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*Gutters and Gulleys Stir up an Outcry
Annual Parish Meeting*



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GREAT SHELFORD PARISH COUNCIL

SUMMARY OF MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY MEETING

Present: Councillors Charlie Nightingale (Chair and District Councillor), Bridget Hodge (Vice Chair), Angela Milson, David Coggins, Helen Harwood, Malcolm Watson, Mike Nettleton, Peter Fane, District Councillor Ben Shelton and County Councillor Tony Orgee, Parish Clerk: Mike Winter

REPORTS FROM ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES

District Councillor Ben Shelton reported that Green bin collections would return to normal from the end of February. Consultation hearings on the Local Plan will start in summer 2016.

County Councillor Tony Orgee reported that lengthy discussions took place on 16 February to determine the CC budget/Precept for 2016/17. This resulted in a 2% increase, inclusive of a 2% increase of the adult social care precept. Variations in capital payback periods had also contributed to releasing £10m for the 2016/17 budget.

Jonathan Clark (County Council) had confirmed the street, road and drain cleaning had gone wrong in Great Shelford and that the contractors were instructed to rectify.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Highways: Chair Mike Nettleton advised that Local Highways Initiative grant fund meeting for Zebra crossing results should be available by 1 March 2016. The main work programme continues to be static awaiting resources from CCC. A meeting with Andy Preston was suggested to establish progress prior to the Village AGM.

Tesco delivery parking was being pursued with Tesco Operations Manager. Hinton Way proposals had been awaiting response from CCC for 3 weeks. The Convex mirror installed at High Green was awaiting response from local residents. Gutters and gulleys were still awaiting clearance.

A proposal was agreed to assist with the tidying of verges by making the first cut of the year (in week 13) a grass collection cut, as most verges were already overgrown and suffering from late previous season growth. This process, whilst expensive, was within the 2016/17 budget plan.

Social Media: Councillor Peter Fane reviewed the status of current media circulation and said this was satisfactory. However, issues raised on Streetlife had raised the question of how any official Parish Council response should be made. After lengthy debate it was agreed that issues raised on Streetlife would not receive any official response from the Parish Council without first

agreement with the Chairman and any agreed official response would be issued by the Clerk in the Parish Council's name.

Pavilion: The Clerk, Mike Winter, asked that the long outstanding Omnis cheque be re issued, less £170 for correction of the heating grilles, and its immediate release be given. This was agreed. Pavilion security was causing concern, with clubs not setting the security alarm and on occasions not locking doors. It was agreed that a contribution to running costs of £50 for not setting the alarm and £100 for failing to lock doors be levied on offending clubs.

Riverbank Project: Councillor Stephen Chittenden's report on the current status of the riverbank and its funding was presented by Councillor Charlie Nightingale.

The method of funding the upfront £40k requirement was subject to Grant availability and documents were required to support the application. Councillor Peter Fane suggested that consideration be given to replace like with like at the Riverbank based on environmental concerns. This was not disputed but the Project had been previously agreed with this consideration taken into account. However, it could still be an option if project funding became a difficulty.

Playscape Update and Master Plan Review: Jeremy Fazal presented the update on behalf of the PSWG. Fundraising activities and donation methods were mostly in place, with some substantial individual donations.

The Master Plan was being presented for public opinion on Saturday 5 March at the Recreation Ground. Parish Council concerns were raised over the plan being viewed as an agreed proposal and stated the Plan must be portrayed to local residents as a potential proposal for discussion, with subsequent review of opinions by local residents and the Parish Council. The Parish Council insisted that justification with all other users was a high priority that required much further discussion. Chair Charlie Nightingale raised a number of issues that required further consideration within the proposed master plan before Parish Council agreement would be likely. These points were agreed by PSWG.

Ball park costing of the proposed Master Plan was available but not discussed as not relevant at this stage.

A £5,000 grant utilising SSYI volunteers was being pursued for improvements in the Copse area. The Parish Council agreed for PSWG to pursue this grant availability subject to any proposed improvements being compatible with the Riverbank Project.

Neighbourhood Plan: Councillor Bridget Hodge reported the Neighbourhood Plan and Village meeting on 26 January 2016 was attended by approximately 40 people. It had been agreed to set up a joint working fund between

Stapleford and Great Shelford to progress consultation via a dedicated website. A grant for the preparation of the Plan was being pursued but if achieved would only likely cover £8,000 of the estimated £12,000 costs. The Clerk would arrange with Stapleford Clerk a £2,000 Great Shelford support for a joint £4,000 working fund on the Neighbourhood Plan.

FINANCE

Clerk Mike Winter presented a schedule of payments and receipts for the month of February 2016 (known to date). This was accepted and 15 cheques valued at £34,305.72p for payment were 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 had been made in February and was similarly forecast for March 2016. The year end balances would then be approximately as forecast. However some forecast expenditure for March 2016, particularly Highways, may be carried over into 2016/17 budget year.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS PARISH COUNCIL COMMENTS

S/0138/16/FL	Mr & Mrs Wade 18 Tunwells Lane	Single storey front extension and two storey side extension
Recommend refusal. The proposed 2 storey extension will overlook and reduce the amount of sunlight to the small rear garden of 16 Tunwells Lane to the detriment of the residential amenities of the occupier. In addition the terracing effect and the roof design are contrary to policy CH/5 in that they do not preserve or enhance the character of the Conservation area.		

S/0005/16/FL	Mr. G. Heapy 29 Hinton Way	Single-storey front extension, timber cladding at high-level, new mono-pitched gable roof to garage (with window to replace existing garage door) and new projecting bay window to the front of the property
No objections.		

S/0278/16/FL	Ms D. Smith 11 Leeway Ave	Ground floor rear/side extension, first floor rear extension and replacement of the existing porch
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No objections.		
S/0323/16/FL	P. Edmond 4 Birchtrees Rd	Proposed double garage
Recommend approval.		

S/0356/16/FL	Mr & Mrs A. Barnes 38 High Green	Side and rear roof extension
Recommend refusal. The amended design has not overcome the reasons for refusal in the original application to extend to the side and rear of the roof. The complex detailing does not preserve or enhance the character of the Conservation area.		

