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Merry Christmas to All Our Readers



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GREAT SHELFORD PARISH COUNCIL SUMMARY OF MINUTES OF OCTOBER MEETING

PUBLIC SESSION

No members of the public were in attendance.

MINUTES

Minutes of the meetings of 16 September were confirmed as accurate records and were signed by Cllr. Nightingale.

REPORTS OF ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES

District Councillor Shelton outlined planning changes under discussion that should improve the planning approval process.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Highways

The LHI grant application for the zebra crossing in Woollards Lane has been submitted. The Parish Council had received complaints about the condition of the rain shelter at the railway station crossing in Station Road. The glazing has now been covered with a collage by local artist Frances Richardson. The collage of Shelford buildings was enlarged by Algar Sign craft and script added by Parish Councillor Helen Harwood. (See cover and article on page 32.)

Planning

Cllr. Fane had attended the SCDC planning meeting on 14 October when the planning approval changes were discussed. These changes should result in 95% of applications being decided by planning officers, with only the most significant applications being referred to the planning committee. Parish Council S106 contributions from developers now have to be made to specific projects – generic contributions are no longer allowed.

Recreation Ground and Pavilion

The Parish Council is now registered for VAT and any private Pavilion bookings will now be subject to a VAT charge. The outstanding final retention to Omnis on the Pavilion build was cleared for payment with all outstanding defects completed.

AGENDA ITEMS

Two S106 claim documents were reviewed and signed for processing.

Quotations for repairs to tarmac surface of Memorial Hall car park and woodwork repairs on bus shelters were approved.

Financial settlement of 18 accounts for a total of £26,149.77 was approved.

***Note.** All the foregoing is a summary from the official minutes of the Parish Council meeting on 21st October that have been reviewed by Parish Council with full adoption awaited at the next Parish Council meeting.*

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Christmas Lights

The Christmas street illuminations have received good local financial support from business and personal pledges, sufficient to extend the illuminations to all of Woollards Lane and most of the High Street. A Grand Fair and first switch on was scheduled for Friday 27 November at the Memorial Hall.

Leaves

This year's leaf fall has occurred late and thus over a short period. The Parish Council has used in-house staff to help clear footpaths and communal areas of leaves. The collected leaves are deposited in suitable boxes on the Village Green junction of Woollards Lane and London Road and at the Memorial Green junction of High Street and Tunwells Lane. The leaves are turned, treated with a compost accelerator and are available free to all village resident gardeners. Please bring your own equipment and bagging for collection. Parking is not available on either site, although nearby parking is free.

Village Parking

The Parish Council some months ago agreed to directly fund additional PCSO time in dealing with illegal parking throughout the village. This enforcement process is about to start for a trial period of six months. Based on the results a review will take place after the six month period to decide if it should be continued, expanded or reduced. It is hoped that village residents will support this activity and observe the parking conditions within the village.

Hinton Way Speeding Issues

The new 30mph limits in Cambridge Road and Hinton Way have been in place for some time. Largely, they work in Cambridge Road and have achieved a noticeable drop in traffic speeds. At the far end of Hinton Way there is a significant problem with limits being ignored. We need to debate (again) whether the 30mph limit there is appropriate. If it is, the Village may have to commit significant sums of money to support it (Speed Watch cameras, flashing speed indicator boards, etc.). There will be an open Village Meeting in the Pavilion on Wednesday 6 January at 7.30pm to discuss this. Please contact Mike Nettleton on mike.nettleton@eagleanalysis.co.uk or 721366 if you intend to be there.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS PARISH COUNCIL COMMENTS

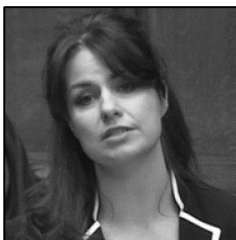
S/2335/15/FL	Mr J Pemberton White Hill House Granham's Road	Demolition of White Hill Farmhouse and stables and replacement dwelling, barn conversion, new garage and outbuilding and swimming pool
<p>White Hill Farmhouse is situated on rising land in a very visible position in the countryside. Any development should retain the agricultural nature of the site. We accept that the farmhouse does not have significant architectural merit but would prefer to see it replaced using traditional materials for the roof. The existing stables should be retained and converted, and the existing openings in the clunch barn should be respected – the large glass openings proposed would be intrusive and out of character. We would like the urban design panel to look at the proposal in terms of its impact on the rural scene and if approval is granted, permitted development rights should be removed.</p> <p>No recommendation.</p>		

S/0692/15/FL	Mr R. Fella Land rear of 103 Cambridge Road	New dwelling – amended plan
<p>We note the house has been reduced in width by a metre and set back so it aligns with the house to the SW, but we are still concerned that this does not overcome the inspector's objection to the scale and bulk of the slightly larger house and its impact on the character of the area. Setting back the house has resulted in the windows of bedroom four and the master bedroom overlooking much of the rear gardens of 101 and 99 Cambridge Road. If approved, P.D. rights should be removed as proposed in a previous application.</p> <p>No recommendation.</p>		

S/2455/15/FL	Mr & Mrs Shackleton 31 Maris Green	Replace existing bay window (north elevation), create single storey entrance hall and alterations to garage doors
No objections.		

S/2195/15/FL	St John's College Granham's Farm Granhams Road	Conversion of barns to residential – amended plans
No objections.		

