

# Great Shelford VILLAGE NEWS

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## *Enjoying the Shelford Feast*



Cup cakes for tea at the Shelford Feast: Photo Andrew Heather

## *Art in the Library*

*Review: Bonjour Tristesse*

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## **GREAT SHELFORD PARISH COUNCIL**

### **Extracts from minutes of June meeting**

#### **PUBLIC SESSION**

One member of the public attended, expressing their interest in what the consultation process entailed regarding parking on Woollards Lane. Chair Nightingale advised on the consultation process to be adopted.

#### **MINUTES**

Minutes of the meeting of 20 May 2015 were confirmed as accurate records and were signed by Chair Nightingale.

#### **REPORTS OF ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES**

County Cllr Kenny reported that the County Divisional borders will change and will result in Great Shelford and Stapleford being in two different divisions. The cycle route between Sawston and Stapleford has been deemed safe, thus the County Council will withdraw free transport for those at Sawston Village College who live less than three miles away in Stapleford, Great Shelford and Little Shelford. Parents are appealing at a hearing in The Shire Hall on 8 July. Flooding at Huckeridge Hill is under discussion. Road surfacing works are progressing in some Sawston locations but the work has caused drain problems. No date is available for the resurfacing of Princess Drive. Street lighting works continue to cause problems. Questions and complaints are to be addressed to the County Council. Cycle taster sessions are available for people either starting or returning to cycling after an absence, at Hinchinbrooke County Park on 23 June, 7, 21 July and 4 August. Participants need their own bike.

District Councillor Shelton reported the suspension of the Local Plan as inspectors were unhappy with the testing of the development strategy. Further sites and works are to be investigated with appropriate evidence. Answers to the inspectors' questions are to be provided by the end of 2015.

#### **REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

**Highways** Committee minutes from the meeting held on 27 May, at which one member of the public had been present, identified updates on the proposed short term changes to relieve traffic congestion. The questionnaire on traffic issues, widely publicised on social media, was producing a good level of response. Woollards Lane parking proposals are to be further reviewed by Cambridge County Council prior to any implementation. Roadside post office van parking outside the sorting office will cease after this summer, as the sorting office is relocating. All the proposed traffic plans are to be progressed together controlling cost and effort. The Parish Council's aim is to finalise all the proposals at a full village meeting in early September.

The summer hanging basket programme has been completed. Traffic cones have been used along Hinton Way and Church Street to review the effects of extending yellow line parking restrictions; the results were encouraging with improved traffic flow and fewer complaints recorded.

**Planning** Minutes from the meeting held on 27 May identified that two planning consents had been granted by SCDC after the Parish Council recommended refusal. A proposal from Stapleford Parish Council for a combined Neighbourhood Plan was reviewed and a tentative reply will be drafted indicating Great Shelford's interest in this proposal.

**Cemetery and allotments, Recreation ground** The Parish Council agreed various repairs in the Cemetery with financial approval; likewise a repair programme to restore and resurface the Skateboard ramp was financially approved.

**Playscape** The Playscape Group and Parish Council were to review presentations from interested providers at the end of June.

**Pavilion** Pavilion defects are still causing concern, with the build contractor being given 14 days to start work on the repairs prior to independent action by the Parish Council.

The Parish Council congratulated Great Shelford Football Club on being awarded the Mick North Club of the Year at Cambridge FA, AGM. Parish Council employee Seamus Fegan was also awarded Runner Up status as the Groundsman of the Year and received the Council's congratulations.

## FINANCE

Financial settlement of 11 accounts for a total of £5,053.40 was approved.

## PLANNING APPLICATIONS PARISH COUNCIL COMMENTS

S/1375/15/FL	Mr & Mrs Lewis Ash Cottage, Tunwells Lane	Single storey rear extension
We are concerned that the rear extension, as it lies to the south of Chestnut Cottage, will cut out light to the small rear garden of that property. In addition the location and height of the flue to the wood burning stove is unacceptable in that smoke and fumes will adversely affect the neighbours. We hope Environmental Health will look at this application. Refuse as it stands.		

