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Bluebells in St Mary's Churchyard

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GREAT SHELFORD PARISH COUNCIL

EXTRACTS FROM DRAFT MINUTES OF MARCH MEETING

PUBLIC SESSION: A representative of the Bowls Club asked for a ramp to be provided over the step from the entrance to the Sports Pavilion towards the Bowling Club. It was noted that groundworks were about to commence. These would include raising the ground so that the step was not as high. The request would be considered thereafter.

A Village resident raised a number of points: he had tried, unsuccessfully, numerous times, to contact Cllr Shelton, and left messages for him, in respect of a dangerous pothole in the vicinity of 4 Mingle Lane. The Chairman said that Highways Department was aware and had investigated it. County Cllr Orgee would get them to look at it again. A white van advertising a tyre business was often parked on Hinton Way close to the junction with Chaston Road obscuring visibility for drivers exiting Chaston Road; he had complained to the police. The Chairman said he would raise it with the Enforcement Officer who had already been told about the illegal advertising boards in the same area. Yellow parking restriction lines and associated signs in Ashen Green were faded. The Chairman said he would try to get them refreshed. Tesco delivery trucks frequently parked on the pavement; this was illegal and unhelpful to disabled pedestrians; also, why could they not deliver at 7am, as did the Co-op, when there was less traffic? The Chairman said there were noise and school-run issues, but would pass on these points to Officers.

MINUTES of Meeting on 18 February 2015 were received, confirmed and signed. The Chairman said a meeting with SCDC regarding S 106 funds from the Welches development would take place in the next few days; Stapleford PC did not want to share the monies. Hustings: the Chairman had issued invitations; no replies so far. Hedges: the Clerk said that the hedge at 19 High Green had been cut.

REPORTS FROM ELECTED AND NOMINATIVE REPRESENTATIVES

County Cllr Dr Kenney spoke about Council Tax increases: the County and District were imposing 1.99% increases; Fire and Police Authorities were unchanged; overall, an average 0.87% increase. She also spoke critically about developers of the former Bayer site at Hauxton seeking permission to build 4 blocks of apartments: a dangerous precedent for all communities around Cambridge as blocks of flats were undesirable in a village context. The same developers had failed to seek road space which could lead to serious traffic disruption on the A10. She noted that Cambridgeshire had received an additional £6m for cycleways; there was a need to improve the cycleway from the M11 to Royston. At a cost of £4m, a pedestrian/cycle bridge was to be built

between Abbey and Chesterton. The Cambridge Archives were moving from their present unsatisfactory location in the damp basement at Shire Hall to the Strike Bowling Alley at Ely. New services were being provided on the top floor of the Central Library; the café was closing as it was not profitable.

County Cllr Orgee spoke about the Budget announcement of funding for Cambridge and surrounding authorities. This was good news and additional to the City Deal announced last year. In respect of local highway issues, he said the 4 March meeting with County Council Highways officials had been very useful; Cllr Shelton was to be in touch with officials to have new and amended plans drawn up. There would then be a public consultation. In respect of proposals for Church Street in the vicinity of the school, he urged the Parish Council to involve Little Shelford Parish Council in the consultation process. In discussion of all the issues, including parking spaces at High Green, post vans, Church Street, Maris Green, and Woollards Lane, it was emphasised that there was a need for urgency and that detailed proposals and plans should be made available for consultation as soon as possible. Action: Cllr Shelton.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Planning: Cllr Hodge summarised recommendations made at the most recent Committee Meeting (Minutes available).

Recreation: Cllr Smith reported that the recent Committee Meeting had agreed that the skateboard ramp would probably have to be removed soon, but not before the forthcoming RoSPA inspection. Advice was being sought in respect of the climbing frame. The area behind the Scout Hut needed attention; the Chairman said that requests for quotes had been issued in respect of installing a drainage gully and soakaway. Ivy growing up trees near the riverbank needed cutting again. Replacement hedging around the Sports Pavilion should be planted as soon as other remedial work was completed and watering available.

Pavilion VAT: doubts were expressed that the proposed legal advice would be sufficiently clear to warrant the estimated cost. Further consideration should be given. Action: Chairman, Cllr Watson, Mr Winter and the Clerk to meet with Mr Ward.

Pavilion Completion: Mr Winter said that Martin Worrall had acknowledged Omnis' responsibility for the work outstanding and had provided a timetable commencing 24 March. The new cladding would be inspected by Tim Page before it was installed.

Street Lighting Project: The Clerk said this was nearly complete, albeit months behind schedule. However, there were locations where remedial work was required, eg verges, unrepaired holes in pavements, missing signage and hanging basket supports etc. The Parish Council was being allowed by the

County Council to sign-off its approval on a street-by-street basis before any payments were made to Balfour Beatty. It was agreed that Councillors should assist with surveying what was still required. Keeley Russell of Balfour Beatty, who had been the Parish Council's main liaison contact, was leaving her position. Action: Clerk and Councillors.

Play Area Initiative: Cllrs Rev Talbott and Nettleton said good Terms of Reference had been agreed. The Working Group was meeting on 19 March and would present a report to the next Parish Council Meeting and the Annual Parish Meeting. An article was going in the *Village News*. The timetable was demanding but early indications were promising.

Community Work Placement (CWP): Once established that a participating job seeker would be paid, it was agreed that Cllr Nettleton, assisted by Cllr Hodge, would take the lead in drawing up a proposal and managing a CWP. Action: Cllr Nettleton.

Finance: payments of £13,487.86 and receipts of £310.00 as presented by the Clerk were approved. There was discussion about the principle of the County Council charging the Parish Council £967.69 for electricity to power 32 streetlights for the year ended 30 October 2014. It was agreed that CCC and residents in those private/unadopted roads concerned be alerted that the Parish Council would be looking closely at the justification for meeting these costs in future. Action: Clerk.

Correspondence: Relate be asked to make a short presentation at the April PC Meeting; Receipt of the External Audit requirements and timetable noted; Shelford Fun Run to take place on 13 September – noted with approval.

