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GREAT SHELFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Extracts from November meeting

PUBLIC SESSION

Former Railway Tavern site Since the Appeal which had permitted the development of 13 flats, the site has been acquired by Exemplar Living. A new planning application will be submitted for 8 houses and 4 affordable flats. Architect Rowan Haysom described the new design: similar footprint and elevations to the previous plan; a more prominent and rounded 'landmark, focal-point' corner by the railway line; the predominant character would be of three adjoining terraced buildings, one (closest to the railway line) of three floors, the others of two storeys with dormers; vehicle access through to parking in an undercroft extending beyond the rear of the buildings; parking for 15 vehicles. Comments concerned minimal parking provision, closeness of frontage to Station Road, light reduction on neighbouring properties and the possibility of a funnelling effect of wind along the front of the building.

MOBILE WARDEN SCHEME Jenny Morris outlined the parlous state of the Scheme's finances with increased demands, fewer grants and costs increasing. A larger grant from The Feast had helped, but more was needed. The Chairman (Cllr Nightingale) **proposed** a Grant of £3,350. This was **agreed** unanimously.

MINUTES of 15 October were **confirmed** as accurate records and signed by the Chairman.

PROGRESS ON MATTERS ARISING

Street lighting Concerns remained about columns on Birch Trees and Buristead Roads, and the column by the zebra crossing on Church Street, as well as how long it was taking to restore footpaths and pavements. The Clerk was in daily contact with the contractors on these issues. **Action**: Clerk.

Speed limit reductions The 40 mph signs have been removed on Hinton Way. A number of 30 mph repeaters have been installed, but the County Highways Department said these were a mistake and would be removed as they were not legal. All 40 mph signs have been removed on Cambridge Road. The County will install, for a temporary period, speed limit reduction signs.

Welch's site S106 meeting with Stapleford The Chairman said Stapleford did not wish to meet. Arbitration was needed. He would check for precedents. Action: Chairman.

REPORTS FROM ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES

County Cllr Orgee presented his report. In respect of the Review of County Council electoral divisions, the Council noted its importance and the

desirability of the new Great Shelford Electoral Division including other villages of similar requirements and characteristics. **Action**: Parish Council to submit comments within 19 January deadline.

District Cllr Shelton said he would be meeting Connecting Cambridgeshire the next day to discuss neighbourhoods that had not been connected for broadband.

In respect of police matters, he had been reminded by the Chief Inspector that Shelford seemed particularly vulnerable at Christmas time to burglaries.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES AND REPRESENTATIVES

Recreation Cllr Smith thought that Borley Brothers had finished their work on the Play Area. Cllr Smith said that S & L Builders could concrete the areas around the gates to the Play Area so that they would not flood, at a cost of £545 plus VAT. **Agreed** that S & L should proceed and that the quote be put in writing and sent to the Clerk. Painting of the Play Area equipment has been postponed until the spring.

Agreed that the two planting tubs which had previously stood either side of the Arch be re-sited in front of the Library. **Action:** Cllrs Harwood and Hodge.

It was noted that a new leaf blower has been purchased.

Cllr Smith has located in the external store cupboard of the Pavilion the switch for the single training light.

Two new wood-sided rubbish bins similar to those already in use on the Recreation Ground should be sourced. **Action**: Clerk.

HIGHWAYS Cllr Shelton has set up a site meeting with County Council Highways to look at the road markings and signage at High Green. In respect of prolonged parking by the new post vans at High Green over weekends and at other times, he said he would take this up. **Action** Cllr Shelton.

Cllr Coggins has been approached by residents in Ashen Green about inconsiderate parking by users of the Wednesday Mothers' and Toddlers' Group at the Free Church. **Action**: Cllr Shelton to speak to the PCSOs; Clerk to speak to the Organiser.

PLANNING Cllr Hodge said all recent applications had been straightforward except 31 Granta Terrace on which refusal was recommended because the tight layout did not allow sufficient space for cars to manoeuvre.

ALLOTMENTS AND CEMETERY Cllr Harwood's Report has been circulated. Cllr Hodge said that the *Village News* would probably contribute only one bench since there were already a number of benches at the Cemetery.

SPORTS PAVILION Tim Page (Architect/Project Manager) was not present. The Chairman wanted a progress report in respect of the timber cladding and

other snagging issues. If necessary, he would call an Extraordinary Meeting for these to be discussed. **Action**: Clerk to take this up with Tim Page.

REQUEST FROM SSYI for permission to hold a two-evening trial in December of a football cage/net in the Car Park. **Agreed**, but not on Friday 12 December when there would be a large event in the Memorial Hall. **Action**: Clerk to inform SSYI.

CHARGES FOR OPERATION OF FISH AND CHIP TRAILER It was noted that Mr Bahadirgil was applying for the necessary permits from SCDC. A fee of £10 per evening, which was in line with precedents, should be charged if the trial proceeds. **Agreed**. **Action**: Clerk to inform Mr Bahadirgil.

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN Cllrs Hodge and Fane said that the recent Public Meeting had gone well. About a dozen enthusiastic villagers attended. Alison Talkington and David Roberts (both SCDC) gave helpful presentations and advice. The main advantage of a Neighbourhood Plan was that the village would receive 25% of any Community Infrastructure Funds (CIL) instead of 15%. The Parish Council would lead the process, but there must be community involvement and wide consultation, and issues needed to be identified. Before a Plan could be finalised, a public referendum, with a more than 50% 'yes' vote, was required. Funding up to £7,000 was available and a further tranche would be released in April. There was considerable enthusiasm for updating and expanding the existing Village Design Statement. The Council **agreed** that there should be a further meeting in mid-January.