S/3221/15/FL	Lewis 23 Coppice Ave	Cycle storage shed in front garden
Recommend approval		

S/0339/16/FL	Countryside PLC 48 – 50 Woollards Lane	New fascia sign
No objections.		

PLANNING DECISIONS

Applications determined from 4 February to 22 February 2016.

Extensions were *refused* at 6 Walden Way and 11 Leeway Ave.

A proposed new dwelling was *refused* at 200 Cambridge Rd.

Applications determined since 22 February 2016

Extensions were *approved* at 8 Tunwells Lane, 50 Hinton Way, 26 Hinton Way and 11 Leeway Avenue. Erection of 2 x 4 bed houses following demolition of existing dwelling was approved at 150 Cambridge Rd. Demolition of Farmhouse and stables, replacement dwelling, barn conversion, new garage and outbuilding and swimming pool was approved at White Hill House, Granham's Rd.

Demolition and erection of new house was *refused* at Kings Mill Lane. An extension was refused at 18 Tunwells Lane and at 38 High Green the application was withdrawn.

DISTRICT COUNCIL

Sawston Hub. At last the way seems clear for the Sawston Hub Planning Application to go into SCDC. CCC, the College and the Parish have agreed all the necessary deals to allow the land beside the Marven Centre to be developed for a new facility, which will include a library, a children's centre and a locality centre along with some meeting rooms. It will take 4 – 6 weeks to get the plans into South Cambs and 13 weeks for South Cambs to approve them. If they do we should start to build this by about August, hopefully completing it about May next year.

Devolution

Cambridgeshire, Norfolk, Suffolk and Peterborough have agreed to explore the possibility of combining, and receiving new powers over infrastructure, developing skills for employment and improving our health and social care system. There would be a capital grant for new housing of £175 million in the expectation that ambitious targets for new houses would be achieved. Over £1 billion would be given by Central Government to support economic growth in the East of England. The deal would also include an elected Mayor for East Anglia.

The deal suggests that the combined Authority would still keep sovereignty and deliver local services. It would see the transfer of significant resources and powers from Central Government to the region.

Cambridgeshire has been the Cinderella County for government financing over many years and not to have to go to the Government with a begging bowl will be a relief.

It's A Knockout!

Come and support Playscape's **It's a Knockout!** Competition

2 – 4.30pm April 23

Cheer on our intrepid teams battling it out on larger-than-life challenges including "human demolition, Ski Crazy and Pinball Wizard"! There'll be cakes, burgers, and a bouncy castle for younger spectators too. A recipe for an extremely entertaining afternoon for everyone and all for a very worthwhile local cause!

Fancy a go? We have a few spaces remaining for teams to compete –go to shelfordplayscape.org/events for details or email events@shelfordplayscape.org asap.

Local business? Contact info@shelfordplayscape.org for sponsorship opportunities.



Thank you to everyone who came to see the draft Master Plan for the Rec. We had an overwhelmingly positive response from those who came! The draft Master Plan will be published on our website too and we welcome further comments which we will pass onto the Parish Council and

Erect Architecture in order to find a workable solution for the whole community. We will also be exhibiting the draft Master Plan in the Pavilion (alongside the cake!) during the It's a Knockout competition. Looking forward to seeing you there!

Eleanor McCrone

OUR VILLAGE AND ITS FUTURE

One way or another, it's fair to say we've all chosen to live where we do, whether in Great Shelford or our neighbour Stapleford. And we all have a view about how it should be. There are things we'd like to see happen. There are things we moan about all the time. There are things we like and that we don't want to change. Well we have an opportunity to influence matters, and that is by drawing up our own Neighbourhood Plan.

The Neighbourhood Plan has a value in law. It is used when planning decisions are made for our villages. For the first time, there's an opportunity for us to lay down our planning objectives. It's a great opportunity to state what we want for our village, both in a positive and a negative sense. By this I mean that we can, for example, state that we want more affordable housing, or more public green space. Equally, in the face of the pressure to build on our green belt, we can state our demands to retain the green belt and a firm degree of separation from Cambridge.

But not only does the Plan allow us to make some important decisions about our village's future, it gives us a financial incentive. Developers pay a contribution to the community to provide infrastructure and local facilities. We will receive 25% of that contribution once we have a neighbourhood plan. Great Shelford and Stapleford are combining to produce one joint plan, since our interests are closely allied.

OK, you may say, what am I supposed to do about it? Well, we are just beginning and we'd like you to take an interest. At the Great Shelford Annual Parish Meeting (Wednesday 20 April at 7pm) we will be giving a presentation about the plan. Please come along.

Over the summer, we will be out and about in the village, consulting on the plan. We want to hear your views. So please come and talk to us.

About The Annual Parish Meeting

For those of you who have never been, the Annual Parish Meeting is when the Parish Council gives its account of what it has done over the year. It includes the obvious things like the accounts and the budget. There will be presentations about the proposed traffic improvements and about neighbourhood planning.

Most importantly, it is an opportunity for you to come and speak to your parish councillors face-to-face, ask questions, raise matters which are of concern to you.

So come along and voice your concerns, whatever they are.

Helen Harwood

GREAT SHELFORD PARISH COUNCIL

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Wednesday 20 April 2016
In The Memorial Hall
at
7:00pm

This will be followed by
The Great Shelford Hustings

Your opportunity to meet and question the Candidates standing for
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Jason Ablewhite
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Dave Baigent
Labour

Nick Clarke
UKIP

Rupert Moss-Eccardt
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Chaired by Chris Mann
BBC Radio Cambridgeshire, Drive Time

The Hustings will be recorded for Transmission

HEIDI ALLEN MP



Staff changes in my office meant I was unable to write my usual monthly article, so I hope you will forgive me?

The issue of refugees, in particular unaccompanied children, has been in the news for some time now. I wanted to see for myself the refugee camps of the island of Lesbos, one of the Greek islands at the forefront of migration into Europe.

The situation on the ground is just desperate – the Greek authorities are beyond struggling to cope, and although I believe Britain's strategy of giving assistance to refugees in the region in Syria is the right one, we should do more to help those orphaned children who have made it to Europe, alone and with not a soul in the world.