Pavilion Security And Other Issues: reluctance of the police to be involved unless the anti-social activities were of a more serious nature was greatly regretted. Mr Winter and Cllr Ashurst were meeting Police Sgt Davidson and, separately, the Youth Club to encourage them to take greater responsibility. Mr Winter would investigate whether or not the external lighting could be programmed, although it was noted that CCTV would be affected if the lights were off. It was agreed that quotes be obtained to provide wifi – Action: Clerk; agreed that CCTV signage be obtained and displayed – Action: Mr Winter. Mr Winter would seek assistance from Councillors and Mr Knowles in respect of completing the FA grant evaluation.

Matters For Future Consideration: Cllr Smith raised the following: condition of bus shelters; the need for litter pick(s); and ask residents at Rose View, High Green, to cut back their tree where it overhangs a public bench.

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

PLANNING APPLICATIONS PARISH COUNCIL COMMENTS

S/0152/15/FL	Mr Haslam and Dr Hussain 1 Mingle Lane	Demolition and rebuild. Amended plan.
We remain concerned about the impact of the two storey extension on the outlook from the sitting room window of 1A and are not prepared to support the amendment.		
S/0632/15/FL	Mr D. Schofield 1 Woodlands Road	Extensions to existing chalet bungalow.
No objections.		
S/0675/15/FL	Mr & Mrs Ayling 43 Leeway Avenue	Two storey rear extension and roof alterations.
No objections.		
S/0691/15/FL	Mr. A Holmes 6 Woodlands Road	First floor extension to provide additional living space above single storey garage and loft conversion.
We would prefer to see the garage door split into two vertical sections and the new gable to the front elevation finished in just one material. No recommendation.		
S/0363/15/FL	Mr and Mrs J Coy 3 Hinton Way	Erection of two storey/part single storey extension to side of dwelling.
No objections to the main two storey extension but would prefer to see the two storey utility room/en-suite extension removed to preserve the scale of the building and cottage appearance. Refuse as it stands. New brickwork should be Cambridge Whites.		
S/0225/15/FL	Mr Gary Whitton 35 Stonehill Road	Cream/white render to main dwelling and re-render existing extension to match.
No objections.		
S/0572/15/FL	Mrs Sue Maltby 2 Granhams Road	External alterations, conversion of existing dwelling to two dwellings and new access.
We would have no objection to the conversion to two dwellings. Provision should be made within the site for parking and turning for the cars of both dwellings using the existing access and retaining the existing wall.		
C/11/40/039	Mr Ian Kydd 8 Halatte Gardens	Felling of plane tree.
This London plane is likely to be one of the oldest large trees in the Conservation area and was probably planted in the grounds of the Elms when it was built in the 1850s. We would strongly oppose its felling unless there is overwhelming evidence that this is the only course of action and would prefer to see a crown reduction with monitoring. We sought a second opinion in the case of the beech tree adjacent to the Co-op as this was also felt to be a very significant tree and would like to do the same in this case.		

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SHELFORD ANNUAL PARISH MEETING 2015

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Was it really only last summer when the Tour de France sped through the Village with hundreds of us cheering them on? And in September former Arsenal and Northern Ireland football legend and Great Shelford resident, Steve Morrow, opened the new sports pavilion along with Jimmy Dean and Wenda Burbidge.

Sadly, final completion of the pavilion is taking a little longer as much of the timber cladding was not to standard and is being replaced. More happily, we received welcome confirmation from HMRC that they are not pursuing payment of VAT on the construction costs. We are aiming to ensure we can maximise use of the facility without jeopardising this position.

With increasing road usage and growing popularity of the Village, we are working closely with the County Council Highways Department (which has the ultimate power in respect of highways issues) to manage the traffic and related safety issues throughout the Village. Church Street, Woollards Lane and High Green are of particular concern. We were pleased the County Council reduced the speed limits to 30mph on Cambridge Road and Hinton Way.

We have asked Network Rail to bring forward their next review (not scheduled until 2019) of the situation at Shelford Station, the only station on the line between Cambridge and Liverpool Street Station without a footbridge or underpass. So far, they are resisting. As increased train services through Great Shelford are promised, the barriers will be down more often.

Balfour Beatty began updating our street lighting in October. The promised 6–8 week programme, a PFI on behalf of the County Council, is still not finished! We will continue to press them to restore verges, reinstall signage and replace the flower basket supports they removed. The County Council has said they will not pay Balfour Beatty until they know the Parish Council is satisfied.

We have an energetic and imaginative group of local parents and other villagers, coordinated by Eleanor McCrone, looking at improving play facilities on the recreation ground. This is a big and expensive project. Hopefully, most of the funding can be obtained through grants. Along with the South Cambridgeshire Ecology Officer, we are also looking at how the riverbank can be rebuilt and maintained in such a way as to greatly enhance its enjoyment.

Through the year the Parish Council has been pleased to support: the weekly Shoppers Bus for elderly and less mobile residents in the Macaulay and Chaston area; the Mobile Warden Scheme; the Shelford and Stapleford Youth Initiative; the children's Summer Reading Challenge and the Friendship Club.

The Feast Committee had a wonderful year, handing out £26,000 to local good causes; the Parish Council is pleased to support them.

This has been the first full year since the Parish Council began leasing the car park behind Woollards Lane. The costs include £12,000 per year for the Lease and £4,600 in Rates.

We were pleased that Arthur Rank received full planning permission for their new hospice close to the Hinsby Roundabout. Work on this is getting underway.

I would like to thank my fellow Parish Councillors for their work and support, all of it voluntary and unpaid, and our Village Man, Seamus Fegan. My thanks also to Tony Smith as he retires after many years' service with the Parish Council and as Chairman of the Recreation Committee, and to Mike Winter who has stood down as a Councillor in order to take over as Parish Clerk from Ian Kydd who has done an outstanding job. Mike will continue to manage the pavilion. Finally, thanks to our District and County Councillors for looking after our interests.

*Councillor Charles Nightingale, Chairman, Parish Council
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PLAYSCAPE NEWS



Things are progressing! The study Playscape: A Vision for Great Shelford was presented by the Playscape Working Group (PWG) to the Pavilion and Recreation Ground Sub-Committee (PRGC) on 7 April, the full Parish Council on 13 April and the Annual Parish Meeting on 16 April. The study reviews the existing play facilities on Great Shelford's Recreation Ground and proposes a plan for their improvement. We concluded

that the present equipment is in poor condition, is not inclusive of certain age groups or abilities and the setting lacks any shelter or sense of place. In short it is uninspiring. Three options for improving the provision are then outlined. Namely, maintenance and piece-meal replacement, refurbishment with a playground company, and full redesign using a landscape architect.