FINANCE Cheques as presented by the Clerk, amounting to £5,402.91, were approved and signed, and receipts of £1,162.00 noted. It was noted with approval that the Internal Auditor would undertake a half-yearly review of the Accounts and related matters on 25 November.

CORRESPONDENCE SCDC have written advising the Parish Council of the estimated tax base for 2015–16. This was accepted. HMRC have advised that the VAT exemption certificate issued by the Parish Council in respect of the construction of the pavilion was irregular, but they were prepared to overlook this.

MATTERS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION Agreed that Rob Mungovan, SCDC Ecology Officer, be invited to the January meeting to make a presentation on the Riverbank.

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. PLANNING APPLICATIONS PARISH COUNCIL COMMENTS

| S/2300/14/FL | Mr Peter Wilkinson | Erection of two-storey extension | | | |
|------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------------|--|--|--|
| | 5 Hills View | to side of dwelling with | | | |
| | | associated works. | | | |
| No objections. | | | | | |
| | | | | | |
| S/2286/14/FL | Arthur Rank Hospice | Provision of footpath/cycleway | | | |
| | Caius Farm | and lighting. | | | |
| | Shelford Bottom | | | | |
| No objections. | | | | | |
| | | | | | |
| S/2551/14/FL | Mr D Latham | Proposed single-storey side | | | |
| | 91 Hinton Way | extension. | | | |
| No objections. | | | | | |
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| S/2510/14/FL | Mr and Mrs J Ashurst | Front and rear extensions. | | | |
| | 21 Westfield Road | | | | |
| No objections. | | | | | |
| | | | | | |
| S/180014/RM | Croudace Homes Ltd | Erection of 44 dwellings – | | | |
| | Welchs Transport Ltd, | reserved matters scheme (layout, | | | |
| | Granta Terrace. | scale, appearance and land- | | | |
| | | scaping) pursuant to outline | | | |
| | | planning permission reference | | | |
| | | S/1725/12/OL. | | | |
| No objections to | the amended plans. | | | | |
| | • | | | | |
| S/2510/14/FL | 21 Westfield Road | Front and rear extensions. | | | |
| | Mr and Mrs J Ashurst | | | | |
| No objections. | • | • | | | |
| - | | | | | |
| S/2509/14/FL | Dr C N Harter | Conversion of garage to study | | | |
| | Rosa House | and toilet. | | | |
| | The Hectare | | | | |
| No objections. | • | | | | |
| | | | | | |

| S/2525/14/LB | The Thatched Cottage, Shelford Bottom Mr Stuart Mills | Alterations including height of entrance doors and floor level adjustment, bedroom and ensuite adjustment, new timber glazed screen to match existing, removal of stud wall and reinstatement of attic entrance |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| | | hatch. |
| No objections. Happy to leave the decision to the Conservation team. | | |

| S/2627/14/FL | Mr Hugh Moss | Proposed climbing frame. | | | |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------------|--|--|--|
| | 153 Cambridge Road | | | | |
| | _ | | | | |
| The site seems well screened so we are happy to recommend approval as long | | | | | |
| as the neighbours do not object. | | | | | |

| S/1257314/FL | Mr Jamie Inman | Dwelling and access. |
|--------------|----------------|----------------------|
| | Granhams Road | |

The design and layout of the proposed dwelling is the product of detailed consultation with the planning department and neighbours, therefore we have no objection. We are however concerned about the maintenance of that part of the site which has been designated for highway improvements. We would prefer it if the occupier of the property was allowed to use the land until it was required for highway improvements and the 1.8 m close-boarded fence was replaced by a post and rail fence with hedge planting.

| S/2746/14/FL | Mr I Noble 105 Cambridge Road | Dormer window and extension to two dormer windows. |
|----------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|
| No objections. | | |

| S/1443/14/FL | Mr Charles Worthington, | Variation of condition 2 of |
|--------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------|
| | Lowden Construction Ltd | planning application |
| | Rectory Farm, Church St | S/1367/12/FL in order to |
| | | amend the design of the |
| | | previously approved scheme. |
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No objection to the revision to the retaining wall and the amended fenestration to the barns but we did query the omission of the original doors on the amended plans. We welcome the re-instatement of these original features.

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COUNTY COUNCIL

New Free Cycling Facilities More cycle racks are proposed on the guided busway route. These are being trialled at major busway stops in St Ives and Swavesey as well as in the City Centre and are funded from the Local Sustainable Transport Fund.

Time banking This is a way for communities to come together and help each other. The idea is that a village or locality appoints a coordinator to act as broker, and develop local groups. People can then offer each other skills and help, and bank the time they spend so that they can receive help in return, thus building social networks. At present in Cambridgeshire there are Time Banks in Cambourne, Littleport, St. Ives, St. Neots, and Somersham. For more information see *wendy.lansdowne@cambridgeshire.gov.uk*.

New Cycleways Two new cycleways, Wandlebury to Babraham Research Campus and Whittlesford to Granta Park, will be opened on January 9. There will be a leisurely cycle ride from Wandlebury Country Park starting at 12.45pm and an opening at Whittlesford Memorial Hall Mill Lane at 2.00pm.

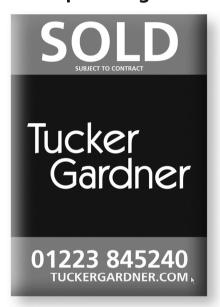
Sawston Community Hub This will be built beside the Marven Centre. There will be a flexible library space, large multipurpose spaces, flexible office space, two interview rooms and an outdoor play area. Building will start in autumn 2015 and the building will open in summer 2016.

