tittle-tattle: expect tales of riotous fun, fantastic jokes and perhaps a picture or two proving (obviously) how tennis makes you beautiful. You should join! www.gstc.org.uk



Stephen Chittenden

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RUGBY CLUB

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- Shelford 1st XV will play Chinnor with a 2pm kick off.
- A three course carvery is open to everyone – three meats, a good choice of vegetables with a pudding, cheese and biscuits, followed by tea or coffee for the bargain price of £16 per person. Please contact Jackie Burgoyne on jackieshelford1@gmail.com
- Dance thru' the Decades to a disco from 8pm to midnight. £15 advance ticket.
- Cash bar: welcome drink and canapés included. Optional Christmas attire. Over 18s only.

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Ernie Mills

Ernie, his son Mike and grandson Ed are all very involved at Shelford Rugby Club. Ernie is a resident in Shelford and has helped out at the rugby club for many years, more recently he has managed the kit shop. Now in his 95th year, Ernie has decided to retire from the shop and spend more time in his garden! On behalf of the club I would like to wish him all the best and thank him for his years of dedication to the club and look forward to seeing him at the next carvery at the club.

Stephanie Hatter, Youth Secretary

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We will be planting attractive flowering trees – Crab apple, Rowan and White beam – not only to promote song but also to provide pollen and nectar for bees and other insects, and later in the year berries to help the birds survive the winter.

To date we have received donations to buy eight trees planted about 20m apart and as the western hedge is about 500m long we would be delighted to receive additional donations if Christmas has not already put you in debt!

If you wish to donate you will find a ‘Singing Trees Appeal’ donation form on our website www.magogtrust.org.uk. Cheques payable to the Magog Trust marked ‘Singing Trees Appeal’ can be sent to the Magog Trust, Vergers Cottage, 1 Gog Magog Way, Stapleford CB22 5BQ; we are also able to accept direct bank payments of which details are on the form, and donations can be Gift Aided.

Bryan Davies

COUNTRY MARKET



Christmas is coming with just three markets in December: 3rd, 10th and 17th. All our stalls should be well stocked with home-made goodies and preserves, home grown dessert and cooking apples, seasonal foliage and plants and a good selection of many original hand-crafted items. An opportunity for Christmas shopping at your leisure followed by a cup of coffee, tea or hot chocolate!

Our Christmas order book is open. Please come and order at the market or phone me on Cambridge 843946. Orders must be collected on Wednesday December 17 which is the last market of the year. Though it sounds a long way off, the market will be then closed for three weeks and will re-open on Wednesday January 14.

Meantime, to all our customers and friends, thank you for coming into the market throughout the year. Without you, there would be no Country Market in Great Shelford. We wish you a Happy Christmas. *Dorothy Doel*

The Market is in the Memorial Hall, Woollards Lane, every Wednesday from 8.30 to 11.30am excluding December 25 2014, January 1 and 7 2015.

FOOTBALL CLUB

As we approach the festive period, a quick update of the season so far.

Our First Team are having another good season, currently second in the Kershaw Premier League, two points behind the leaders with a game in hand, having lost just once this season.

Also, still in the three cup competitions:

- Our Reserves are having a much better season, sitting mid table having won 3 of their 7 league games.
- Our Ladies are doing very well, currently third in the Eastern Region Women's Premier League.
- Although they have only played one league game, our Veterans are joint top of the Veterans League.

We would like to take this opportunity of wishing you all a Very Happy Christmas and, if you fancy blowing away the cobwebs, our First Team are at home to Over on Saturday 27 December!!!

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It may be recalled that I appealed in a recent GSVN for extra people to help with house-to-house collections. Although this produced only one volunteer, three other new helpers came forward. These welcome offers were unfortunately offset by the loss of two volunteers who can no longer manage the task, the temporary absence of three others. I have, however, been delighted to receive offers for next year from two new volunteers.

Although Little Shelford achieved a record total, the overall figure for the two parishes was £619 less than in 2013. Collections in shops, pubs, banks, the post office and the school were down by £268 and house-to-house collections down by £177, though the amount collected outside Scotsdales on the first Sunday was £83 more than last year.

Details are as follows: boxes in shops, pubs, banks etc. £1073.25, house-to-house collections £2369.65, collection outside Scotsdales £461.02, church collections at St. Mary's and the Free Church £135.10, and a late donation £15.

Thanks, as always are due to the many shops etc. which welcomed collecting boxes, to the hard-working house-to-house collectors and to the residents and shoppers in Great Shelford who gave so generously. Although, due to Alan Varty's efforts, Little Shelford continues to be thoroughly covered, it is impossible to call at all the houses in Great Shelford, and more help to cover them adequately would still be greatly appreciated.