In the light of its review, the PWG recommended a full redesign with a landscape architect as the option best suited to address the identified issues and in the study we present a 'Vision for Great Shelford'. We believe that this should include the playground area, the skate ramp and the copse area by the river – using landscaping, planting, new equipment and surfaces, whilst also tying the Pavilion into the scheme.

We will be distributing copies of the report around the village and uploading it to the website in due course. Since going to press the PC will have voted on our proposal. So far the PRGC has recommended we pursue option 3, the full redesign using a landscape architect, which we are very pleased about. We will have also started conducting our focus groups; so far meeting the scouts and beavers to listen to their views and involve them with the project, with more opportunities to engage with other groups in the pipeline.

We now have a domain name www.shelfordplayscape.org and a new email info@shelfordplayscape.org. The website is kindly being built and hosted by local resident Dave Jones of platformtwenty.

We are now setting our sights on setting up a charity to help the fundraising initiative and embarking on the next phase. This is an exciting and ambitious project for the village and we would really appreciate any help and expertise you can offer. Please do get in touch!

Eleanor McCrone

CAR PARKING IN VILLAGE

As many of you will be aware there are traffic black spots in the village with traffic congestion, cars mounting the pavements, conflicts between cars, cyclists and pedestrians and poor visibility for residents exiting from their drives.

At a recent meeting of the Parish Council Highways Committee, a number of suggestions were put forward to ease the situation in the worst places. We need your comments on the following proposals and any further suggestions before we approach the County Council and ask them to draw up plans for wider consultation. Email your comments to *parishclerkgreatshelford@gmail.com*.

High Green

Residents on the east side find it difficult coming out of their drives as parked cars and vans restrict visibility, which is not improved by the very faded road markings (re-instatement of these is a priority). It has been proposed that a parking bay is removed outside 20 High Green, the double yellow lines in the bus bay (incorrectly painted there) are removed and car parking spaces in the locality are restricted to one hour with no return within an hour. This restriction could also be placed along part of Maris Green.

Church Street

It is proposed to extend the double yellow lines around the bend near Rectory Farm to improve visibility, but any further extension of the double yellow lines could lead to rat running, a lack of car parking spaces for residents and parents visiting the school.

This is a serious bottleneck which requires a well thought out solution possibly funded by a County Council local highways initiative.

Woollards Lane

It is proposed to remove the disabled bay outside McColls and use it as a loading bay for McColls and Tesco's.

It would be useful if both McColls and Tesco's could restrict loading/unloading to quieter periods of the day. Several councillors favour a one way system along Woollards Lane and others traffic calming, using platforms.

Outside the Shelford Deli is another pinch point, and it is possible that a small restriction on parking here would improve the traffic flow.

It is important to make sure that any changes do not affect the viability of village businesses and they will all be consulted about any proposed changes.

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On line access to your medical information

We continue to expand the services that are available to you online. You are now able to see summary information about your medications, allergies and sensitivities. You can register to gain access to online services by asking our receptionists. The services you will be able to use are: make appointments; cancel appointments; see your repeat prescriptions; request further repeats; see other medications that have recently been prescribed; view any allergies or sensitivities that have been recorded for you.

Weight management

Our healthcare assistants and nurses, as well as GPs, are able to offer support if you are trying to lose weight. They can refer you to specialist weight management consultants and to the gym, and give you pointers to other resources that will help you. If you are already seeing one of our clinicians for any matter, just ask them what is available and they will be happy to help.

Smoking cessation

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GENERAL ELECTION AHEAD !

Simon Talbott writes: As you read this edition of the *Village News*, we will be within days of the General Election on 7 May. The election campaign seems to have been going on for months and many I have met recently have expressed frustration, boredom and even disinterest as the various parties have attempted to engage with us. However we feel on the eve on polling day, can I encourage you to do two important things. First, to make sure you use your vote. The franchise that we enjoy was hard won over many years and we owe to the memory of those who made these sacrifices to vote whenever we are able. Secondly, we need to remember before God all those who are elected, even if we did not vote for them. Being an elected representative is a weighty responsibility. I share with you part of a letter which the Bishops of the Church of England issued in March; I believe it raises some key questions:

The election campaign is likely to entrench the apathy and cynicism with which many people approach politics today. To accept such attitudes is a counsel of despair. Unless we exercise the democratic rights that our ancestors struggled for, we will share responsibility for the failures of the political classes. It is the duty of every adult to vote, even though it may have to be a vote for something less than a vision that inspires us.

If the country is ever to enjoy a new politics which reflects our beliefs about human flourishing, we must work with others to make that vision attractive, imagine how it might be made real and help those with a vocation to political life to argue for better ways of doing things.

Who is My Neighbour, House of Bishops 2015 ©

Granta Deanery Ascension Day Eucharist 14 May at 7.30pm

The parishes of the Deanery are invited to gather together for a Eucharist to celebrate Ascension Day at All Saints, Harston. The address will be given by the Rural Dean, The Revd Dr Julie Norris. Lifts will be available; please contact the Churchwardens.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM): Churchwarden Elections

The APCM elected Stella Nettleton and Dianne Fraser to continue to serve as Churchwardens for the coming year. Our sincere thanks to both for undertaking this role and best wishes to them for the coming year.

Great & Little Shelford C of E (A) School Foundation Governor Vacancy

There will shortly be a vacancy for a Foundation governor to represent St Mary's Parish on the governing body. Ideally, it would be good to recruit a volunteer who worshipped at St Mary's and was keen to bring a wider experience into the role of school governance. If you are interested and keen to offer your skills, then please have a conversation with Simon Talbott.

Pilgrimage Visit to Norwich Cathedral Sunday 20 September

We are running a Pilgrim Visit to Norwich Cathedral later this summer and have had conversations with the Dean to look at the practical arrangements. A Sunday afternoon visit is planned; we would leave the village at around 12 noon, arriving in Norwich for 2pm. The Dean will welcome us and lead a guided Pilgrim Tour of the Cathedral; we would then attend Choral Evensong at 3.30pm. A Cream Tea will follow in the Refectory and we return to be back for 7.30pm. The cost will be £17.50 per person (including transport, cream tea and a gratuity for the driver). Booking is open now via a list at the back of the church – please add your name. This will be a shared event with St Andrew's Stapleford.