A14 Cambridge to Huntingdon Improvement Scheme There has been a slight delay as additional design work has been done in response to the Great Ouse Flood Plan but the improvements are still scheduled to start in 2016 and be complete in 2020.

Early Help Services We need to make a further £6 million cut in our budget in the next three years, therefore a complete reorganisation is necessary. A whole family approach is being developed with emphasis on early intervention and prevention. No further reduction in finances is expected.

Green Belt Cambridge is changing in response to the growth in technological businesses. The growth that is envisaged may cause traffic congestion, harm to the Cambridge setting with pressure on its historic core, and social and ecological disruption. We live in an arid area and cannot replace the water needed for new populations. Our sewage system is outdated and in danger of breaking down and pollution is at dangerous levels. We therefore need to defend our Green Belt and make better use of Brown Field Sites, as well as encourage more development and employment in our Cambridgeshire Towns and ensure that we have fast and efficient public transport systems.

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A very Happy New Year to you all!

A New Clergy Colleague in July 2015

I am delighted to report that Bishop Stephen has appointed a part time assistant curate to St Mary's, with effect from July 1. Our new colleague's name is Monica Cameron. She will be completing her ministry course at Westcott House in Cambridge for the rest of this academic year and will be ordained deacon at the end of June at the Cathedral. Monica will begin her ministry here in early July as a part time stipendiary assistant curate, continuing to live in her home in Cherry Hinton. Monica writes:

'I am really looking forward to joining you next year and thank you for your warm welcome. I am in my final year at Westcott House Theological College, I have previously worked as a solicitor, and as a teacher. I am divorced and moved to Cherry Hinton 13 years ago (from west London) with my three daughters, Charlotte (23), Harriet (21) and Jessica (13). We have a dog and three chickens. Charlotte has just graduated in English and Philosophy from Southampton, Harriet is in her final year at Bristol University reading Politics and Social Policy, and Jessica attends Sancton Wood School. I enjoy going to the theatre, watching television with my children, listening to classical music and walking our dog.'

Please keep Monica in your prayers in the coming months; she will be making some occasional visits to the parish in the meantime.

Wednesday Holy Communion

The Wednesday Holy Communion celebration will change time to 9.30am from 1 January. This slightly earlier time reverts to the original pre-vacancy arrangements and is at the request of the regular congregation.

Toy Collection – thank you

Sincere thanks for the splendid annual toy collection in aid of the Salvation Army which took place on 7 December.

Shelford Feast Grants 2014 - thank you

Sincere thanks to The Bunch for the generous support received in the 2014 grants to support The Friends of Great Shelford Parish Church; the grant will

help to provide electric hand dryers for the Community Room toilets and additional storage space for users of the room.

Guest Preacher

We will be delighted to welcome The Revd. Martin Cockerill, Minister at Great Shelford Free Church, who is coming to preach at the Parish Communion at St Mary's on Sunday 1 February. This will be Martin's first preaching visit to St Mary's; do come along and make him 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: 9.30am 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:

Baptism: Wednesday 10 December Lumi Iza Ayres Funeral: Tuesday 9 December Ron Kynaston

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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Simon Talbott

SHELFORD SCHOOL NEWS

As usual, the run up to the Christmas break is action-packed and full of excitement at Shelford School. The school is decorated, the post box is out and Mary and Joseph have been chosen.

Firstly it is worth acknowledging a few non-Christmas related activities. Year 5 children and staff have been to Burwell House for their residential trip. Whilst there, children had use of the recording studios during the day. A good time was had by all – if not a good night's sleep. Years 1 and 2 enjoyed a special Indian Day as part of their Diwali topic. The children were visited by 'Indi'. He taught the children (along with staff and parents) how to Bhangra dance. The children were also shown some traditional Indian clothing and had the chance to do some drumming. In the afternoon the children were shown how to make Rangoli patterns. Joseph Rayment said of the day 'I really enjoyed the day because Indi made it so much fun'.

Shelford School was the highest scoring school in the recent Beat the Street scheme. The school received a cheque for £54.15, and another for £500 which will be passed on to the NSPCC. Well done to all pupils for the fantastic effort! Pupils were invited to take part in the annual Operation Christmas Child shoe box appeal. Many pupils filled boxes and 128 were collected, a very positive contribution indeed.

The Shelford School Christmas Fair has just taken place with the usual variety of stalls. Fair-goers enjoyed raffles, tombolas, fine foods, mulled wine and mince pies, craft stalls, the school council nearly-new toy stall and of course Santa in his grotto. This event is crucial to fundraising and thanks must go to the PTA for their brilliant organisation. Staff are working diligently and tirelessly to produce the much anticipated Foundation stage and KS1 Nativity. We also look forward to the Christmas Service in St Mary's Church on 17 December. Term will end with the much-loved Shelford School 'Christmas Day'. Pupils are invited to wear party clothes to school and participate in a day of festive celebrations. It really is the most wonderful time of the year!

Julie Crawford (School Governor)

The school, represented by myself, Peter Ede (Chair of Governors), Henry Denton (Head Boy) and Angela Ede (Head Girl) were pleased to be able to attend the recent Shelford Feast presentation evening at the Memorial Hall. We were delighted to receive an amazing cheque for £4,000 to help with our development of Outdoor Learning at the school. Thank you so much to 'the Bunch' and to all who attended and contributed to the marvellous Shelford Feast events. Children, staff, parents and governors are extremely grateful.

