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Street Lighting Replacement Saga



Little Shelford pantomime
Jasmine (Isabella Martin) and Aladdin (Hannah Jones)

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Little Shelford Pantomime Review

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GREAT SHELFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Extracts from December Meeting

INTERNAL AUDIT HALF-YEARLY REVIEW The Clerk said this had taken place on 25 November. The Auditor had stated, ‘I was impressed by the clear way you set out explaining the reconciling of the accounts. Also it was very useful to record the points we covered at the meeting. What I have seen to date indicates that the standards and controls you are maintaining should be good enough to meet the needs of the Council.’ The Committee welcomed this. The Chairman said the full report on the Audit should be attached to Minutes.

BUDGET/PRECEPT The Committee reviewed and discussed detailed figures provided by the Clerk in respect of spend to date, estimates to end of March 2015, and estimated expenditure for 2015–16. In particular, the Committee noted the following:

- current Precept £100,000
- current Budget for 2014–2015 as agreed last year £150,642
- projected underspend £49,713
- projected Reserves at end of current financial year £17,000, but these did not take account of possible liability on Pavilion of up to £25,100
- estimated Budget for 2015–2016 £142,978
- before allowing for Reserves, but taking account of likely underspend in current financial year, a Precept of at least £93,625 necessary for 2015–2016
- the Clerk suggested a minimum Precept of £103,000 which would provide a further £10,000 towards the Reserves.

In discussion the Committee agreed:

- an additional £3,000 should be budgeted for a Pavilion Caretaker
- a further £8,000 should be added for Contingencies and Reserves
- within the Highways Budget, the £500 shown for a grit spreader should be deleted and added to Contingency.

Following detailed and careful consideration, the Committee **agreed** to recommend a Precept of £115,000 for 2015–2016. Whilst fully appreciating that this represented a significant increase, the Committee felt it was important and necessary to rebuild the Parish Council Reserves, at the same time maintaining a prudent margin for contingencies.

RISK ASSESSMENT/MANAGEMENT The Clerk circulated the up-dated Risk Management/Assessment matrix. This was reviewed and **agreed**. It was noted that the Assets Register was being up-dated by the Clerk and that, when complete, two Councillors should undertake an inventory check. **Agreed** that the matrix should be reviewed further at next full Council meeting. Also noted

that Parish Council should be registered under Data Protection Act. **Action:** Clerk to register.

PARISH CLERK The Clerk circulated a paper in respect of the hours he was working. He pointed out that over recent months he had worked an average of more than 23 hours per week, considerably more than the average of 14 hours per week on which basis he had accepted the position. He could not continue this beyond the end of April, but meanwhile was ready to work with the Parish Council to assess and structure the job recognising the hours that were required.

MATTERS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

- A neighbourhood planning meeting was required in January
- Submission to Electoral Divisions Review of Cambridgeshire was required by 19 January 2015. **Action:** Clerk to draft and circulate a submission
- Street Lighting Project: noted that Balfour Beatty had failed to meet their promised timetable and quality of work; the Clerk was in almost daily contact with them over shortcomings and would continue to point out hazardous areas. He would press for work to be completed as soon as possible and to the promised standard
- Parking of Post Office vans: the Chairman thought there were restrictions on parking of commercial vehicles; he would investigate and report back.

EXTRAORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING ON THE PAVILION, 15 JANUARY 2015

PAVILION MANAGER: Cllr Winter said that he was prepared to take this on, at least for a few months. He would discuss arrangements with the Clerk.

PAVILION – COMPLETION: Tim Page (Architect and Project Manager) distributed plans and detailed schedules listing defective work. He identified those that had not yet been cleared. It was noted that most were routine, relatively minor, snagging issues, many of which would normally be dealt with by sub-contractors. The major item was the defective timber cladding which needed to be replaced. Based on the Timber Research and Development Association Report, and the applicable British Standard, he and his team had surveyed the building and marked the defective timbers. These amounted to approximately 23% of the cladding, about 700 linear metres.

Tim Page said there had been numerous conversations with Martin Worrall of Omnis (Main Contractor). Their suppliers (Ridgeons) had also inspected the timbers. Mr Worrall had said he was committed to replacing the defective cladding. He had suggested an inspection meeting at 0930 on 22 January. If the

new timber was ordered soon after that meeting, Tim Page thought that work could commence in early March. He agreed that there was no reason why work on all the other remaining defects could not begin immediately.

Other significant defects were identified and discussed:

- the air source heat pump which was discharging condensation down the front of the building and onto the zinc plinth;
- the wood panelled walls and ceiling in the players' corridor which had not been treated properly and consequently were attracting mildew. This had been identified early but not attended to, and would now require much work to rectify;
- one of the full-length doors at the front of the building needed replacing; responsibility was disputed but Tim Page was confident it was for the contractor since the door had been identified as faulty at an early stage.

Mr Page noted that the rectification period concluded on 14 February. Normally, this would be when retention monies would be paid. It was **agreed** that the Parish Council would hold all retention funds until all outstanding work was cleared.

There was much discussion of how the construction had taken place, the difficulty of monitoring given the number of sub-contractors involved, and the process for getting defects rectified. In respect of the timber, the contractors had constructed a trial panel which had been examined carefully and approved. Thereafter, the entire building had been clad in a very short time.

There was discussion of possible scenarios (including legal remedies) should the Main Contractor fail to deal with the cladding and other defects.

It was recalled that the Parish Council had been considering a new leisure complex for many years. In the mid-1990s consultants had been involved and potential costs of up to £1million had been envisaged before the idea was shelved. We now had a very good building of which we should be proud. The sports clubs were extremely complimentary of it. Cllr Hodge said that congratulations were due to Tim Page for what he had achieved.

It was **agreed** that the Chairman and Cllr Watson would be present at the inspection along with Tim Page and Martin Worrall. It was further **agreed** that Tim Page should endeavour to obtain the best possible assurances from Mr Worrall that all the defects would be rectified as soon as possible. The Parish Council should be informed of the outcome of the meeting as soon as possible thereafter.