From the registers:

Interment of Cremated Remains:

26 April Walter Turtill

Regular Services

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)

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Last year the Friends played a major part in funding the construction of the new paths that connect the church to the community room and school. These now provide wheelchair and buggy-friendly access across the churchyard and are well-used and much appreciated.

This year the Friends are raising funds for a new project, this time for inside the church. The sound system that is used for services and events is now almost 20 years old and is in need of replacement! Thought has to be given to the design of a new system but this will now become our focus for several fund-raising events.

To launch this appeal the Friends are organising a Sponsored off-road Walk from the Parish Church to King's College Chapel on the afternoon of Saturday 6 June. The Walk will be suited to all ages and is open to all. For details and sponsorship forms, contact Iain Wilkinson (843856) or Anthony Cooper (845115).

Don't know much about the Friends or what we do? Then get in touch (01223 843946) or come along to our **AGM on Tuesday 12 May** at 7.30pm in the Community Room. You'll be more than welcome!

Bob Doel

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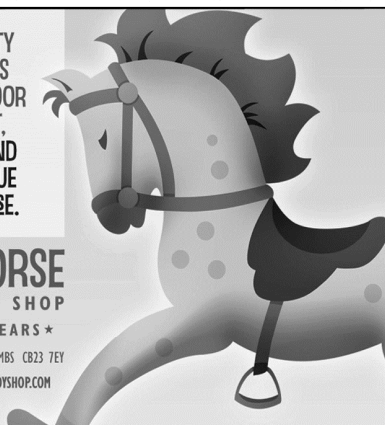
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Jesus spoke of things people would understand; He came to where they were. He spoke of keeping sheep, sweeping houses, building houses, catching fish, baking bread. He told stories about sowing seed, birds in trees, mending clothes and lending money. And through the simple everyday things of day to day life He wove a narrative of what God's kingdom was like.

So it is today; as you go about life in Shelford, you are just as likely to encounter Jesus doing 'ordinary' things as you would in more 'holy' surroundings. That is why as Christians at GSFC, we share meals so often – through our Friday 'Call Inn', our Sunday 3T gatherings where we often picnic outdoors, through our enjoyment of the Shelford Feast, and the many meals we share in small groups in each other's homes.

That is not to say, of course, that Jesus is not to be found in more formal situations. We share bread and wine together to remember His giving of Himself for us at Easter time. Through our sermons and home groups this coming season we will be learning more about how Jesus showed the uniqueness of his presence through the everyday and the ordinary, in language and ways that are as real today as they were in the first century. Come and encounter Jesus with us as we explore 'Habits of a Highly Effective Messiah'; we can guarantee that there will be several meals involved!

(Liz Jenkin, Elder @ Great Shelford Free Church)



Creative worship for all ages @ Tea Time Together

17 April – 3T Craft @ Gt. Shelford Free Church

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May @ GSFC

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Worship Service 3 May

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Communion Service 10 May

Be Perfect

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Worship Service 17 May

Throw a Good Party

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Worship Service 24 May

All Age Service @ GSFC

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HOW MANY PARISH COUNCILLORS DOES IT TAKE TO PUT UP A ROSE BOWER?

Answer: two, plus a clerk to take the minutes! No seriously (as Frankie Howerd would say), the *Village News* has been kind enough to donate a rose bower to the parish cemetery in Cambridge Road. So one Monday in April, I, Bridget Hodge and Ian Kydd met to contemplate its assembly. With over 50 pieces spread out on the grass – the straight horizontals, the curved flat-ended top piece, the curved narrow-ended verticals etc – the task seemed somewhat daunting. However Ian adopted the unconventional approach of starting at the beginning of the instructions and working solidly through to the end. Some 4½ hours later, to our surprise, we found ourselves with a rose bower. The next day, there were gales roaring across the cemetery, and we were gratified to find afterwards that it was still standing. However, we're still a bit worried: you know how, when you self-assemble anything, there's always a piece left over? Well, we haven't found it yet. Where is it?

The arch at the moment looks a bit isolated, but we've got more to do. There are roses to plant, and a clematis, and we hope to add a few ornamental thistles to the arrangement. We also need a bench to go in it. If anyone would be interested in donating one, we'd be very pleased to hear from you. In time, we hope the bower will provide a pleasant place to sit. The view over the cemetery is lovely, and very peaceful, and if you're quiet, then a pheasant will wander out, and the wren, the blackbird and the robin will all come and hop round you.

I'd like to say a big thank you to the *Village News* for their very generous gift.

Other news from the cemetery:

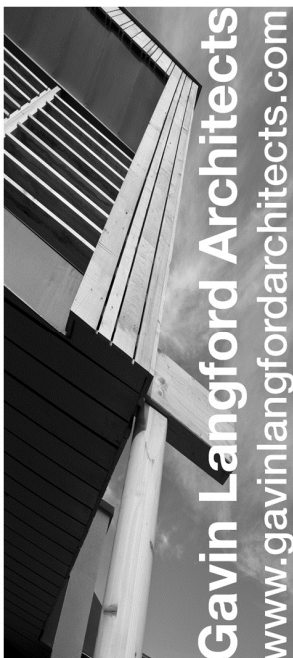
Grass-mowing has now started, and our hard-working clerk is monitoring the contractors' performance closely, to make sure the cemetery is in tip-top condition. Seamus, our village man, worked there over the winter, and he has got everything looking much smarter, so a big thank you both to Ian and Seamus for all their hard work.

Our volunteer work party met for the first time this year, although numbers were a bit light, but many thanks to Sylvia and Penny for their contribution.

I'd also like to express the Parish Council's appreciation to Mrs E Workman who has given a very fine bench to sit under the cherry tree (in replacement of one that was removed), in memory of her parents, Gilbert and Phyllis Ash.

Helen Harwood

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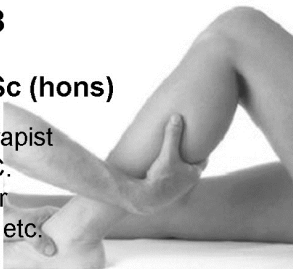
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SCHOOL NEWS



The second half of the spring term started enthusiastically; no resting on their laurels for staff and pupils of Great

and Little Shelford School after the very successful inspection in February.

