

# Great Shelford VILLAGE NEWS

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*River Bank at the Rec.*



**'Strictly Come Drawing'** by Archie Meikle (on display at the library with other works by young members of the Art Club at Great and Little Shelford Primary School)

Photo: Stephen Chittenden

*Literature in the Shelfords?*

*Refugees in Calais*

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## **GREAT SHELFORD PARISH COUNCIL**

### **SUMMARY OF MINUTES OF THE JANUARY MEETING**

Four members of the public were present but had no questions or issues to discuss.

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting of December 16 2015, with the addition of Councillor Simon Talbott being in attendance, were confirmed as being an accurate record and were signed by the Chair. No matters arising were raised.

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

**District Cllr. Ben Shelton** reminded the Parish Council that the Local Plan Consultation would end on January 25 in respect of the formal response. Regarding the Ninewells and Marshall sites for housing, he said he was opposed to the Ninewells Development and would be lobbying for its withdrawal from the local plan.

**District Cllr. Charlie Nightingale** reported that SCDC have recommended to the Boundary Commission that the number of councillors serving residents to the area be reduced from 57 to 45. The Boundary Commission are consulting on how to produce a pattern of wards to accommodate 45 councillors.

**County Cllr. Tony Orgee** reported that the County Council budget/precept for 2016/2017 was still under review with 0%, 2% and 4% increases under review. County Cllrs. Tony Orgee and Gail Kenney wished to have it recorded that they supported the 0% increase in the County Council precept.

County Council stated that economies involving switching off street lighting from 2am to 6am do not apply to Great Shelford as the village is not on the central management system.

Consultation was to start on February 8 on ideas within the Greater Cambridge City deal for new Park and Ride sites along with new orbital bus routes.

The Wellcome Trust has announced details of initial proposals for expansion of the Genome Campus at Hinxton, including plans for about 900 houses and for diversion of the A1301 around the expanded site. A timescale of about 25 years is envisaged for the whole scheme with planning applications submitted after 2018.

The Parish Council's numerous reports and concerns over lack of road, pavement and drain clearance were recognised and all were in progress for attention.

Cllr. Nettleton raised concerns over reductions in local services caused by the current efficiency savings.

Cllr. Ashurst requested clarification on the Library status. It was confirmed that no libraries were planned to close but that reductions in costs were necessary.

## REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

**Highways:** Chair Mike Nettleton advised that the main work programme was static, awaiting resources from Cambridgeshire County Council. The speedwatch equipment funding request has been withdrawn. One speed indicator board would be fitted in Hinton Way, and 'Careful Drivers' signs, at a cost of £300, are planned for entrances to the village. McColl's and Tesco's deliveries are currently not complying with agreements but discussions were taking place over this. General village parking issues were being reviewed.

**Playscape Liaison:** Cllr. Simon Talbott advised that there would be a meeting with Erect Architecture and stakeholders on January 25 to review the current status of the master plan.

**Police Liaison:** Cllr. Barrie Ashurst advised that a report from Sergeant Sandra Davidson identified the status of local burglaries and police support activities. Police Community Support Officer parking patrols had also commenced. Chair Charlie Nightingale advised that after the Parish Council AGM on April 20, a Hustings would take place with the prospective candidates standing for new Police Commissioner. Radio Cambridge has agreed to cover the event.

**Queen's Birthday Celebrations and Christmas Lights:** Cllr. Charlie Nightingale advised that a Tea Dance and other activities were being considered for the Queen's Birthday celebrations. The Parish Council was asked to underwrite £500 of expenditure. This was agreed as underwriting only. The Christmas street illuminations had been well received in the village, with householders adding to the illumination activity. An improvement and local illumination was under consideration for Christmas 2016.

**Pavilion:** Clerk Mike Winter advised that the Omnis cheque was still being held but hoped for a resolution shortly. Pavilion roof drainage had been a problem but blockages were now cleared. Regular roof maintenance and clearance was necessary due to the design.

## FINANCE

Clerk Mike Winter presented a schedule of payments and receipts for the month of January 2016 (known to date). This was accepted and 15 cheques valued at £6,028.88 for payment duly signed by two councillors.

The Clerk presented a monthly review of budget status and it was circulated for reference. It was noted that although the bank accounts had a healthy current balance, considerable expenditure was forecast up to end March 2016, and that year end balances would then be approximately as forecast.

Review and Approval of Proposed Budget and Precept for Financial Year 2016/2017. A proposal for a precept of £185,000 was voted on, with 5 in favour and 5 against, and carried on the Chairman's casting vote.

**Note.** All the above is the official minutes of the Parish Council meeting on January 20 2016 that have been reviewed by Parish Council with full adoption awaited at the next Parish Council meeting.

## PLANNING APPLICATIONS PARISH COUNCIL COMMENTS

S/2879/15/FL	Mr. D. Spiller 200 Cambridge Road	Proposed new dwelling
Recommend refusal. The Parish Council has always opposed backland development along Cambridge Rd. This proposal to extend what was given permission as a garden store into a dwelling would set an unwelcome precedent for similar extensions. The siting of the proposed drive and the associated traffic movements will adversely affect the amenities of the occupiers of 198 Cambridge Rd and the existing property at 200.		

S/2994/15/FL	Ms. D. Smith 11 Leeway Avenue	Extension and alterations
No objections as long as the neighbours are happy.		

S/3073/15/FL	Mr. O. Kuwaidar 144 Cambridge Road	Erection of 8 flats
<p>Recommend refusal.</p> <p>The property to the west of the site has temporary planning permission for student accommodation and B &amp; B use with car parking to the north of the site. This car parking should be removed from the area outlined in red as it does not relate to the proposed development.</p> <p>The proposal amounts to backland development which we have always opposed in Cambridge Rd, and is of a scale and design which is out of keeping with those of adjoining properties. The windows at first and second floor level on the south elevation and the accessible green roof at first floor level will adversely affect the residential amenities of both 140 and 138 Cambridge Rd by overlooking. In addition there is inadequate satisfactory amenity space in that all that which lies to the south of the proposed building is adjacent to four bedrooms and is therefore not suitable for public use.</p> <p>It is accepted that there is a certain amount of traffic passing 144 and 146 Cambridge Road but the proposal would almost double that amount to the detriment of the residential amenities of both properties, and the noise associated with movements into and out of the basement would adversely affect the amenities of 140 Cambridge Road.</p> <p>Shelford Lodge only has planning permission for a further two years as a B&amp;B etc and this proposal could prejudice a long term, well planned use for that property.</p>		

S/0080/16/FL	Mr O. Kuwaider 144 Cambridge Road	Change of use from bed and breakfast and student accommodation to 19 apartments.
Recommend refusal. The car parking and amenity space which were acceptable for a nursing home use are not acceptable for permanent residential use, therefore this proposal amounts to significant overdevelopment of the site with a consequent adverse impact on neighbours and the residents themselves. There appears to be some conflict between this application and S/3073/15/FL as the car parking area to the NE of the site is common to both applications (see the areas outlined in red on the location plans). This needs to be clarified.		