Alison Evans (Headteacher)

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ACE FOUNDATION



On December 6 we were treated to a fantastic concert by the Stapleford Granary's 2014 resident ensemble *The Goldfield Ensemble* and the choirs of Great and Little Shelford Primary School and Stapleford Primary School. As well as festive music from the ensemble, the choir sang two songs accompanied by the ensemble and conducted by Lucy Barlow.

The real highlight of the afternoon was *The Snowman*; the world premier of the piece for string quartet was accompanied by animating narration by Kate Romano and *We're Walking in The Air* was sung beautifully by the children. To top it all off Howard Blake, composer of *The Snowman*, introduced the piece and signed lots of autographs!

Susannah Bangham

SHELFORD TWINNING ASSOCIATION WINE TASTING

Thirty-four people, including a number of non-members whom we were delighted to welcome, came to our event on December 6 to taste a varied selection of wines. The wines had all been sourced in France during a previous visit; the price comparison with what you would have to pay in an English supermarket for the same thing was an eye opener. There were three categories – sparkling, white and red – with three wines in each category. To ensure unbiased evaluation the bottles were covered so everyone could decide (or guess) which was the particular region or grape.



Michael Moule (right) and Colin Jefferson (left, standing) oversee the wine tasting

The emphasis for the evening was on informality and having an entertaining and fun time but proceedings were nevertheless ably and informatively led by Colin Jefferson and Michael Moule, who instructed us on how to assess each wine:

- 1 Don't pour out too much leave room in the glass to swirl and sniff!
- 2 Sight: Tilt glass sideways over a white surface to look at the colour; does the wine leave a transparent coating on the side of the glass (the 'legs')?
- 3 *Nose:* Swirl the wine to help release the aromas fruity / spicy / sweet / citrus ...?

4 *Mouth/Palate:* Swirl a sip of the wine around in your mouth to get the full flavour. Does it leave a lingering flavour on your tongue? Do you like it?!

Appropriate nibbles were served with each category – smoked salmon on brown bread, crudités and dips with the sparkling; savoury cake and paté, with the whites; salami and cheese with the reds, to mention but a few. Our thanks to Janet Jefferson and Margaret Moule for masterminding the excellent food.

The evening was much enjoyed by all and we look forward to the next time!

Penny Pearl

TELEPHONE BOX

Ring ring! Ring ring!

Plato: Hello, Plato's Academy here.

Aristotle: Hi, it's me.

Plato: Oh hello Aristotle. I'm a bit busy at the moment so ...

Aristotle: But I've just invented an amazing new theory.

Plato: Well I guess I have a couple of minutes to spare, spill the

beans.

Aristotle: I've worked out that the earth is round!

Plato: Ha! Ha! You do say some funny things, the

earth round! Ha! Ha!

Aristotle: It's true, I've worked out all the

mathematical things and drawn a plan.

Plato: I'll believe that when I see it!

Aristotle: I'm still here you know.

Plato: Sorry, carry on.

Aristotle: If you don't believe me come and see for yourself.

Plato: I can't. Anyway I know you have invented lots of good

things but this just isn't one of them.

Aristotle: Well, when I'm famous you'll be sorry. Hmph!

SLAM!

Plato: Hello, are you still there? Oh well, I'll just go back to

marking that homework. Hmmm ...

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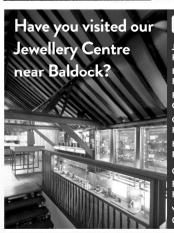
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It's hard writing a January reflection when I haven't even got into the Christmas mood yet! But then that got me thinking – it's the build up that is huge and getting bigger each year, Christmas itself is really just 24 hours of our year. We can get so obsessed about the day being perfect, and whether you like the build up or not, it is all in aid of one day. We spend hours preparing and hundreds of pounds for a fraction of our year. For many the investment has felt worth it, priceless special

times with families and friends, for others it might have been a lonely time – whatever the outcome, January arrives, the lights get taken down for another year and the darkness of winter kicks in. We might be left asking – what was that all for?

But, although Christmas has passed, the timing of our celebration is somewhat artificial. It is generally understood that our celebration was only placed on the 24 December to coincide with the winter solstice of the pagan calendar, and this points to the truth of the Christian faith – Jesus was not meant to be brought out for 24 hours a year, as if we can unpack and pack him away again.

I'm planning to enjoy Christmas this year, but more than that, I'm hoping to enjoy the message of Christmas throughout the coming year, enjoying the truth that I find in the gospels, the truth of God with us, Emmanuel, a child born, a man killed and raised again not for abstract reasons, but for the world, for you and me. This is hope for a broken, but beautiful world, and it is hope for a New Year.

Whether Christmas was perfect for you, or whether it was lonely and difficult, I pray that you can take truths of Christmas into your year ahead.

Rev'd Martin Cockerill, Minister @ Great Shelford Free Church

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4 January @ 10.30 am

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18 January @ 10.30 am

Rev'd Martin Cockerill – 'Tyranny of Time' (3:1–15)

25 January @ 10.30 am

David Baslington – 'Harshness of Life' (3:16–4:3)

25 January @ 6.30 pm

Weekly Activities

Sundays: 10.30am Worship Service

Tuesdays: 10.00am Coffee Pot (shoppers' respite café);

3.30/4.45pm Jump (3/5yrs) Heroes (6/11 yrs)

Wednesdays: 10.00am Little Steps (1/3yrs)

1.30/3.30pm Tiny Toes (under 1yr)

Thursdays: 8.00pm Stretchworks – a 'workout'

Fridays: 11.00am Worship Service

12.15pm Call Inn – a social lunch

SHELFORD MEDICAL PRACTICE

I recently received the text below from one of our patients, who asked me to include it in my monthly newsletter. I am very happy to do so.