It began with Reception and Years 1 and 2 watching a play, *Feet First*, performed by Box Clever. It encouraged them to think about road safety, taking exercise and travelling safely in a fun and interactive way.

On 5 March you may have noticed a remarkable procession of Wizards, Pirates, Princesses and other amazing characters walking towards the school. World Book Day was being celebrated in the school and every child brought his or her favourite book to read. There was also the opportunity to admire everyone's costumes. Congratulations to all (including parents) for the imagination show.

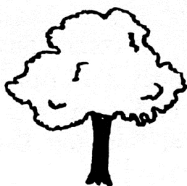
Meanwhile the musicians were practising for the End of Term Instrumentalists Evening Concert and the young pianists for their concert in the afternoon. Both concerts were a tribute to the children's hard work and the dedication of all the staff. In the evening there were performances featuring solos, duets, small ensembles and, of course, the school orchestra. The musicality and confidence of all the performers was exceptional and to be commended.

Recent successes achieved show that pupils are involved in a wide range of activities. Two pairs entered the Duathlon which involved running and cycling, a team from Year 5 played in a Tag Rugby tournament, Years 3 and 4 competed in an Indoor athletics tournament and last but not least Years 1 and 2 competed in a Multi-Skills Festival. Congratulations to everyone involved.

Through all these activities the curriculum continued to be studied and achievements acknowledged. Each week successes were celebrated at Friday Assemblies, for individuals, classes and Houses until on the last day of term the Easter Service was held at St Mary's Church. This was led by Year 5 with readings, prayers and a beautiful representation of the Events of Holy Week, the Crucifixion and the Resurrection. It was attended by the whole school and was a fitting end to the term.

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DIARY – MAY 2015

Date	Event	Time	Place
7	General Election Polling Station	7am–10pm	Memorial Hall
7	History Walk (page 25)	7.30pm	Parish Church
12	Friends Parish Church AGM and Talk (page 16)	7.30pm	Community Room
12	Granta Flower Club Open Flower Demonstration	7.30pm	Memorial Hall
20	Engage in the Afternoon (page 37)	2pm	Library
23	Marmen Quartet (page 8)	7.30pm	Parish Church
23	Farmers' Market	9am–12	Memorial Hall

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

Black Bin Collection: Tuesday 5 and Monday 18 May
 Green Bin Blue Bin Collection: Monday 11 and Tuesday 26 May
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LITTLE SHELFORD PANTOMIME – AUDITIONS



Auditions will be held on Sunday 21 June 2015 for *Beauty and the Beast*, Little Shelford Pantomime 2016 at Little Shelford Memorial Hall. Those who have been in pantomime before, please come and audition between 2 and 5 pm. Children new to pantomime, please come between 5 and 6 pm.

Please ring me on 01223 842498 or email coppendales@btinternet.com if you have any queries.

Sarah Coppendale

HISTORY WALKS FOR 2015

Well, the long days are with us at last, and here's the programme for this year's History Walks.

Meet The Ancestors Thursday 7 May at 7.30pm



The first walk will be around the graveyard. The first part will be about burial and the different ways it's been regarded: when people first started having headstones and why the north side of the churchyard was empty, to give just two examples. The second half will focus on a number of different memorials: who they commemorate and their role in the village. The graveyard is a microcosm of village history, and the last resting-place of those

who went before us so there is much it can tell us.

As the vicar has kindly allowed us access, I think we should support the church which has a hefty ongoing maintenance burden. You will be asked to contribute £2 to the fabric fund.

We will meet in front of St Mary's Church and the walk will last up to 90 minutes.

Other dates for your diary are Wednesday 24 June and Tuesday 14 July. For more details contact me on 01223 840393 or helen_harwood_uk@yahoo.co.uk.

Helen Harwood

RUGBY CLUB

We have six adult teams regularly playing at the club. The 1st XV and four others, as well as the ladies who have been crowned Midlands Championship 2 winners undefeated all season. So they are up for promotion. We also have twelve youth teams from under 7s to Colts. This season there were over 340 registered children playing for Shelford Rugby Club.

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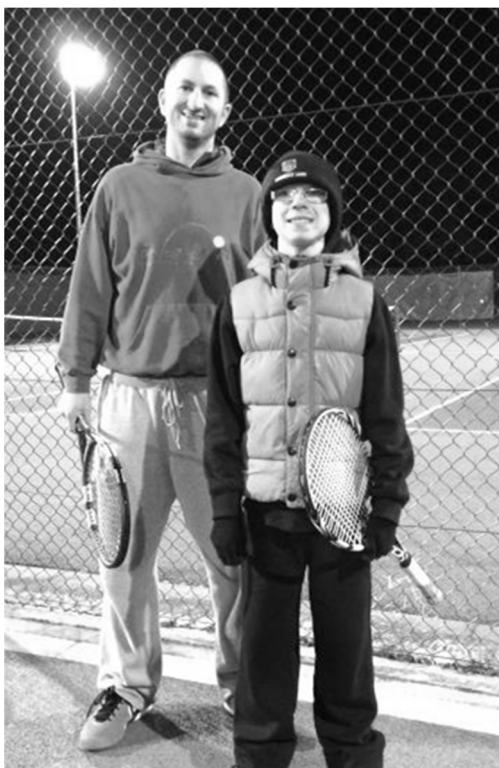
Are you a girl? Do you know someone who is a girl? Do you know someone who knows a girl? If the answer to any of those is yes, as surely it must be, then GSTC is for you, or if not you, then the girl that you or someone knows. Get our drift? We want more girls to come and play tennis! Just contact any of the committee or one of the coaches via the website gstc.org.uk.

But we don't want boys to feel left out, or ladies, or men, or even people from Sawston. There's plenty of tennis for everyone throughout the spring and summer at our club sessions on Monday and Wednesday evenings at 7pm, or the ever-popular Saturday 4.30pm session (which has the great virtue of finishing at cocktail time).

Aside from those times the courts will begin to get quite busy as the Cambs League summer matches get underway this month. GSTC are currently the county champions and there is often a high standard of tennis to be seen on court. We have eight men's teams and six ladies', so there can be sometimes quite a low standard of tennis (I am often responsible). Spectators would be wise to check our match schedule on the website. Home matches all start at 7pm, but get there on time as there can be quite a crowd. Once last year we had 11.