S/1277/15/AD S/1278/15/FL	Mr Elkins 11 High Green	Erection of house sign Fence and shed (retrospective)
<p>No objections to the house sign or to the shed.</p> <p>11 High Green makes a positive contribution to the character and appearance of the Conservation Area. The fence is visually intrusive in the street scene and harms the appearance of that building. Recommend refusal of the fence as it has been constructed.</p> <p>The area in front of 11 High Green was designated for visitor parking. We have no objections to a separate pedestrian access but would like to be reassured that there is still adequate space for visitor parking to avoid customers taking up nearby public parking spaces.</p>		

S/1545/15/FL	Mr & Mrs King 44 Leeway Av.	Two storey rear extension
This is very similar to S/0058/14/FL, the eaves are slightly higher but the extension is not as deep. As that was approved – no objections.		

S/1537/15/FL 56	Mr. D. Jones High Green	Change of use of first floor flat to the main building for retail space. Extension to rear to provide additional retail, office and cloakroom space at ground floor. First floor extension to provide three flats.
This proposal was considered acceptable by the Inspector and Local Planning Authority in the recent appeal decision, therefore we have no objections.		

## PLANNING DECISIONS

Extensions were approved at 9 High Green, 14 Ashen Green, 6 May Pasture, 13 Granta Terrace and 6 Woodlands Road.

The demolition and rebuild of 1 Mingle Lane, the external wall insulation of 36 Davey Crescent, the change of use of unit 1 Magog Court from D1 (non-residential institutions) to B1 (business) and D1, the erection of a cart lodge at the Thatched Cottage, Shelford Bottom and the division of 2 Granham's Rd into two dwellings with a new access were all approved.

A request for the demolition of the Railway Tavern on Station Road and the erection of 12 dwellings was refused by SCDC as it was felt it would have an unduly overbearing impact on the outlook of other houses in Station Road and Shelford Park Avenue.

*BH*

## PARISH COUNCIL HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE

(Draft minutes: to be approved by full council)

A meeting of the Great Shelford Highways Committee was held on July 15. A **Village Meeting will be held in the Memorial Hall at 7.30pm on Tuesday September 8 to present the proposed changes.** These include:

### High Green

- Removal of parking bay outside no 20.
- Minor changes to time restrictions.
- Refresh markings.

### Hinton Way/Orchard Road and Tunwells Lane/Elms Avenue

- Junctions to be yellow lined.

### Woollards Lane

Meetings have been held with most businesses.

- Tesco agreed in principle to get deliveries in 7–8am.
- McColl's have one big delivery Monday 10–11am which can't be retimed; assessing whether lorry could be parked in front of their shed.
- Days have a daily delivery 8.20am which can't be retimed.
- Bay outside bike shop and Matthew Lewis to be removed. Disabled bay will move to just beyond Rayment's driveway.
- Remainder of Woollards Lane to be double yellow with no loading 8am–6.30pm from Monday to Saturday. An exception will be an HGV loading bay roughly where the current double parking bay is.
- 20mph speed limit (will also apply to side roads).
- Either Pedestrian Priority Zone or zebra crossing outside Solutions/Haarts.
- Strong support from most businesses for one way operation. Won't be progressed at this stage.

### Church Street

- Survey completed. Strong support for traffic lights, parking restrictions, ban on parking, traffic calming and signage, 20mph limit, ban on HGVs.
- Highways meeting on Tuesday recommended that professional consultant be employed to make recommendations.
- Any changes in Church Street will therefore have to be delayed.

### Other issues

- Speedwatch in Hinton Way report excessive speeding towards Shelford Bottom. Not apparent what further measures can be taken.
- Commuter (cyclist) parking in Chaston Road – to be investigated.
- Improvements to walking/cycling route to SVC to be discussed at next Highways meeting.