S/3227/15/FL	Mr. N. Will 26 Hinton Way	Two-storey front extension
No objections		

S/3230/15/FL	Mr. F. Murphy 6 Walden Way	Single storey rear extension (for information only)
No comments		

S/3286/15/FL	Ms. K. Tassell 8 Tunwells Lane	Single storey rear extension
No recommendation. No objections to the extension but would welcome the views of the Conservation officer on the loss of the gault brick and clay batt wall. These are a feature of the Conservation area which we would like retained.		

S/0070/16/FL	Mr. Southby 19 Hinton Way	Extension to house to form new dwelling.
Recommend refusal. The design of the proposed new dwelling is out of character with the existing terrace and is therefore contrary to policy DP/2 of the LDF Development Control Policies. In addition the movement of vehicles alongside the boundary of 21 Hinton Way will cause noise and disturbance to the occupiers of that property		

## PLANNING DECISIONS

Extensions were approved at 38 London Road, 2 Woollards Lane and 3 Redhill Close. A carport at 78 High St and an attic conversion at 3 Halatte Gardens were also approved. Extensions were refused at 11 Leeway Avenue, 19 Tunwells Lane, 38 High Green, as was a loft conversion at 69 Hinton Way and a new house at 200 Cambridge Road. Lawful Development certificates were refused at 6 Walden Way and 50 Hinton Way. The appeal against the refusal of planning permission for the demolition of the Railway Tavern and its replacement by 12 flats was allowed.

## COUNTY COUNCIL

**Greater Cambridge City Deal.** The 'Tackling Congestion Evidence' received 73 written responses. These were reported to the Executive Board who agreed criteria for prioritising ideas. In June the Executive Board will decide on the next steps. At its February meeting the Executive Board will consider consultation results for schemes along the A428, the Chisholm Trail detailed design and selected route, and A1307 bus priority options. For more information see [www.greatercambridgecitydeal.co.uk](http://www.greatercambridgecitydeal.co.uk).

A consultation on the **Western Orbital** route will be carried out between February 8 and March 21. This could include a new bus link on or near the M11, Park and Rides at Junctions 11 and 12, and bus links with Trumpington Meadows, Addenbrooke's Hospital, Biomedical Campus, Cambridge Business and Science Parks and the new Northern Rail. There will be an exhibition at Trumpington Village Hall on March 10 (17.00–20.00), and information is also available at [www.gccitydeal.co.uk/the-western-orbital](http://www.gccitydeal.co.uk/the-western-orbital).

**A10 Harston to Foxton Cycleway.** The construction of a new 2.5m wide cycleway between Harston Mill and Foxton is now largely completed. The pinch point at Hoffer's Brook has been eased. Work should begin soon on Phase 2 between Foxton and Shepreth Lakes and a further length is envisaged when level crossing issues are resolved. *Tony Orgee and Gail Kenney*

## CORRECTION

In the January issue of the *Village News* (page 37) it was implied that David Fuller, as well as retiring from his editorship role, had also relinquished all involvement with the advertising in the magazine. In fact, David is continuing to do the administration for the advertisements, whilst Polly Stanton does the formatting of the advertisements and the advertising pages. *Ed.Com.*

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## THE RIVER BANK AT THE REC.

Plans for the restoration of the eroding river bank at the end of the recreation ground are progressing. The Parish Council proposes a 'soft' bank of planting with a couple of ramped bays for river access. The 'hard' bank of wooden piling at the west end (where most duck-feeding goes on) does not need replacing so will remain.

We do not wish to do anything without the support and awareness of the village, so if you have any views please email [stephen.chittenden@bbc.co.uk](mailto:stephen.chittenden@bbc.co.uk)

Things to consider:

- 1 Have you visited the River Cam at the end of the recreation ground?
- 2 What do you think about the river at the end of the recreation ground?
- 3 How often do you use the path alongside the river?
- 4 What improvements do you think could result in more people using this area?
- 5 What do you think of its current condition?
- 6 Do you have any concerns about the river's edge and its path?
- 7 What type of improvements do you think could be beneficial for this area? (e.g. better path, colourful plants, areas to access the water, wildlife improvements)
- 8 Do you think information boards giving information about the site are needed?
- 9 What activities would you like to be able to do at this site?

*Stephen Chittenden*

## CEMETERY WORK PARTY

**THURSDAY 10 MARCH AT 10am**

I will be organizing a work party at the cemetery in Cambridge Road to do a few gardening jobs in preparation for the spring. There are flowerbeds to weed, shrubs and ferns to plant, leaves to clear and so on.

If you are able to come and help, I would be very grateful. Wear gardening clothes, and good shoes!

*Helen Harwood*



## **SHELFORD MEDICAL PRACTICE**

### **Recently born babies**

We can register babies at the practice when they are only a few days old. In fact, we would prefer to register them as soon as possible, rather than wait until they come for their first appointment with us. We can sort out administrative details so that you do not have to wait when you come with a baby to his or her first checkup, and we do not have to rush things. So, please let us know as soon as you are able that you want to register your child here. We are happy to give you the forms, or you can find them on our website. If all is well, then your baby's first encounter will be a checkup for both the mother and the baby when the child is 6 weeks old.

### **Forthcoming changes at the practice**

Dr Sarah Rann and Dr John Tweedale will be leaving the Shelford partnership this year. Dr Rann will finish here at the end of July 2016, and Dr Tweedale will retire at the end of December 2016. Each of them has been with us for some considerable time, and we shall miss them. The partnership is in the process of planning the shape of the new practice, and will be publishing details of succession plans when they are finalised. Both doctors will continue to see patients until they leave, and handovers to new doctors will be as smooth as possible.

### **Named accountable GP**

All GP practices are now required to allocate a GP to each patient. That GP takes responsibility for the co-ordination of services for that patient. This does not mean that the GP is the only GP or clinician who will provide care to that patient. Patients may continue to see any GP that they wish.

Shelford Medical Practice has registered patients with the practice, not with an individual GP, and so the official registered GP may be any of our doctors. If you would like to know who your registered GP is, just ask one of our staff when you are next in the practice. Clinicians, receptionists and administrative staff are all able to look and see who your named accountable GP is. Nothing will change with regard to the care you receive, whoever your registered GP is.