We have our splendid coaches to thank for our on-court success, and say a big hello to the latest addition Ashley Powter, pictured with head coach Hamid Hejazi. Ashley is the latest teenage prodigy to join the

team thanks in part to the generous help of the Richard Darton Tennis Foundation, the coaching charity founded by Hamid himself. Details can be found at <http://www.rdtf.co.uk/>. Welcome aboard Ash!



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CRICKET CLUB

As you read this, GSCC will have started the season. The first team will again be in the CCA Senior One Division. Dan Heath will be captain this season and we are hopeful that we can improve on last season's mid-table position. We have lost very good players in Adam Matthews and Tom Barnard but have recruited AP Stafford from Girton and Aaron Clarke who has come all the way from Melbourne (that's Australia not Cambridgeshire) and will open the batting and bowl off spin for us.

The seconds will be captained by Danny Nicholls and they will be determined to secure promotion from Division Six South of the CCA Junior League. We now have two youth teams at Under 11 and Under 12 and are looking for players. Boys in Years 5, 6 and 7 are eligible and girls up to year 8 can play. Anyone interested should contact Paul Ellum on 01223 842394.

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Enjoying the Big Breakfast

Thanks to all those who came to the Big Breakfast on Saturday 14 March, it was wonderful to have so many villagers from our three villages come to join us for breakfast, meet with friends, meet the youth workers, listen to great live music played by Lucy Barlow, enjoy a hearty traditional breakfast and show support for the work that SSYI

does in our community. We raised over £1,500 from the breakfast and great thanks must go to the Co-op and Barker's in Great Shelford for supporting the event as well as Lucy and all the volunteers who helped on the day. Those who attended the Big Breakfast also got the chance to hear about SSYI's new co-operation with Romsey Mill and to meet our new lead Youth Worker. For those who didn't meet Ollie at the Breakfast, he has written a short introduction, below.

We welcome Ollie and look forward to developing the work of SSYI further across our three villages and working closely with the three Parish Councils, the local Churches and Romsey Mill as we put our plans in place.

*David Jones, Chairman
SSYI (davidjhjones@btinternet.com)*



Hello! My name is Ollie Leonard and I am the new Youth Development Worker for Romsey Mill and SSYI and my role is to oversee the youth provision in the Shelfords, Stapleford and Sawston. Romsey Mill is an organisation that is based in Cambridge City that does fantastic work with children, families and young people and has partnered up with SSYI. I have the great privilege to be the SSYI Lead Youth Worker, working alongside the SSYI committee, Tina Mogg (Female Support Worker) and the amazing volunteers.

I am a professional JNC accredited Youth Worker and studied BA Hons in Youth Work and Ministry at Oasis College. Previously, I had been working in

a village in Northern Ireland as their Outreach Worker in a numerically thriving youth centre and my role was to engage those hard to reach young people and those individuals who were not engaging with the youth provision. Before I took this post, I had been working in Croydon as the Lead Youth Worker in a local secondary school responding to the 2011 riots, where I pioneered the youth work within the school, and in the wider community. In addition to these, I had delivered youth work in Tonbridge and Grimsby.

I am very excited to be working in the Shelfords, Stapleford and Sawston as there is great support in these communities to provide effective youth provision for their emotional, social and spiritual support that will help young people recognise their true worth and encourage young people towards their fullest potential.

I am someone that is community focused and really values working with other individuals, organisations and families, therefore, if you wish to contact me for anything at all or have any specific questions about SSYI, please do not hesitate to contact me. My details are ollie.leonard@romseymill.org or 07768 545915.

Ollie Leonard

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

The April meeting was moved to 9 April to avoid the Easter weekend and we had a fun evening where we tried line-dancing. It was the first time for most of us but we eventually got the hang of it! The planned practical session on patchwork will now take place at the June meeting.

Our knitting/crochet and stitching group is going from strength to strength. They meet on the last Monday of the month at the Three Horseshoes, Stapleford at 7–9pm (25 May, 22 June and 27 July) and the second Friday of the month in Shelford library at 10.30–12.30 (8 May, 12 June and 10 July). New members are welcome.

The WI nationally is celebrating its 100th anniversary in September and we are currently exploring ideas for the Shelfords WI celebration. One of our members will be representing us at the WI Garden Party at Buckingham Palace in the summer.

In May, we will be welcoming two speakers: one from Cambridge Foodbank and one from the Street Pastors.

We meet on the first Thursday of the month at 7.30pm in All Saints' Community Room (behind the church) in Little Shelford. New members and visitors are always welcome.

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THE BARN ART SOCIETY SEEKING NEW MEMBERS

The Barn Art Society was formed in 1981 by a group of local people who originally met at Sawston Village College – and we are now in our 34th year!

The group is constantly changing and evolving and we have members of all ages who participate in our twice yearly exhibitions and enjoy attending our monthly meetings held at Sawston Village College. There is no pressure to exhibit and we welcome enquiries from amateur painters.



Mainly due to people moving from the area, we currently have room for several new members. There is no formal tuition but we regularly have demonstrations from professional artists who come to paint ‘on the spot’ and explain their techniques. We also have practical sessions where we may try out various types of painting or drawing. These sessions are very social and informal and there is no pressure to produce a masterpiece!

We exhibit in the United Reformed Church hall (behind the OWL café in Sawston) during the summer and at Johnson Hall in Mingle Lane, Stapleford during the winter.

See below for details of our next Exhibition. Do drop in to see the work on show and for sale.

If you would like to join this varied group and enjoy the chance to gain experience and meet like-minded people please contact either our Chairman, Geoff Morgan on 01223 501430 or me, on 01223 840927. We will be happy to answer any questions you may have.

Esme Young, Secretary

BARN ART SOCIETY 34th SUMMER EXHIBITION

The Free Church Hall, High Street, Sawston
(opposite The Greyhound Pub)

Saturday 9 May 1pm–6pm and Sunday 10 May 10am–4pm

Proceeds in aid of the Sculpture Project at Sawston Village College

SALON DE LA GASTRONOMIE

Once again the Shelford Twinning Association was represented at Le Salon de la Gastronomie (their annual food fair) in Verneuil-en-Halatte, our twinned village. Four of us set off on Friday 21 March with the boot of Colin's car crammed with jars, bags and boxes of typical English foods. We arrived safely in the evening and went straight to our hosts, delighted to see our friends again and enjoy a relaxing evening catching up with news and views, with the prospect of two busy days ahead. An added interest this weekend was the first round of the departmental elections on the Sunday in which one of their friends was standing as a candidate for the Socialist Party.