*Mike Nettleton*



During the sweltering final days of June, representatives of Great Shelford Playscape and the Parish Council interviewed three very different design practices for the job of master-planning our recreation ground. ‘Hang on,’ I hear you cry, ‘We thought you were sorting out the play provision.’ Well yes, we are, but if we are to create a successful playscape we need to consider all recreation ground users, all ages, access and storage. To quote Steve Jobs, ‘Design is not just how something looks or how it feels, design is how it *works*’ and we want the rec to work hard for all its users. So, drum roll please...

We are delighted to announce that Erect Architecture have won the tender. A multi-award-winning practice, highly experienced in play spaces, their recent designs include Tumbling Bay Playground at the Olympic Park. Indeed their Evelyn Court Design (pictured) was singled out by our focus groups. We met Susanne Tutsch and Ashleigh Watkins who demonstrated creativity, inspired confidence and exhibited a quiet strength needed to lead such a project. Find out more about then on [www.erectarchitecture.co.uk](http://www.erectarchitecture.co.uk).



There's another website you may be interested in: [www.shelfordplayscape.org](http://www.shelfordplayscape.org) has launched! It hosts our latest news, explains our vision, and most importantly outlines how you can support us, because we really can't do this without you. Many thanks to Dave Jones of platform twenty for all his hard work. Also thanks to all of you who followed the mass of green balloons to our stall at the Feast – fantastic to meet so many enthusiastic people!

Finally, Great Shelford Playscape has been the surprise beneficiary of Kings Mill Lane Road repairs (they had a surplus after the bill was paid so kindly donated £200) and a very generous private donation of £1000. Added to that, the Parish Council voted to award us £5000 to kick start the initial design phases and help us register with the Charity Commission.

**Have your say about the rec!** Great Shelford Playscape wants to hear from all users of the rec: children, adults, everyone.

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*Eleanor McCrone*

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## COUNTY COUNCIL

### CYCLE ROUTE BETWEEN SAWSTON AND THE SHELFORDS/STAPLEFORD

I attended and took part in the appeal hearing on Wednesday 8 July against the County Council's decision to deem the route between Sawston Village College and Great Shelford, Little Shelford and Stapleford as 'available'. The hearing began with a presentation of the Council's case, after which a number of parents and I questioned the council's officers. The appeal case was then presented in a very clear and constructive manner by four parents, with a contribution from Barrie Ashurst as a governor at SVC, and I then summed up on behalf of the parents.

The parents' appeal was supported by local parish councillors, local district councillors from Sawston and the Shelfords/Stapleford, my fellow county councillor Gail Kenney and by Heidi Allen, M.P. for South Cambridgeshire.

Despite the excellent, clear and constructive presentation of the appeal, the Appeal Panel did **not** uphold the appeal and the current free transport for students of Sawston Village College living less than three miles from the College in Great Shelford, Little Shelford and Stapleford will be discontinued from September. Free transport for those living over three miles away is a legal requirement and will continue to be provided.

A letter has been sent to each appellant setting out the reasons for the decision, and a copy of the minutes of the Appeal Panel hearing has been put on the County Council's website.

The Appeal Panel made two formal recommendations to the Council: that proper maintenance should be put in place to keep vegetation along the route under control and that planned maintenance should be undertaken with a view to alleviate flooding.

I am investigating what further action could be taken. Possibilities include whether to put forward some safety improvements as a local highways improvement bid or whether improvements could be funded by parish councils. I have already registered concerns about the route with Mike Davies, the County Council's cycling officer, but it seems that there is currently no funding that could be applied to this route.

*Tony Orgee*  
*County Councillor*

## FUTURE OF DISTRICT COUNCIL ELECTIONS

A ten-week consultation has been launched to ask how often elections should be held to appoint councillors to South Cambridgeshire District Council. Local residents, businesses and other organisations are being asked whether there should be a move to 'all-out' elections of the whole Council once every four years, or preservation of the current 'by thirds' system of electing one-third of Council seats each year for three successive years out of four.

The change is being considered ahead of a scheduled boundary review later this year by the Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE). The review will see wards – the geographical area councillors cover – adjusted to ensure that all district councillors represent approximately the same number of electors. As part of the review, LGBCE will consider how many councillors are needed to effectively represent South Cambridgeshire residents. If the Council continues to elect 'by thirds', the Commission will look to introduce three-councillor wards across the district. An 'all-out' election cycle – which would begin in 2018 at the earliest – would see a mixed ward pattern, favouring single-councillor wards where possible.