Patients who are currently registered with either Dr Rann or Dr Tweedale will continue to be so for a while yet. When those two GPs' leaving dates approach, we shall register 'their' patients with another partner. When that happens, if you are one of the patients affected, you will receive a letter telling you who your new registered GP is. If you are not one of those patients, you will not receive a letter telling you who your named accountable GP is, but you are welcome to ask any of us.

*Jennet Ashton, Practice Manager*

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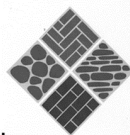
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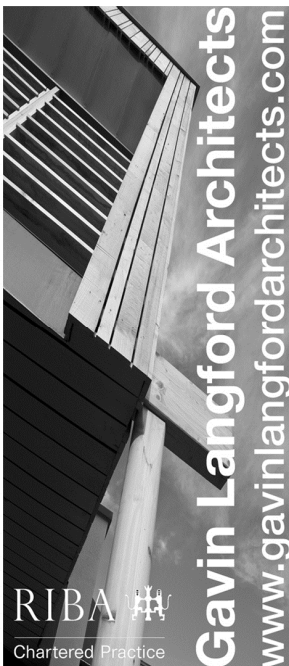
**Quiz Night** There was a welcome return for the PTA quiz night at the end of January, featuring a double act by Greg and Maaike Wall. Maaike masterminded the organisation, while Greg was an inspired quizmaster. The teams enjoyed a wide range of questions, concluding with a 'Local' round in which the connection with the Shelfords seemed to become steadily more tenuous. The dinner break saw ample supplies from the fish and chip shop and the Deli, and the latter also supplied the materials for a round of questions on herbs and spices. The precision of identification by many teams was a surprise to the scorers, though one team that shall remain nameless seemed to have left their cooking experts at home. A most enjoyable night raised almost £1600 for PTA funds. Book early for next year!

**Holocaust Memorial Day** We are always pleased when pupils perform in outside events. One such this term was the Holocaust Memorial Day in Cambridge when a number from Years 5 and 6 sang with other Primary schools (and some former pupils) as part of the Phoenix network, led by Lucy Barlow. Their contribution to remembering the part Cambridge people played in helping wartime refugees from Europe was appreciated by the large audience at the Corn Exchange.


**Parking** The school received some unwanted publicity in the *Cambridge News*, when an anonymous driver blamed 'lazy' parents for sparking 'mayhem and road rage', going on to ask that parents be encouraged to park at the Recreation Ground and walk from there to school. Had the driver, or indeed the journalist, cared to ask at the school, they would have learned that this 'distance parking' is exactly what the school does encourage, and that very many of our parents do just that. As a comment on the article said, the accompanying video did not show any vehicle parked on a double yellow line or in any other illegal position. The school has had considerable involvement in discussions with the Parish Council about the situation in Church Street and supports the plans for a 20mph speed limit and the creation of adequate space between parking sections to facilitate passing. Unfortunately we understand that these plans will not be implemented until at least the 2017/18 financial year.

**Residential trips** are a feature of the spring term for Years 5 and 6. Just before half-term Year 6 went to Grafham Water for three days of a range of activities, many involving water (but hopefully not getting too wet!). After half-term it is the turn of Year 5 to go to Burwell House, with more emphasis on indoor activities. These are important steps in our children's development, venturing a bit into the unknown, but in a secure environment with people they know. We are most grateful to the staff whose commitment allows these visits to proceed.

*Peter Ede, School Governor*



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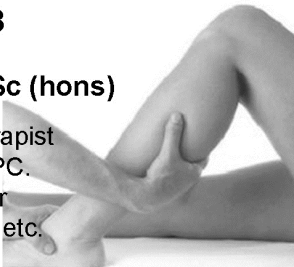
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On January 26, 40 members of the public attended a meeting with representatives from Shelford and Stapleford Parish Councils, Cambridge Past Present and Future, Shelford Health Centre, the Magog Trust, Cambridge Cycling Campaign and David Roberts, Principal Planning Policy officer S.C.D.C.

Nigel Pett, Chairman of Stapleford Parish Council, outlined the reasons why the parishes were proposing to produce a Neighbourhood Plan (NP) together.

- They are geographically close.
- They are already linked as a planning unit in the local plan.
- They face the same pressures on the green belt and infrastructure.
- They need to manage growth for the good of the local communities.

A Neighbourhood Plan would allow the villages to identify the important planning issues facing them and propose policies to address them. He stressed it was not about opposing development, as a Neighbourhood Plan cannot propose less development than is allocated in the Local Plan, but it should enable the villages to influence the scale, siting and phasing of development and the supporting infrastructure.

Attendees split up into five groups looking at the topics of Housing, Transport, Green Belt and Access, Shops and Businesses and Community Facilities. Issues raised included the protection of the green belt to preserve the setting of the villages, improved access to the countryside with circular walks, better and more recreation facilities, a need to expand the Health Centre, the future of the Railway Station and the need for a footbridge and parking, better and faster bus services with real time information, completion of Sustrans Route 11 under London Road bridge and into Stapleford, speed limit reductions on some roads and housing for first time buyers and downsizers, with more up to date information on the need for affordable housing.

A Neighbourhood Plan will cost around £12,000 but parishes can apply for an £8,000 grant from the District Council and the remaining costs will be shared.

We have to get the whole community involved, not just those who read the village magazines, therefore we intend to use social media to contact all members of the community and will be writing to all businesses for their input. To prepare a successful Neighbourhood Plan we have to use the considerable skills and knowledge of our parishioners so if you think you can help in any way contact Beckie Whitehouse on [staplefordparishclerk@gmail.com](mailto:staplefordparishclerk@gmail.com), phone 01223 845238, or come along to the next meeting on **Tuesday March 15** in the Pavilion, Stapleford.

*BH*



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### **Mothering Sunday – 6 March**

Posies will be available at all services – do come along!

### **Lent Lunches**

The local churches are hosting Lent Lunches again this year on Fridays from 12 noon to 2 pm, in aid of overseas development charities.

4 March: Great Shelford Free Church

11 March: All Saints, Little Shelford (North Buildings)

18 March St Andrew's, Stapleford (Johnson Hall) (12 noon to 1.30pm)

### **Holy Week services**

Here are our services for Holy Week and Easter – please come and join in this special time of celebration and joy (full details on our website).