Bernard and Penny Pearl and Colin Jefferson manning the stall at *Le Salon*
Photo by Janet Jefferson

Saturday morning was busy. We met at the Salle des Fêtes at 9am and with the help of our hosts unloaded all our goods. We had been allocated two tables for our stall, in a good position near the bar, and the first hour passed quickly as we set out our wares – jars of marmalade, lemon curd and jam, boxes of tea, shortbread, bottles of beer,

cheese, and a good array of cakes mostly made by Janet, including carrot, lemon drizzle, coffee, and choc chip cookies. Fruit cake made with tea is also popular!

Visitors started arriving at about 10am and proceedings opened officially with a kir (champagne mixed with a chestnut liqueur) and speeches. Everything at the Salon can be tasted before you buy and likewise we offered a degustation of small pieces of cheese and mini buns, often resulting in a sale. Before departure we had received a list with some orders for our goods which made a good start to our sales. At lunchtime business subsided as the French went home for lunch and we too were able to take a break; at the invitation of the Comité de Jumelage (their twinning association) we joined some of our twinning friends for a typical French déjeuner, not a light sandwich but a four course meal

(starter, main, cheese, dessert), washed down with wine of course. The hall filled up again in the afternoon, more people bought from us, and we were very pleased with our first day's sales.

After the salon closed in the evening we enjoyed an apéritif with a number of their committee, and then went on for pizza together. The Sunday was also well attended and we were delighted that virtually everything had been sold, as we didn't want to take it home again!

Meanwhile during quiet periods we took turns to check out the other stalls – cheese, spice cake, charcuterie, flowers and vegetables ... and of course champagne and wine which had to be tasted! And it was a pleasure to renew acquaintance with three or four vendors who have also been coming for several years.

Sunday evening was spent relaxing and wondering about the result of the election. The second round of the elections was held the following weekend when, as it happened, the annual exchange visit of the Association to Verneuil also took place. It was a straight fight between the Front Nationale and our friend ... she won.

It was a joy to see so many of our French friends at the Salon who came and bought their favourite English foods, and once again the trip was a great success, not only for the satisfactory sales but, much more important, because of our presence there supporting and representing the twinning link.

For more information about the Twinning Association please see our website: www.shelfordtwinning.org.uk.

Penny Pearl



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**CALLING ALL ARTISTS
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'Stuff of Life' is an Art Exhibition with a difference. Initiated by White House Arts, it will take place on 14 and 15 November 2015 at Stapleford Granary. It offers an opportunity for everyone, all ages, to take part and help raise funds for two chosen charities. Practical Action www.practicalaction.org an international development charity and Rowan www.rowanhumberstone.co.uk a Cambridge based charity which provides creative opportunities for learning-disabled adults. The last exhibition raised over £15,000 for charity.

Experienced artist or complete novice, you have the chance to create and exhibit for an artwork in any medium, two or three dimensional, on a 12"x 16" canvas and using the theme 'Stuff of Life'. The entry fee is £10 which includes the canvas and hanging fee. Completed canvases need to be submitted by 4 November and will be sold for £45.

You can purchase a canvas from Stapleford Granary, 9.30am–5pm Monday–Friday, or by contacting, Gladys Jones at White House Arts on 01223 420018, or email info@whityehousearts.co.uk. Further information can be found at www.whitehousearts.co.uk.

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Now that the days are longer we are anticipating that patients will feel like going out more in the evenings and to this end we are introducing some new initiatives from the Practice.

We are very lucky in that one of our Advanced Nurse Practitioners, Jenny Aston, is a qualified trainer in Basic Life Support. The Practice has decided to offer this course to patients who would like to feel that they are aware of what to do in the event that they are the first person on the scene in a life threatening situation, prior to the arrival of the ambulance or paramedics. At the end of the course you will receive a 'Heartstart' certificate.

The first of these courses will be on Monday 11 May at 6pm and will last for one hour. If you are interested please telephone me at the surgery or speak to Reception. Jenny will be offering her services free of charge, but we are requesting that anyone who is interested in joining the course makes a donation of £10 to the Friends of Sawston Medical Practice Fund. If there is sufficient interest we will put on more of these courses.

In collaboration with our Patient Participation Group, the Practice is also looking at hosting an evening meeting focussing on Dementia which will be directed towards those people within the Practice population who are carers for our patients with dementia, whether they be husband or wife, or mother or father. Each family situation is different but the challenges which the carers face are very often similar and we feel that an evening focussing on this, and offering a little peer support, may be helpful. Watch out for more details.

Many of you who came in to the Practice for appointments in the run up to Easter this year, will be aware that we had another draw for an Easter hamper. Everything that went into the hamper was donated by staff members, and we are pleased to say that we collected £490 for the Friends of Sawston Medical Practice.

And so on to the Friends of Sawston Medical Practice Fund. Putting together the funds raised by the Practice in the form of seasonal hampers, second-hand book sales and kind donations from patients, the Practice will imminently be offering a new service to its patients. Using monies raised we will be offering an ear microsuction service to patients; this will mean they can attend the Practice for this rather than having to go to Addenbrookes with all the attendant travel and parking problems. Again, watch our noticeboards and screen messaging for further information on when this will start.

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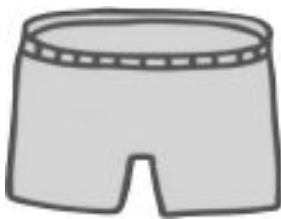


Scientists today continue to be inspired by plants to develop new ways to harness energy. At the Botanic Garden, we are hosting a new low-impact experimental hub, the P2P (pictured), which has been developed by a collaboration of University of Cambridge researchers and eco-companies to generate electrical current from pure plant power. The prototype structure combines green wall technology and semi-transparent solar panels to generate electricity; the vertical green walls have further been adapted to utilise the naturally-occurring electrons produced in the soil through bacterial metabolic activity. It is the brainchild of Professor Christopher Howe and Dr Paolo Bombelli of the Department of Biochemistry at Cambridge. Their previous experiments resulted in a device able to power a radio using the current generated by moss.