'We are fortunate in Shelford. Recently, whilst using an electric hedge-clipper, a hedge fragment flew into my eye at high speed (I know I should have worn goggles). It hurt, and the eye irritation and discomfort continued all through the following night. My wife and I couldn't see anything in the eye.

Next morning, I went to the Health Centre at 8 a.m., asking if there was a chance I could be seen. I was given an appointment for 8.30 a.m. The doctor examined my eye very thoroughly, and found an injury to the transparent front of my eye. He gave me a prescription for an antibiotic lubricant to put into my eye, telling me how and how often to put it in.

I was at the chemists in the village when it opened at 8.45 a.m., and applied the first dose of eye ointment before 9 a.m. i.e. within an hour of seeking help. The irritation ceased very rapidly and the whole issue settled over the next couple of days. How fortunate we are. My stupid mistake rectified briskly and efficiently within the village.'

Jennet Ashton, Practice Manager Website: www.shelfordmedicalpractice.nhs.uk

Shelford Twinning Association

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Saturday 10 January

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| 7–10 | Little Shelford Pantomime | | Lt Shelford Mem Hall |
| | (page 38) | | |
| 8 | Carpet Bowls | 7.15 pm | Memorial Hall |
| 8 | W.I. Straw Plaiting (page 23) | 7.30pm | All Saints Community |
| | | | Room |
| 10 | Twinning Association | 2.30pm | Memorial Hall |
| | Jumble Sale (page 20) | | |
| 13 | Garden Club: Trees for | 7.30pm | Shelford School Hall |
| | Modern Gardens (page 43) | | |
| 15 | Carpet Bowls | 7.15 pm | Memorial Hall |
| 22 | Carpet Bowls | 7.15 pm | Memorial Hall |
| 24 | Farmers' market | | Memorial Hall |
| 27 | Library AGM (see below) | 7.30pm | Library |
| 28 | Engage: From Holy Wells to | 2.00pm | Library |
| | Lidos (page 25) | | |
| 29 | Carpet Bowls | 7.15pm | Memorial Hall |
| 31 | Film evening (page 25) | 7.30 | Lt Shelford Mem Hall |

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

BIN COLLECTIONS

Black bins: 12 January, 26 January

Green and blue bins: 5 January **Blue bins only:** 19 January

FRIENDS OF GREAT SHELFORD LIBRARY

The Friends of Great Shelford Library announce that their Annual General Meeting will take place on Tuesday 27 January at the Library, commencing 7.30 pm. Seasonal refreshments will be served after the meeting. All are warmly welcomed.

Mike Roe

The Annual General Meeting of **The Feast Bunch** will be held at The Square and Compasses on Sunday February 1 at 8 pm. All are welcome.

Duncan Grev

OUR DIAMOND ANNIVERSARY



It doesn't seem possible that ten years have passed since our Golden Wedding.

On 27 December 2014 it was 60 years since we were married in Little Shelford Church and had our reception in the old Village Hall in Great Shelford. It is 67 years since Don came to live in White Hill farm. He served four years in the R.A.F. and then was a postman for 27 years.

Thankfully we keep fairly well and still get about. Don has given up his three wheel car and now goes about in a covered mobility scooter. I still ride my bicycle. We are hoping to have a family celebration meal in January.

Don and Mary King

W.I. NEWS

The Shelfords W.I. celebrated its first birthday at the December meeting with a party and Christmas Quiz. We are delighted with the success of the new W.I.; there are now over fifty members and we still have room for more.

Our meetings have been varied and interesting with speakers on a range of topics and a number of 'hands on' practical sessions where members have shared their skills. Some members have formed a knitting group which meets regularly in Shelford library, others have tried jewellery making or clay pigeon shooting. We have all made new friends and done things we had not tried before, we have members of all ages and backgrounds so come and join us!

We normally meet on the first Thursday of the month at 7.30 p.m. in All Saints' Community Room (behind the church) in Little Shelford. As the first Thursday in January is New Year's Day we will be meeting on Thursday 8 January with a practical session of straw plaiting. Existing members are reminded that the annual subscription is due at this meeting and new members are always welcome.

Mary Talbott

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FILM EVENING AT LITTLE SHELFORD MEMORIAL HALL

A film evening will take place on Saturday 31 January in Little Shelford Memorial Hall. There will be a showing of the newly digitised version of *West Side Story*, the musical based on *Romeo and Juliet* but set in the Upper West Side neighbourhood of New York City in the 1950s.

Tickets (£10/head) can be purchased from Jeanette Thompson (842218), Sarah Coppendale (842498) or Jill McMenemy (842414). The price includes a supper of pizza and salad and there will be a licensed bar. Doors will open at 7.30 pm for an 8 pm showing. Please book your tickets by Monday 26 January so the pizzas can be ordered.

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TRAFFIC (AND BAD PARKING) IN WOOLLARDS LANE

I imagine that many local residents view, with concern, the chaotic state of traffic in Woollards Lane. It is becoming increasingly hazardous for motorists who may have to drive along the road, and for pedestrians who have the temerity to try and cross it.

I recently drove along it from the Old School end towards the traffic lights, on an ill judged journey from Ashen Green to Stapleford (with hindsight I should have gone via Lloyds Bank and Tunwells Lane, but that route too can be problematic). Unbelievably, in the space of less than 100 metres I came across no less than **three** cases of inconsiderate and illegal parking. One car was parked partly blocking the entrance to the car park at the rear of McColl's, which caused delays whilst would-be parkers manoeuvred round it; a post-office van was parked on the double-yellow lines (two wheels on footway) outside the dentist's; and one car, inevitably, was parked outside Tescos, also on double yellow lines. The result was a difficult, tortuous and possibly dangerous drive, weaving between these obstacles. For any pedestrian, particularly the elderly, trying to cross the road, and for residents of Woollards Lane, it must have been a nightmare.