### **Palm Sunday 20 March:**

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP 1662)

10.00am Parish Communion (Main Sunday service) with procession and blessing of Palms

6.30pm Evensong (BCP 1662)

### **Monday in Holy Week:**

9.00am Morning Prayer (Monday to Thursday)

5.00pm Evening Prayer (Tuesday to Thursday)

7.00pm Holy Communion in the style of Taizé (reflective service with Holy Communion)

### **Tuesday in Holy Week:**

7.00pm Stations of the Cross (meditation on Jesus' last hours)

### **Wednesday in Holy Week:**

9.30am Holy Communion (BCP 1662)

7.30pm Christian Passover Supper (Community Room, tickets needed – see website)

### **Maundy Thursday:**

7.30pm Eucharist of Maundy Thursday, followed by Watch of Prayer

### **Good Friday:**

10.30am Family Service for Holy Week (short service for children)

1.00pm Good Friday Devotions (two brief led meditations)

2.00pm Liturgy of the Passion (marking Jesus' last hour and death)



**Easter Saturday:**

8.00pm Easter Vigil at Ely Cathedral with Baptism & Confirmation  
(supporting our own candidates – lifts available)

**Easter Day 27 March:**

6.30am Joint Dawn Holy Communion (Magog Down)

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP 1662)

10.00am Parish Communion (Main Sunday service) with Easter Egg  
Hunt for young at heart!

6.30pm Sung Evensong (BCP 1662)

**Pram Service:** For babies and toddlers, 0–5 years, meeting on Mondays from 2.15 to 2.45pm (term time only). It is located in the Church Community Room, which is contained and warm. We have liturgical toys and books suitable and safe for the age group. Tea, coffee, juice, biscuits/cakes will be available after the service. The structure of the session is, the same songs each week and a bible story, ending with prayer. All families are welcome.

**From the registers:****Burial of Cremated Remains:**

13 February Joy Cambell-Lawson

**Regular Services**

Daily: 9.00am Morning Prayer  
5.00pm Evening Prayer

Wednesday: 9.30am Holy Communion (BCP 1662)

Sunday: 8.00am Holy Communion (BCP 1662)  
10.00am Parish Communion, our main Sunday service  
6.30pm Evensong (BCP 1662)

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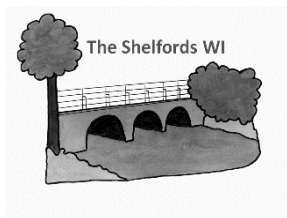
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[katharinpage@yahoo.com](mailto:katharinpage@yahoo.com).

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## W I



The creation of hand-crafted chocolates was the theme of our February meeting. Chocolatier Cheryl Brighty of 'Artistry in Cocoa' gave a very interesting presentation beginning with the development of her own interest and business. We then learned about the history of chocolate and the making of chocolate from cocoa pods to the finished

products – some of which Cheryl created in front of us as she spoke.

The next meeting on Thursday 3 March will be our Annual General Meeting with a speaker from the charity 'Dress a Girl Around the World'.

Visitors are welcome at every W.I. meeting but are particularly invited to the April meeting – see details below. We meet on the first Thursday of every month (except August) at 7.30 p.m. in All Saints' North Room, behind the church, in Little Shelford. [www.theshelfordswi.wordpress.com](http://www.theshelfordswi.wordpress.com).

*Mary Talbott*

## ‘MY HISTORY OF MYSTERY’

Join the W.I. for an evening of magic and mystery on April 7 with renowned conjurer and magician, John Davenport.

John is a member of the Inner Magic Circle in London and is a past president of the Cambridge Pentacle Magic Club. His family have been performing magic and selling magic to amateur and professional magicians since 1898.



John will explore how magic has developed over the centuries and will illustrate points by demonstrating various types of magic. He has given his assurance that no animals or people will be harmed during this event! Non-members are very welcome to attend.

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# Great Shelford Free Church

## FINDING SOLITUDE AND SILENCE

Are you able to ever find solitude and silence? A quiet space to think or pray? Time alone away from the busyness of our manic lives?

It's quite hard to find real silence; background noise often invades, the urgent always calls. Maybe we couldn't manage without the TV, computer or mobile phone on in the background providing a soundtrack to our every moment. Perhaps, if we do find silence our mind gets bombarded with thoughts, fears and desires?

In this time of Lent, we are reminded of Jesus' journey into solitude and silence. Richard Rohr puts it this way:

*In silence all our usual patterns assault us ... that is why most people give up rather quickly. When Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness, the first things to show up were the wild beasts.*

I listen to the radio when I'm going off to sleep; it stops me thinking about the worries of the day. Perhaps you do the same? But if my every moment on this earth was filled with noise and busyness, the pressure would build up and it would have to be released somewhere else, maybe on the people I love.

If you're not very good at giving up things for Lent, then maybe you can find some solitude and silence? Allowing yourself space to think and pray, allowing God into your life by giving Him permission to speak into the silence, speak into our lives. As a community, we are increasingly concerned about silence, about listening over talking, hearing rather than interrupting. Maybe you might wish to join us on our journey?

*Martin Cockerill (Pastor: Great Shelford Free Church)*

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

visit our website: [www.shelfordfreechurch.org.uk](http://www.shelfordfreechurch.org.uk)

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## **Lent Study Sessions: Sacred Rhythms**

### **Sundays at Great Shelford Free Church: 6.30–8.00pm**

As a community, we are using Lent to discover some spiritual practices that will hopefully help us to grasp this important question.

The course is about developing a sane rhythm of life, discovering silence and peace in this fast-paced world we live in, learn to slow down a bit as well as learn something of what it means to 'be still'. By leaning on monastic traditions, the course will hopefully move us all on further in our spiritual journeys.

This course, 'Sacred Rhythms' written by Ruth Haley-Barton, which explores some of the principles that may help us connect better with God and His people, is primarily designed for those with a desire to grow in their Christian faith, and we would welcome anyone who would like to explore this further.

#### **6 March: Session 4**

Honouring the Body: Flesh-&-Blood spirituality

#### **13 March: Session 5**

The *Examen*: Bringing My Whole Self to God

#### **20 March: Session 6**

A Rule of Life: Cultivating Your Own Sacred Rhythms.