Michael Farrar, Honorary Poppy Appeal Organiser

SAWSTON VILLAGE COLLEGE

We are now starting to plan new courses for January so if there is anything you are interested in, or anything you could offer to teach, please contact us. Most courses start the week commencing **12 January**.

Some new courses planned already are *an Introduction to Generative Art, an Introduction to Garden Design, International Cooking and Cooking on a Budget* so if you are interested in any of these you can enrol now. Due to this term's Mindfulness course being oversubscribed, we have a new one starting on 19 January for 8 weeks for which we are already taking enrolments so don't delay, enrol today.

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30 YEARS OF SINGING IN STAPLEFORD

On Saturday 20 December at 7.30pm Stapleford Choral Society will hold its regular Christmas concert in Stapleford School Hall with carols and other seasonal music. It should be an enjoyable start to the festive season and we hope a goodly number of you will come and share it with us, especially as this will be a landmark occasion for the choir, 2014 being our 30th anniversary year.

The choir actually has its origins back in 1982/3 when a collection of musicians associated with St Andrew's church thought it might be a good idea to start a village music group. As a result, two, mainly orchestral, concerts were organised in that year. The success of these events prompted the formation of 'Stapleford Singers' in 1984 under the direction of Helen Tooke.

Since that time we are proud that the choir has survived, albeit with a name change, no mean feat in these days of increased work and family pressures that have resulted in the demise of many community groups. It has thrived under the batons of a sequence of five able and enthusiastic directors: Helen Tooke, Janet Wrightson, Jane Chisholm, Keith Bickle and our present conductor Adam Pounds (not forgetting the benefit of a series of very committed accompanists who have been equally important to the choir's success). We have rehearsed and performed a large and varied repertoire of music ranging from 13th century songs to 21st century compositions, including pieces by choir members and Adam himself; a whisk through available past programmes reveals works, sacred and secular, by at least 60 composers, familiar and not so familiar.

Above all we have enjoyed ourselves. In addition to the regular concerts in the village, and also latterly in Cambridge, there have been many other memorable occasions: the Victorian Music Hall staged, in costume, in a marquee on the recreation ground to celebrate the centenary of Stapleford Gala and Flower Show, the trips to France, in co-operation with Shelford Twinning Association to perform alongside the Verneuil Chorale and the Chorale's reciprocal visit, the performance of 'Dido and Aeneas' in a member's barn when there was a very timely thunderstorm, the fire in a neighbouring building site that nearly put paid to the ascent of 'Elijah's fiery chariot', the weddings and, sadly, the funeral ... the list goes on.

As in all societies, membership waxes and wanes, singers come and go (and come back again!) and a few stalwarts have even continued singing since the beginning. We have been fortunate to maintain a fair quorum of singers. However, we welcome new members from everywhere, not just Stapleford and Shelford, and now that we have our splendid new rehearsal venue in Stapleford Granary we hope even more will come and join us to ensure another 30 years of music-making.

Jill Butler



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SAWSTON MEDICAL PRACTICE

Jenny Aston, Advanced Nurse Practitioner at Sawston Medical Practice, has recently received a Royal College of General Practitioners faculty award. This recognised her work seeking to standardise and improve the organisation of General Practice both nationally and locally. She has worked tirelessly to raise the issue of Practice Nurse training. There is currently no nationally recognised Career Framework for Practice Nurses, and no specifically identified funding to train either Nurses or Health Care Assistants. Individual practices pay for training from an ever decreasing income. The recent 'Put Patients First: Back General Practice' campaign has highlighted the lack of investment in General Practice. It receives 8.4% of the NHS budget but provides 90% of all NHS contacts.

As Chair of the Royal College of General Practitioners Foundation Nursing Group, Jenny (pictured right receiving her reward) has a powerful role and has been influential in developing national standards and competency frameworks for Health Care Assistants and Nurses working in General Practice. The lack of nurse training placements in General Practice has fuelled the recruitment problems as students do not experience General Practice and so it is not always considered as a career option. Jenny Aston's goal is to see all Health Care Assistants and Nurses trained to the highest possible standards so that the best care can be provided for patients.



The Practice is pleased to celebrate the success of the two Flu Saturdays we held this year. Over the two days we were able to administer in excess of 2,000 vaccinations to the Practice population.

And finally, Christmas and New Year are upon us again. The Practice is only closing on Thursday and Friday, 25 and 26 December, and then again for one day on Thursday 1 January. Apart from those three days it will be business as usual. If you have any problems on the days we are closed, remember – you can call 111. A very Happy Christmas and Happy New Year to you all.

