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#### **GREAT SHELFORD PARISH COUNCIL** Extract from draft Minutes of the meeting held on 18 May 2016

Apologies were received from Cllr Ben Shelton and County Cllr Gail Kenney. District Cllr Whiteman Downes was not in attendance.

#### ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR 2016 - 2017

Cllr Mike Nettleton was elected as Chairman by unanimous vote. Cllr Bridget Hodge was elected as Vice-Chairman by unanimous vote. A review of the Committee members and Chairs took place. Mike Nettleton would continue as Chair of Highways to December 2016 but be shadowed by Cllr Barrie Ashurst to assist with the expected high work load in 2016–2017. (For full list of officers, see the inside front cover of the *Village News.*)

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting of 18 April 2016 were confirmed as being an accurate record and were signed by the Chair.

Matters arising from the meeting of 18 April 2016: Clerk advised that additional Pavilion keys would be issued as noted in the Pavilion Report. The Chair of the Planning Committee had not received any reply from SCDC regarding damage to grass verges.

#### ANNUAL PARISH MEETING MATTERS ARISING

Riverbank Proposal: Proposal now on display in the Library and an open Village discussion / Q&A session agreed for Monday 6 June.

#### **REPORTS FROM ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES**

County Cllr Tony Orgee reported that the Boundary Commission has agreed to a new phase of public consultation closing on 20 June 2016, with the final report on 6 September 2016. The next City Deal meeting will be on 2 June and Executive Board on 9 June 2016. Agenda papers may include additional cycle ways. Considerable data (6 months) is being collected on local traffic movements for review.

#### STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Highways**: Chair Mike Nettleton reported that:

- Main work programme timing had been reviewed by Cambridgeshire County Council.
- Site meetings had been held and a review of costs was expected at the next Parish Council Meeting.
- Police Community Support Office parking support continuation to be reviewed at next the Highways Committee meeting.
- Highways Village Open Meeting scheduled for 14 June 2016.

**Cemetery and Allotments**: Chair Helen Harwood advised that the allotment waiting list had been cleared and various outstanding issues at allotments and cemetery required additional Parish Council support. Processes to be reviewed.

**Playscape Liaison**: Cllr Simon Talbott advised that It's a Knockout event was very successful and raised  $\pounds 12,000$  from sponsorship after deduction of all event expenses. Event teams were keen to stage a similar event next year.

**Community Association:** Cllr Barrie Ashurst reported that when cricket nets are stored incorrectly it allows youths to climb onto Pavilion roof.

**Pavilion:** The Clerk reported that three sets of Pavilion keys were issued to Committee Chairs of Cemetery & Allotments, Highways and Pavilion & Recreation. Security procedures will be extended to cover internal exit from Pavilion. It was agreed that the framed Village Air View should be place on the wall next to the kitchen servery. The Clerk will arrange secure fixing.

**Council Policies, Standing Orders and Insurance**: Reviewed for 2016–2017 as:

- Standing Orders. The minimum number of Committee members will be amended, as detailed in the schedule for 2016–2017.
- The Insurance Schedule presented by the Clerk was approved, subject to similar quotes being received.
- Cheque signatory confirmed as any two from Cllrs Nightingale, Hodge, Watson, Coggins and Nettleton.
- Clerk as single signatory up to £500, but for emergency use only. All payments, regardless of value, will be brought to PC meeting for approval.
- Additional bank accounts at CBS and Lloyds (village branches) to be urgently established. The Clerk to arrange this as soon as possible.

**Riverbank Status:** Cllr Stephen Chittenden updated Parish Council on status of project:

- Grant Application Form to be submitted by Cllr Stephen Chittenden.
- Draft Tender document to be completed by the Clerk.
- Tender evaluation panel agreed as Rob Mungovan, SCDC Ecology Consultancy Officer (Advisory Only), Cllrs Malcolm Watson, Stephen Chittenden, Simon Talbott and Charlie Nightingale. The Clerk to prepare marking matrix for evaluation process.
- The timing plan discussed and agreed as:



Council Policies, Standing Orders and Insurance: for the year 2016 – 2017

- Additional and final Public Consultation at the Library on 6 June.
- Invitation to Tender issued to 12 potential contractors by 27 May.
- Tender returns to be received by 13 June.
- Tender Evaluation Panel review of submitted tenders by 16 June.
- Proposal to Parish Council for approval and award (subject to Grant Approval) by 22 June.