HEIDI ALLEN



Well, October was an interesting month! I made my official maiden speech in Parliament on 20th October. Although I had spoken in the Chamber on many occasions since my election in May, I had not so far made a ‘formal’ speech. A local parish publication is not the place to be political – but suffice to say I failed miserably to follow the conventions of a maiden speech! Short, yes ... polite, I hope so ... but uncontroversial, no!

In brief, I challenged the Government’s approach to tax credit reform, requesting that the pace be slowed down and the impact reconsidered. If you’d like to read the full text, you can do so at <http://www.heidisouthcambs.co.uk/news/heidis-maiden-speech>.

Thank you for the overwhelming support I received from South Cambridgeshire constituents. I was inundated with emails, letters, tweets and phone calls. It was a challenging time for me with my party, so I am so grateful for your backing. The most pleasing result is that the Chancellor agreed to look at mitigating the effects of the reforms and we will hear his plans in the Autumn statement.

We have had a lot of what we call ‘sitting Fridays’ in Westminster, which means my time in the constituency was restricted in October. However, I was delighted to help open Cottenham’s new £640,000 sports pavilion, alongside three-time Paralympic medallist Dan West. It was great to see local builders, engineers and residents come together to deliver a valuable community asset.

Later in the month, I met with representatives of the student bodies of Homerton and Girton colleges to discuss the new student finance proposals. It became very clear to me how the way Government communicates change can really make or break the implementation of a policy. Students were concerned about the thought of having more debt as maintenance grants are changed to loans, despite the fact that they would be unlikely to have to pay it back. But it shows we must never forget how people ‘feel’ – it’s not just about black and white policy.

On the same day I met with a group of Junior Doctors from Addenbrooke’s hospital in light of the proposed changes to contracts. As I listened to the variety of specialisms and careers they were engaged in, it was a useful reminder for me that the word ‘Junior’ is so misleading. These doctors will have up to 10 years of clinical experience under their belts and are an essential part of our NHS. It is vital any new contract is fit for purpose so I will continue working with them to ensure their voices are heard.

Heidi.allen.mp@parliament.uk Tel 01954 212707. Twitter @HeidiAllen75/
Next surgery: 11 December – contact my office for an appointment.

SHELFORD SCHOOL

It's been a very busy first half term at Shelford Primary School for staff, pupils and parents! The teaching team have been working hard to introduce new government initiatives, including changes to assessment reporting and a new curriculum. The Headteacher and classroom teachers have been briefing parents on the impact of these changes in an ongoing series of parent workshops.

The children have been having lots of fun with their learning. For example, during their recent class assembly, year 4 treated their parents and carers to a very impressive display of Roman shield formations and Roman-inspired Haiku poems. The children even turned the tables on their guests by giving them a surprise quiz about Romans! It was a delight to see the children so excited by their new found knowledge and so proud to share it with their audience.

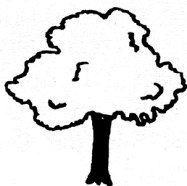
A new format for pupil/parent/teacher consultations was introduced this term. Parents were invited to observe a 10 minute learning conversation between their child and the teacher. During these pupil led discussions, the children identified their own areas of strength and their personal targets for future learning. Following this discussion the children went to the school hall where the teaching assistants supervised fun activities whilst the parents and class teacher discussed the pupil-led conversation and any other relevant issues. The overall feedback from parents regarding the new format has been very positive.

The Headteacher and a number of parents and governors attended the public Q&A meeting on November 3 to discuss the highways issues in Great Shelford, specifically the traffic situation on Church Street. The governors would like to thank Councillors Charlie Nightingale and Mike Nettleton for meeting with the Cambridgeshire County Council Highways to discuss the possibility of traffic lights in Church Street. Following CCC advice, the Parish Council are exploring the option of chopping the parking spaces in Church Street into blocks of 3–4 cars maximum, with at least 2–3 car lengths between each block.

The numerous extracurricular clubs are now in full swing. The school newsletter proudly reports on the valiant efforts of the School's sports teams in local tournaments. The school choir are practising hard for the KS2 Christmas Service next month and the younger children are coming home singing the songs for the Foundation/KS1 Nativity. The newly elected PTA are busily planning the Christmas Fair on December 5 – Christmas must be just round the corner!

Sarah Bullock, Parent Governor

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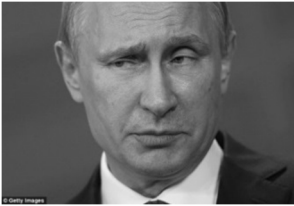
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Christmas and New Year opening hours

The Health Centre will only be closed on the Bank Holidays (Friday 25 December, Monday 28 December and Friday 1 January). We shall be working our normal hours on every other day.

The Christmas fortnight is usually particularly busy, what with students coming home for the holiday, people wanting last minute prescriptions and so on. If you are able to arrange for routine appointments outside that fortnight, you will have a wider variety of choices. We shall be issuing double prescriptions in advance of that period to try and avoid you having to go to the pharmacy in their equally busy time.

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

Smoking cessation

There are national services available to help you stop smoking, and also local ones. We can help at the practice. If you want to stop smoking, do get in touch. We have trained Stop Smoking Advisors at the practice, so in addition to advice from your GP, we are also able to offer you friendly, non-judgemental one-to-one extended support. This starts with an initial 30-minute appointment with one of the trained advisors, who will discuss quitting and advise you on appropriate nicotine replacement therapy. Pharmacological aids are offered in order to increase your chances of quitting successfully. There is a follow-up 20-minute appointment. Regular support is offered for several weeks. This can be by telephone, if you prefer. We also have a selection of leaflets at the surgery. To start the process, please phone the surgery (843661), and ask for a 30-minute 'Smoking Cessation' appointment.