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

PLANNING APPLICATIONS PARISH COUNCIL COMMENTS

S/2688/14/LB S/279614/FL	Dr Peter Maycox Church Street Barns Church Street	Refurbishment, alterations and repairs. Replacement conservatory and lobby terrace alterations and replacement garage doors.
No objection		

S/2793/14/DC	Mr Marc Wallace Springfield 6 Mingle Lane	New build two-storey house (replacement dwelling).
We have no objections to the materials or the landscaping scheme but would like to see the gates set back from the footpath edge to allow cars to pull into the site without blocking the pavement before the gates are open.		

S/2816/14/FL	Mrs Sheila Fettes 14 Shelford Park Avenue	Single storey side extension.
No objection		

S/1800/14/RM	Croudace Homes Ltd Welch's Transport Granta Terrace	Erection of 44 dwellings. Amended application.
Pleased the issue of overlooking of the rear garden of 6 Granta Terrace has been addressed but the proposed solution is unacceptable for the occupants of plots 13–16 in their having obscured glass to their main bedroom windows. We would prefer to see an architectural solution which respects the amenities of the existing residents and the occupiers of the new properties. No objections to other amendments.		

S/2809/14/FL	Mr and Mrs Rose 255 Hinton Way	Erection of two-storey extension plus balcony to rear of dwelling and single storey canopy to side.
No objections to the principle of the extensions, but feel there should be a screen above eye level at the northern end of the roof terrace to prevent overlooking of 257 Hinton Way.		

S/2630/14/VC	Miss Nicola Thornton 176 Cambridge Road	Variation of Conditions 3 (Materials) and 9 (Landscape Works) of Planning Consent S/0600/13/FL for erection of 70-bedroom residential care home.
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The variation in materials from those proposed in the original application would mean the building would lose its contemporary edge, mentioned in the delegation report, and would have a much more conventional appearance which would not enhance the locality. We would prefer the original palette was adhered to. No objections to the landscaping.

S/2855/14/FL	Mr and Mrs Shackleton 31 Maris Green	Single storey rear extension, canopy over utility door and internal alterations.
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Recommend approval

S/3016/14/FL	Mr David Gee 44 Granhams Road	Demolition of existing dwelling, construction of new six-bedroom dwelling, landscaping, erection of wall and installation of gates to front boundary.
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No recommendation. No objection to the design and materials of the proposed house. We would prefer to see post and rail or wattle fences with hedging along the site boundaries. The proposed close-boarded fences are inappropriate in this rural location. Are Highways happy with the distance the gates have been set back from the road and the visibility splays onto this busy road?

S/3044/14/FL 12 Jan 2015	Mr D Morton 10 Mingle Lane	Erection of dwelling following demolition of existing dwelling.
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No recommendation. As many bungalows along Mingle Lane have been replaced by large houses we can't object to the principle of demolition and rebuild but the proposed house is nearly double the depth of the existing property and being two storey could have an overbearing impact on the occupiers of no. 12 Mingle Lane. We would welcome the views of the urban design team.

FRIENDS OF GREAT SHELFORD LIBRARY

The next evening talk at the library will take place on Tuesday 17 February commencing at 7.30 pm, when Dr John Rhodes will speak on: 'The Story of Vaccination: From Smallpox to Ebola'.

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PLANNING DECISIONS

Extensions were approved at 30 Leeway Avenue, 14 Shelford Park Avenue, 21 Westfield Avenue, 91 Hinton Way and 5 Hills View. A single storey rear extension to the listed cottage at 21 High Green was refused. The hospice at Shelford Bottom and the demolition of 31 Granta Terrace and its replacement by three houses were approved by the planning committee at SCDC.

Other approvals: the demolition of 6 Mingle Lane and erection of a house, the change of use of a barn at Whitehill Farm, Granham's Road to residential, the conversion of outbuildings and a single storey link at Caius Farm Cottages, the revised plans for a storage building at Scotsdales, a porch at 27 Buristead Road, the conversion of a garage and erection of a new garage at Rosa house, The Hectare, a climbing frame at 153 Cambridge Road, a dormer window and extension to two dormer windows at 105 Cambridge Road and alterations to the listed Thatched Cottage at Shelford Bottom.

The appeal against the refusal of planning permission for the erection of a house to the rear of 103 Cambridge Road was dismissed. The application to build a house to the rear of nos 15, 17 and 19 Hinton Way was withdrawn.

COUNTY COUNCIL

Cold weather is linked to the deaths of about 182 old and frail residents each year. Please ensure neighbours are warm and safe. The elderly and vulnerable are more susceptible to chest infections and to falls on the ice which can disable and kill. It is crucial for the vulnerable elderly to heat at least the living room to a minimum of 18 degrees while the cold weather lasts. There are grants, benefits and sources of advice to make homes energy efficient – call 0345 650 0280. Eating well and drinking plenty of fluids raises resistance to illness. Flu jabs are important and it's not too late! They are free for the over 65s, those pregnant, anyone with a chronic disease and carers. All children aged two, three and four are entitled to a nasal immunisation.

Opportunity to farm in Cambridgeshire Two Farms are being re-let: Greenwoods Farm Ramsey (101 Hectares) and Wolvey Hole Farm (60.067 Hectares) in Coveney. Viewing is on February 10 and those interested should contact www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/countyfarms or phone 01223 699094.

Cambridge Libraries We need a new strategy for our libraries as we need to save a further £1.8 million over the next two years. We would like to have a service that responds to local need, and community hubs like the one proposed for Sawston will provide a wider range of services. There will be a public consultation.

Families make sugar swaps Public Health England is encouraging parents to reduce the sugar their children eat by making sugar swaps. Over 20% of children aged five are overweight and this rises to 30% by age 11. Increase in weight increases the risk of heart attacks, strokes, diabetes and caries.

- Breakfast swap – plain cereal instead of a sugary one
- Drink swap – water or sugar free drink instead of a sugary one
- After school snack – plain bread or teacake instead of cakes or biscuits
- Puddings – low fat low sugar yoghurt or plain fruit instead of high calorie cakes, sticky puddings and ice cream

Families can register for a food swap pack with money off vouchers, swap cards and stickers.

Cold Weather Gritting is continuing through this cold winter snap in the same areas as last year.

Delayed transfer of Care The number awaiting transfer has dropped this month to 3,300 from a high of 3,600 in September. We still have many residents occupying beds in acute wards when they should be having care in the Community.