**Review Status of Progress on Potential Acquisition of Grange Field:** Cllr Charlie Nightingale updated Parish Council on status of other similar situations. It was agreed to wait a further two weeks for news of their outcome. Cllr David Coggins agreed to lead on this project and its future plans.

**RoSPA Playground Condition Report:** This was reviewed and agreed that action regarding recommendations will be taken.

#### FINANCE

The Clerk presented a schedule of payments and receipts for May 2016 and three cheques, totalling  $\pounds 8,576.10$ , were approved for payment.

**Internal Auditor:** Mr Hugh Holland was appointed for the year 2016–2017. As the Parish Council income exceeds £200,000, additional information is now requested by our external auditors, which has been provided by the Clerk.

#### EXTERNAL CORRESPONDENCE

External correspondence received, reviewed and replies agreed as follows:

- Complaint from resident of Church Street regarding difficulty of exiting drive because of parked cars.
- Electoral review of South Cambridgeshire: Draft recommendations circulated.

#### MATTERS RAISED FOR FUTURE AGENDA CONSIDERATION

- Revision of Bank Accounts and FSCS compensation limits.
- Neighbourhood Plan.
- Grange Field.

#### Outstanding from previous meetings

- Critical Succession and Critical Illness proposals to be reviewed.
- Communications policy for review of Council and Committee Minutes, draft, final, issue process timescales and issue method/location.
- Update on proposal to disperse costs of street lighting to local residents for 2016/2017.
- Presentation from Network Rail on footbridge proposal and frequency of barrier closure to be requested?

The Chair and all Parish Council unanimously thanked Cllr Charlie Nightingale for his extensive service as Chair and welcomed his continued contribution to Parish Council activities.

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

# PLANNING APPLICATIONS PARISH COUNCIL COMMENTS

S/1001/16/FL	Mr & Mrs Spiller	Conversion of barn to annexe.
200	200 Cambridge Road	

No objections to the use of the barn as a residential annexe as long as there is a condition that the building is ancillary to the residential use of the main house and that the proposed drive to the rear of the property will not compromise this condition.

S/1024/16/FL	Mr & Mrs McAuley	Demolition	of	shed	and
	18A High Street	erection of he	ouse.		

Recommend refusal. We repeat our comments on the previous application for a dwelling on this site S/1429/08/F and refer to para 8 of the Inspector's appeal decision; that a new dwelling here would be an intrusive and incongruous feature that would erode this attribute of the area i.e. the open, spacious qualities of the areas to the rear of no 8 to 36 High Street.

S/1168/16/FL	Mr & Mrs Sidders	Two-storey side and rear	
		extensions and single-storey front and rear extensions.	
		from and real extensions.	
No objections as long as the neighbours are happy			

 S/1249/16/FL
 Mr Kreckler
 Single storey rear extension.

 5A May Pasture
 No objections.

S/1049/16/FL	Mr O Kuwaider	Erection of eight flats.		
	144 Cambridge Road			
Recommend refusal for the following reasons. The Parish Council continue to				
object to the principle of a large three storey residential building situated				
immediately to the rear of an existing building with very limited amenity				
space, and which is of a design and scale out of character with adjoining				
development.				



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S/1144/16/FL	Shelford Rugby Club	3G artificial grass pitch, installation	
	Ross Baxter RFU	of pitch perimeter, hard standing,	
		artificial floodlighting system and	
		outdoor equipment store.	
No objections to the artificial grass pitch, pitch perimeter and hard standing. If			
the District Council is satisfied the floodlighting will not adversely affect the			
amenities of properties in Stonehill and Westfield Roads we have no			
objections. The container is an intrusive feature and we would prefer it to be			
screened in some way.			

# **COUNTY COUNCIL**

This month we have decided to publish the Annual Reports of the County Council Committees. We have tried to include all the important deals and decisions.

#### ADULT REPORT FOR THE YEAR

Six key decisions were made, all relating to contract extensions.