Yellow Fever vaccinations

We have been a Yellow Fever Centre for a while. From December we will cease to be one. That means that we shall not be able to offer a Yellow Fever vaccination if you are going on holiday. The number of people requesting one from us has declined in recent years, probably because more services are being offered by pharmacies and commercial organisations. There are several places in and around Cambridge who are able to provide Yellow Fever immunisation.

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

Jennet Ashton, Practice Manager

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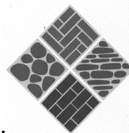
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www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/library

W.I. NEWS

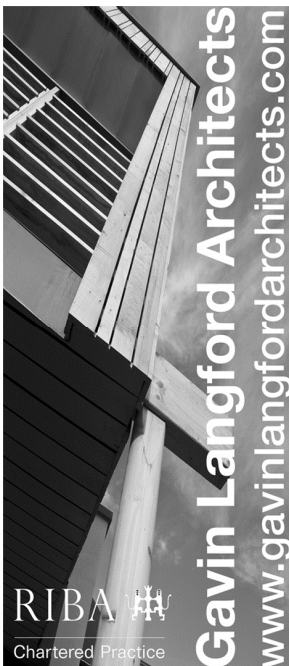
At the November meeting our speaker was Eleanor Witter from the Cambridge Beekeepers Association. Eleanor explained how she began beekeeping by moving her late father's bees from Gloucester to Cambridge despite having no previous experience of beekeeping. She then gained a great deal of knowledge and support from the Cambridge Beekeepers' Association.

She went on to explain the amazing lifecycle of individual bees and of the bee colony. Her fascinating talk was illustrated by beautiful close-up photographs of each stage of a bee's life, along with various artefacts associated with beekeeping. We also learnt the reasons why bees swarm and how swarms are captured and moved.


W.I. members were particularly interested in the anti-bacterial and medicinal properties of honey and other hive products; the skin creams Eleanor had brought for us to try proved to be very popular.

The next meeting will be our Christmas Party on Thursday 3 December. We meet on the first Thursday of the month at 7.30 p.m. in All Saints' North Room (behind the church) in Little Shelford. New members and visitors are always welcome.

Mary Talbott



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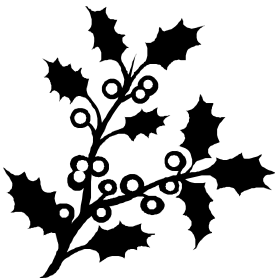
It's not '*Downton Abbey*' although there are lots of Lords and Ladies in it.
 It's not '*Gardeners' Question Time*' although there are roses in it.
 It's not '*Strictly Come Dancing*' although the dancing is fab-u-lous, darling,
 and it can't be '*The Great British Bake Off*' because zee chefs are French.
 Do you know what it is yet?

It's Little Shelford Pantomime's production of 'Beauty and the Beast'!

From Wednesday 6 to Saturday 9 January in Little Shelford Memorial Hall
 £7 (adults) and £5 (children and senior citizens)

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- Gillian Cooke (842616)
- Sarah Cappendale (842498)
- Suzanne Donovan (871329)
- Sarah Sparrow (690547)



A TRADITIONAL CAROL EVENT

on **THURSDAY 17 DECEMBER,**
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 Refreshments afterwards
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Margaret Moule



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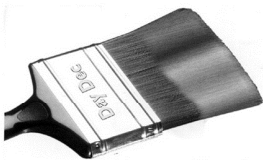
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Our annual toy collection for the Salvation Army will be on Sunday 6 December. If toys are wrapped please label by age group, boy/girl.

Village Christmas Carol Singing

Come and join us at the Great Shelford Memorial Hall on **Thursday 17 December, 7–8pm**. Refreshments afterwards – contributions to a local charity.

Advent Evening Services

The evening services in Advent will all be special celebrations to explore the theme of waiting. We start on Advent Sunday, 29 November with an **Advent Carol Service** at 6.30pm – with music, readings and prayers by candlelight – hosted by St Mary's and shared with St Andrew's, Stapleford. On Sunday 6 December we will have a **Service of Hope** by candlelight at 6.30pm. The **Christingle Service**, in aid of the Children's Society, is on Sunday 13 December at 5pm. This is a very special act of worship, celebrating Jesus as the light of the world. Do come along and bring your children. The parish **Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols** is on Sunday 20 December at 6.30pm.

Services for Christmas

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

Sunday 20 December 6.30pm – Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols, followed by mulled wine and mince pies in the parish church.

Christmas Eve

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

'Midnight' Parish Communion 11pm The first service of Christmas, with carols, sermon and Holy Communion.

Christmas Day

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

Parish Communion 10am Our main service for Christmas morning with carols, sermon and Holy Communion. **No evening service.**

Vicarage ‘Open House’

There will be ***Open House*** at the Vicarage on Sunday 20 December from 12 noon to 2pm. Seasonal refreshments promised – **everyone** welcome.

St Mary’s Toddler Group

For children aged from 0 to 3 years of age. Meets weekly on Thursdays in term time between 9.30 and 11.30am in the Community Room.

Gift Day Appeal – Thank You!

A sincere thank you to the many people who offered their pledges during the Gift Day on Sunday 4 October. The final total received in gifts this year is £5,560.