Currently, 57 councillors serve four-year terms representing 34 wards across South Cambridgeshire. Depending on their size, some wards have one councillor while others have two or three, meaning that some residents are eligible to vote in district council elections more frequently than others.

Cllr Sue Ellington, Chair of South Cambridgeshire District Council's Civic Affairs Committee, said: 'There are pros and cons to both options for running our elections in the future. We'd like as many residents, partners and other organisations as possible to give us their views.'

The consultation closes on 18 September 2015. More background information and an online survey form can be found at [www.scambs.gov.uk/local-elections-consultation](http://www.scambs.gov.uk/local-elections-consultation). Paper surveys are also available from [richard.may@scambs.gov.uk](mailto:richard.may@scambs.gov.uk) or by calling 01954 713366.

*Anna Efford SC District Council Communications Officer*

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### Patient User Group meeting

On 15 July the Patient User Group had a presentation from Healthwatch Cambridgeshire, who told us of the work they do, including signposting patients to other healthcare and social services. Their contact details are phone 01480 420628, email [enquiries@healthwatchcambridgeshire.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@healthwatchcambridgeshire.co.uk), website: [www.healthwatchcambridgeshire.co.uk](http://www.healthwatchcambridgeshire.co.uk).

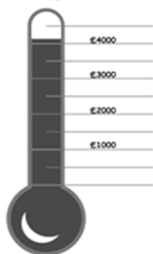
We also discussed the future shape of GP practices. I found it very helpful to talk about what patients most value in their local practice and what they want us to keep hold of in our discussions with other practices about collaborative working.

If you would like to join the group, contribute to discussions by email or in person, and receive meeting agendas and minutes, go to our website and sign up via the Practice Patient Group page (there is an orange button to it on the Home page). The next meeting of the group will be on October 21. It will be the group's annual general meeting, and we shall be arranging a speaker of interest to local patients.

*Jennet Ashton Practice Manager*

## SHELFORD SCHOOL VIRTUAL FETE

Virtual Fete Target  
£4000



Very many thanks to members of the wider community who joined parents and friends of the school in the recent Virtual Fete. The total raised (with Gift Aid) exceeded the £4000 target. Your generosity is much appreciated.

You will be pleased to know that three parents have now volunteered for the chairman, secretary and treasurer roles of the PTA and have already begun to gather a team together ready for the new school year.

*Polly Stanton*

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## HEIDI ALLEN MP

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In addition Heidi was recently elected to serve on the House of Commons' Work and Pensions Select Committee which will enable her to scrutinise and influence areas such as welfare, employment and pensions. As one of six new Conservative MPs elected on to the committee Heidi said: 'I'm delighted to have been chosen to serve on the Work and Pensions Committee which plays a very important role in influencing policy. I want to use my position to ensure our social safety net is there to support the people who need it and that government policy does not inadvertently allow the vulnerable to fall through the cracks. I'm acutely aware that there are real people, not statistics behind every policy decision.'

If you would like to contact Heidi about an issue, book a surgery appointment or find out what else she has been up to, telephone 01954 212707, visit her website [www.heidisouthcambs.co.uk](http://www.heidisouthcambs.co.uk) or email [heidi.allen.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:heidi.allen.mp@parliament.uk).

*Paula Wade, Senior Parliamentary Assistant*

### *Cambridge District Art Circle*

## **SUMMER EXHIBITION**

Grantchester Village Hall, Saturday 29 to Monday 31 August  
10.30am–5.30pm

The exhibition will have both framed and unframed work, as well as cards. The adjoining ValPatisserie will be serving home-made cakes (including gluten-free). The exhibition will be held at Grantchester Village Hall, High Street, Grantchester, Cambridge, CB3 9NF. This is an ideal opportunity for visitors to buy original art from local professional and amateur artists, in a variety of subjects and media including oils, acrylics, watercolours, mixed media and pastels.