- 1. The Advocacy Service, to allow time for the new contract to be developed.
- 2. The Homelessness Service, as the tender process had failed to generate three quotes from the market.
- 3. The contract for extra care at Ditchburn Place, to allow negotiation with the City for joint management arrangements.
- 4. The Homelessness Service in Wisbech, as there was no market interest.
- 5. The County Inpatient Detox Service, as there was no market interest.
- 6. For 12 months of the Poppyfield Extra Care, to allow changes in staffing.

**Specialist Accommodation for Older People**. The challenges included availability, price and choice, together with demographic pressures and financial constraints. Working with other organisations will be key to success.

**Transforming Lives**. The Committee commented on the way this new model of service would impinge on the users.

**Business Plan for Older People.** The committee scrutinised the control of the budget in relation to demographic and inflationary pressures regularly throughout the year.

**Better Care Fund (BCF).** The Committee scrutinised the changes to the BCF in the light of the failure of the Uniting Care Partnership to implement the contract they had won. It removed the performance related pay element of the contract and started to implement integration with the NHS.

**Building Resilient Communities.** This will involve volunteers much more regularly in the service we give to vulnerable people.



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**Recruitment and Retention Strategy for Social Care Staff**. This is becoming more of a challenge each year and it has had to use agency staff. We now have a more streamlined recruitment process, improved benefits and better progression and flexibility. The Committee approved strategies for a transport policy, and a social care strategy for adults with mental care needs, physical disability and sensory impairment. The Adult Committee approved the new strategy for Adult Autism, the All Age Carers' Strategy and support planning for the Care Act.

#### CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S COMMITTEE

Commissioning Children's Centres. A new contract is being developed.

**Future New Schools.** There is need for two new secondary schools in response to the growth at Alconbury Weald. Cambridge Primary Education Trust is the sponsor for the new primary school on Clay Farm, Trumpington. Chesterton Community College is the new sponsor for the secondary school to serve NW Cambridge and Darwin Green, and a new secondary school is endorsed in Wisbech.

**School Funding Formula.** The new formula has not yet been approved and we will use the Dedicated School Grant for another year, with some extra funds allocated to alleviate the very poor share we receive.

**Educational Performance.** Results at Early Years, Primary Age Range and GCSE have all improved, but performance at Keystage 2 is below National Average and the gap between the vulnerable groups and the average is too wide at all ages. CCC is planning the establishment of a School Improvement Board to help address these issues.

Looked After Children. A new strategy was approved by the Committee in March.

**Funding Children with Complex Special Needs.** The maximum funded extra help will be 15 hours except for children with free school meals when the maximum is 20 hours.

**Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS).** Plans to redesign the CAMHS pathways and develop a whole system response to improve and streamline the delivery of care. The Committee was alerted to the closure of the waiting lists for children on the Autistic Spectrum and those with ADHD. CCC has received £1.5 million from central funds to help access to CAMHS and the Eating Disorder Clinic.

#### ECONOMY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

**Major Developments.** Northstowe Phase 2, (3,500 houses and the town centre) has been approved, along with Cambourne West's 2,350 houses. The section 106 agreement is currently under discussion.

**Floods and Water.** A Flood Strategy has been developed for the whole County for the next 5 years. The Flood and Water Team are a statutory national consultee to major planning proposals, which is a new role.

**Passenger Transport.** The Committee agreed the introduction of a bus route between Newmarket Road Park and Ride and Addenbrookes and entered into a 5 year agreement. They have considered the commercialisation of the Park and Ride Sites and are looking for opportunities to make financial gain.

**Criminal Justice System.** Businesses are being encouraged to consider employing people who have been in the Criminal Justice System.

**Connecting Cambridge.** The Superfast Broadband has now reached 100,000 premises in Cambridgeshire. By mid-2017, 95% of homes and businesses will be connected.

**Health Policy and Service Committee.** The priorities are: Mental Health, Health Inequalities throughout the County and Transport and Health, linking it with CCC Transport Planning. The Committee reviewed the change of the Health Visitors from the NHS to CCC. The Committee asked a reference group to look at obesity prevention and community engagement.

**Funding.** The Committee agreed to ask the Government for increased funding for disease prevention and other Public Health interventions and spent some time scrutinising the NHS, starting with Circle's withdrawal from its franchise with Hinchingbrooke, and also the termination of the contract between Community Services and Uniting Care Partnership. Non-emergency patient Transport Services, NHS111 and Out of Hours care and Adult and Child Mental Health Services have all been examined, and the Committee has instituted quarterly meetings with the Chief Executives of the local NHS Organisations.