From the registers

Funerals:	21 October	Joy Campbell-Lawson
	5 November	Mary Myers
	16 November	Maurice Teulon

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) (4pm in winter GMT)

For further information about Great Shelford Parish Church

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The Great and Little Shelford Remembrance Day Service, in which the sacrifices of people in all armed conflicts are commemorated, was held on Sunday November 8 at the Great Shelford War Memorial. It was led jointly by the Rev. Martin Cockerill and the Rev. Simon Talbott, assisted by the Rev. Monica Cameron.

A short service was held to pay tribute to the fallen, with a meaningful silence, the playing of the Last Post and laying of wreaths.

The event was attended by about 200 people, including members of the Royal British Legion, Scouts and Guides, Cubs, Brownies and Beavers. *JW*

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COME AND HEAR THE REAL STORY

I wonder what the story of Christmas means to you? Maybe it's just a children's story? Or a story to sell Christmas cards and tinsel? Or a type of folk story, that was once important but now is just the background noise to a manic December, filled with shopping, wrapping, drinking and eating?

The real story of Christmas is easily misunderstood, used, forgotten and mistreated. It's not a story about a holiday, or a turkey meal, it's definitely not about England or snow. Christmas is about God and his love for this world, and as the world's understanding drifts further and further away from its original meaning, it's important that Christians keep telling the real story.

Well, are you sitting comfortably? Then I'll begin. 2000 years ago, give or take, God sent his son Jesus down to earth and he was born to the Virgin Mary. She gave birth in Bethlehem, surrounded by cattle and dirt. This birth was announced to the poorest in society (shepherds) and the wealthiest (wise men). This baby went on to live a perfect life, but ultimately the world couldn't cope with him and those in power conspired to kill him. But the story didn't end there, although he died, he was brought back to life, as a sign of his victory over death.

Now this story is one we should celebrate, one that brings us together and one that inspires us to love each other. This story gives real meaning to December 25. So my prayer is that you celebrate and enjoy this story, with your family and friends. And if you want to know more about the power behind this story, maybe you would consider joining our community at the Free Church as we celebrate together throughout December and beyond.

Revd. Martin Cockerill (Pastor – Great Shelford Free Church)

For further information about Great Shelford Free Church (Baptist)

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Church Office (Access via Ashen Green): 01223 842181

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Office Hours: Tues 9–4.00pm; Weds 9–1.00pm; Thurs 9–1.00pm

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Christmas at Great Shelford Free Church

3T Christmas Event:	6 December 3.30pm
Balloon Nativity at 29 High Street:	12 December (all day)
Christmas All Age Service:	13 December 10.30am
Worship Service:	20 December 10.30am
Candlelight Carol Service:	20 December 6.30pm
Midnight Communion Service:	24 December 11.30pm
Christmas Day Service:	25 December 10.30am

*Regardless of denomination or religious views, please feel free to join with us.
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Create & Share @ Great Shelford Free Church Hall (Ashen Green Entrance)

Thursday 10 December 09.30–12.00: 'Free and Easy'

Bring the project(s) you've been meaning to complete but haven't quite got round to doing so, or make a dress for 'Dress a Girl Around the World' project ... or start a new project! Fabric is available.

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For more details, contact Diana Parr:

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COUNTRY MARKET



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Please help us to help you by ordering well in advance, especially the baked goods and Christmas table decorations you would like to collect on **December 23**. Note that on that day, there will be just a limited choice of non-ordered baking. Place your order at the market or phone me on Cambridge 843946 by **December 16**.

On Wednesday December 23 we will open at our usual time of 8.30 but will close promptly at **10.30 am**. Market producers then have a break and the first market in 2016 will be on **January 13**.

Meantime, to all our customers and friends, thank you for supporting the market throughout the year. Without you, there could be no Country Market in Great Shelford. Best wishes for Christmas and the New Year. *Dorothy Doel*

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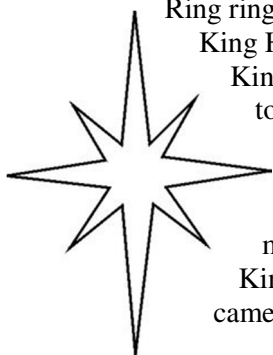
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- Switch off and unplug fairy lights before you go to bed or leave the house. Check they conform to the British Standard and don't overload sockets.
- Be careful when drinking alcohol while smoking or cooking.
- Finally, make sure you have a working smoke alarm which is correctly fitted and works. And NEVER take the batteries out to power presents!

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DIARY – DECEMBER 2015

Date	Event	Time	Place
3	Carpet Bowls	7.15pm	Memorial Hall
3	W.I. Christmas Party (page 10)	7.30pm	(see page 10)
5	Twinning Wine Tasting Evening (page 44)	7.30pm	Free Church Hall
5	Shelford School Christmas Fair (page 20)	2.00pm	School Hall
8	Granta Flower Club Demonstration (page 46)	7.00pm	Memorial Hall
8	Garden Club Christmas Social (page 42)	7.30pm	School Hall
10	Carpet Bowls	7.15pm	Memorial Hall
14	Carol Event 1 st Rehearsal (page 12)	7.30pm	Free Church Hall
15	Carol Event 2 nd Rehearsal (page 12)	7.30pm	Free Church Hall
16	Engage: How to become an author (page 10)	2.00pm	Library
17	Traditional Carol Event (page 12)	7.00pm	Outside Mem. Hall
19	Stapleford Choral Society Christmas Concert (page 7)	7.30pm	Stapleford Primary School

The Country Market will be open from 8.30 to 11.30 on December 2, 9, and 16, and from 8.30 to **10.30** on December 23. It will then close until January 13.