*(Further reference: 'Sacred Rhythms' by Ruth Haley-Barton available on Kindle devices or Kindle App; website: [www.transformingcenter.org](http://www.transformingcenter.org))*

## **Easter at Great Shelford Free Church**

**20 March: Palm Sunday** at 10.30 am

'Every Journey Has To End': Rev'd Martin Cockerill

**24 March: Maundy Thursday** at 7.30 pm

Simple meal & Communion Service

**25 March: Good Friday**

Communion Service at 11.00am

Call Inn at 12.15pm

(Everyone welcome to participate in this meal)

**27 March: Easter Sunday** at 10.30 am

All-age Service

Led by Rev'd Martin Cockerill & Diana Parr

## **DON'T FEEL HELPLESS AND HOPELESS ABOUT THE REFUGEES IN CALAIS!**

Through a local and extremely well run charity, Cambridge4Calais, I volunteered to travel to France and help the refugees. I would definitely recommend it.

Cambridge4Calais make it all very simple. They teamed me up with two other volunteers, one of whom was to drive us in his car. We left Cambridge at 5.30pm on Friday 22 January travelling via the Eurotunnel, spent a night in a clean, inexpensive hotel and a day working in the warehouse supplying the Calais refugee camp. We returned to Cambridge the following evening.

In the warehouse, I was sorting clothes and making up individual wash/hygiene bags. It was cold, repetitive work, made enjoyable by the warm, friendly atmosphere of the place. We had regular tea breaks and a most delicious, generous, hot lunch. I didn't go into the camp itself; access was restricted to those with specific jobs, out of respect for the privacy of the refugees.

I shall never forget Hetty, the truly inspirational 23 year old, who had been helping there for four months, and who welcomed us and explained things. We numbered maybe a hundred, mainly British, some Irish, some French. Our backgrounds were varied, but we shared a belief that people like us – through no fault of their own – had wound up in a horrendous situation and needed practical and immediate help.

I believe that if things had worked out differently 70 years ago, it could be me, my sons, my mum, my friends, you and your family, living in a tent in the middle of winter, wearing warm second-hand clothing, possibly no shoes, only sandals, having one hot meal a day, having no proper toilets, no hot water, maybe not speaking any French or English, having fled from atrocities too horrific to contemplate, leaving well paid jobs, families, schools, your whole life really.

If you'd like to do what I did, it isn't complicated or costly. I paid £10 petrol money and £22.86 for my bed and breakfast. Cambridge4Calais arranged everything and paid my Eurostar fare. I took €35 contingency money, but brought it all back!

More importantly, I brought back a conviction that I and my two Cambridge companions had done something deeply worthwhile. All three of us hope to return to Calais in March/April 2016.

*Bridget Sumsion 07895 418434*

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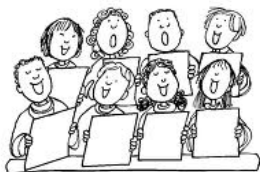
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Jumble can be taken to the hall between 10am-12pm on 19 March.

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### MAGOG SINGERS



You are invited to a concert on Tuesday 22 March at 3pm in the Jubilee Pavilion, Gog Magog Way, Stapleford, when we will entertain you with songs from this repertoire. Free admission with donations to a local charity – just turn up and enjoy the singing and a cup of tea afterwards.

We welcome anyone who enjoys singing to join the choir, especially those who sing Tenor and Bass. We meet on Tuesdays at 2pm in the Jubilee Pavilion, Gog Magog Way, Stapleford.

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## DIARY, MARCH 2016

Date	Event	Time	Place
3	Carpet Bowls	7.15pm	Memorial Hall
3	W.I. AGM and talk (page 16)	7.30pm	(see page 16)
5	Granta Deanery Spring Fair (page 31)	10.00am	Memorial Hall
5	Playscape Drop-in Session (page 34)	10.00am	Scout & Guide HQ
8	Garden Club: In Celebration of Trees + AGM (page 37)	7.00pm	Shelford School Hall
8	Granta Flower Club Demonstration	7.00pm	Memorial Hall
10	Cemetery Work Party (page 7)	10.00am	Cemetery
10	Carpet Bowls	7.15pm	Memorial Hall
12	PTA Bike Sale	9.00am	Memorial Hall
12	Saffron Walden Dance Band	7.30pm	Memorial Hall
17	Carpet Bowls	7.15pm	Memorial Hall
18	Rainbow Pre-school Bingo	7.30pm	Memorial Hall
19	Scouts Jumble Sale (page 22)	2.00pm	Memorial Hall
23	Engage: A bag of yarns (page 35)	2.00pm	Library
26	Farmers' Market	9.00am	Memorial Hall
31	Carpet Bowls	7.15pm	Memorial Hall

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

## BIN COLLECTIONS

Black Bin Collection: 7 March, 21 March

Green and Blue Bin Collection: 14 March, 29 March (Tuesday)

## THIS YEAR'S HISTORY WALKS

This year I hope to do three history walks as usual, one each in May, June and July. As I've done a lot of different walks over the years, I thought it would be worth offering some of them up for repeat, so what I propose to do is this: I'll put a list of walks up in the library. If there's one you want to see repeated, please go along and vote for it. The list will be there till the end of April.

*Helen Harwood*

## READER'S LETTER

According to a recent report in the *Cambridge News*, South Cambridgeshire Councillors in January voted in favour of spending some of our council tax on a beacon to celebrate the Queen's 90th birthday. With SCDC already owning a millennium beacon situated on Toot Hill, Orwell, many people will conceive this as a waste of public money which could have been spent on more worthwhile projects.

The vote went through with 32 Councillors voting for the beacon, 11 against and two abstentions. May I ask which way our District Councillors Messrs. Nightingale, Shelton and Whiteman-Downs voted?

*John Wakefield*

*Village News* comment:

We forwarded this letter to the three District Councillors named. Cllr. Ben Shelton said, 'I voted for the motion and was proud to do so.' Cllr. Charlie Nightingale also replied, saying 'I was pleased to support the Queen's 90th Birthday beacon.'

The lighting of beacons has been used for many national celebrations including Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee in 1897, the 400<sup>th</sup> defeat of the Spanish Armada in 1988, and the Queen's Diamond Jubilee in 2012.

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The Men's team only had two fixtures this month but won both to remain top of the table, six points clear of the second place team. The first produced a 3–1 home win against Hemingford United, who despite their lowly league position had improved of late. We were made to work hard for the win and only clinched victory with two late goals after a string of missed chances. This was followed by an excellent 2–1 home win against second placed Fulbourn Institute. The game was eagerly anticipated given the respective league positions but was unfortunately spoilt as a spectacle by the raging gale that was 'Imogen'.

The Ladies' team have found life hard so far in the Eastern Region Premier Division but after their magnificent run in the Women's FA Cup, manager Matt Payne was hoping this would rub off in their two cup games this month. The first went well with the team progressing to the quarter-final of the Cambridgeshire Invitation Cup with a 4–1 away win over March Town Ladies, but their participation in the League Cup came to an end with a 2–1 home defeat to AFC Sudbury.