As always, if you need my help, you can contact me on 01954 212707, by email heidi.allen.mp@parliament.uk or on twitter at [@heidiallen75](https://twitter.com/heidiallen75)

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SHELFORD MEDICAL PRACTICE

The next meeting of the Patient Group will be at the Health Centre on Wednesday 13 April at 7 p.m. All members of the Patient Group will be welcome. If you would like to join the Patient Group, all you need to do is fill in the form that is available on our website, and at the Health Centre.

We shall be talking about a few changes we are planning to the way in which we will hold clinics for long-term conditions. We hope that it will make things easier and more efficient for patients who have one or more long-lasting conditions.

You will also, as always, have the opportunity to ask us questions and make suggestions about what we do at the practice, and how we run things.

Easter closing

We shall be closed on the Bank Holidays, Good Friday and Easter Monday.

*Jennet Ashton, Practice Manager 01223 843661
shelfordmedicalpractice.nhs.uk*

LINTON AND SAWSTON GP PRACTICES

Merger update

The two partnerships merge on 1 April 2016 to form Granta Medical Practices. Our computer systems will then merge on 20 / 21 April. This is a huge piece of work for which we have been preparing for quite some time.

Both Sawston and Linton sites will be closed from 1 pm on 20 April until mid-day on 21 April. All calls will be diverted to the out-of-hours service who will provide emergency medical cover during this period.

Both practices will close their computer systems down by mid-afternoon on 20 April with all electronic lab results and hospital letters having to be checked and filed – quite a task for the GPs. The merge will then run overnight. Any forward bookings for appointments at Linton site will not transfer and Linton will aim to minimise forward bookings as much as possible in the run up to the merge. On the morning of 21 April we will need some time to check that everything is working as it should and our reception staff will manually input all the pre-booked appointments for Linton. By mid-day we hope to have this work completed and be ready to resume normal service.

As always, we appreciate the support of all our staff and also the support and understanding of our patients as we prepare for the future. The next update will come from Granta Medical Practices – the culmination of several years of hard work and collaboration between the GPs and practice staff.

Practice Managers: Sheila Griffiths (Linton) Gerard Newnham (Sawston)

SHELFORD SCHOOL NEWS

The spring term has been a very short one this year, and one in which staff and children have worked extremely hard to strive for the ambitious standards we have set ourselves. It is particularly pleasing that in the midst of all that needs to be done enjoyment, creativity, and community links are alive and well.

March 3 was **World Book Day**, and the school's celebrations began with a parade of book characters in costume, where the superb efforts made by children, parents, and staff were evident. All were connected to a book with 'cat' associations, in preparation for the following day, when we were joined by Laura Robson Brown and Katherine Mann, author and publisher of the 'Fitz and Will Cambridge Cats' series. They led a whole school assembly and spoke to the children about how the ideas were formed for the books, how books are published and the process involved. The children particularly enjoyed it when 'Fitz and Will' joined us to answer some questions and performed in a dance competition. Sadly, two of the teaching assistants missed Fitz and Will's performance, but reappeared a few minutes later looking extremely hot and tired! Following the visit, Katherine wrote, 'The children were just brilliant ... great concentration and some lovely questions.'



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A Big Write The whole school then took part in a 'Big Write', imagining what Fitz and Will would enjoy visiting in Shelford. Preparations for this had taken place earlier in the week when each class had gone on a village walk. Several classes visited the library, and Year 2 children were privileged to have the place to themselves. They were met by Anne Worthington, Children's Community Librarian, who talked them through how to join the library. Crossing the roads en route was particularly entertaining as traffic was asked to wait by a large pink and white striped cat, aka Miss Plava, Year 2's teacher.

Dance has also been high on the agenda recently. Several of our older children made the most of an extra opportunity to participate in a Dance East performance. Parents who watched were very impressed by all the children who took part and also by how much the children had learnt in such a short space of time and how well they performed. They also said that they represented the school brilliantly, worked extremely well with the other children in their group and were a credit to the school.

Choir As the end of term approaches, a very musical final week is in store. Choir members in Years 5 & 6 and their parents can look forward to what promises to be a superb concert, hosted by the Sawston Music Excellence Network at West Road Concert Hall. The children are practising hard to perfect a selection of challenging musical pieces, including some from the opera *Carmen*. On the following day our instrumentalists and orchestra will perform an evening concert in school, then our term will finish with the Easter Service in St Mary's Church, when we will reflect on and celebrate the Easter story.

Liz Jenkin, Local Authority Governor





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READERS' LETTERS

Having on many occasions drawn the attention of our parish council to the state of the gutters on the south-west side of the road leading across the railway bridge from High Green to Trumpington (in marked contrast to the other side which is kept clear and tidy) but without anything being done about it, I now write to point out that when they are blocked by mud and rubbish, rainwater spills over the adjacent cycle track and if then frozen, as is often the case, makes it dangerously slippery for the cyclists who use it, who include an elderly neighbour who does her shopping by cycle and is fearful that she may skid into the path of motor traffic crossing the bridge at well over the recently imposed speed limit.

I might add that I have in the past made it my business to clean it out now and again, but it is not my responsibility any longer to act as a voluntary handyman – especially as the council did not come to my aid when Network Rail vandalised the once handsome yew hedge fronting my property and protecting my garden from the noise and fumes of road traffic and the accumulation of rubbish discarded by passers-by.

Those of us who contribute to the council tax surely have a right to insist that it is properly spent on local amenities, which include the control of road traffic in the interests of those who live here – and now makes shopping a hazardous chore compounded by Tesco's delivery vans, which seem to be almost permanently blocking the road (though when they set up shop they were said to have promised that this would not happen in business hours).

John A Davis

From Mike Nettleton, Chair GSPC Highways

I think John Davis raises two main issues, which I'd like to respond to:

Gutters, gullies and weeds. Unfortunately none of this is a Parish Council responsibility. Gullies and weeds are Cambridgeshire and gutters South Cambs. It's obvious neither body has been carrying out its statutory duties over the last year or so and the state of Cambridge Road in particular is a disgrace. The Parish Council has complained to Cambridgeshire and the County Councillors on numerous occasions to little effect. We met with Cambridgeshire Highways on 17 March to discuss this and other issues. We believe the situation will come back under control over the next few months and will continue to monitor it.