Black Bin Collection: 14 December, 29 December (Tuesday)

Blue Bin Collection: 7 December, 21 December

Green Bin Collection: 7 December

READERS' LETTERS

NO. 31 BUS

John Wakefield is right to draw attention to our local bus no.31, with its revised timetable. Use it or lose it! It might be worth emphasising that the new Addenbrooke's service uses the much shorter route via Hinton Way, and not the longer Cambridge Road and Trumpington Road it used to. Also, he doesn't mention that the 4.10pm and 6.20pm schedule from Drummer Street still remains. It is really useful to get home from the city centre quickly in the evening via Hills Road, and much more reliable than the Citi 7.

Kate Bove

TRAFFIC ISSUES

The new dispositions recommended in Woollards Lane are fine as far as they go, but they ignore what seems to be the main cause of the present congestion, which is the non-enforcement of Messrs Tesco's promise to confine loading to 'out of hours' times of day (or night!) when they were allowed to set up shop – and where we did not in fact need another grocery store. It would help were it possible to stop traffic using our main shopping street as a through road.

Could I add that much of the traffic passing through the village into Trumpington could perfectly well find its way via the M11, which runs parallel to the village and close by. This would be to the great advantage of our residents and could be encouraged by imposing and enforcing a 20mph speed limit and by creating a proper pedestrian crossing at the beginning of the Cambridge Road at a point where children and old people often have to take their lives into their hands to reach the bus stops on the other side. Heavy lorries still charge down the embankment carrying traffic from over the railway bridge around a blind bend without giving themselves time to stop – despite the new speed limit, which they don't observe. As regards the congestion caused by cars parking in the road opposite the Church and school, surely space should be found for a car park to serve both, and is there not a convincing case for the imposition of a 20 mph speed limit? It is high time that the county council took into account the safety and convenience of residents as well as the facilitating of the through traffic flow into Cambridge.

John A Davis


The *Village News* Editor asked me if I wished to comment on John Davis' letter. We have tried to talk, but missed each other on several occasions. As always, this is a valuable contribution to the debate on traffic issues in the village. There are a few points which I would like to comment on:

Tesco: I think we are in danger of demonising them. When they came into the village, there was no specific restriction on delivery times. We are working with them to move deliveries outside peak hours.

Through traffic: Little we can do about this directly (and remember that Great Shelford residents drive through Trumpington and other villages). We will be implementing a 20mph limit in the centre of the village. We are sympathetic to introducing pedestrian crossings in Cambridge Road, but there is a significant cost and that would have to be borne by the village.

Church Street: Yes, we plan a 20mph next year.

Mike Nettleton, Chair of GSPC Highways



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Stephanie Hatter, Youth Secretary

FOOTBALL CLUB

The men's team are well and truly over their difficult start to the season, and after another unbeaten month they are comfortably in the mix at the top of the table. A 4–1 defeat of Cherry Hinton was followed by very hard fought 1–0 wins against Gamlingay and Brampton and culminated in a stunning comeback from 2–0 down to beat West Wrating 4–3 after extra time in the Cambs Challenge Cup.

The ladies' magnificent run in the Women's FA Cup came to an end, unfortunately, with a narrow 1–0 defeat away to Enfield Town Ladies, a team from the tier above them in the Women's FA pyramid. Commiserations must go to them but well done for getting that far. On the plus side their league form has stabilised with a 2–0 win against AFC Dunstable and 1–1 draws against Great Wakering and Acle.

The veteran's team didn't have any fixtures during the month.

Please come along and support your local teams. If you would like to do more than just watch, the club is always on the lookout for volunteers to help with the many tasks on match days, such as wheeling out the goals, roping off the pitch and most importantly making the tea at half-time. Anyone interested should phone Terry on 01354 680661 or Tony on 07971 538901.

Terry Rider

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The big Christmas count down has begun! My kids may be thoroughly excited about the 24 numbers on our chocolate advent calendar, but I'm much more interested in a longer number ... **1164326** to be precise.

Yes, thanks to our very own elves (or rather Marion, our treasurer) beavering away behind the scenes, Great Shelford Playscape has now been successfully registered with the Charity Commission. Hooray!

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- You can donate to the charity by selling items on eBay and nominating us to receive the proceeds, perfect for the New Year's clear out, don't you think?

I'm also excited to report that Erect Architecture have been officially instructed and are poring over your questionnaire responses and all our notes from the focus groups. You can too – we've uploaded them to our website www.shelfordplayscape.org under 'downloads' – a perfect read with your favourite festive tipples.

All that remains to be said is: have a very merry Christmas from all of the Playscapers!

Eleanor McCrone

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AROUND THE VILLAGE

The cemetery rose arch



Photo: Helen Harwood

You may recall that the *Village News* kindly donated a rose arch to the cemetery, so that visitors could enjoy a sit-down there in peace and tranquillity. Not all our visitors come to mourn, though of course many do – the cemetery is a pleasant spot with a view over the arable fields and plenty of wildlife. The roses have been planted, and I've flanked the arch with my signature plant – two cardoons or giant thistles. All these plants will take a season or two to get their roots established and really take off, but in time it will be lovely. The parish council is very grateful to the *Village News* for this wonderful gift.

The parish council would also like to thank the son and daughter of Mr and Mrs Wilderspin, whose parents are both buried in the cemetery. They have donated their parents' bench to sit within the arch. The project is now complete, and all we need is for the plants to grow. Please try out our new bench if you're passing!