Alison Podgorska



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Seán is a Senior Lecturer in History at Anglia Ruskin University, award-winning playwright, author of many textbooks and popular history books and a regular contributor on local radio and Radio 5 Live. Not to be missed!

All welcome, members free and non-members £3 on the door.

SHELFORD SCHOOL PTA SECOND HAND BIKE SALE

Most sincere thanks to those village residents, who sold bikes and/or came and supported our Second Hand Bike Sale in October. During the past two years the Second Hand Bike Sale idea has developed and grown to include scooters, tag-alongs, child bike seats, and has even featured a unicycle and an adult tricycle.

A MASSIVE THANK YOU therefore to James Prisk for giving up time to collect/check bikes in advance, and in heading up this fundraiser **for the 5th time!** Thanks also to Dan Staines for his help and to Mike Paduano for running the sale with James. These gentlemen are indeed a top team. The PTA is most grateful too for the help and assistance given by The Finlay Group, including the kind loan of their vehicle to support this recent event.

At this sale it was again notable that a significant number of items sold had very generously been *donated* to the PTA, which of course boosts the overall sum raised. The bike profit from October stands in excess of £500. It is great to see this event continue to be a significant fundraiser, and one which creates a good level of local interest.

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DUXFORD ADVENT MARKET GERMAN-STYLE ADVENT CRAFT FAIR

Duxford is all set to hold its fourth Advent Market. This lively German-style event will be held on **Saturday December 6** from 4pm in the wonderfully atmospheric St John's church, now rarely used for services and unmodernised since Victorian times.



Shoppers enjoy the choice at last year's fair

Over 20 quality craft stalls will be joined by carol singers and a sax band to entertain whilst shoppers warm up with a mug of authentic Glühwein, car drivers' hot chocolate and a Bratwurst or two. Santa will be there taking orders and (new this year) has a story-teller's corner to keep the children enthralled whilst Mum and Dad go shopping. There'll be plenty of opportunity to stock up on Christmassy food and to buy stocking fillers of every kind. From classy necklaces to glitzy decorations, it's all there, along with gift wraps, ribbons and cards.

The Advent Market began in 2011 as a way of raising funds for village good causes whilst giving local people an opportunity to brave the December chill and get into the Christmas spirit with family, friends and neighbours.

The Advent Market is open to everyone, free of charge, from 4pm to 8pm on Saturday December 6 at St John's Church in Duxford.

Libby Earl

W.I. NEWS

The November meeting was well attended and a number of visitors from previous meetings have now joined as full members. It was a busy meeting which began with a short talk on organ donation by our secretary Carol Grenz. The W.I. nationally are promoting the campaign to encourage people to discuss organ donation with their families and to make their wishes clear.

The main speaker was Mary Dicken, who gave a fascinating talk on the lives of Medieval Women which was beautifully illustrated with pictures from medieval manuscripts where the details of everyday life are often depicted in the decorations around the texts.

The next meeting on Thursday 4 December will be the Christmas party where we will celebrate our first year. We meet on the first Thursday of the month at 7.30 p.m. in All Saints' Community Room (behind the church) in Little Shelford. New members are always very welcome.

Mary Talbott.

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You don't need to go abroad to catch a bit of winter sun: in the darkest months, warm up inside with a bit of potted plant pageantry for the festive season! Our Glasshouse Range at the Botanic Garden is a great place for some inspiration.

The tropics provide Christmas cactus and poinsettia. The Christmas cactus is a forest canopy cactus from the coastal mountains of Brazil with arching spidery sprays of segmented, succulent and toothed leaves. As the days shorten, the plant is triggered to produce beautiful waxy flowers in bright pinks, purples, scarlets and oranges. The flowers are made up of very many tepals – as many as 40 – the outer ones reflexing and the

inner ones lengthening to give the impression of a flower within a flower. Shortening days are also key to vivid colour in another great Christmas plant, the poinsettia, which is in fact a Central American member of the spurge family, Euphorbiaceae. The central knot of unprepossessing flowers is surrounded by the huge bracts which colour up in response to short winter day-length. To have them at their best for Christmas, try to restrict the plant's exposure to day or artificial light to a maximum of 12 hours a day from November onwards and keep the temperature constant at around 18°C.