*Lucy Winter*

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On Sunday 16 August there will be a Tea Party in the Vicarage garden from 3pm to 5pm. **Everyone** is welcome – please do pop in even if it is for a short time. Do bring others with you!

### Vigil Service to Commemorate the End of the Second World War

There will be a Vigil Service held at the War Memorial, Great Shelford on the evening of **Sunday 6 September at 6pm** (if wet, in the Parish Church). The service will be using material taken from the National commemoration led by the local clergy. Families whose relatives died in the conflict or who served in any way are specially invited to take part.

### Cambridgeshire Historic Churches Trust – Ride, Drive or Stride Day – Saturday 12 September

A sponsored event (details in the parish church) in aid of the Trust which gives grants to historic churches across the county. The idea is to visit as many open churches in the day as possible – an enjoyable day out which helps to assist churches like our own.

### Great and Little Shelford C of E (A) School – Foundation Governor vacancy

We are urgently seeking 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; the revised plan is to leave the village at around 11 am, arriving in Norwich for 1 pm. This gives us an hour to see the city centre before returning to the Cathedral at 2 pm. The Dean will welcome us and lead a guided Pilgrim Tour; we would then attend Choral Evensong at 3.30pm and then have a Cream Tea in the Refectory, returning to be back for 7.30pm. The visit will be shared with St Andrew's Stapleford. The total cost of



the visit will be £17.50 including transport, cream tea and a gratuity for the driver. A few places are still available – please contact Stella Nettledon (Churchwarden) for details.

### **Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Holy Land 2016**

Bishop Stephen will be leading a Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Holy Land in February 2016 and the publicity materials for the visit have just been made available (copies of the brochure are at the back of church). If you require further information, please contact The Revd. Alan Partridge (*a.partridge7@ntlworld.com*), who is coordinating the pilgrimage on behalf of the Bishop.

### **From the registers**

Funerals:            15 June            Ann Peters  
                         19 June            Lesley Anne Lane

Interment of Cremated Remains:

                         18 July            Lesley Anne Lane

### **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)

### **For further information about Great Shelford Parish Church**

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## SHELFORD FEAST 2015



Very tired and a little battered, The Bunch have cleared the decks, hosed down the spit roasts, filled up the skips, washed up, brushed up, swabbed the floor of their HQ, answered the last query and returned home to their loved ones – who may not recognise them after a week of Feasting. This was a very successful Feast, with fifty teams for the Quiz night (feeding 400 people in just 45 minutes), 750 people for the Back to the 80s Night (a record attendance) and a Sunday that, despite a few short showers, entertained and fed the thousands that attended.

Highlights? Los Pacaminos on Friday and the Cambridge Brass Band on Sunday were excellent, highly professional musicians. Many of the comedians on Wednesday were really hilarious (if a little risqué for some ...) and SYD were, as ever entertaining and energetic young people.

This could be a record year though we won't know the final profit figures for a few months, when all the bills have been paid. But we do know we had some record attendances, and the overwhelming majority of comments were complimentary. The Shelford Feast is truly a community event, with a huge number of volunteer helpers contributing to every aspect. **So ....** A very **BIG** thank you from the Bunch to all of you who supported us during Feast week. We couldn't do it without you! That is the local retailers, the setters up and takers down, the salad choppers, the food servers and cooks, the litter pickers, the washers up, the cake makers, the stall holders and those who manned them, those who donated books, prizes, goods and items for the auction, the quiz setters, markers and runners, the bar staff, money counters, tweeters and printers, door staff, technical helpers, advertisers and sponsors and anyone, who in any small way, enabled us to deliver **THE SHELFORD FEAST!**



Every contribution helped to make this annual event a swinging success. Thank you for your help, and we hope you enjoyed it as much as we did.