Traffic problems in Woollards Lane It has taken longer for Tesco to action agreed changes to their delivery patterns (basically moving their main delivery forward to 6.30am each day) than we had hoped. However, these should have taken effect by the time this *Village News* is published. We requested Cambridgeshire to implement a significant number of highways changes in

August last year (these include a zebra crossing and dedicated HGV loading bay in Woollards Lane and a 20mph limit in the centre of the village). These have not been implemented yet because of spending cuts and staff shortages, but are now planned for late October.

I will provide further updates at the Annual Parish Meeting on 20 April.

Highways Update from Mike Nettleton, chair GSPC Highways

We agreed a number of changes (zebra crossing and HGV loading bay in Woollards Lane, 20mph speed limits in the centre of the village and various parking changes) with residents and businesses after going through a lengthy consultation process last summer. Good news is that we have had a £10,000 grant approved towards the cost of the zebra crossing. Bad news is that Cambridgeshire County Council have been unable to progress the changes so far, because of budget cuts and staff shortages. We have now agreed with them that the changes will be implemented over the October half term week. There will be an update at the Annual Parish Meeting on 20 April. Given the length of time that changes are taking, we need to start planning the next batch of changes now. My priority would be a zebra crossing on Cambridge Road, but I will be looking to organise another public meeting in early June to get your views. Separately from the main changes, we will be installing a mobile speed indicator device in the next few weeks.

We have had many complaints about the state of roadside gulleys and gutters. They are a disgrace – regular flooding, full of detritus and vegetation. They are actually the responsibility of the District and County Councils, but we are taking action to ensure they are cleared on a regular basis. *Mike Nettleton*

From Mike Nettleton – *Mike is a member of the Parish Council, but wishes to stress these (below) are his views and not those of the Parish Council.*

I don't need to tell you to take a look at what is happening in our village, but:

- Roads are regularly flooded because gullies are not being cleared.
- Gutters are full of mud and rubbish because they are never swept.
- Vegetation is growing 50cm high on our roads and pavements.
- We are unable to progress highways changes which we believe will significantly help with traffic issues (and which we are funding) because Cambridgeshire County Council has insufficient resources.
- As a village we are funding PCSO overtime to enforce parking restrictions because the police have no resources.

Services are not being delivered, but, against this background, Cambridgeshire has set a zero rate increase (with 2% for social care). That cannot be right.

Mike Nettleton

W.I.



The March meeting began with a presentation by Julie Newby from Hope 4 Women International on 'Dress a Girl Around the World'. This project creates simple but beautiful dresses from pillowcases and sends them to various countries including Kenya and the Philippines. Anyone with a sewing machine can create one of these dresses in a very short time and a

number of members were inspired to help out with this very worthy cause.

We then held our second annual general meeting. Outgoing president Janice Layer summed up another very varied and successful year for the Shelfords. W.I. Anna Sugden was elected president and Shirley Warbrick vice-president.

The W.I. will be supporting Playscape's It's a Knockout event on April 23 by serving refreshments.

We meet on the first Thursday of every month (except August) at 7.30pm in All Saints' North Room, behind the church, in Little Shelford.

Visitors are welcome at every W.I. meeting but are particularly invited to our next meeting on **Thursday 7 April** – when the speaker will be **John Davenport**, a member of the Inner Magic Circle in London who will speak on 'My History of Mystery'.

*Cost: £4, including light refreshments. For tickets, please contact our Secretary, Vanda Butler, Tel: 01223 561053 ; vanda.butler@googlemail.com
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Mary Talbott

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A Deacon's Reflection ...

Monica Cameron writes: " I was ordained Deacon in Ely Cathedral on 5th July 2015 and started working in the Parish the next day. It is quite a transition going from being an ordinand in training, to being a Deacon and everyone in the Parish has helped me to make the transition in ways that I feel could not have been better.

It is a joy to work with Simon as my training incumbent. His wisdom and ability to help me to reflect on matters has been invaluable. His ability to encourage and guide is helping me to grow fully in ministry and my ability to make a contribution to the congregation in and beyond church.

Everyone at Great Shelford has been truly welcoming and the support and feedback I receive from the lay ministers, the Churchwardens, sacristan and the entire congregation is having a positive influence on my growth and development, in service to Christ. I look forward to building on opportunities to engage with our children and families, our school and to do more pastoral visits. It has been a joy to work with the congregation which is very positive about engaging with new and renewed ideas with the true sense of fellowship, and love and concern for the future of our church.

It is a privilege and a blessing for me to be here to serve in this parish and I give thanks for all the efforts that went into relocating me and my family to be in this community. I look forward to continuing to serve and to being able to serve more fully after my Priesting ceremony in Ely Cathedral on 2 July. Thank you very much indeed to everyone for your welcome and support.

Monica Moves!

Our Assistant Curate, Monica Cameron, moved recently from her house in Cherry Hinton to 1 Anvil Close, Stapleford, CB22 5SS, which is in the parish of Stapleford. The Diocese has agreed to rent the property for her for the duration of the curacy to enable her to be (almost!) within the parish. The challenges of commuting between home and two separate places of work were proving to be really taxing. Now Monica and her daughter will be part of the community and she will be better equipped to work from home on her parish activities. Monica's contact details will stay the same until she gets a landline installed.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting: Sunday 24 April after the Parish Communion (c. 11.15am)

The Annual Meeting will be held in the Community Room; full details on the website and in documents at the back of church. Please come along to find out what has been happening in the last year.

St Mary's Toddler Group: Thursday mornings in term time in the Community Room between 9.30 and 11.30 a.m. for children aged from 0 to 3 years with their parents and/or carers. Contact details from Gillian Pett – gillian.pett29@gmail.com

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From the registers:

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Sunday: 8am Holy Communion (BCP 1662)

 10am Parish Communion, our main Sunday service

 6.30pm Evensong (BCP 1662)

For further information about Great Shelford Parish Church

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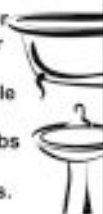
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FINDING COMMON GROUND

I have friends currently living in China, teaching English in one of the Universities. A recent letter noted how ‘culturally out of place’ they feel. Prior to going to China they worked in Uganda so felt they were well prepared for the cultural shift. However, they wrote; ‘the University is predominantly Korean (most of the teachers are Korean, signs are in Korean and some lessons are conducted in Korean); the specific department where we work is mainly American; then the outside community is of course Chinese!’ They are not Korean, not American and not Chinese! ‘How on earth did we ever think this would not be a culture shock?’