The Veteran's team had looked forward to a fixture this month but sadly the inclement weather put paid to this!

The Cambridgeshire County League representative team, managed by our own Nick Baggaley and including six Great Shelford players, had another long journey in the Football Associations Inter League Cup, this time to the other side of the Pennines to take on their Yorkshire counterparts. Unfortunately, they lost a closely fought encounter with the only goal of the game coming 10 minutes from the end.

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. If you're interested, phone Terry on 01354 680661 or Tony on 07971 538901.

*Terry Rider*



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The Senior teams are also starting their training for the coming season. New members again are welcome. The sessions for the Seniors are at Hills Road Sixth Form College from 7 pm to 8pm every Thursday during March and April. Ring Paul Ellum on 0789 039 9864 for further details.

*Brian Higgins*

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The Minis and Youth now exceed 400 players, both boys and girls playing.

The U14s have made it through to the Cup final.

Even though we are well into the season we always welcome anyone to come along and have a go to see if they would like to join us. If you are interested contact me on [shelfordphysio@aol.com](mailto:shelfordphysio@aol.com)

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The name's Diver ... James Diver.

Great Shelford Tennis Club has a new chairman and he is James 'Jimmy' Diver. James is a former club champion and a splendid tennis player. He has represented the club at all levels and has some very talented family members in the club too.

James was elected Chairman at the AGM in the clubhouse on 10 February. Also joining the committee is Victoria Roles in a special new post helping develop new tennis facilities in Hauxton. Rufus Curnow becomes social secretary and Giovanni Cinque is the junior captain. Welcome aboard all of you, we are sure you will be brilliant!



Hello to the new of course means we must also say goodbye to the old. So thank you and goodbye chairman Lydia Seymour, ladies' captain Jenny Fleck and marketing guru Phil Graves. If I have missed anyone out, there will be a full apology and tribute in next month's *Village News*.

If you fancy a go at tennis come along at 7pm on a Wednesday. We are behind the village hall, and also on [www.gstc.org.uk](http://www.gstc.org.uk)

*Stephen Chittenden*

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## LITERATURE IN THE SHELFORDS

A number of Great Shelford residents made the trip across the river last September to enjoy the literary evening put on by the Little Shelford Entertainments Committee. The event featured two local authors talking about their work – best sellers Alison Pearson (*I Don't Know How She Does It*) and Sarah Vaughan (*The Art of Baking Blind*).

The audience greatly enjoyed the evening and a number asked about a follow up. This prompted a few of us to consider if there might be an appetite for regular literary events in the Shelfords. These might include more author interviews, poetry and play readings, writing competitions and the like. We're hoping for another event at the next Entertainments weekend; meantime we'd like to gauge how much interest there might be for other similar events.

We're not seeking to compete with well-established activities like the Cambridge Literary Festival or Stapleford Granary; rather we'd like to focus on local talent ranging from other established authors living in the area through to beginners and younger authors.

We'd love to hear from you whether you're a local author, a book club fanatic or just someone who enjoys literature. Please drop me an email with your thoughts and/or if you would like to hear more about future events and help plan them.

*John Stanton (john.stanton@outlook.com)*



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**COME AND SEE THE MASTER PLAN!**

Hooray! It's time to see some exciting plans! We'll be holding a public drop-in session in the Scout & Guide HQ on Saturday 5 March, from 10am to 3pm. It's a chance for everyone to see the design concept and have their say. Entrance to the Scout & Guide HQ is around the back of the Memorial Hall, opposite the tennis courts.

**Fundraising update**

Our computer whizz Susanna has had a particularly busy month launching our 'It's a Knockout!' events page (it's not too late to enter a team at *Shelford playscape.org/events*) and our BTMyDonate profile. She has also registered us with *Give As You Live* and the PayPal Giving fund.

The last two are a really easy way to support Playscape financially, simply by shopping or by having a clear out! Register for free with *Give As You Live* and when it comes to doing your online food shop, booking a holiday or even renewing a broadband package you can support Great Shelford Playscape instantly – a percentage of every purchase you make via *Give as You Live* is donated to the charity. You can even get a good deal for yourself as they act as a price comparison website too. Visit *giveasyoulive.com* for more details.

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And finally, we were surprised and very grateful to receive a generous cheque for £1000 last month from a local resident. This latest donation takes the funds raised so far to well over the £10k mark – a great milestone for the project, we hope you'll agree!

Eleanor McCrone [info@shelfordplayscape.org](mailto:info@shelfordplayscape.org)

## BOOK REVIEW

### **MOON IN A DEAD EYE: PASCAL GARNIER**



Is there anywhere more beautiful than Great Shelford in the springtime? Our ancient village wakes up from winter and begins to bloom as the days lengthen and the temperature rises. Spring is the time to try something new, so what better way to welcome in the new season than by reading an author you may never have heard of: the late French writer Pascal Garnier.

Odd things happen in his 2009 novella *Moon in a Dead Eye*. Set in the south of France in the present day, the action takes place in a newly built, plush housing complex: *Les Conviviales*. The retired, affluent characters are the only residents, apart from a hippie events co-ordinator and a menacing caretaker aptly named Monsieur Flesh.

The story centres around two couples, the Sudres and the Nodes, plus a mysterious single woman. From the outset you feel the claustrophobic tension of being protected by locked gates and CCTV. When Odette Sudre asks her husband what he is doing, he abruptly replies, 'Nothing. What do you think I'm doing?' The tone is set.

Eeriness lurking around freshly painted corners is the highlight of this work, plus the strangeness of each character as they display their public faces: well-dressed, mannered, knowledgeable and wealthy; yet sometimes revealing their inner lives, which are complex and shocking. With echoes of J. G. Ballard's *High Rise* (1975), this stifling page-turner pays off with a satisfying ending.

You can order *Moon in a Dead Eye* from the superb Great Shelford village library. I loved this book for its believable characters, moments of comedy, solid dialogue and strong plot.

A must read for those who enjoy a bit of weirdness in their stories, or those who are looking for something new, something different.

Garry Pope

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Week by week, we enjoy meeting our regular customers but would like to see many more *Village News* readers in the market. There is free parking, and you can wander around the market before making your purchases. Shopping can be followed by a sit-down at the Coffee Stop which could be described as a 'friends' meeting place' on a Wednesday morning. We hope you will feel welcome, enjoy the market experience, come again and also tell your friends about us!