When a plant photosynthesises, energy from the sun is used to convert carbon dioxide into organic compounds that the plant needs to grow. Some of the compounds – such as carbohydrates, proteins and lipids – are leached into the soil where they are broken down by bacteria, which in turn release by-products, including electrons which can be harvested and recombined to generate electricity. The long-term aim of the P2P solar hub research is to develop a range of self-powered sustainable buildings for multi-purpose use all over the world, from bus stops to refugee shelters.

You can explore this living experiment into sustainable solutions at the Garden's Festival of Plants this May, a day dedicated to bringing plants into focus with pop-up plant science, talking plants with the experts, specialist tours of the Garden, and a Plant Prom of plant nurseries making sure your garden will be full of plant power this summer! ***Festival of Plants runs from 10am–5pm on Saturday 16 May 2015.*** For further visitor information please call 01223 336265 or visit www.botanic.cam.ac.uk.
Juliet Day

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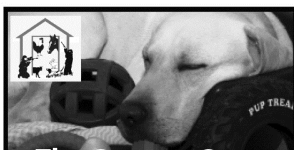
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St John's Players, based at the Townley Memorial Hall, Fulbourn, will be holding auditions in June for their October 2015 production, *Les Misérables – The Play* (from the novel by Victor Hugo, adapted by playwright Tim Kelly). This is a play version of the world-renowned West End musical.

We are looking for a large cast, aged from teenagers to senior citizens, to fill the numerous parts. Singing ability is not required in this production, and casting will be made on acting ability.

The production will be held from 28–31 October. Auditions will take place on **Monday 1 June, Monday 8 June and Wednesday 10 June**, at 7:30pm at the Townley Memorial Hall, The Fulbourn Centre, Home End, Fulbourn, Cambridge, CB21 5BS. Rehearsals will start on Monday 15 June.

For more information please look on the 'Auditions' section of the St John's Players' website: www.stjohnsplayers.co.uk or contact me on 01354 694782 or 07758 598859 or email: carole.ransom7@googlemail.com.

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We're urging you to avoid burning waste and instead dispose of it responsibly. If you do decide to have a bonfire, please make sure you follow these essential tips to avoid a visit from the fire service:

- Check the weather – never light bonfires in windy conditions.
- Don't leave bonfires unattended.
- Build bonfires well clear of buildings, fences and hedges.
- Never use flammable liquids to start the fire, and never burn dangerous rubbish such as aerosols, paint, foam furniture, rubber tyres, and batteries.
- Before you light the bonfire, check that children and animals are not hiding inside and are a safe distance away.

Make sure fire safety still stays at the forefront of your mind and don't forget to **test your smoke alarm** and the smoke alarms of the vulnerable and elderly in your neighbourhood.

Visit www.cambsfire.gov.uk for the latest fire safety news and tips.

Leanne Ehren, Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service

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CAMBRIDGE ARTS THEATRE

4–9	<i>Dear Lupin</i> starring father and son, James and Jack Fox
5–9	<i>Room on the Broom</i> for children aged 3 plus
10–13	<i>The Tiger Who Came to Tea</i> for children aged 3 plus
15 & 16	<i>Richard Alston Dance Company</i>
18–23	<i>The Importance of Being Earnest</i> starring David Suchet
26–30	<i>La Boheme, The Wild Man of the West Indies And The Siege of Calais</i> from the English Touring Opera
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12	2.30pm	<i>Pots of Summer Colour</i> by Sam Cochrane
14	6.30pm	<i>Pots of Summer Colour</i> by Sam Cochrane
27	10am	<i>Little Seedlings – Butterflies</i> Suitable for 2–5 year olds
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5	7pm	<i>Spring Nature Walk</i> with Kevin Hand
6		Start of the summer course of <i>Stapleford Clarinet Choir</i>
9	3pm	<i>She'koyokh Klezmer Workshop</i>
9	7pm	<i>She'koyokh Klezmer Concert</i>
11		Start of the Summer 2015 <i>Youth String Orchestra</i>
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10, 24	1–4pm	<i>Free drop in Art Workshops</i> at Kettles Yard (01223 748100)
Sat and Sundays	2–4pm	<i>The Royal Academy at Wolfson.</i> Exhibition of Royal Academy Artists to celebrate 50 years of Wolfson College
18, 19, 20	7 pm	<i>Two pints of lager and a festival of Cambridge science.</i> A festival of science lectures held at several Cambridge pubs. See website for details and locations.

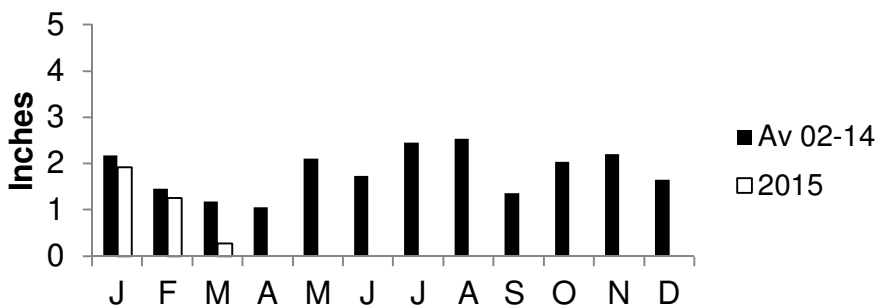
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WANDLEBURY

1	5.30am	<i>May Day Morris Dancing</i> with the Devil's Dyke Morris Men
2	10am	<i>Beginners Basket Making Day</i>
16	7.30pm	<i>City of Cambridge Symphony Orchestra at West Road</i>
20	8.30pm	<i>Amphibians at Wandlebury</i>
23	10am–4pm	<i>Wildlife Survey Week Open Day</i>
26	10am–12.30pm	<i>Bee!</i> Age 6+ Half Term event for accompanied children.
27	10am–12 noon	<i>Old Fashioned Fun in the Woods!</i> Age 3–6 Half Term event for accompanied children.
29	10am–4pm	<i>Bushcraft Fun.</i> Age 10–14 Unaccompanied.

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Great Shelford Village Rainfall 2015



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
WI	Carol Grenz (Secretary)		843830
Youth Initiative	Ollie Leonard		07768 545915

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