They have come to realise the importance of building on what we have in common rather than what divides and separates us.

I attended a training day for Trustees in London a few months ago and elected to attend a particular seminar thinking it would be useful. However, I felt completely lost. Everyone else seemed to already know the subject and asked considered questions. The talk was ‘advanced’ and I needed a basic tutorial. I was outside my comfort zone!

Today’s society can be like this in many ways both in the little everyday things and the bigger issues such as grappling with the issues surrounding the mass movement of people from one country to another and helping them integrate. The Church also has to face the fact that it is a different culture for most people – out of the comfort zone – so why would people want to come?

Churches are not perfect. They are full of people! Would you be shocked to know that there are some people – fellow Christians – who actually I don’t really like? And don’t get me started on Church meetings. I’ve known some of them to be like being in a combat zone!

Isaiah Ch 43: v 19 states *‘For I am about to do something new. See, I have already begun! Do you not see it? I will make a pathway through the wilderness. I will create rivers in the dry wasteland.’*

Just like my friends, when faced with differences, conflicts and unusual situations, we need to find the common ground; a base line to work from. I suggest that that is a searching for purpose, something more than ourselves that answers the fundamental question of ‘Why am I here?’

David Baslington

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Sarah Vaughan is a former *Guardian* news reporter and political correspondent whose debut novel, *The Art of Baking Blind* was published in 2015. Her second, *The Farm at the Edge of the World* is due out in hard back in June, this year.

Tickets to attend the talk (Friends – £3; non Friends – £5) are available at the library or on the door. As the usual limit of 30 applies (fire regulations), it is recommended that they are bought in advance.

SHELFORDS & STAPLEFORD ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

As a result of diminishing membership of the Shelfords Branch of the RBL and following consultation with Sawston & Pampisford Branch RBL, approval has been given both by the County and Headquarters Offices that the Shelfords Branch shall be now a sub-branch of Sawston & Pampisford RBL with effect from 1 March 2016.

Members will be most welcome to attend their meetings on the last Wednesday of each month (except July and December) at Chapelfield Community Room, Sawston, which is accessed via a short unnamed road off Link Road (past Chapelfield Road).

All administration will be carried out from Sawston, but the Shelfords will retain the use of its Standard for Remembrance and 11 November for as long as it is needed.

I would like to take this opportunity of thanking my fellow Officers for their help in trying to keep the Branch going over the last few years.

Gillian Farrar, former Secretary Shelfords RBL.

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BOOK REVIEW

Review of *The Old Man and the Sea* by Ernest Hemingway



May is my favourite month to live in Great Shelford: warm, long days, and cool, gentle nights, so it is fitting that this review is about one of my favourite novellas: Ernest Hemingway's Pulitzer Prize winner, *The Old Man and the Sea* (1952).

Santiago, a weather-beaten Havana fisherman, is on an 84 - day losing streak without a single catch. One morning he rows out his skiff before sunrise to catch the big one so he can feed himself, and earn a living. As we float with him, waiting for that bite, we wonder, 'Will it actually happen?'

Probably never defined as a thriller, and it most definitely is not, it is deliciously gripping. Hemingway writes

complication and response as well as any thriller author. As with this novella, he is at his best with smaller works such as *A Moveable Feast* (1964) and his subtle short story 'Hills Like White Elephants' (1927); plus the urban legend napkin tale, which apparently Hemingway wrote at dinner is just: 'For sale: baby shoes, never worn.' With writing as clear, crisp and precise as that, who needs those doorstep novels with nine hundred pages?

It is hard not to think of Peter Benchley's *Jaws* (1974) when reading this, and regarding the man versus beast battle: Yann Martel's *Life of Pi* (2001) seems a descendant. Yet Hemingway's story is simpler, not only in his famous writing style, but also plot.

The Old Man and the Sea can be ordered at Great Shelford's marvellous library, and at only 99 pages long, it would be a quick read during the light spring evenings.

An incredible book, which for all its literary grandioseness had me zipping through the pages. It is refreshing to find a protagonist so decent a man. One of the best novellas around from an author of staggering talent.

Garry Pope

DIARY, APRIL 2016

Date	Event	Time	Place
2	Bowling Club Table Top Sale (page 35)	9.00 am	Memorial Hall
7	WI Meeting with John Davenport (page 16)	7.30 pm	All Saints
9	Bowling Club Coffee Morning (page 35)	10.00 am	Bowling Pavilion
13	Medical Practice Patient Group (page 9)	7.00 pm	Health Centre
13	'Inspiration, Research, Hard Work' (page 22)	10.00 am	Shelford Library
16	Twinning Assoc. - Le Gouter (Activities page 37)	3.30 – 7pm	Free Church
17	Sunnyside Spring Fair (page 27)	2.00 – 4.30 pm	Sunnyside Pre-school
17	Bowling Club First Practice (page 35)	2.30 pm	Bowling Green
18	Little Shelford Local History Society (page 29)	7.30 pm	L/S Memorial Hall
20	Annual Parish Meeting ((page 7)	7.00 pm	Memorial Hall
23	It's A Knockout (page 5)	2.00 – 4.30 pm	Recreation Ground
24	Annual Parochial Church Meeting (page 18)	11.15 am	St Mary's Community Room
27	Engage: Unexpected Treasures (page 37)	2.00 pm	Shelford Library

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SHELFORD GARDEN CLUB

HARDY GERANIUMS

Tim Fuller spoke about some of the hardy geraniums he propagates at his nursery near Diss in Norfolk, which is called The Plantsman's Preference.



Meadow Cranesbill By Julie Anne Workman
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The geranium most often found in gardens is the hybrid species *G. oxonianum*. It has a long flowering season from May to September and is usually grown in sun but will also flower in some shade. There are probably over 100 named cultivars and they are nearly all pink with a few white ones. Most are between 30 – 60cm tall and 50cm across and will usually retain a clump of leaves over winter. A recent introduction ‘*Sandy*’ has light green foliage with largish pale pink flowers on compact plants to 35cm. ‘*Cream Chocolate*’ has good chocolate brown marked foliage and having near white flowers turning to lightest pink with darker veins, growing to 30cm.