It is probably inevitable that Woollards Lane will be subject to more traffic than desirable, although I personally shall try to remember to avoid it in future. However, it is not inevitable that selfish drivers should be allowed to add to the problems by such blatantly bad parking. It so happens that I have a small video camera (a 'carcam') mounted on my windscreen and I recorded the whole fandango, including a clear image of the Tesco parker's number plate. I have sent the video clip to the police, and to the Parish Council, asking for action, including arranging more police presence. I understand that the Parish Council is keen to see more parking and driving enforcement in that area, and has forwarded my concerns to our two County Councillors. Disappointingly, as the *Village News* goes to press, after almost two weeks and two phone calls I have received no acknowledgement or response from the police.

My reason for going into print about this in the *Village News* is to urge other residents to report details of similar incidents to the police. You could phone in the details using the non-emergency 101 number or, as I did, email the Sawston police station at *sawston.npt@cambs.pnn.police.uk* with a copy to *parishclerkgreatshelford@gmail.com*. The more we show our concern, the more the matter is likely to get some sort of priority.

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TENNIS CLUB



We start 2015 with an apology. In the December edition of the *Village News* we promised photographs of the goings-on at the Great Shelford Tennis Club awards night at the prestigious and exclusive St Edmund's College Cambridge. It was a grand night for which we thank the college members and staff and the students who ran the bar into the small hours. So cheap, and so late! Sadly no

photos exist that can be published in a quality family publication such as the *Village News*, so apologies to anyone who purchased this edition with the sole desire of seeing a tennis club dinner in pictures. You will just have to come in person next year. It's worth it.

It was a night of tall stories and long cocktails, celebrating achievements high and low. For the first time a husband and wife walked off with the Men's and Ladies' coveted Most Improved Player awards. Michael 'The Mog' O'Grady and his wife Habi have come on in leaps and bounds, quite literally, and we congratulate our new MiPs heartily. 'Slammin' Sam Lewis waltzed off with the ladies' captain's award for skippering her team to a magnificent promotion. Mr Gomez won two prizes: he scooped the GSTC Doppelganger of the Year awarded by Jenny Fleck, who commented on his striking resemblance to fellow member Nigel Will. As a bonus he also took the men's captain's award for going down with the ship with a smile on his face – he cheerfully steered HMS Men's Fourth team to the bottom; an inevitable but nonetheless glorious demotion last summer.

Ah, summer. The awards night was a chance for us all to reflect back on those balmy days where honey-tanned figures skipped across tinder-dry courts in nothing but a skimpy pair of shorts or skirt (plus a respectable top). How distant they now feel, as we hide our pale selves under layers of cotton, wool and polyester (in that order).

But there is no better time to swing a racquet, while a couple of mince pies still languish in the cupboard and a turkey carcass rots at the bottom of the green bin. There's a tennis motto engraved into the wood panelling of the rather grand Sreffud Lawn Tennis Club in upstate New York, which says: 'New Year – New Backhand'. So Happy New Backhand to all our members!

VISIT TO PERU: SAWSTON VILLAGE COLLEGE



During the summer of 2014, I had the privilege of spending a month within the rural communities of Peru along with eleven other students from Sawston Village College, who are now attending various colleges around Cambridge. Between us we fundraised nearly £50,000 to get out there. 75% of that money went directly into the communities we were supporting.

Whilst travelling the country we carried out voluntary activities for various communities. For example, we built three communal toilets around Lake Titicaca. This means the communities will no longer need to pump waste into Lake Titicaca, increasing hygiene and therefore indirectly increasing life expectancy rates. We also built a heavy stone wall around a tiny communityrun school in Colca, in southern Peru. The wall helped keep out rabid animals and prevent wild dogs entering during classes. This increased safety for children between the ages of three and 16. Another project we completed involved building a community kitchen in Cusco, a city in south-eastern Peru. The kitchen will allow for hundreds of children to obtain at least one cooked meal a day. Not only will the food increase their health but also their concentration in class, allowing for a better education too. We also completed many other tasks such as fixing a drainage system in a nursery, fixing the roof

on a secondary school, painting and decorating wherever we had the opportunity, renewing basketball and football pitches and much more.

Everything was done by hand; we used locally bought tools with the help of local builders. No one will ever understand the difficulties of hand-mixing six tonnes of wet cement for a kitchen floor, it takes back-breaking to a new level! During our time out there we also participated in a child's 'first cutting of the hair' ceremony. We played many games within the primary schools, musical chairs being a favourite. We also danced traditional dances in hand-made local clothing. A definite highlight of the journey was visiting the floating-reed islands on Lake Titicaca – stunning. All this as well as completing a five day trek up the Salkantay trail with the amazing finale of Machu Picchu. (The Salkantay trail runs alongside the Inka trail.)



Luxurious as this all sounds, the majority of our days were spent working in high altitudes (4000m above sea level) from early hours in the morning to late at night. The lack of internet signal and warm showers was difficult to handle yet we can all honestly say it was an experience of a life time. Thank you to anyone and everyone who donated and attended our many fund-raising events. We, as well as the hundreds of people whose lives we changed, are extremely thankful for your generosity.

Annie Knowles



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MAGOG TRUST

Our volunteer group has been busy this year helping to maintain our beautiful downland. The long (third of a mile!) hedgerow which we planted in February on the South Down has become well established this year and will undoubtedly benefit

the bird and plant life on that part of the Down.