Gail Kenney and Tony Orgee

SOUTHERN FRINGE COMMUNITY FORUM

The next Southern Fringe Community Forum will be held at Trumpington Meadows Primary School (Kestrel Rise, Trumpington, Cambridge CB2 9AY) on **Tuesday February 3**.

Drop in 5–6.30pm

Chance to ask questions and visit displays from developers, community groups and planning officers.

Forum 7–8.45pm

- 7.00 Welcome and introductions
- 7.05 Updates from the key projects around the Southern Fringe (Cambridge City Council)
- 7.20 Trumpington Meadows Local Centre proposals (Barratt Homes)
- 7.35 Hobson Square, Community Facility & Quad 21 up-date (Cambridge City Council)
- 7.50 Clay Farm, Parcels 8a and 8b (Countryside Properties)
- 8.05 Local Parish boundary review (South Cambridgeshire District Council)
- 8.20 General questions

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STREET LIGHTING PROJECT

Great Shelford residents cannot have failed to notice the length of time that has been taken to replace street lights in the village, and the disturbance that this has caused. The contractors, Balfour Beatty, originally told the Parish Council on October 15 that the work would take six weeks. This was later extended, with Balfour Beatty eventually promising that all works would be completed by December 23.

However, by this date a considerable amount of work still remained to be done, with old columns left standing and new ones awaiting erection, dark spots where no columns were lit, holes unfilled, signs removed and barriers and sandbags strewn around the village. Some sections of pavement have been particularly hazardous for over two months, such as the bus stop on Tunwells Lane.

The Parish Council requested a meeting with Cambridge County Council, who were responsible for contracting the work to Balfour Beatty. This took place on January 16, at which time no work had recommenced and the situation in the village was essentially the same as on December 23. Representatives of Balfour Beatty were also present.

At the meeting, Cllr Charlie Nightingale, Chairman of the Parish Council, expressed concern about the situation and requested an explanation of the management problems, as well as reliable information regarding the completion of the project and the quality of the work done.

In response, the Parish Council were told that reliable information would be provided within five days as to when the work would be completed. [Stop Press: this date has now been fixed as February 28]. They were assured that all signage and fixtures would be totally reinstated by Balfour Beatty, and that damage to verges and pavements would be repaired and all rubble removed, although because of weather conditions this might take until March. The Parish Council was also assured that the County Council would closely monitor this work and that no payments would be made until the Parish Council had confirmed it was satisfied.



Tunwells Lane bus stop on January 6
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SHELFORD SCHOOL NEWS

After a two-week break, Shelford School pupils and staff have begun another packed term. Firstly we welcome Mr Walker, our new deputy head teacher, who will be in Year 4, as well as Mrs Unwin who joins Mr Walker in Year 4 and Mrs Ashton who is joining Mrs Scott in Year 3. We hope that they all are settling in well and will soon feel at home in Shelford School.

All our extracurricular clubs have started back already with a great number of participants in each club. I am constantly encouraged by the number of different clubs that are available at the school and the amount of new skills that the children can learn. Thanks must go to all the staff both from within our staff team and those who come from outside who make these clubs possible.

The class assemblies have also begun for this term; with Year 6 having had theirs followed by a cake sale – always a source of great excitement for the children when they come out of school!

Baking rotas have begun, as have the parent volunteer sessions. It is great to have so many volunteers to be able to run the weekly baking sessions for each class. The children really enjoy taking part in these sessions as well as enjoying the fruits of their labours from the oven!

The school has had a worthwhile evening for parents on children's 'e-safety'. A member of the Cambridgeshire ICT service came to school to give parents and carers practical advice that can be used at home to reduce the risks when using computers and the vast array of software and websites that are out there. Many parents have commented how useful the evening was in helping them keep their children safe in our digital world.

Looking ahead, we anticipate this term will be a busy one with the Candlemas service to look forward to and, for those in Year 6, their residential trip – always a great time for building on relationships and having fun!

Claire Grigson, School Governor

IN MEMORIAM: SELENE WEBB

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Villagers who knew my wife Selene Webb (née Mills) may be interested to know of a memorial concert that I am organising which will take place on Sunday July 19, and a scholarship fund that I am setting up in her memory. Details of both will be found on the website of the charity that she founded at www.CambridgeEarlyMusic.org/Memorial.

Nick Webb

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Ely Cathedral Exhibition – 'For Worship & Glory': Ely Cathedral, in conjunction with the Royal School of Needlework, is mounting a unique exhibition of ecclesiastical embroidery from February 4 to 28. Details of the exhibition are included in the flyer available at the back of the church; concessions for entrance are available. Further information can be found on the Cathedral website www.elycathedral.org/events/ecclesiastical_embroidery_exhibition.

Ash Wednesday – February 18: We shall mark the start of the season of repentance and renewal with an opportunity to celebrate the Eucharist and receive the imposition of ashes. The regular 9.30am Holy Communion (BCP) will be held, together with an evening celebration of Holy Communion (CW) at 7.30pm.

Confirmation: Bishop Stephen will be coming to preside at a Deanery celebration of Confirmation and Holy Communion on Monday June 8 at 6.30pm at Great Abington. All parishes in the Deanery are being invited to present candidates. If you are an adult or younger person and would like to be Confirmed, please speak to Simon Talbott or the Churchwardens **as soon as possible**. Once we have an idea of numbers, we can start planning preparation sessions, which will start after Easter.

Alms giving at the Christingle, Christmas Eve and Christmas Day services totalled £779, which is £100 more than in 2013. £387 has been sent to Christian Aid, and £392 to The Children's Society. Sincere thanks to everyone who contributed. In January the alms collected will be given to the Cambridge-based charity for the homeless, Wintercomfort; this is the first of the four charities selected by the PCC to receive our support in 2015.

The Opening Door: The group met four times before Christmas on Tuesday evenings and restarted in January. The meetings at 7.30pm have followed a bible reading with commentary about issues relevant to our day to day lives. You are all warmly invited to attend. We are currently meeting at Astra

Gibbons house at 25 The Peacocks, but this may vary, depending on numbers and availability. Do come if you can. Further details from Anne Roberts 07745 562702.

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:	Sunday 11 January	Edward Rowstron
Funeral:	Thursday 22 January	Sheila Jones

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.