**Please come back and help next year – and bring your friends!**

*Duncan Grey, Sarah Cappendale. Photos by Andrew Heather*

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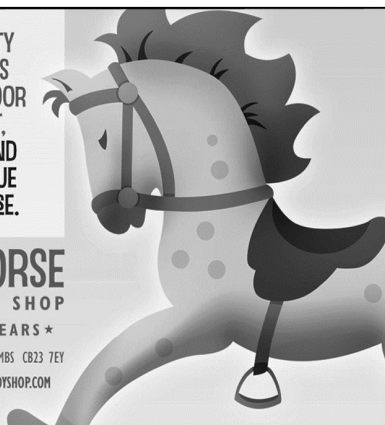
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## **Where is God in all this?**

It's hard not to ask this question as we look at the news. I am writing this just after the awful events in Tunisia, but I might as well be referring to so many other tragedies that we have seen of late.

Yet, despite all this, we also hear of acts of great forgiveness such as the comments expressed by a family member in South Carolina where a church was attacked. When given the opportunity to speak to the accused man, she said, 'You took something very precious from me, but I forgive you.' I remember a similar message from the father of the youngest child killed in Enniskillen in Northern Ireland a few years ago.

Forgiveness is a good thing. It is both commanded by God and acknowledged by psychologists as beneficial. Refusal to forgive does no harm to the person who has wronged you, but great harm to you. Yet who could fail to admire such ready forgiveness so soon after the crime?

*'There is nothing like seeing a person who lives their life under the weight of unforgiveness, anger, and bitterness. They cast a shadow where ever they go. Forgiveness doesn't deny the pain. It doesn't diminish the sense of loss. But it brings freedom to the forgiver. Forgiveness is a choice, an individual decision, not a feeling. Feelings line up with what your mind and heart tell it to do. You can be ruled by your feelings and stay bound to a person that might not even be alive anymore, or you can choose to forgive and move on.'* (written by Jennie Pollock, a freelance writer and editor)

Back to my original question: 'Where is God in all this?' It's one of those fundamental questions. We can answer 'There is no God', in which case the question is pointless. Or 'I can't believe in a God who allows such things' by which we perhaps mean God is unworthy of any honour or praise. Or we can answer as David did in Psalm 23 v 4: 'Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me.' Who caused the pain? Without doubt it was another human being, not God. Where is God? By my side grieving with me, carrying me when necessary to get me through. And what of all the hurt we cause God? He says 'I forgive you'.

David also wrote Psalm 130 which is all about forgiveness. If you like music, try listening to Matthew West's song 'Forgiveness' readily available on YouTube. Have a good summer.

*David Baslington (Elder, Great Shelford Free Church)*



## HOLIDAY CLUB

Great Shelford Free Church will be running a holiday club for children in school years R–6, from Wednesday 26 to Friday 28 August, 9.30am–12.30pm, and Sunday 30 10.30–11.30am.

We will be entering the ‘Inventor’s Workshop’ and making some mega discoveries about how God’s love is far wider and longer and higher and deeper than we can ever imagine.

These amazing few days will include games, craft, drama, food, fun and bible stories.

For more information contact [dianaparr@btinternet.com](mailto:dianaparr@btinternet.com) or tel: 01223 842181

### August @ Great Shelford Free Church: Speakers

*Services below begin at 10.30 am unless otherwise stated*

August 2	Chris Jenkin
August 9	Rev. Jonathan Burrough (Communion Service)
August 16	Richard Renouf
August 23	Lou Everard (Communion Service at 6.30 p.m.)
August 30	Holiday Club Service: Rev. Martin Cockerill & Diana Parr