#### HIGHWAYS AND COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE

**Street Lights.** From feedback from public consultation, the black-out of streetlights should be between 2am and 6am.

**Waste Contract Review.** It has been decided that there should be one large recycling Centre at Northstowe, to be paid for by Section 106 contributions.

**Eastern Highways Framework 2** has been awarded to 6 providers in Lot 1 and 7 providers in Lot 2. These are for road improvement contracts worth up to  $\pounds 1.5$  million.

**Cambridge Library Enterprise Centre.** This was rescinded in view of significant public concerns and a Member Review Group has been looking at sponsorship for libraries throughout the County; they would like a café in the Central Library and the third floor of the Central Library is being redesigned.

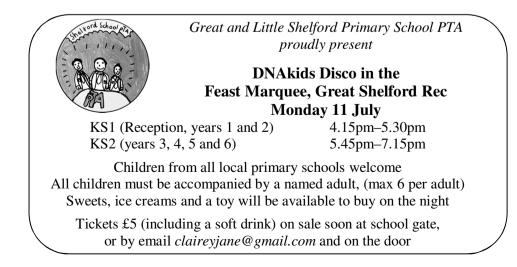
Archive. This is being moved to Ely as the present housing is unfit for purpose.

## GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

- The County has agreed to share a Chief Executive with Peterborough.
- Milton Keynes Council has joined our back utilities (LGSS) to share expenses.
- CCC has lobbied the government successfully for transitional funding to cover the emergent changes to the Revenue Support Grant.
- The Government has agreed to review the Schools' Funding Formula.
- The major part of the Council's work has been negotiating a Devolution deal.

Asset Management. The GPC has looked at the best use of our property and land assets. This has included the transfer of land assets to support Sawston Community Hub. The Committee also considered land use at Milton Road, East Barnwell and the Cromwell Museum. There have been major changes in LGSS and customer services to meet the reduction in Finances, which have been overseen by the GPC. The Committee also oversaw the letting of Castle Court for £1 million a year, and the GPC oversees the Council's investments cash flow, banking, money market and capital market transactions and the control of risks.

County Councillors Gail Kenney and Tony Orgee







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#### GREAT SHELFORD PARISH COUNCIL GREAT SHELFORD POST OFFICE



The Parish Council has been aware since early April that the Shelford Postmaster. Great Duthie-Smith. Charles was planning to retire at the end of August 2016. Charles told the Parish Council this under conditions of commercial confidence. which only effectively expired when the application for change of use was published on 16 June. He has asked the Post Office to

find alternative premises in the village and the Parish Council is aware of ongoing negotiations with a local retailer. The Parish Council is in the process of making clear to the Post Office and the retailer our support for this and our concerns about the possibility of the village being without a Post Office.

The application for change of use (from Post Office to residential) will be considered at the next Parish Council Planning meeting (date to be decided, but within the next few weeks). The Parish Council's initial view is that it is unlikely the application could be refused. However, Charles has informed the Parish Council that he is prepared to continue running the business until early December to allow the Post Office further time to conclude its negotiations. The Parish Council will, therefore, be looking to amend the date for change of use to early December.

We now want to hear the views of parishioners about the importance of retaining a Post Office service in the village and on its possible location, though we should recognise that we may not be able to influence the latter.

Please forward your views or opinions by email to the Parish Clerk, Mike Winter at *parishclerkgreatshelford@gmail.com* for official consideration in the Parish Council planning response and any future Post Office communications. **These should be received by Thursday 7 July 2016.** 

If a new retailer is to run the Post Office, it will be important that the village gives that business our full support in the future.

Mike Winter, Clerk to the Parish Council



# GREAT SHELFORD PARISH CHURCH www.stmarysgreatshelford.org

A very warm welcome to your historic parish church – please call in and enjoy the sacred space.

**Ordination:** Our Assistant Curate Monica Cameron is being ordained priest on Saturday 2 July at 5pm at Ely Cathedral. The following day she will preside at the Parish Communion at 10am

at St Mary's for the first time. There will be a reception in the Community Room following the service. Please do join us for this special occasion.