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

Simon Talbott

SCOUTS' BREAKFAST



Noam and Theo at work:
Photo Sarah Pesonen

Bunting and banana pancakes turned Shelfords and Stapleford Scout HQ into a warm and welcoming café on the chilly morning of 13 December. Serving hot breakfasts, including the original 'Scout Belly Buster', the scouts worked hard, raising over £390 for Cambridge charity Wintercomfort for the homeless. As always the local community turned out in force to support the event.

This is the second year the Scouts have held a 'Wake up with Wintercomfort' breakfast and we're so grateful for their support. £390 is the cost of over 190 hot breakfasts for rough sleepers, or it could fund one of our Project Workers for four days, providing advice and support for homeless people in our city.

Sarah Pesonen

W.I. NEWS



The Shelfords W.I. began the new year with a fascinating illustrated talk on the traditional craft of straw plaiting and how it operated as a cottage industry in this region; in fact one W.I. member is descended from several generations of straw plaiters. The speaker was Sandra Barker, a Yeoman basket maker. Each

member was then given five straws which we plaited into decorations with considerable success. The practical session gave plenty of opportunity to get to know new members and to catch up news.

We will meet again on Thursday 5 February with what should be a very interesting talk by a female bomb disposal officer. The March meeting will be our first AGM. New members and visitors are welcome.

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.

Mary Talbott

TELEPHONE BOX

Who's in the Great Shelford telephone box this month? The school keeps us up to date.

Mum: Is that you Charlie?

Charlie: Yes Mum, it's me.

Mum: What's it like in the chocolate room?

Charlie: It's amazing, let me tell you all about it!

As I followed Mr Wonka inside, my eyes flew to a magnificent bubbling chocolate waterfall, rippling calmly into a river. I glimpsed a clump of candy cane trees and jellybeans hanging low from dark chocolate mobiles that were drooping from coloured icing leaves. The windows were made from boiled sweets and a waft of mint fell over me, refreshing my nose with a relaxing smell. Golden truffles were littered beside an enchanting blanket of toffee. Plants opened out their petals as I passed, revealing whipped cream that was sprinkled with chocolate chips the size of pencils! As I looked around a maze of bushes caught my eye. But these were not normal bushes ... they were blossoming with caramel eclairs! There were also mysterious glowing roots that led to chocolate trees.

A relaxing lavender odour was drifting around, leaving a wispy violet trail behind so that you could take in every last bit. There were also cola bottles containing every soft drink you can ever imagine. Out of the tree trunks, if you hit them, hot chocolate would spurt out! It was simply wonderful.

Mum: It sounds amazing Charlie, have fun in the rest of the factory!

Daniel Cafferkey, Year 4

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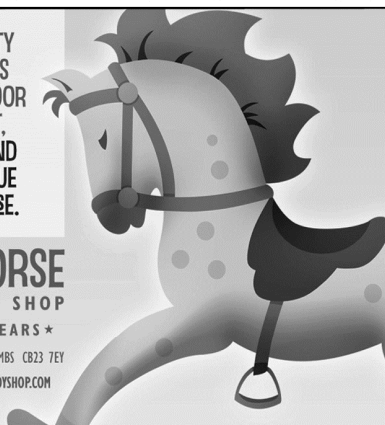
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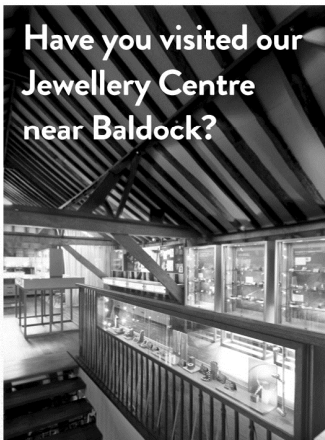
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To everything (turn, turn, turn)

There is a season (turn, turn, turn)

And a time to every purpose, under heaven.

You may be less familiar with the Old Testament book of Ecclesiastes, from which the words of the poem are taken. It speaks of how little influence humanity has on the events of life. As I write, I have spent the afternoon cuddling my baby granddaughter, and next week I will be attending the 100th birthday party of my oldest friend's mother. In the past year I have attended funerals of elderly villagers, a new-born baby and colleagues and acquaintances of my own (middle) age.

In life's uncertainties, one thing that is certain is that none of us knows which day may be our last. For some time hangs heavy, for others it is lived in a state of over-busyness. The writer of Ecclesiastes pondered over whether this inability to control life made it meaningless, yet as Christians we see it as anything but. It means that God has ordered the passage of time, the different seasons of weather and the different types of relationships between us. For 'control freaks' the reassurance that comes out of the poem is that God is in charge. Life is not chaos – there is order and reason. Although we cannot order the changes of time, we can strive to accept them as part of God's plan, remembering that we do not know the end of the story. We are free to accept each season of life as it comes, enjoy the present and seize the day.

He has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also set eternity in the hearts of men; yet they cannot fathom what God has done from beginning to end.

For further information about Great Shelford Free Church (Baptist)

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18 January: 3.30 pm

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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. **3T** will always be creative, informal and spiritual. **3T** gathers on the 3rd Sunday of every month at 3.30pm – venues will change so please see the GSFC website (shelfordfreechurch.org.uk) for event details.

Services at GSFC in January

Ecclesiastes Series

4 January @ 10.30 am

Rev'd Martin Cockerill – 'Everything is Meaningless' (1:1–11)

11 January @ 10.30 am

Rev'd Martin Cockerill – 'The Search for Satisfaction' (1:12–2:26)

18 January @ 10.30 am

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

25 January @ 10.30 am

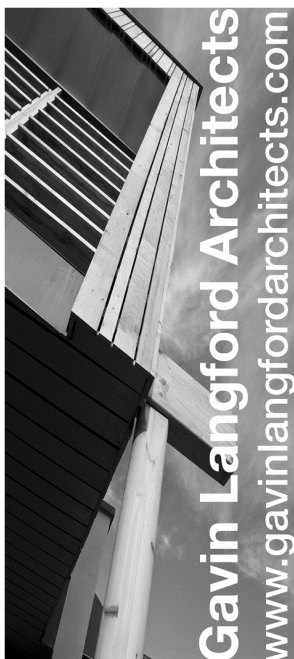
David Baslington – 'Harshness of Life' (3:16–4:3)

25 January @ 6.30 pm

Communion Service

Weekly Activities

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



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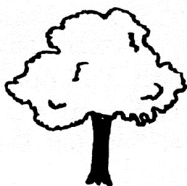
At present, development rights allow the conversion of village pubs to other uses such as retail or offices. South Cambridgeshire District Council is currently considering the possibility of helping to retain village pubs by using what are known as ‘article 4 directions’. An article 4 direction does not prevent the development, but does require that planning permission is first obtained for that development.