‘*Midnight Star*’ is quite different forming a mound covered with many tiny, reddish pink, narrow petalled flowers, which give a subtle massed effect. It has heavily blotched brown leaves and grows to 60cm.

G. phaeum are pretty spring flowering plants, which form a semi-evergreen clump, useful for shady places under deciduous trees and shrubs. Unusual varieties include ‘*Blue Shadow*’ with slate blue flowers and ‘*Ray of Light*’ having translucent white flowers with a central pinkish tinge, and dark markings on its leaves. ‘*Springtime*’ has dark maroon flowers over several months and contrasting creamy white marked foliage in spring

G. himalayense ‘*Gravetye*’ is a reliable plant for gardens, forming a low mound of rich green leaves to 20cm topped by large blue flowers from mid May to July most years. If cut back it will have a second flush of flowers in August to October, if the weather is not too hot or dry. The only white variety ‘*Derrick Cook*’ has very large flowers with reddish pink veins.

G. pratense is the common meadow cranesbill, which makes tall clumps of finely divided leaves with flowers on tall stems. There are now many hybrids which tend to be more compact and have a longer flowering season. ‘*Blogold*’ ‘*Blue Sunrise*’ has clumps of buttery yellow foliage and sky blue flowers over a

long period, if planted in good soil in light shade or a more open position if not too hot. Height is 45cm.

G. 'Patricia Brempat' has very attractive magenta flowers with black veined centres, which flower from late May through the summer on stems 75cm high, in a sunny position.

G. sanguineum is another British native cranesbill, which makes low growing hummocks suitable for larger rockeries and the front of the border, in dry sunny positions. The variety '*Album*' has finely divided foliage and large saucer shaped white flowers, from May to July and if cut back may repeat flower later in the season. **G. 'Dilys'** has unusual intense reddish-pink flowers with bluish-purple shading, on trailing stems, from June to November. The foliage then turns to an orange-red shade until the first frosts knock it back to a central crown.

G. x cantabrigiense is a low carpeting evergreen with spiced apple scented foliage, which was originally found growing in Cambridge Botanic Gardens. The variety '*Hilary Rendall*' has masses of pale, icy pink flowers, with orange and red foliage tints in late autumn. Growing to a height of 20 cm it needs good drainage and will tolerate dry shade.

More information on hardy geraniums can be found at www.plantpref.co.uk

Helen Chubb



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The club's end of season Player of the Year dinner will take place on Saturday 14th May at Cambridge United Football Ground from 6.30pm. The evening includes a three-course meal, presentations, raffle and disco. Tickets are £20.00 per person – available from Tony Holden (07971 538901) and Ricky Woodrow (07896 425130).

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



The next issue of the *Great Shelford Village News* should be available in the shops on Friday April 30 and subscribed copies delivered shortly after.

RUGBY CLUB

On 13 March Rugby Clubs from throughout the county hosted The Minis County Cup with 22 teams in total playing.

Shelford U7s County Champions fielded three teams, the



most of any club present, with the aggregate score of the A and B Teams contributing to the overall tournament result. The C team was competing in the 'Development Team' competition and featured the U7s that had the least experience – most had only joined Shelford this year. The Development Squad made us no less proud. Winning three and

drawing one of their group matches, they only succumbed to a narrow 7 – 8 defeat in the final. It only really dawned on them that second place was a very good result as the final standing was read out.

The results bear witness to the power of team play and a developing awareness of what Rugby is about. A special mention is reserved for Stanley Wells, who was at the centre of play all day, displaying speed and selflessness in his play. As our man of the tournament, we sent Stanley to collect The County Cup at the final ceremony.



Shelford U9s County Champions - Shelford hosted the U9 County Cup and they played some fantastic rugby from their four teams entered into the two tiered tournament.

Four Great and Little Shelford Primary School students were in Shelford U9 Squads in the form of Conall Darby, Joel Dennington, Daniel Lockey and Guy Savage. All four players were instrumental in their teams' performances with the squad containing the later three winning the



U9 County Cup. This really was a team effort throughout the whole U9 squad who play week in week out with a great team understanding and team ethos. All the boys were among the try scorers coupled with a great defensive effort when needed. Well done Shelford U9s!! Our Rugby Club president Colin Astin who had watched his grandson play for the Shelford U9s in the competition presented the trophy to the winning team. A great day with a fitting end for all the four Shelford teams who represented the club hosting the County Cup!

On Saturday 19 Shelford hosted games for all 5 adult male squads and on Sunday 20 the ladies played a match.

The season finishes at the end of April and starts again the first weekend in September.

More at www.shelfordrugby.co.uk, or contact Stephanie Hatter, Youth Secretary on shelfordphysio@aol.com

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For tonight's showing the audience chatted and laughed, as they waited for Sarah Gavron's engaging *Suffragette* (2015) starring the determined Maud (Carey Mulligan), organised Edith (Helena Bonham Carter) and the inspiring Mrs Pankhurst (Meryl Streep).

Aside from the great film, what made for a wonderful night was the Sawston Cinema experience. The quality of the screen and sound felt just as good as any behemoth cinema in the West End of London. The staff were friendly and enthusiastic. A delicious variety of snacks and drinks were on sale, and you didn't need to re-mortgage your house to buy them. Plus, if we're discussing price, a ticket cost only £4. The benefits didn't stop at the low admission fee; the film started on time without us having to sit through 20 minutes of car adverts; you could park, for free, right outside; and finally, the seats were comfortable yet sturdy.

The only disappointment was that the auditorium wasn't full. So if you'd like to support a local cinema that runs as a charity, and want to watch a fantastic range of films and live performances, then book a ticket for the marvellous Sawston Cinema at www.sawstoncinema.org.uk

Garry Pope

IN THE TELEPHONE BOX

It's 1969 and Neil Armstrong is on the phone to Mission Control

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Neil Armstrong: The Eagle has landed! It is a big step on to the moon.

Mission Control: What is it like to be on the moon?