**Monica Cameron writes:** It has been a privilege and a joy to serve in the community of Great Shelford. The welcome, encouragement and support I have received has been truly tremendous. It is with great humility in feeling that God has called me to this life of ordained ministry that I go forward for ordination as a priest on 2 July at Ely Cathedral.

Following my priesting, I am looking forward to using the confidence God has been developing in me to serve more fully as I move from the deacon role to being a priest. I hope to continue to work with Simon and the ministry team in continued efforts to enable God's presence, the Holy Spirit, to be more and more visible with us and in us as we worship and reach out to the wider community.

#### Community Worship Shelford Feast Week: Sunday 10 July at 10am

St Mary's and Great Shelford Free Church will gather together in the Feast marquee to host a joint community service for the start of Feast Week. The Parish Communion at St Mary's that morning is cancelled (other services remain the same that day). The service is **open to all**, so please do come along and bring your friends!

**Christian Aid Week:** Sincere thanks for the generous response to this year's appeal.  $\pounds$ 1,000 has been sent to Christian Aid from the collection envelopes received. Well done!

**Ministry Student Placement:** We will have a ministry placement student from Ridley Hall in Cambridge in the parish this month. His name is Russell (he likes to be called Russ) Morgan and he lives with his family in Great Shelford. At the end of his course, Russ will be ordained for ministry in the Exeter Diocese. The placement will be in the form of 'shadowing' myself and Monica, together with attending services and observing various activities in the community. He will also be meeting people and having conversations in several settings to help him form an impression of our life and ministry here. All this is to assist with a written piece of work he is tasked to produce as a result of the placement.

**St Mary's Toddler Group:** Thursday mornings in term time in the Community Room between 9.30am and 11. 30am for children aged from 0 to 3 years with their parents and/or carers. For more details, contact Gillian Pett at *gillian.pett29@gmail.com*.

**First Steps:** For babies and toddlers, 0–5 years, meeting on Mondays from 2pm to 2.30pm in term time in the Community Room. We have liturgical toys and books suitable and safe for the age group. Tea, coffee, juice, biscuits and cakes will be available after the service. The structure of the session is, same songs each week and a bible story, ending with prayer. All families are welcome.

#### From the registers:

Baptisms:	5 June 26 June	Lucas Wilkie Bolderrow Alexa Jones
Funeral:	14 June	Kathleen Anderson

#### **Regular Services:**

Daily:	9am Morning Prayer 5pm Evening Prayer
Wednesday:	9.30am Holy Communion (BCP 1662)
Sunday:	8am Holy Communion (BCP 1662) 10am Parish Communion, our main Sunday service. 6.30pm Evensong (BCP 1662)

For further information about Great Shelford Parish Churchvisit our website: www.stmarysgreatshelford.org/Priest in charge: The Revd. Simon Talbott – 01223 847068 or 0705 0042616 or<br/>email vicar@stmarysgreatshelford.orgAssistant Curate: The Revd Monica Cameron – 07985 304860 or email<br/>curate@stmarysgreatshelford.orgParish Administrator: Katharin Page – 07710 518220 or email<br/>katharinpage@yahoo.com.St Mary's Great Shelford is a Registered Charity – No: 245456

# **CRIME PREVENTION MEETING** TUESDAY 19 JULY FROM 5PM-8PM SPORTS PAVILION ON SHELFORD REC

Cambridgeshire Constabulary invites you to come along to meet your local policing team and receive security advice on how to protect your home. Smart-Water and shed alarms will be for sale and there will be the chance to get a free home security survey.



Great Shelford Free Church

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As I write, we are being bombarded by arguments to stay or leave the EU. When you read this, the answer will be known. As I sit here, one of my concerns is that the turnout is a good one; that people, regardless of which way the result goes, will have exercised their right to vote.

It is the freedom we have to participate or not in working out an answer to the many issues that face our society today that gives us our strength.

My Bible reading today was from Isaiah 58: verse 6–9 with the question 'How to get prayers answered?' The notes that I use suggested that 'God told the Israelites the reason they weren't getting answers to their prayers was because they were engaged in finger-pointing and criticism.'