*Dorothy Doel*

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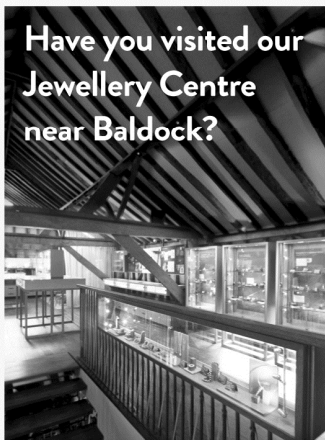


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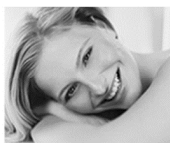
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### Screenings

Jubilee Pavilion, Gog Magog Way, Stapleford, Wednesday 2 March at 8 pm.

Sawston Free Church, High Street, Sawston, Friday 4 March at 8.15 pm.

Admission by optional donation (£4 recommended), to include tea/coffee and biscuits.

For more information contact Linda Whitebread at [lindawestern2001@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:lindawestern2001@yahoo.co.uk)

## *CHELSEA'S CHOICE*

The theatre production *Chelsea's Choice* aims to raise awareness of child sexual exploitation. The play itself lasts for 40 minutes and is followed by a 30-minute actor-led discussion exploring themes such as grooming, internet safety and identifying risky situations.

It is being shown to year 9/10 students in a number of local secondary schools. In addition, there will be a community performance available to parents and other members of the public on Thursday March 3 at the Marven Centre in Sawston, starting at 7pm and finishing at about 9pm.

The event is free but places are limited. If you wish to attend please contact Leanne Fisher from Cambs Police (01223 497610 or 07850 142430), or email [Leanne.fisher@cambs.pnn.police.uk](mailto:Leanne.fisher@cambs.pnn.police.uk).

## BOTANIC GARDEN CHOCOLATE UNWRAPPED

With Easter fast approaching, so too is the opportunity to indulge in a chocolate egg or two. Chocolate is a such a familiar part of our diets, that it seems surprising to think that its origins lie many thousands of miles away in the tropical forests of Mexico and the Amazon basin. Chocolate is made from the roasted and ground seeds of *Theobroma cacao*, an understory tree which was domesticated by the Meso-americans as early as 1900 BC. Originally it would have been consumed as a bitter, fermented beverage, rather than the sweet solid we are familiar with today.

In the Botanic Garden, *Theobroma cacao* can be found in the Main Tropics glasshouse, a two metre shrub in the shady understorey of the canopy. If you look carefully you will see tiny flowers, borne directly from its woody stems. These are pollinated by midges. They then develop into large ribbed pods, which contain many seeds surrounded by a white pulp. The plant in the Garden's glasshouse is yet to produce a mature pod, having only achieved a number of aborted attempts to date. However, a couple of young specimens have been planted alongside it recently for cross pollination, so look out for chocolate pods in the coming years.

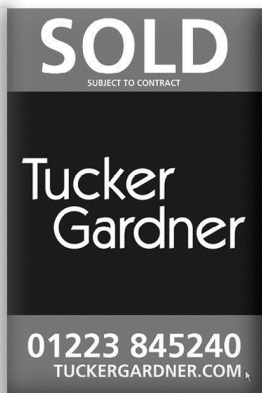
While the University is not actively involved in research on this species at the moment, the Garden continually seeks to expand its collection of crop species and their wild relatives to increase the research potential of the collections for the future. They are also key to our public education programmes, to introduce the source of many foods and commodities. So when reading the ingredients on the back of your chocolate egg, why not explore some of these further with a trip to the Botanic Garden this Easter?



The Cambridge University Botanic Garden is open from 10am–5pm in March, 10am–6pm from April to September. Please check the website at [www.botanic.cam.ac.uk](http://www.botanic.cam.ac.uk) or call 01223 336265 for details of opening times, admission charges, tours, courses and special events.

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## ANOTHER WALK FROM GREAT SHELFORD SHELFORD TO SAWSTON VIA BABRAHAM

Start your walk from Great Shelford going via Mingle Lane to Stapleford. At the start of Church Street (on the bend) take Vicarage Lane (a footpath) to Bar Lane, turn right and then turn left into allotments walking through to Haverhill Road, turn right and continue to Bury Farm. Turn left through the farm to take the bridleway that is signposted Babraham. Continue along this well defined track over the river bridge on to a stoney track and what is known as Babraham Common.

After about a quarter of a mile you can take a footpath off to the left through the trees via Babraham Church (well worth a look) and continue via Babraham High Street to *The George* pub. After that, retrace your steps along High Street and take the footpath/cycleway to Sawston.

If you want to take the shorter route to Sawston, turn right at the signpost off the stony track at Babraham Common to Sawston (this is a well defined path) exiting on Babraham Road, Sawston, near the industrial estate, then turn right to Sawston. You can then either walk back along the cycle/footpath alongside the main road to Stapleford and back to Great Shelford, or catch the Citi 7 bus.

*John Wakefield*

## PRIMARY SCHOOL



A group of staff, parents and governors at Great and Little Shelford Primary School will be running a 5k muddy obstacle course next month to raise funds for the school.

If you would like to support them you can visit their team page at <https://mydonate.bt.com/teams/ptachallenge> or sponsor them at <https://mydonate.bt.com/fundraisers/ptachallengeteam>. Thank you so much. *The PTA team*

## SHELFORD GARDEN CLUB

### SNOWDROPS AND WINTER COLOUR AT ANGLESEY ABBEY

A seasonal talk given by Richard Ayres, who was previously Head Gardener at Anglesey Abbey.

#### **Snowdrops**

THE devastation caused by Dutch Elm Disease resulted in the loss of many trees at Anglesey Abbey. However, this presented an opportunity to open up previously shaded areas and replant with a diverse mixture of different trees. Whilst clearing an area previously used as a Victorian kitchen and garden refuse dump, several varieties of snowdrop and different seedling variations were discovered. One of these had much greener leaves than the more usual glaucous colour and was eventually named *Galanthus nivalis* 'Anglesey Abbey'. Another snowdrop with two distinctive green markings was named after the village: *G. elwesii* 'Lode Star'. A large double snowdrop was found with tightly packed petals and delicate green markings inside, subsequently known as *G. 'Richard Ayres'*.

It was decided to move some of the snowdrops into the main garden, onto the banks of the old medieval fish ponds, which proved to be an ideal location. Donations of different snowdrops were also planted and over the years further new varieties have been discovered. *G. 'Ailwyn'* was named after the present Lord Fairhaven, and *G. 'Melanie Broughton'* was named after Lord Fairhaven's daughter. *G. 'Hobsons Choice'* was named after the well known Cambridgeshire carrier Thomas Hobson who lived at the site and *G. 'Reverend Hailstone'* was named after the owner who in 1861 rebuilt the previous Augustinian Priory destroyed during the Dissolution, which then became Anglesey Abbey.