Other tasks have included controlling thistles, repairing seats, removing unwanted scrub and litter picking. If you would like to join us we normally meet on the first Wednesday of each month at 2.00 in the Magog Car Park.

We are also keen to find people who might be able to support the Magog Trust in a number of ways including:

- managing our growing collection of digital images
- writing articles
- participating in a volunteer ranger scheme
- being a volunteer leader, especially one who might be willing to lead a weekend working party
- supporting events
- joining our gate locking and unlocking rota
- putting up signs occasionally (e.g. the Police posters)
- changing the banners seasonally
- monitoring and feedback on regular contractor jobs such as grass and hedge cutting
- website: contributing new articles; checking dead links and suggesting upto-date wording where needed

On February 25 we are going to hold a meeting in the Johnson Hall to explain the work of the Magog Trust and encourage more people to consider volunteering. We will provide more details about this meeting in the February *Village News*.

Douglas Clarke

HEIDI ALLEN

In October 2014 Heidi Allen was selected as the Conservative candidate for South Cambridgeshire, replacing Andrew Lansley MP, who is retiring in 2015.

Originally from a village in Yorkshire, Heidi studied Astrophysics at university and has worked in industry for 18 years. She and her husband have now moved to the constituency, to Steeple Morden. If you would like to meet her, please get in touch on 07718 287999 or *heidi-hi@heidisouthcambs.co.uk*.

From information supplied by Heidi Allen



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A very happy New Year to all readers from the staff here at Sawston Medical Practice. We would like to tell you something about the Practice which is not necessarily medical but which you may be unaware of. Something quite light hearted to kick off 2015.

One of the things we pride ourselves on, and we tell this to new staff members, is that we consider ourselves to be a family here and we do work together. We like to respond to charitable events and so we are to be seen 'Wearing it Pink', getting involved in 'Jeans for Genes' day, and Comic Relief, etc. Our Reception Lead, Mandy, makes the best coffee and walnut cake in the world and her quiche is to die for, (and don't even mention Miranda's sausage rolls) so we usually raise some cash by selling these to the staff, and by donating funds to participate in the day.

In previous years we have got involved in sponsored events for Arthur Rank Hospice with rowing and cycling marathons taking place in the Practice. This year we are particularly proud of ourselves as we decided to make up a hamper amongst ourselves and sell tickets in aid of Children in Need to patients and staff. We raised £500! No stopping us now. We made up another hamper in the run up to Christmas, and we again sold tickets to patients and staff to raise funds for the Friends of Sawston Medical Practice. We are compiling this article before Christmas for the January village magazines, so I cannot predict what we made, but I can tell you it is going well.

Many of you, when coming in to the Practice, browse our second hand book stall. This is run by Kelly in our Admin team. This year we have made over £800 for the Friends of Sawston Medical Practice just by selling books.

And so we finish with The Friends of Sawston Health Centre Fund. This is a fund which has been in place for quite some time; a fund set up to receive contributions from grateful patients and one which we are now enhancing ourselves with hampers and book sales. We use this fund to pay for facilities and items of equipment which we would not routinely be able to pay for from our NHS funding, but which benefit and provide additional comfort to our Practice population. In the recent past this Fund has purchased loan nebulisers for our asthmatic patients, ECG equipment for cardiac monitoring, Audiology equipment, a free standing, illuminated, magnifying mirror for the removal of stitches and the upright chairs in the Waiting area and it also pays for the liquid nitrogen and canisters which we use in the surgery.

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Stephanie Hatter Youth Membership

HGV DRIVER APPRENTICESHIP OPEN DAY

Owning a Class 1 HGV licence can provide a stable career in an increasingly technology-based industry. Welch's Transport are holding an open day on January 24 in Duxford, where they hope to recruit both sexes onto a structured apprenticeship. This will include both on the job and off-site training, mentored throughout its three-year duration and will lead to a nationally recognised qualification. There will be a period in the warehouse, leading to a fork-lift licence, exposure to the traffic office and customer care training, all with a focus on health and safety. It will progress to the achievement of a Class 2 HGV licence with the ultimate objective of gaining a Class 1 licence (articulated 44 tonne vehicle) and joining the Welch's team, full-time.

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From information provided by Welch's Transport

LOCAL BUSES



Whippet, the operator for the number 7A and 31 services running through the Shelfords and Stapleford, have a new owner: Tower Transit. Tower Transit are a London-based company operating around 400 buses for TfL (Transport for London). They are Australian owned.

The change of owner is not expected at the present time to affect the running of the 7A and 31 services, which are tendered to

Cambridgeshire County Council, but it is hoped that it will result in more modern buses and a more reliable service, particularly the 7A which has seen late and cancelled services in recent months. The buses will continue to use the Whippet name.

John

Wakefield

BOWLING CLUB PRESENTATION DINNER



Great Shelford Bowling Club held its annual presentation dinner at Duxford Lodge. 34 members and friends sat down to a three course meal. This was followed by the presentation of trophies by our president, Eve Ashworth. The evening finished with our chairman Ron Nutt thanking Margaret Kelly for

organising a successful evening.

The photo above shows our display of trophies, which winners hold for a year. One of our new members won a cup in his first year of bowling, so why not join us at the start of the new season – you too might be lucky!

If this inspires you to join us, please ring me for information on 843416.