Neil Armstrong: There is hardly any gravity. I feel free, it's great! I can space walk and jump high.

Mission Control: That sounds great! People on Earth are asking what they need to do to be just like you?

Neil Armstrong: Tell them that they need to work hard and train to be an astronaut.

Mission Control: What an amazing day.

Neil Armstrong: It really has been! Now I'll return to the lunar module.



By Class Two

BOWLING CLUB

We are a well-established and friendly club where you will find a warm welcome whether you have bowling experience or none at all. We have about 32 members but there is room for more.

We have a wide range of talent within the club, enjoyment of the game and each other's company has priority over competitive honours although we have gained our fair share over the years. Beginners can be introduced to the game informally and most new members progress quickly and soon enjoy playing in friendly and league games.

You will be most welcome at our first practice afternoon on 17th April at 2.30pm. Bowls will be available but please wear flat shoes. Should you be interested and like further information please contact Ron Nutt 564272 our chairman or Wendy Seekings 843416.

We are having a table top sale on 2nd April in the Gt Shelford Memorial Hall from 9am where members will be pleased to talk to you alternatively please come to our coffee morning in the bowls club pavilion on 9 April from 10am where you can meet members. You will be welcome at any of these events.

Wendy Seekings (Secretary)

HELP SAVE THE TREE, STAPLEFORD

The Tree Public House has been closed for far too long. The pub has been officially listed as a Community Asset. The present owner has not been granted permission to change the use of the site and there is a real chance that The Tree may come back on to the market.

An Action Group has been working to get The Tree re-opened. In the autumn two public meetings were held and were well attended.

There was strong support for the campaign and a number of people promised financial support. We want to establish the prospect of raising a sum of money sufficient to purchase The Tree on behalf of the community. Members of the public are invited to consider purchasing shares in The Tree Stapleford Ltd. if the opportunity arises. This is not a formal share offer at this stage but the responses to this proposal would allow us to decide how best to proceed or whether other options should be pursued.

If you are seriously interested in purchasing shares in the company, should they become available, then please read the leaflet – available from thetrestapleford@gmail.com if you haven't received one – and return the form by 30 April 2016. The responses will be handled confidentially. *The Tree Action Group*



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BAGS OF HELP FOR COMMUNITY PROJECTS IN CAMBRIDGESHIRE

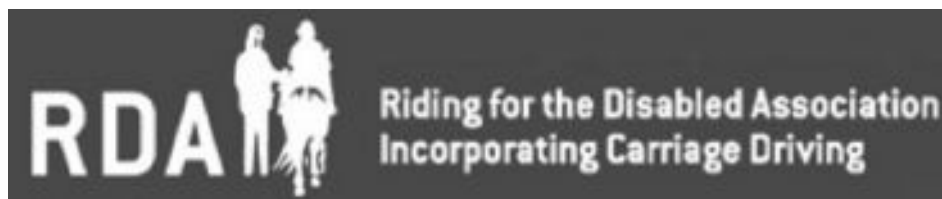
Do you know of a local community green space project that would benefit from up to £12,000? If so, there are Bags of Help at hand!

The money raised from the 5p bag charge in Tesco stores is being used to pay for a large number of local projects to improve green spaces in communities across the UK. Grants of £8,000, £10,000 and £12,000 are on offer through the scheme.

Community charity Groundwork is administering the funding and you can find all the details on our dedicated website: www.groundwork.org.uk/tesco

In total the Bags of Help programme will support around 2,500 projects each year across the UK – about 40 of those are in Cambridgeshire. There will be two funding rounds per year over the next three years, meaning that around £700,000 will be given out in grants.

The next round of applications opens online on April 18th. All information about the scheme is on the website (details above) but you can also contact your local Bags of Help Enabler for further information about applying on Katie.dean@groundwork.org.uk or 07736 132870.



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SHELFORD YOUNG CHEF REACHES REGIONAL FINAL

Isis Read, a Sawston Village College student, from Great Shelford recently competed in the regional finals of the National Rotary ‘Young Chef’ Competition that was organised by the 77 Rotary Clubs in East Anglia. Isis had already won a local heat and went forward to Suffolk One, the sixth form college in Ipswich where she was one of seven students from across the region.



The competition aims to encourage young people to: cook a healthy meal, develop food presentation skills, consider food hygiene issues, develop their organisational and planning skills and develop their ability to cope in a demanding situation.

The heat tested a range of skills including costing, planning, food preparation, table arrangement and taste and presentation of a main course.

Isis performed very well and coped admirably in an environment that was strange.

Her menu was:

Spiced Tomato Soup

Baked Salmon with potato rosti & beetroot & celeric salad

Fruit sabayon

The judges said *‘The students showed a wide range of skills and the overall standard showed a marked year-on-year improvement; they were all to be congratulated’*.

Isis was supported by Mrs Mandy Minett, Head of Design & Technology at Sawston Village College and members of the Cambridge Sawston Rotary Club.

The Queen’s Birthday.



To mark the Queen’s Birthday the Parish Council are holding a Tea Dance on **Saturday 11th June 2pm.**

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For the tulip enthusiast the genus offers far more than familiar favourites such as ‘Apeldoorn’ or ‘Queen of Night.’ Cambridge University Botanic Garden holds the National Collection of species tulips, which have given

rise to the hybrids and cultivars popular today. The collection has its origins in the 1920s when William Rickatson Dykes, Secretary of the Royal Horticultural Society, determined to understand more about the origins of the garden tulip and the diversity of the genus. Over subsequent years his collection grew, and was gifted to the Botanic Garden in 1948.

Today the collection comprises species which naturally occur in a range extending from western Europe to eastern Asia, and numbers approximately 80 in total. Given their natural distribution, it is no coincidence that their cultivation increased in the Ottoman Empire, and this in turn gave rise to the phenomenon of Tulipmania in the 1630s. The collection is diverse in colour, form and flowering time. The season begins with the diminutive, white *Tulipa cretica*, which starts the show in February. Flowering is rounded off in May or June by the tall, elegant scarlet *Tulipa sprengeri*.