The Mediterranean and Middle East provide wonderful winter-flowering bulbs including hyacinth and narcissus which bring not only their richly-scented flowers, but some Greek mythology into the house. Hyacinth was so named after a flower sprang from the blood of the young man, Hyacinth, struck down by a discus during a fight between jealous gods, Apollo and Zephyr; Narcissus was the boy so vain and in love with his own reflection in a pool that he took root and became a flower, while the unnoticed nymph in love with him, Echo,

faded away until just her voice was left. Heat treated hyacinth and narcissus bulbs will flower in time for Christmas and can be closely packed into a pot.

In fact, closely packing potted plants together not only creates a fantastic centrepiece but increases the ambient humidity which will improve display. It's also sensible to site somewhere with good but indirect light and avoid spots with great temperature fluctuations such as in a draught or above a radiator.

Juliet Day

The Garden is closed for Christmas from 4pm on Tuesday 23 December 2014 to 10am on Friday 2 January 2015. Admission charges to the Botanic Garden increase from **1 January 2015** and will be as follows: adult £5.00 (gift aid £5.50), concession £4.50 (gift aid £4.95). Please visit the website for details at www.botanic.cam.ac.uk.

GARDEN CLUB

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Ian Limmer of Peter Beales Roses in Attleborough, who have won over 20 gold medals for their rose displays at the Chelsea Garden Show, spoke about their climbing and rambling roses.

Climbers usually have large single-headed flowers and most will flower repeatedly through the year. To maintain flowering they require good soil and feeding. To prevent flowers being produced only at the top of the plant, the stems can be trained horizontally, which should encourage new growth to emerge all along the stem. Climbers are best grown on walls and pergolas.

Ramblers have large clusters of smaller blooms and generally flower once over 3–6 weeks of the year. They are tougher and once established, will withstand poorer soil conditions and shade. Ramblers are good for trellis and arches.

CLIMBERS

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Aloha Sumptuous, many-petalled, pink rose with strong fragrance.

Breath of Life Apricot, hybrid tea-like, fragrant flowers, freely produced.

Casino Clusters of scented, globular mid-yellow fully double flowers on strong stems.

Sombreuil Pure white base to the classically-formed flowers, sometimes flushed with pink.

Souvenir du Docteur Jamain Velvet, red-wine flowers, suitable for a north facing wall.

Height 3–4.5 metres (10–15 feet)

Gloire de Dijon Very large, full tea-scented, buff to orange flowers.

Alchymist Strongly scented double flowers, with a mixture of yellow and yolky orange, colouring, paling with age.

Meg Large buff yellow, flushed apricot single flowers with rust-red stamens, followed by large hips.

RAMBLERS**Height 3–4.5 metres (10–15 feet)**

Sanders White Scented, rosette flowers of pure white in cascading clusters. Bright green foliage.

Chevy Chase Large clusters of small, double, deep crimson blooms produced in great profusion in early summer.

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Ethel Large clusters of small, pale pink flowers on a vigorous, pliable plant.

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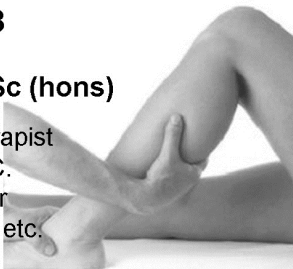
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2	Jazz Choir
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6	2pm & 4pm Snowman Family Concert with Howard Blake at St Andrews Church in Stapleford
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6	8pm Goldfield Ensemble with pre-concert talk at 7pm of Howard Blake interviewed by Christine Talbot Cooper.
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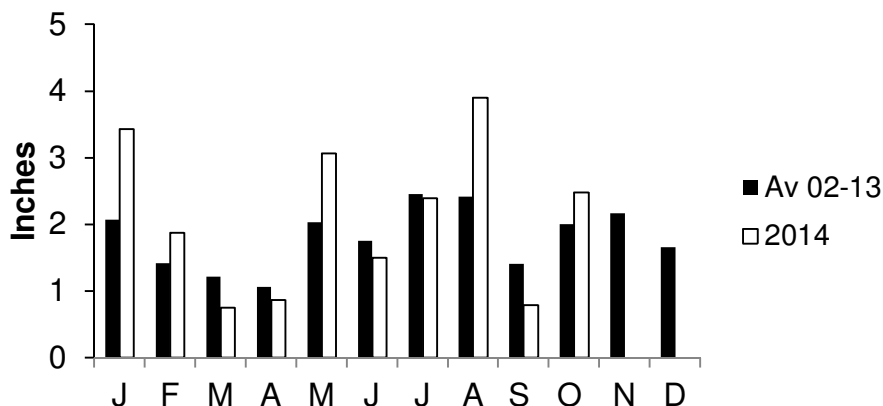
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