The shelter by the level crossing

Beside the Station Road level crossing, on the village side, there's what looks like a bus shelter. Its purpose is to shelter people waiting for the crossing gates to open. It's looked pretty sad for a few years now, but not any more!

The parish council was looking to spruce it up, when Councillor Bridget Hodge suggested some artwork by local artist, Francess Richardson. Parish council chair, Charlie Nightingale, set about the work, and asked Councillor Helen Harwood to provide some words. The result has exceeded all our expectations, and is really lovely (see picture above and on cover). Its only shortcoming is that we haven't included Francess' name, and for that we apologize, but it is being put right.



Photo: Duncan Grey

We thought you might like to know a bit more about the artist. Francess comes originally from Rochdale, but has been in and around Shelford for years: seven years in Stapleford, 21 in Little Shelford and 11 in Great Shelford. So her face is probably familiar to you! She has been painting for many years, people or village scenes, and there are many examples of her work around the village. She has also painted the scenery for the Little Shelford Pantomime for 26 of its 27 years. The paintings on the shelter are based on a project from 1999, when she went round photographing interesting, though not necessarily historic, buildings around the village, and then painting them. It became a Millennium project, and Francess sold many photocopies, though she hasn't, she says, kept the original paintings. We are very grateful to her for allowing us to use the pictures, which will give us all great pleasure for years to come.

In front of the memorial hall

A couple of years ago, a local business specializing in garden landscaping and restoration, Cambridge Garden Design (better known as 'the Deli Gardener'), kindly offered to take over the neglected flowerbeds in front of the Memorial Hall, at no charge to the parish. Since then we've had some interesting and attractive planting, but the newest project is by far the most intriguing. The beds are surrounded by a low rustic fence, and they are covered with what looks like hay. It's going to be a wildflower meadow, and the hay was cut from a 'seed meadow' in Caldecote and will provide the seeds from which our new meadow grows. Already you can see that some germination has taken place, and I'm really looking forward to seeing what the final result looks like. This is a very interesting and exciting project. It's also more appropriate than you might think. Before the veterans of the Great War bought the two fields which became the Rec. in the 1920s – as a memorial to their fallen comrades – this was an area of arable land. Once it became the Recreation Ground it was grassed, but Mrs Kathy Taylor, who grew up in a cottage beside the Rec., remembers how she and her friend used to play there: 'The grass used to grow real high, and an old man used to come with a scythe and scythe it down, and build it up like haystacks. We used to get into trouble because we'd take a piece, and build ourselves a little grass house!'

I guess it would be a bit much to restore that style of management to the Rec. It would play havoc with the cricket, but wouldn't the village kids love it! But at least we'll have a flavour of what we're missing in our flower meadow flowerbeds. Do go and have a look! Daniel Lee, its creator, says he'll be charting the progress of the meadow at his Twitter address @DeliGardener, if you want to read more.

Helen Harwood

THE SHELFORD FEAST

The Feast is a big event in the Shelford calendar and once again thousands of local people enjoyed the week-long festivities. All kinds of music for all kinds of people, a comedy night, a quiz, a beer festival and hours of great entertainment!

Hundreds of people help to make The Shelford Feast a success and the 16 Bunch members who organise the events applaud them, as without their time and effort, given voluntarily, we wouldn't have a Feast at all.

So now to the rewards of this hard work – the giving to the 40 or so local good causes who need and deserve funds to top up what they do throughout the year. Being fair to all doesn't always mean giving each organisation the same money, but this year we have managed to do that. The exceptions are Shelford School, the good cause for which The Feast was revived, The Mobile Warden scheme, who are in great need of funds to provide help and care for the elderly in their own homes, and The Sick Children's Trust.

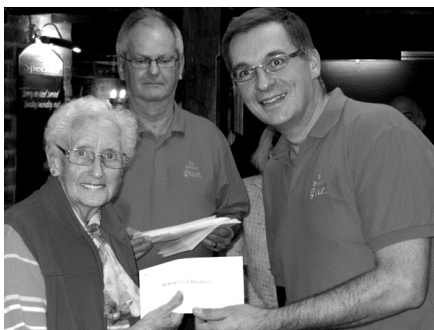


Alison Evans, Headteacher, and supporters receive their £2500 cheque from Andrew Heather, Chairman of The Feast.

The Trust is not only a very worthwhile charity in itself, providing accommodation for the families of very ill children at Addenbrooke's, but is supported by doctors and nurses who contributed to the Feast by providing first aid cover at all events throughout the week.

And finally thanks to all those who attended The Feast and bought burgers, went on rides, bought raffle tickets, attended concerts and gave the money that has made it possible to give away over £20,000 this year. This means that since 1994 The Feast has given away £246,000 to local good causes!

Funds given away on November 16 at The Square and Compasses (Thank you, Bill!)



Eleanor McCrone (Playscape) and Betty Woodhouse (Acacia Court) receive their cheques from Andrew Heather, Feast Chairman.

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The 2016 Feast will be from July 11 to 17 – a little later than usual – so put it in your diary now! Thank you!

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As well as over 20 quality craft stalls there'll be carol singers and a sax band to entertain while shoppers warm up with a mug of authentic Glühwein or hot chocolate and a Bratwurst or two. While the children wait to visit Santa with their stocking lists, we have a magical story-teller and a face painter to keep them entertained. Meanwhile Mum and Dad can take a break to browse the stalls and stock up on Christmassy food and stocking fillers of every kind. From classy necklaces to glitzy decorations, it's all there, along with gift wraps, ribbons and cards.