Anglesey Abbey and its garden used to be closed during February, but a decision was made to open during this time to allow people to see the snowdrops. Over several years visitor numbers increased allowing more money to be invested in the garden, although there were some losses due to snowdrop pilfering. The collection continues to be increased, with 80–100 labelled varieties, and guided snowdrop tours are available.

Snowdrops should always be lifted, divided and replanted in clumps just after they have finished flowering and should not be allowed to dry out.

#### **The Winter Garden**

The winter walk was designed 20 years ago as a new part of the garden to celebrate the centenary of the first Lord Fairhaven's birth. The area chosen was originally part of the mixed tree shelter belt to the east of the garden, which

was due for renovation. The area was cleared and a selection of trees, shrubs, groundcover plants, and bulbs chosen for their winter interest were planted, linked together by a gravel serpentine path.

Stunning displays of coloured stems such as those of the scarlet willow, the brilliant red barked dogwood *Cornus sibirica* 'Westonbirt' and white arching stems of *Rubus biflorus* are a feature of the garden. The winter flowering shrubs, *Sarcococca* (Christmas Box), *Mahonia*, *Chimonanthus* and *Lonicera fragrantissima* provide early colour as well as wafts of scent through the garden. The long grey tassels of *Garryia elliptica* and hanging red berries of *Cotoneaster lacteus* both give a lasting display throughout the winter. These are complemented by a ground cover of flowering Periwinkle, Crocuses and Hellebores. Trees with distinctive bark are a feature such as the peeling bark of the Paperbark maple, *Acer griseum*. The Sheridan cherry *Prunus serula* has inviting glossy brown bark and is reputedly the most stroked tree in the garden!

A highlight of the winter garden is the grove of gleaming white silhouettes of 150 Himalayan Silver birch trees under planted with red leaved *Bergenias*. The trunks are now no longer individually scrubbed by hand but are maintained by two volunteers issued with wetsuits and high pressure hoses.

A generous monetary offer to extend the linear winter walk into a circular walk via Lode water mill was taken up by the National Trust some years ago. This resulted in the renowned Winter Garden we know today, as well as benefitting the miller, who now had a ready market for the flour, generated by the plentiful supply of running water during the winter,

*Helen Chubb*

## WHAT'S ON IN MARCH

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

CAMBRIDGE ARTS THEATRE	
March 1–5	<i>The Herbal Bed</i> (An evocation of life in Shakespearian England)
6	<i>Footlights</i>
7–12	<i>Rehearsal for Murder</i>
14–19	<i>Hobson's Choice</i>
21–26	<i>The Perfect Murder</i>
28–April 2	<i>Toast</i> (Drama set in a bread factory)
Telephone: 01223 503333 Web: <a href="http://www.cambridgeartstheatre.com">www.cambridgeartstheatre.com</a>	



## SAWSTON CINEMA

10	7.30pm	<i>Suffragette</i>
22	6.30pm	<i>Minions</i>
24	7.00pm	<i>Hangman</i> (National Theatre Live)
Telephone: 01223 712825 Web: <a href="http://www.sawstoncinema.org.uk">www.sawstoncinema.org.uk</a>		

## SCOTSDALES

3	6.30pm	Hedgehog Days Talk with hints on helping hedgehogs.
15	11am, 2pm	Talk on orchids (Orchid health checks available 10am–4pm)
19	3pm	Help for the Novice Gardener with Sam Cochrane
24	2.30pm	Sowing seeds and planting vegetables and flowers for all sized gardens and balconies. A talk with Brian Talman from Fothergil Seeds
30	10am, 11am	Little Seedlings children's club (2–5 yrs) Spring is in the air
Booking needed for all events. Web: <a href="http://www.scotsdalegardencentre.co.uk">www.scotsdalegardencentre.co.uk</a> Telephone: 01223 842777		

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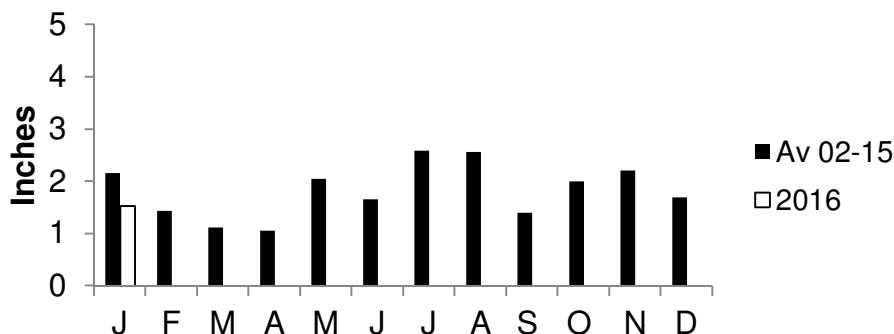
4	7.30pm	Allegri String Quartet (Haydn, Schubert, Brahms)
17	7.30pm	Talk: <i>The Somme: From Defeat to Victory</i>
19	7.30pm	<i>Lines and Loops</i> with Steve Bingham (violin and electric violin)
Telephone: 01223 849004 Web: <a href="http://www.staplefordgranary.org.uk">www.staplefordgranary.org.uk</a>		

## UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE

1–31	10am–5pm Tues–Sat (open 12pm Sun)	<i>Death on the Nile</i> Uncovering the afterlife of ancient Egypt (Fitzwilliam Museum)
7	6–7pm	Lecture: Towards a Cure for Alzheimer's Disease (Bristol Myers-Squibb Lecture Theatre, Dept. of Chemistry, Lensfield Rd.)
		International Women's Day Celebration: Creativities and Intercultural Arts Network (Homerton: Free but booking required)
For information on these and other events see <a href="http://www.admin.cam.ac.uk/whatson">www.admin.cam.ac.uk/whatson</a>		

WANDLEBURY		
13	10am	Woofs and Wellies Walk: Sponsored walk to raise funds for Addenbrooke's Charitable Trust
20	11am–4pm	Slippery Slimy Science: Free drop-in event as part of Cambridge Science Festival
26	10.30am or 1pm	Easter Fun Day: indoor craft activities then outdoor treasure hunt (children 5+, accompanied)
Telephone: 01223 243830 Web: <a href="http://www.cambridgeppf.org">www.cambridgeppf.org</a>		

## Great Shelford Village Rainfall 2016



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*Editorial Committee*

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