The District Council is seeking the views of the public to help them decide whether article 4 directions would be an appropriate tool to help protect local pubs, and to identify specific rural pubs where the use of an article 4 direction would be appropriate.

You can give your views on <https://scambs.jdi-consult.net/localplan/readdoc.php?docid=234>. The consultation will close on 25 February.

JW from information provided by SCDC

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Date	Event	Time	Place
1	AGM of Feast Bunch – all welcome	8pm	Square and Compasses
3	Southern Fringe Community Forum (page 8)	5.00–8.45pm	Trumpington Primary School
5	Carpet Bowls	7.15pm	Memorial Hall
5	W.I. Talk by bomb disposal officer (page 17)	7.30pm	All Saints Comm. Room, Lt. Shelford
6	Little Shelford Local History Society (page 45)	7.30pm	Lt. Shelford Memorial Hall
10	Garden Club: <i>Alpines and Alpine troughs</i> (page 25)	7.30pm	Shelford School Hall
12	Carpet Bowls	7.15pm	Memorial Hall
14	Twinning Association Pancake Evening (page 25)	7.30pm	Free Church Hall
17	Friends of the library: <i>Story of Vaccination</i> (page 5)	7.30pm	Great Shelford library
19	Carpet Bowls	7.15pm	Memorial Hall
25	Engage in the Afternoon: <i>The Lady Juliana</i> (page 22)	2.00pm	Great Shelford Library
26	Carpet Bowls	7.15pm	Memorial Hall
22	Farmers market	9am–12	Memorial Hall

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

BIN COLLECTIONS

Green and blue bins	2 February
Blue bins only	16 February
Black bins	9 February, 23 February

CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

Could all the kind people who have Children's Society Money Boxes bring them to 58 High Street Great Shelford so they can be opened.

With many thanks and every good wish for 2015.

Joy Amis

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The Association would like to thank everyone who came and supported our jumble sale on January 10, resulting in a useful profit for the Association. All monies raised by our fundraising activities go towards funding the exchange visit of the French in early July. We expect a group of 40+ adults and young people to come, including children of primary school age who are specially catered for. We are very grateful to Shelford Primary School for welcoming them into the school for a morning.

Meanwhile, we now look forward to our next two social events – a Pancake Evening on Saturday February 14 (see notice below) and *Le Gouter*, a teatime event for all the family on Saturday March 7. More details of this in the next issue. All are welcome – please just let us know if you are coming for catering purposes.

For more details of the activities of the Association and our next visit to Verneuil in March please contact us via *twinningsec@gmail.com*.

Penny Pearl

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The **Comedy Night** is returning to Shelford on Friday 6 March. Tickets £10 per person, available from David Hatter on davidhatter1@aol.com or 07747 444435. Food will be available to buy on the night.

Shelford 1st XV v Bishops Stortford on Saturday February 14: KO at 2.30pm
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Stephanie Hatter. Youth Secretary

CRICKET CLUB

Nets for adults are at Hills Road Sports Centre on Thursdays 7 to 8pm.

Nets for the youth teams are at Sawston Village College Sports Centre in the Multi Purpose Hall. The newly formed Under 11s are from 6 to 7pm on Mondays and the Under 12s are from 5 to 6pm straight after the first session.

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Editorial Committee

MAMMOTH QUIZ FOR CANCER SUPPORT

Macmillan are looking for local groups and businesses across the UK to host a quiz on 27 February to raise vital funds for people affected by cancer. It's a really fun and easy way to raise money for Macmillan, and you can hold your quiz anywhere from the local pub or bowling club to the office or school.

To find out more or to register, log on to www.macmillanmammothquiz.co.uk or email <mailto:mammoth.quiz.uk@gmail.com>

SAWSTON FUN RUN 2015

Many local groups will benefit from this year's event to be held on Sunday May 10 according to the organisers, the Rotary Club of Cambridge Sawston. The aim is to donate over £14,000 to help nineteen organisations.

The major beneficiary will be Tom's Trust, a charity created as a legacy to nine-year-old Tom Whiteley that raises funds for Brainbow, a dedicated and pioneering rehabilitation service at Addenbrooke's Hospital for children with brain tumours.

Online registrations will be accepted from mid-February at www.sawstonfunrun.co.uk and registration forms will be available from branches of The Cambridge Building Society and Sawston Village College. Early registration is recommended to ensure everyone has time to raise their own sponsorship funds for such good local causes.

Offers of help would be much appreciated and advertising and promotional opportunities exist for those businesses who want to be supportive and involved. Details can be obtained by phoning Tony Collett on 01223 893447, or emailing tony.collett@virgin.net.

Tony Collett

THE MAGOG TRUST

An invitation to meet with the volunteers that support the Downland.

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LITTLE SHELFORD PANTOMIME: ALADDIN

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They did! The script was fluid, lucid and funny – and it had us all home in time if not for tea, then at least for bed. The costumes were superb; there was even a camel, which – no zoo being credited – must have been made. Never work with children or animals, so the theatre saying goes. Director Dick Wallin works with both and (more than) gets away with it. The camel was by no means his only challenge but he brought out the best in them all, irrespective of age or species.

Throughout – most beautifully – they sang (thanks to Lucy Barlow), danced (thanks to Hazel Stevenson), projected their characters (thanks to Heidi Meikle) and ate cake (thanks to Jacqui Atkins). The littlest had been skilfully coached by Mariann Bienz; the whole show was kept on the road by the omnipotent Sarah Cappendale. Magic abounded. The stage hands must have been touched by it: scenes changed behind the curtain in unfeasibly short lengths of time. The flying carpet (don't ask!) the inspired invention of large props builder Donovan Lever, expressed it perfectly. But, as ever, perhaps most magical of all were the actors themselves ...