I found this a challenging study as I find in myself that I can easily dismiss those who are not 'like me' and share 'different views'. If you carry on reading the passage in Isaiah, we are given this answer; 'All you need to do is to stop oppressing the weak and stop making false accusations and spreading vicious rumours! Feed the hungry! Help those in trouble! Then your light will shine out from the darkness, and the darkness around you shall be as bright as day.' So basically my attitudes and actions matter. My engagement with those around me as individuals and society as a whole matters.

Whatever the result of the referendum, whatever the challenges you personally face in your life today, I encourage you to work to a solution to make things better and, by doing so, find light in the darkness.

David Baslington

#### Worship Services at Great Shelford Free Church Sunday 3 July @ 10.30am

Jesus' anger at stubborn hearts (Mark 3:1–6) Speaker: Rev'd Martin Cockerill

Sunday 10 July @ 10.30am Community Service in Shelford Feast Marquee Hosted by St Mary's Great Shelford and Shelford Free Church

> Sunday 17 July @ 10am Communion Service Speaker: Rev'd Neil Perry (Romsey Mill) 'Oddballs of the OT – Achan'

> > Sunday 24 July @ 10.30am Speaker: David Baslington 'Oddballs of the OT – Abigail' Communion Service @ 6.30pm

**Sunday 31 July** @ **10.30am** Speaker: Rev'd Jonathan Burrough 'Oddballs of the OT – Rehoboam'



Our Holiday Club this year is called 'Guardians of Ancora'. It will run for 4 days from **Tuesday 23 to Friday 26 August** with a final service and lunch on Sunday 28. For further event details and/or to request a registration form, contact Diana Parr at the GSFC Church Office (see below).

For further information about Great Shelford Free Church (Baptist) visit our website: www.shelfordfreechurch.org.uk Church Office (Access via Ashen Green): 01223 842181 Email: administrator@shelfordfreechurch.org.uk Office Hours: Tuesday 9–4pm; Wednesday 9–1pm; Thursday 9–1pm Great Shelford Free Church (Baptist) is a Registered Charity No: 1141345



# HEIDI ALLEN MAY 2016 NEWS

During recent visits to Swavesey and Hauxton Primary Schools, I chatted at length to staff, governors and Headteachers about Key Stage 1 and 2 testing. They expressed concern about the potential for excessive stress on the children and the appropriateness of some of the English grammar tests. Consequently, Nicky Morgan, the Secretary of State for Education, kindly agreed to meet me and four ladies I now refer to as my 'super heads' to discuss their concerns. We left the meeting feeling positive and encouraged that the Secretary of State had listened to us. Indeed, I am delighted that in the same month, Nicky has reviewed proposals to force academisation on high performing schools. I am encouraged to believe that the Primary School testing regime may thus be reviewed too.

Looking ahead to our leaders of the future, I was delighted to be invited to take questions from the students of Sawston Village College's Politics Society. It was fantastic to hear their passion and enthusiasm, and an impressive level of political engagement, far more that I displayed at their age!

Last month I also took a visit to Northstowe, to see the almost complete Primary School and general progress on site. I am pleased to report that at long last, we will see houses being built towards the end of the year. Housing, as you know, is one of our greatest challenges in South Cambridgeshire, especially affordable housing. So I was pleased to be asked to officially open a scheme of part rent, part buy homes built by CHS in Whittlesford. Beautifully finished, they will be a great asset to the local community.

There were more reasons to celebrate as I opened the new Post Office in Cottenham and refurbished village stores and post office in Oakington. Post Offices provide a vital lifeline so I work on a regular basis with Post Office UK to ensure we keep ours going. I am currently working with councillors in Cambourne to try and identify a site there.

You might recall from my last newsletter that I had been trialling a new 'no appointment necessary' surgery model. I have held two further such surgeries in Cottenham and Queen Edith's which proved very popular, with dozens of residents attending to talk to me about various issues. Please see my website *www.heidisouthcambs.co.uk/residents-drop-surgeries* for details of the next dates in Whittlesford, Papworth and Bar Hill.

As always, please don't hesitate to get in touch if I can help you with anything. Contact me by phone, 01954 212707 or email *heidi.allen.mp@parliament.uk*.

Heidi Allen

# **CAMBRIDGE OPEN STUDIOS 2016**

Every year the artists and craftspeople of Cambridgeshire welcome the public into their homes and studios over four weekends in July. They reveal the processes that create their work and invite you to share their enthusiasm and expertise. As in previous years, the Village News is pleased to highlight the artists who are exhibiting in or close to our village.