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BOTANIC GARDEN BAMBOOS FOR BEAUTY AND BUILDING



The tallest member of the grass family, bamboos may now be ubiquitous thanks to the popularity of TV gardening makeover shows in the 1990s, but it is not so long ago that bamboos were considered too exotic for UK cultivation. It was Richard I. Lynch, Curator of the Botanic Garden at the end of the 19th century, who established in 1884 what he claimed to be the first hardy ornamental bamboo garden in the country.

These mature clumps still thrive in their original spot as marshals either side of the way in to the Bog Garden and are particularly to be enjoyed in winter. The upright stems or culms provide strong vertical patterns, most often in lime or bottle

green, but also available in ebony black or rich gold, and the clumps knock out a little percussion in winter breezes. The individual bamboo culms emerge from the ground at their full diameter and grow to their full height in a single growing season. In the two or three years that follow the stems thicken, which heals the many penknife messages and declarations of love left on the culms by our visitors — a sort of bamboo billboard! Let's hope the actual sentiments outlast their bamboo engravings!

Due to the thick rhizome mat (you will note the thick rhizome barriers we have installed to try to keep the more expansionist species in their allotted space), bamboos are some of the fastest-growing plants in the world – some species of tropical bamboo can grow 70cm or more in a day. This quality, combined with a tensile strength that rivals steel, makes bamboo a versatile construction material throughout its Asian distribution range.

We are now assisting University researchers in investigating ways to a greener and more sustainable future by cultivating a range of common and rarer bamboo species which will be subjected to structural tests. This will inform a study comparing the strength and environmental impact of different bamboo species in order to evaluate the potential of bamboo for reducing emissions in the construction sector, which accounts for almost 40% of carbon dioxide emissions globally.



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CHANGES AT WANDLEBURY

Readers may have heard of planned changes to the nature reserve at Wandlebury. There are plans to attract more visitors by holding more events such as family fun days, walks and educational work. The jobs of the three full-time rangers at Wandlebury also appear to be under threat, with a proposal to replace these full-time ranger positions with part-time posts. There are also claims that the area around The Ring – a Scheduled Ancient Monument – is going to be cleared of its ancient trees. On its website, CambridgePPF states 'there are no plans at this stage for any felling. ... To inform future decision-making, an ecological survey of the entire Country Park is now ongoing'. Further information on the debate can be seen on the website of the Cambridge Evening News, www.cambridge-news.co.uk.

From information provided by Julia Napier, secretary of the Friends of the Roman Road and Fleam Dyke, and the Cambridge PPF website

GARDEN CLUB: CARROTS AND PARSNIPS

The talk was given by Mike Day, who has worked at the National Institute of Agricultural Botany for over forty years and is the 'fruit and vegetable' judge at the Garden Club Annual Show.

Carrots have a long history, with purple or yellow coloured carrots originating from Afghanistan. Engraved carvings of carrots have also been found in the Egyptian pyramids. In the 1400s, red or white carrots were used to feed horses and cattle. It was not until the 1500s that Dutch traders bred orange varieties to celebrate the 'House of Orange'. However, most Dutch paintings produced in the 1600s show images of white or yellow carrots.

Globally over 10 million carrots are grown annually, with Russia, China, the USA and the UK being the biggest producers. In the UK carrots are the largest crop after potatoes and peas and we eat the equivalent of 100 carrots each every year. Cooking helps break up the complex substances in carrots, and allows the orange pigment, beta carotene, to be released into the body, where it is converted into vitamin A, which is beneficial to eye health. Purple carrots contain lycopene, which is a powerful anti-oxidant with health benefits.

Depending on the variety, carrots can be sown from March to July. An earlier crop can be produced by covering with holed plastic. Seeds should be planted two inches deep and the plastic should be removed in May for harvesting in June. Carrots can be left in the ground and during the autumn can be covered with plastic and straw for over wintering.

Of the pests and diseases that affect carrots, the worst offender is the carrot root fly, which lays its eggs in the soil at the base of the plant so that the larvae can

burrow into the root. The root fly cannot fly very high, so the garden growing area can be protected by erecting a 3–4 foot high barrier around it. Carrot seed should be sown thinly to reduce the need to thin seedlings out, so as not to attract root fly. Another method is to plant seed in raised containers, ideally 32 seeds in a 10 inch pot for a good yield. It is harder to prevent the various fungal diseases such as cavity spot and violet root rot.

Parsnips are members of the same Umbelliferae family as carrots, and are a native plant of Europe. They were valued by the ancient Greeks and Romans and used as a sweetener before sugar beet was grown. In Italy they are fed to pigs to produce Parma ham. The highest production is in Britain and the variety *Superworld* is grown for its white flesh and canker resistance. Parsnips contain minerals, vitamin C, potassium and folate B vitamins. Seeds take 21–28 days to germinate and are slow growing, taking 34 weeks to produce a crop. Harvesting should be carried out with care, as the foliage contains a substance which in sunlight can produce severe skin blisters. Like carrots they can be protected during winter using plastic and straw, but are generally very hardy and can be stored.

See www.carrotmuseum.co.uk for a varied selection of carrot information.

Helen Chubb

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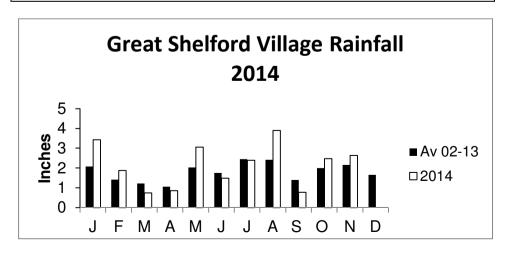
A round up of what's on at some of the venues near us. For more information, times, ticket prices and bookings, please contact the organisation. Please note that this information has been taken from websites, can be subject to change and events may already be fully booked.

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