### For further information about Great Shelford Free Church (Baptist)

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## SHELFORD SCHOOL

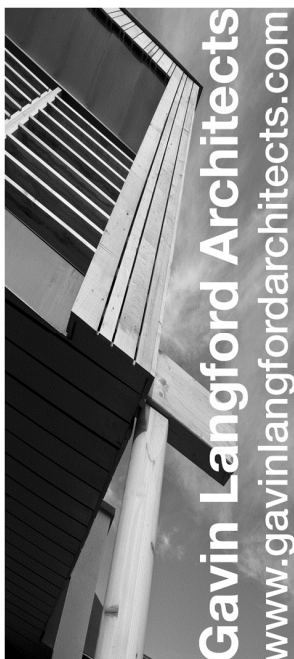
The end of the summer term is always a very busy time, and this year was no exception. We enjoyed some lovely sunny weather and the children were able to make the most of the beautiful meadow and extensive range of outdoor play opportunities. We were pleased that this year's 'Virtual Fete' raised an impressive amount in excess of £4000 and enabled us to continue funding the work to enhance the outdoor environment. We are delighted that the PTA will soon be back to full strength and we will be able to continue our fundraising. The Year 6 children were also busy raising money for their special Leavers' Event celebrations by hosting a very well attended French Breakfast, where pancakes and croissants were served by a team of 'French' waiters/waitresses.

We are very aware of how privileged our children are, and feel it is important that they should not just be raising money for their own benefit. With this in mind, the children were spoken to in an age-appropriate way about the Nepal earthquake. They heard about the children returning to school in their temporary shelters etc. and were encouraged to give from their own money to help. They also supported the children of Nepal in their prayers.

A highlight of the summer in Shelford is always the Feast day, and once again we were pleased to support this village event, from which the school benefits hugely. The Key Stage 2 children gave a rousing performance of some of the songs from their production the following week, which raised an amazing £940. They were very ably led by Miss Laura Ralph, and it is with sadness that we will be losing her to a new teaching post in London. We wish her well in her new job and thank her warmly for her contribution to Shelford School.

Looking ahead, there is much to look forward to in the remaining very busy days of term. The next year's intake has been visiting 'big school' and we look forward to welcoming their families into our school community. As we welcome them, we bid a fond farewell to our Year 6 leavers, on their way to Sawston Village College and other schools. We hope they will take with them many happy memories of their primary school days. So much has changed in education during the seven years they have been with us, and Ofsted frameworks, National Curriculum changes and huge shifts in the way children are assessed have come along with ever increasing frequency. As they venture forth into a world where change is so rapid, we are glad that they have spent their childhood in an orderly, secure and Christian environment where they have learnt values that will stand them in good stead in the years ahead.

*Liz Jenkin, School Governor*



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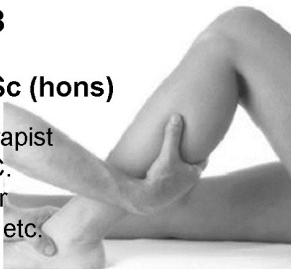
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June 6 was a beautiful day – sunny, but not too hot. Ideal for a good walk! And it was one o'clock that day when 23 Shelford residents, relatives and friends set off on a sponsored Walk from St Mary's Church. Following cross-country paths we made our way via Hauxton, Trumpington, Grantchester and Newnham to Cambridge. A short relax and cup of tea, and then on to our final destination – Kings College Chapel. A warm welcome awaited and we were ushered to our seats, specially reserved near the choir. Choral Evensong – what a splendid way to end a thoroughly enjoyable afternoon!

The Walk was arranged by the Friends of Great Shelford Parish Church. It was the launch of an appeal for replacing the sound system in the Church. Walkers of all ages, under eights to over eighties, joined in and the sponsorship from friends and families was really generous. With gift aid the Walk raised a total of £1,350. A big Thank-you from '*The Friends*' to all who supported us, whether as Walkers or Sponsors!

*Bob Doe*



The Walkers gather at St Mary's

Photo: Stella Nettleton



## ST MARY'S CHURCH TRAIL



Doom Painting inside St Mary's

Church Trails are questionnaires aimed at introducing children to all the things that can be learnt from parish churches about our cultural heritage and history. They are intended for children in the 8–12 age group, of any faith or of none.

Volunteers from South Cambs Decorative and Fine Arts Society have developed a trail for St Mary's, Great Shelford. The trail comprises 14 questions and takes about 45 minutes to complete. With the

Trail is an answer sheet for accompanying adults. Copies of the trail and the answer sheet are available in the church and readers with appropriately aged children or grand-children are invited to have a go. *John Harrison, SCDFAS*