Christian Barnes as Abanazar was evil personified, especially when he adopted the disguise intended to make him look like Aladdin's kindly uncle, but which actually made him look like a clown from Hell. (Aladdin: 'I'm your nephew? Are you sure?') Poor old Aladdin, 'not the sharpest knife in the drawer' – unlike Hannah Jones, who played him and whose dramatic instincts were finely honed. She gave a highly intelligent performance and her engaging presence as hapless hero ran through the whole like a rich seam of gold. Talking of heroes, Thomas Hawthorn, who played Wishee Washee, proved his credentials in real life. Taken ill in the interval on Friday, he managed to go back on stage for Act II, and made it through, his sparkling performance barely dimmed.

There were terrifying Bad Guys, whose signature song, spiritedly performed, was just that. (They also sang *Hole in the Ground* with the wonderful Theo Burr as 'the man in the bowler hat'.) There were five beautiful princesses, who were a well-judged blend of the traditional and the feisty. The eldest, Jasmine, played by Isabella Martin, insisted, 'I'm not one of those Disney princesses,' and immediately afterwards, with nice comic timing, jumped behind Aladdin for protection. Her sister, Lily (Hannah Caughtry) distinguished herself notably in her lovely solo, *Bewitched, Bothered and Bewildered*.



PC World (Will Norland) and Widow Twankee (Sammy Miekle)

There was a marvellously self-satisfied king (Ben Conway-Smith) and his long-suffering queen (Flora Sharp). Flora Sharp was also impressive, along with Rachel Atkins and Corinna Hudson, as a dancer – and she sang a solo, *Slipping Through my Fingers*. The royal palace was amply staffed with maids and footmen, all of whom gave lively individual

performances and some of whom (e.g. Jake Dann) were truly remarkable. The streets around the palace were patrolled by a trio of hilariously idiotic policemen, to whom we were much indebted for that old panto favourite, *If I Were Not Upon This Stage*.

Aladdin's closest friend and confidant was Abu (charmingly played by Torin Phelps) who led a band of mischievous, whooping monkeys. Being a monkey himself, Abu could only communicate in mime, until Aladdin, in exasperation (and, it has to be said, in the presence of a genie) burst out, 'Oh, I wish you monkeys could talk!' After which the inevitable happened and the audience's delight knew no bounds.

Actually, there were two genies. The Genie of the Ring (Gregory Christodoulou) was a lovable layabout: 'I can give you magic carpet rides, but I don't go south of the Nile.' His cousin, the Genie of the Lamp (Joe Lever), in contrast, could do practically anything and even sang us a haunting solo, as if to prove it. But the genies weren't the only ones with a job-share. The role of pantomime dame was effectively shared between Widow Twankee (Sammy Meikle) and her friend Mother Brown (Laurence Hunter). There was nothing to choose between the prodigious talents of these two actors: together, they were a formidable pair and could not have been more deliciously outrageous. At the end of the show, the Queen declared, 'We'll all live happily ever after!' The audience certainly went home happy and will hurry back next year.



Genie of the lamp (Joe Lever)

Sally Christie (photos: Cheryl Smythe)

READERS' LETTERS

RECREATION GROUND

Great Shelford recreation ground, located in the very heart of our village, is one of the best in the county. Over the last few years the Parish Council have spent many thousands of pounds on improving the recreation ground for the enjoyment of our parishioners. One of the improvements is the railings round the children's play area, to keep dogs out and the children in, but it only works if the gates are closed after entering or leaving. Not hard to work out – and there are signs on both sides of the two gates 'PLEASE SHUT THE GATE'.

I walk round the recreation ground most days and I can say this is generally adhered to. Some forget or get distracted, but if I ask them to shut the gate they usually do so, though often reluctantly.

That was until a few days ago when I noticed a couple with a small child go into the play area leaving the gate open. When I got close enough I asked if they could please shut the gate. I got some response from the woman, which I could not make out, then the man came over towards me and asked if I hadn't got anything better to do than ask him to shut the gate. I tried to explain I was on the PC and we had spent a lot of money putting railings round the play area, but he was getting more agitated, repeating not to tell him to shut the gate plus other remarks, such as that I was a 'jobsworth'. Eventually, after this had continued for some time, his partner intervened and called him away. I walked on down the rec.

Just one more reason why there will be another vacancy on the PC this year.

Tony Smith, Chairman of Parish Council Recreation Committee

SHELFORD MEDICAL PRACTICE

I read the piece about Shelford Medical Practice in the January edition and I would like to add my comments. I have lived in Shelford for 40 years and started going to our doctors when they were in the old house on the corner of Station Road. During all that time I have never had anything but help and kindness from any of the staff. It may seem irksome to have to phone at 8am for an appointment, but you know you will be seen that day. At other practices you may have to wait three weeks to see anyone but the duty doctor, even if they have got an all singing, all dancing, on line appointment system!

The staff are only human and occasionally they don't get things right first time, but they are always cheerful and willing to suggest an alternative treatment or

referral to someone else. I, too, think we are very lucky with our Health Centre and also with our pharmacy at Boots. When you see how many prescriptions they have waiting to be collected, you have to marvel at how they do it. If they haven't got something they can usually get it very quickly. Yes, we are fortunate indeed in Shelford, we have very good health care.

Pam Maloney

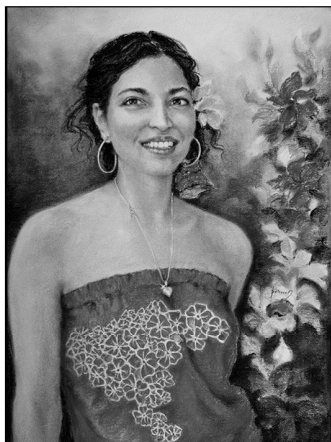
PLANNING AND TRAFFIC ISSUES

In the November issue of the *Village News*, it was reported that 'a resident of Cambridge Road' (unidentified) *welcomed* the replacement of my handsome yew hedge (now in ruins), by new fencing put up by Network Rail to assert their ownership of the embankment leading up to the railway bridge that takes the Cambridge Road into High Green. *Chacun à son gout*'. Incidentally, I put up the hedge after a car plunged down the embankment into my garden (I have lived at No 1 Cambridge Road for the past 35 years). As to the encroachment of weeds on to the pavement, I used to clear them away but now leave it to Network Rail. Curiously, someone else always clears the pavement on the other side.