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

Alyce, Duxford Advent Collaborator

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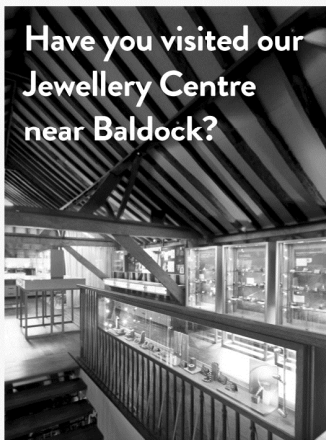


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BOTANIC GARDEN: THE URGE/SURGE/SPLURGE FOR SPURGE AT CHRISTMAS!

A great number of us will be bringing the world's flora into our homes for the festive season. Not only our native holly, ivy and mistletoe but also spruce endemic to Norway, and the baroque loveliness of the amaryllis, native to South Africa. But perhaps one of the most extraordinary floral additions to Christmas decoration is the poinsettia, *Euphorbia pulcherrima*, hailing originally from Mexico and Guatemala, where it is known as Flor de Noche Buena – the Christmas Eve flower. The plant's association with Christmas began in the 16th century, when legend tells of a Mexican girl, commonly called Pepita or Maria, who, being too poor to provide a gift to celebrate the birth of Jesus, was inspired by an angel to gather roadside weeds for the church altar instead.

The dark green dentate leaves of this sub-tropical shrub are topped with 'flowers' of brightly coloured bracts, most typically in a flaming Christmassy red but they can also be orange, pale green, cream, pink, white, or even marbled. The intensity of colour in the bracts only develops when the plant is kept under darkness for 12 hours a day for at least five days in a row. British nurseries are getting better and better at mimicking these Central American conditions and it is now much easier to source UK-grown poinsettias at Christmas – just look for the Home Grown label.

The poinsettia is a member of the spurge family, *Euphorbiaceae*. If you look into the heart of the showy bracts, you will find the unassuming 'real' flowers, which are part of complex yellowish saucer-shaped structures known botanically as cyathia. These same structures can be seen on our common garden spurges that will soon be bringing a welcome zing of lime green to the garden. But they can also be seen on some of the more unusual plants in the Glasshouse Range at the Botanic Garden, including the low-growing and spiny Christ's thorn, *Euphorbia milii* var. *splendens*, from Madagascar. This grows outside our Arid Lands display, which also includes the remarkably big, candelabra-shaped desert African spurges, often mistaken for cacti. Their forms display the same solutions to a lack of water, such as a fluted stem that can swell to store water and leaves reduced to spines to conserve water and protect biomass from grazers. This phenomenon is known as convergent evolution.

So when you bring a poinsettia into the house (and find it a light, non-draughty spot), it is wonderfully festive way of celebrating the diversity of plants we can enjoy in our lives.

Wishing you a very happy and floral Christmas!

Juliet Day, Development Officer

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SELF-SUFFICIENCY FROM YOUR GARDEN

Nigel Start, who used to work for the Plant Breeding Institute, spoke about self-sufficient gardening to provide vegetables, salad crops, fruit and nuts, flowers, eggs and honey, as well as posts, poles and sticks for using in the garden. Producing fresh, flavoursome, pesticide free, sustainable food is the main benefit, as well as being cost saving and providing healthy exercise.

Choosing a plot

The standard 100 x 30 foot plot is considered to be a sufficient size to provide for a family, although extra space will be needed for a compost area and fruit trees. The RHS model garden (size 20 x 30 feet) divided into four plots to allow for crop rotation should provide 50% of the vegetables needed by a couple for a year. Smaller town gardens can benefit from the use of raised beds, balconies, window boxes and a greenhouse.

Ideally the plot should have plenty of light, sufficient moisture, a nutrient-rich soil with good structure, and warmth or shelter. Water butts are useful to conserve rain water for use in dry periods.

Preparing the ground

Hens are useful for consuming surplus produce and are very efficient at clearing the ground of weeds and pests, when first tidying an area for crop production. The ground should be dug over and well-rotted manure or compost incorporated into the soil. Cold composting relies on the breakdown of organic material by red tiger worms in a suitable bin. A multi layered wormery can be made or purchased, with a reservoir to catch nutrient rich run off, which can be tap drained to feed plants such as courgettes. Hot composting relies on bacterial breakdown at high temperatures. Hedge clippings and weeds can be added to green waste, all ideally pre-shredded with a lawnmower together with nutrient rich nettles, comfrey or chicken litter. The idea is to have an even consistency with no wet patches. The compost should be covered with plastic to keep the heat and moisture in, and turned after 3–5 days and covered over again. It should then be turned again after 10 days and covered over for 8 weeks. Alternatively special hot bins can be purchased or commercial compost from green waste can be used.

Crops to grow

Potatoes are an ideal crop to plant first, as they break up the soil and their green tops help smother weeds. Blight-resistant potatoes belonging to the Sapp family, such as *Maris Bard* or *Casablanca* are preferable. Ensuring that potato plants are well watered at flowering time is critical, as this will determine the number of tubers produced. Crop rotation can start with potatoes, followed by

onions and carrots, peas or beans and brassicas or leeks. Chickens can be moved around the plots for a period of 4–5 months to fertilise the soil.

Runner beans need a deep bed to allow root development so a couple of months before sowing, a trench 12 to 15 inches deep should be dug and filled with well-rotted manure or compost. The bean flowers need moisture to set seed and will need nightly watering if the weather is dry. Sprouting broccoli, white, red and savoy cabbages can be planted together in size order.