Upon flowering, each pot of bulbs is displayed in our Alpine House and the collection provides a succession of interest from February through to May. Though incomparable with the vast acres of tulips in Holland, our small collection is invaluable in demonstrating the natural diversity of this genus, and the origin of one of our most familiar garden plants.



The Cambridge University Botanic Garden is open from 10am – 6pm, April – September, 7 days a week. The Glasshouses and Café close 30 minutes before the Garden and the Botanic Garden Shop at Brookside closes 15 minutes before the Garden. Please check the website at www.botanic.cam.ac.uk or telephone 01223 336265 for details about opening times, admission charges, tours, courses and special events.

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This year's Feast is from Monday 11 July leading up to Feast Day itself on Sunday 17. Please note that's a week later than usual because Wimbledon decided to move its date back and we agreed to not clash with their Finals Day. They were fine about it, actually....

The events each night are advertised in the website at shelfordfeast.co.uk but with three months before Feast Week The Bunch thought you might be interested in putting your views on how the Feast should develop in the future.

With plans for the recreation ground to be improved there is an opportunity to re-site the marquee which gives us potential to expand – if we want. In the 21 years the modern Feast has been active we have certainly changed – from an old army tent and a couple of hundred people in the grounds of the school to our massive modern marquee catering for thousands of people on the rec – and we'd like to plan for the future. How big do we want it? Are we providing for everyone, every age, every interest? Should we be offering something for everyone, or concentrating on, say, music?

We know also that the main limiting factor is the people who help. The Bunch is older than it was, and the present 16 organisers can't continue for ever to take the burden of the week long Feast. Of course we have scores of helpers who come back faithfully every year, but is that enough? Are those helpers happy to leave the organising to The Bunch? Can we continue to manage entirely on volunteers? These are big questions for us, and we are keen to hear what you have to say.

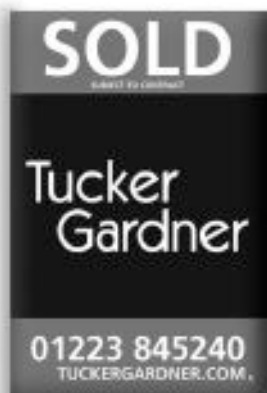
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A round up of what's on at some of the venues near us. For more information, times, ticket prices and bookings, please contact the organisation. Please note that this information can be subject to change and events may already be fully booked.

CAMBRIDGE ARTS THEATRE

April 4-9	<i>Footloose, the musical</i>
12-16	<i>Of Mice and Men</i>
20-23	<i>HMS Pinafore</i>
26	<i>ETO: Pia de 'Tolomei</i>
27-28	<i>ETO: Don Giovanni</i>
29	<i>ETO: Iphigenie en Tauride</i>
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SAWSTON CINEMA

14	7.30pm	<i>Brooklyn</i>
28	7.30pm	<i>The Lady in the Van</i>
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SCOTSDALES

7	2.30pm	Hedgehog Days.
14	2.30pm	How to get the best out of a small garden – Andy McIndoe
Booking needed for all events. Web: www.scotsdalegardencentre.co.uk		
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STAPLEFORD GRANARY

14	7.30pm	'The Aztec Enigma' – Dr Nicholas James
17	7.30pm	<i>Whatalife!</i> – Lucy Stevens in a one-woman play with music, the story of Kathleen Ferrier
23&24		<i>Weekend visit to The Somme</i>
	7.00pm	<i>Spring Nature Walk</i>
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1–30	10am–5pm Tues–Sat (open 12pm Sun)	Fitzwilliam Museum 'Celebrating the First 200 Years': The Fitzwilliam Museum 1816 – 2016
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		‘1816: Prints by Turner, Goya and Cornelius’
1-30	10am-5pm Tues–Sat (open 12pm Sun)	‘Ronald Searle: Obsessed with drawing’
		‘Death on the Nile: Uncovering the afterlife of ancient Egypt’
		‘Lines of Thought: Discoveries that Changed the World’
9	6pm	‘ <i>St Pancras Station: Architecture and Engineering</i> ’ - a talk by Dr Simon Bradley. Fitzpatrick Hall.
11	5pm	‘ <i>Emergencies, evidence and policy</i> ’: lecture by Prof Sir John Beddington, former Chief Scientific Adviser to UK Government. Babbage Lecture Theatre.
13-30	10am – 5pm	International Garden Photographer of the Year exhibition. Botanic Garden
15	7pm-9pm	‘ <i>How the EU killed sovereignty and now it’s time for a leap of the imagination</i> ’: Bruno Waterfield, Brussels correspondent for <i>The Times</i> . Jesus College.
17	6pm	Music and Readings from the Wren Choir. Pembroke
For information on these and other events see www.admin.cam.ac.uk/whatson		

WANDLEBURY

5-8		Lots of outdoor activities planned to keep children occupied this Easter holiday
17	7.30-9pm	Bat Appreciation Evening
20	7.30pm	Climate Change and Chalk Landscape Talk
1 May	5.30 – 6.30am	May Day Morris Dancing
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CAMBRIDGE LITERARY FESTIVAL

5 – 14		<p>With more than 80 events packed into 9 days there is something for everyone. Themes include Charlotte Brontë, comedy, crime, fiction, history, memoirs, world affairs, Shakespeare science and the environment.</p> <p>Highlighted contributors include David Hare, Howard Jacobson, Ken Livingstone, Alexei Sayle, Ruby Wax, Emma Bridgewater, Simon Callow, Louis de Bernières</p>
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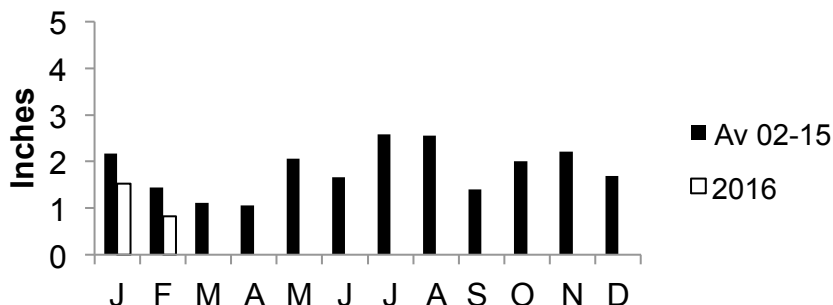
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