While I am about it, I might also mention that when Messrs January long ago now applied for planning permission to build on the pretty meadow on the Shelford side of the Trinity House drive, I and my neighbour withdrew our objections when it was stated that the houses to be built on it were for the benefit of young working class couples looking for somewhere to live. However, the plot having been sold to a builder with outline planning permission, it is now the site of three palatial residences said to have been sold for millions of pounds.

One last point. At the junction of Orchard Road and Macaulay Avenue, for some reason there is a large tongue of land jutting out beyond the pavement on the left, which means that a car making for the garage could collide with one turning left from Macaulay Avenue into Orchard Road – as once happened to me, though I had kept to the right side of the road. Now that our traffic authorities have at last removed the invitation to speed up where Hinton Way debouches on to the roundabout, they might apply the same belated common sense to removing the functionless tongue of land referred to – just as, after 25 years arguing, they have removed their invitation to speed up over the railway bridge downhill around a blind bend to where children and old people cross the Cambridge Road to a bus stop on the other side.

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Whipple Museum, discover a world of deep sea darkness at the Polar Museum, or create some 'Creatures of Twilight' at the Museum of Cambridge? The evening is all about fun and discovery and remember, the more places you visit, the more you will be able to see and do. Pick up a *Twilight What's On* guide and passport from participating venues to help you plan and record your journey, or find out more from www.cam.ac.uk/museums/twilight.

So wrap up warm, grab a torch and get ready for adventure!

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Small grants will be awarded to local groups and organisations to support community activities linked to and inspired by the 70th anniversary, wartime Britain and the 1940s era. Each grant will be up to a maximum of £500 and additional funding or support in kind will be expected. The grants will be awarded in two rounds. The deadlines for applications for each round are **February 9 and March 9**. To request an application form and for details on how to apply for a Small Grant, please email ww2commemoration@cambridgeshire.gov.uk or call 01954 284615.

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Leanne Ehren



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SAWSTON MEDICAL PRACTICE

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- become more physically active

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Need more exercise? We have now set up a new walking group in association with MyTimeActive. This meets on Fridays at 1.15 p.m. More information is available at Reception. If you are interested in joining this group please speak to your GP.

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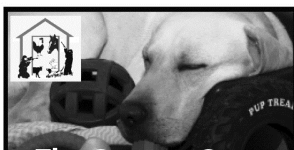
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Julie Weekes

BOTANIC GARDEN

THE POLLINATORS ARE COMING ...

Outside in the garden on sunny days, early-foraging bumbles and honeybees are tempted out by the lure of fragrant, nectar-rich winter-flowering shrubs such as wintersweet and winterbox, and protein-rich flowering bulbs like snowdrops and aconites. This co-dependency of plants and animals exists all over the world, and this month we are focusing on some of the most intriguing plant + pollinator stories at the Botanic Garden's Orchid Festival, which opens on February 7.

Orchids are considered amongst the most exotic and alluring of flowers, but their scent and beauty have not evolved just to ensure they end up impulse purchases in the supermarket trolley! Petal shape, nectar reward, scent and glowing colours are just a few of the tricks that orchids employ to attract a vast array of animal pollinators. This cast includes iridescent bees, wasps, moths with super-long tongues, flies and jewel-coloured hummingbirds, all of which will be paying the Garden's Orchid Festival a visit – in giant, cut-out form!

The diversity of orchids is the result of co-evolved relationships between plant and pollinator. For example, in South America, huge, shiny male euglossine bees harvest scents from rainforest orchids, store them in large armoured pouches on their hind legs, and then release them to attract female bees. In collecting the scents, the bees dislodge special pollen packets which are then carried to the next orchid, effecting pollination.

We'll be creating a magnificent display of popular orchid species and hybrids including suspended globes of *Oncidium* and pedestals of slipper orchids, *Paphiopedilum*, floating over open water. Throughout the tropical rainforest displays the focus will be on wild orchid species, grouped to show particular adaptations, from insect mimicry to the stink of rotting flesh, and we'll be using some new and fun ways to present the ingenious biology of orchids – watch out for the huge Judge Dredd style hummingbirds and giant thynnid wasps...!

Juliet Day

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A talk by Mike Petty

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Care Network volunteers are people who help older, isolated or vulnerable people to stay independent and maintain social contact. They are trained, supported and paid any out of pocket expenses. Could you be part of our volunteer team and make a difference with just a few hours a month or are you interested in setting up a group or activity to support older or vulnerable people where you live?

Check our website on www.care-network.org.uk, call 01954 211919 or email volunteering@care-network.org.uk for more information.

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WHAT'S ON IN FEBRUARY

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.

CAMBRIDGE ARTS THEATRE	
4-7	<i>Henry V</i> Marlowe Society
9-14	<i>Roundelay</i> Alan Ayckbourn
16-21	<i>Dead Simple</i> World premiere of adaptation of Peter James' crime story
22	An evening with Michael Portillo
24-28	<i>All my Sons</i> Arthur Miller
Telephone: 01223 503333 Web: www.cambridgeartstheatre.com	