The use of micorrhizal fungi for growing leeks aids root formation, improving yield and allows closer planting together. The roots of the young plants should be dipped in a paste of micorrhizal fungi before planting out. The fungi can also be used for tomatoes and peppers, transplanting fruit bushes and trees but is not suitable for brassicas or ericaceous species.

Courgettes can be planted out when the danger of frost has passed and for a longer season of cropping, seed can be grown direct in the soil from the third week of June. A polytunnel is useful for growing F1 tomatoes, peppers and cucumbers, which all need plenty of moisture as well as heat.

To make the best use of space, fruit trees such as apples, pears and plums are best grown on semi-dwarfing rootstocks. They can also be trained as cordons on fences. Fruits will need to be thinned out to avoid misshapen trees. Summer and winter pruning will encourage fruit growth and flower buds for the coming season. Autumn fruiting varieties of raspberries produce better crops. The hazel nut is a versatile plant, which tolerates poor soil and apart from yielding nuts can be coppiced to produce runner bean poles.

Keeping your garden healthy

To protect against disease and pests it is advisable to operate crop rotation, use F1 resistant varieties, avoid overcrowding, cover carrot plants with fleece or enviro mesh, net peas, brassicas and soft fruit, encourage beneficial wildlife such as hedgehogs and avoid storing damaged produce.

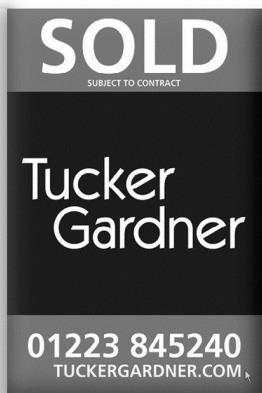
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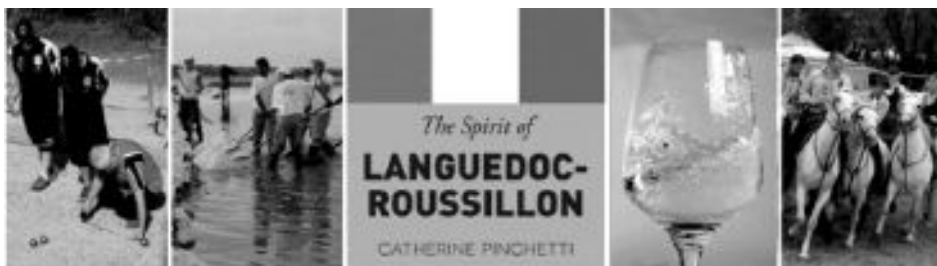
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Catherine Pinchetti, teacher, author and speaker, took us on a lively and informative tour of the Languedoc-Roussillon region of France, pointing out aspects of the widely differing areas: landscapes, towns and villages, cultures and history. For your information, her books *The Spirit of Languedoc Roussillon* and *The Spirit of Auvergne* are available in local bookshops.

Altogether, we felt we were being taken to some of these places ourselves, and our appetites were certainly whetted for any visit we might make in the future.

May we encourage you to come to our next event – a fun, entertaining and non-competitive Wine Tasting Evening on Saturday 5 December. See our website for details: <http://shelfordtwinning.org.uk/wine-tasting>.

Michael and Margaret Moule

SAWSTON MEDICAL PRACTICE

Looking back over 2015, it has been a good year for the Practice: outstanding in our CQC Inspection in June and now forging ahead with our merger plans with Linton Health Centre. It has been exciting and there is a lot to look forward to in 2016.

We have resumed our money raising effort and patients will have noticed the hamper on the Reception Desk. This is being raffled to support Children in Need. Behind the scenes we have been raising funds for our 'Friends of Sawston Medical Practice' fund by selling second hand books, also we are selling hand-made greeting cards generously made and donated by family and friends of the staff. This account helps the Practice to fund facilities for our patients which are not normally available as part of the NHS. Hence the introduction of our Ear Microsuction Service which is of benefit to patients as it avoids the need for them to attend Addenbrooke's for this; similarly it is of benefit to Addenbrooke's as it relieves the pressure on their outpatient clinics and reduces traffic onto the hospital site.

So, Christmas and New Year are upon us again. The Practice is closing on Friday 25 December, Monday 28 December, and Friday 1 January. Apart from those three days it will be business as usual. If you have any medical problems on the days we are closed, remember you can call 111. During the lead up to Christmas please remember to get your prescription requests in on time and allow perhaps a little extra time for us to process these. Also, if you are using the self-referral services, for example Physio Direct and the CPFT Psychological Wellbeing service, please remember that they too may be busy with Christmas coming up.

From all the doctors, nurses and staff at the Practice to our patients, a very happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year. Enjoy!

Ali Podgorska

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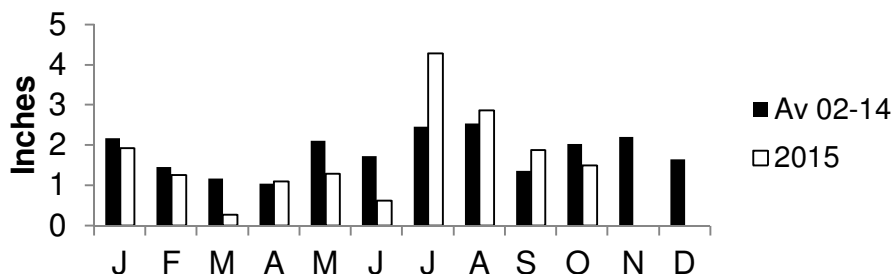
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