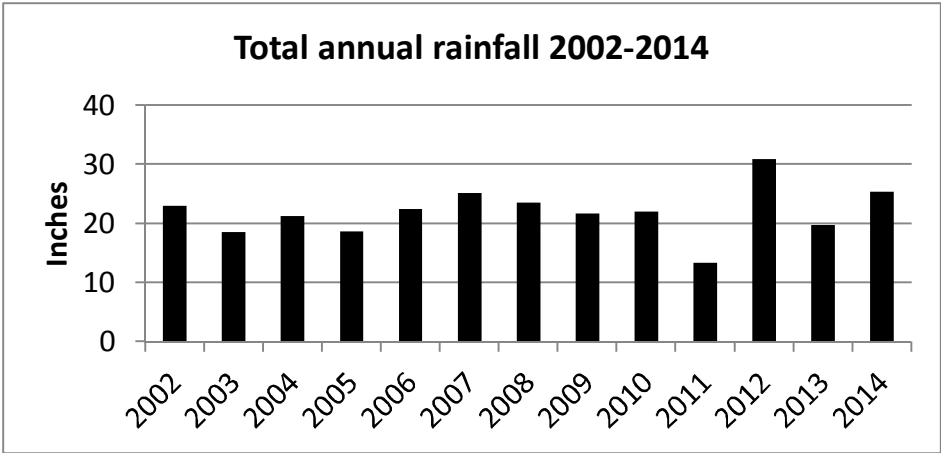
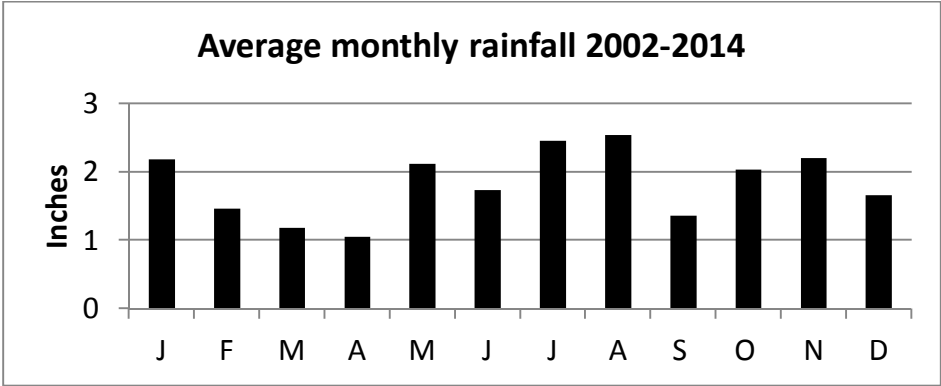
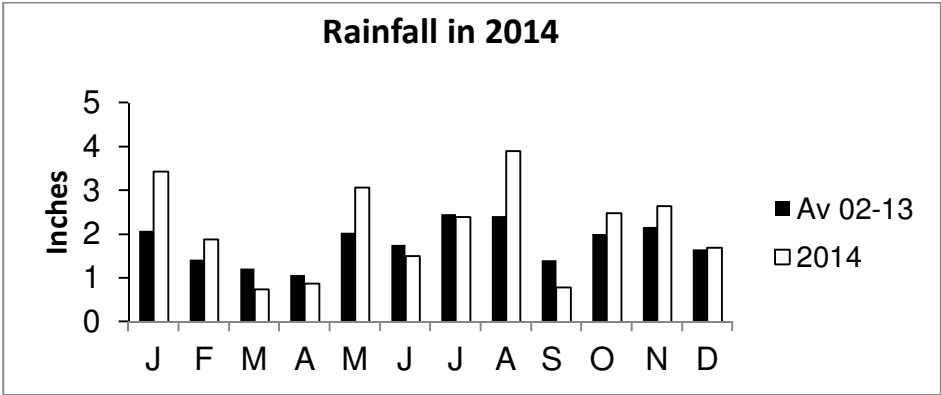
UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE (OPEN EVENTS)		
Mondays 5-6pm		Lecture Series: <i>Hand-held objects of the early Maya</i> (Mill Hall Lecture Room 3, 8 Mill Rd)
22	10am-4.45pm	<i>Philosophy: Insights into Contemporary Ideas</i> (Madingley Hall, £75.00, booking required 01223 746262)
28	8-10pm	CUCO performs Mendelssohn, Mozart and Beethoven West Road Concert Hall, 11 West Road, Cambridge
For information on these and other events see www.admin.cam.ac.uk/whatson		

SAWSTON CINEMA		
18	2.30pm	<i>The Box Trolls</i> Based on children's novel <i>Here be monsters</i>
18	7.00pm	National Theatre Live <i>Treasure Island</i> 10+ years
24	6.30	<i>Saving Mr Banks</i> How Disney made the film of <i>Mary Poppins</i>
Telephone: 01223 712825 Web: www.sawstoncinema.org.uk		

STAPLEFORD GRANARY	
13	Concert: Alistair Miles & Marie-Noelle Kendall – Horror and superstition, love and romance
Telephone: 01223 849004 Web: www.staplefordgranary.org.uk	

WANDLEBURY		
7	11am	Orienteering taster day
Telephone: 01223 243830 Web: www.cambridgeppf.org		

RAINFALL IN GREAT SHELFORD 2002–2014



LOCAL ORGANISATIONS

Badminton (Little Shelford)	Rosie Cranmer		513572
Bowls Club	Wendy Seekings		843416
Brownies, Guides, Rainbows	Lisa MacGregor		843021
Bunch – Feast	Duncan Grey		842191
Carpet Bowls	Jenny Cater		842995
Citizens Advice Bureau	Cambridge		0844 8487979
Community Association	(for booking Memorial Hall) Sheila Tilbury-Davis		844384
Country Market	Dorothy Doel		843946
Cricket Club	Mrs M Ellum		842394
Darts League	Mr D Matthews		845287
Football Club	Peter Ellwood		562733
Free Church			842181
Friends of Shelford Library	Daphne Sulston		842248
Garden Club	Helen Chubb		845032
Health Centre	Ashen Green, Great Shelford		843661
Mobile Warden Scheme	Jackie Noble (Wdn)	700920	Jenny Morris (Chair) 846332
Parish Church Bellringers	Ann Smith		577980
Parish Church Community Room	Mary Lester		842411
Parish Church Friends	Bob Doel		843946
Parish Church Sunday Club	Joanne Staines		07790 415732
Parish Church Wardens	Dianne Fraser	562731	Stella Nettleton 832290
Parochial Charities	Mary Lester (Clerk to the Trustees)		842411
Police	Non-emergency number		101
Rainbow Pre-School	Alison Tomlin		07985 216603
Royal British Legion	Gillian Farrar		840947
Rugby Club	Colin Astin		842154
Sawston Sports Centre	The Village College		712555
Scouts and Cubs	Jillian Hardwick		840066
Scout & Guide HQ	Jenny Grey		842191
Shelford & Stapleford Strikers	Derek White		561753
Shelford Primary School	Alison Evans, Headteacher		843107
Shelford Support Group (transport to hospital etc.)	Mrs Wilkinson	843856	Mrs P Legge 843275
	Mrs Newman	842514	Mrs Carol Bard 571380
South Cambs DFAS	Sheila Tilbury-Davis		844384
Sunnyside Preschool Stapleford	Jane Doyle		707817
Sustainable Shelford	Mike Winter		07870 807442
Stapleford Choral Society	Adam Pounds		843468
Tennis Club	Lydia Seymour		07790 498875
Twinning Association	Penny Pearl		842483
U3A (Sawston Branch)	Mr D Cupit		871527
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Youth Initiative	Dan Mapstone		0777 387 9837



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