This year, the open studios take place on the following dates from 11am to 6pm:

 Weekend 1: July 2–3;
 Weekend 2: July 9–10;

 Weekend 3: July 16–17;
 Weekend 4: July 23–24.

For more information on these and all the other artists taking part, visit *www.camopenstudios.co.uk*.

#### STAPLEFORD GRANARY EXHIBITION

Stapleford Granary, Bury Rd, Stapleford CB22 5BP (parking available)

Stapleford Granary Art Students will be exhibiting a selection of Drawing, Textile, Ceramics, Mixed Media and Jewellery art works for sale.

There will also be Hot Numbers pop up cafe, live music and a wonderful selection of art works.

#### BURWASH MANOR ARTISTS' MARQUEE All weekends

New Road, Barton, Cambridge CB23 7EY (parking available)

From jewellers to ceramicists and painters to potters, the Artists' Marquee will have an ever-changing array of exhibitors each weekend. Plus, as a new addition for 2016, a group of graduates named CB1 from the renowned MA illustration course at Anglia Ruskin University will be exhibiting on the last weekend.

#### JANET EDWARDS

Stapleford Granary, Bury Rd, Stapleford CB22 5BP (parking available)

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#### Weekends 3 and 4



#### Weekend 4

## ASTRIG AKSERALIAN

The Grove, 15 High Street, Great Shelford, CB22 5EH 07761 465653 astrigasartist@gmail.com



Astrig trained in Ceramics at the Central School of Art and Design and later went on to work as a freelance painter in the film industry. She now works full time as an artist in Cambridge.

This year she will be exhibiting new work demonstrating her continuing interest in life drawing and landscapes. Astrig has taken part in a number of exhibitions this year and

was awarded first prize at the Cambridge Open Art Exhibition held at Swavesey Village College, later displaying her work at the Over Gallery. Her vibrant work is inspired by a love of colour and the energy within living forms. Using a mixture of oil and soft pastel, acrylics and oil paints she creates visually exciting work, always trying to capture a moment in time.

#### JACKIE LUCAS

#### Weekends 1, 2 and 3

6 High Street, Little Shelford, Cambridge CB22 5ES 07890193252 *jackie@cloudberrydesigns.com www.cloudberrydesigns.com* 

Jackie, who studied design with the Open University, visits Sweden regularly and fell in love with the natural beauty of the Swedish countryside. She has developed a range of handmade jewellery using silver, gold, semi-precious stones, crystals and leather, using texture and colour to bring life into each

individual piece. She has been further inspired by Scandinavian style – aesthetically simple, clean and contemporary.

Jackie's work has featured in Vogue, London Fashion Magazine and on the catwalk of Cambridge Style Week! This will be Jackie's first year as a member of



Cambridge Open Studios. She is excited to showcase her work and welcome visitors to her newly built Scandinavian wooden garden studio in Little Shelford!

#### Weekends 1 and 2

# SCHOOL NEWS



No doubt all of you will be expecting to have the most recent SAT results as the main focus of this July report. Sadly

this is not the case! As an 'old' school inspector, I am not at all surprised that all the issues of revamping the tests and then putting them on the web too early mean that results are still awaited. However our internal assessments are very good and pupils are doing well. Tests results are not the end of the world; enthusing children to learn is the real activity and our children have many opportunities. Thanks are due to the staff and all adults in the school for their commitment to high quality learning.

When you read this our children, and their parents and carers, will have enjoyed 'International Week' whereby the global village is recognized. A central activity is about promoting and developing an understanding of and a respect for oneself and other people. This includes traditional food, culture and fashion, history and current affairs/environmental issues which face different countries. It also explains why you may have seen children in different costumes. Continuing this theme is a French Breakfast on 1 July and a welcome to school children from the twin village of Verneuil-en-Halatte.

We are a church school and opportunities for our children to attend church services are an important part of their learning experience. These are held either in St Mary's, next door to the school, or at All Saints Little Shelford, which was the venue for the Ascension Service and picnic on Little Shelford Rec, which was enjoyed by all. Our leavers' service will be on 21 July at St Mary's.

The governors continue to support the staff and pupils in the face of ever changing demands. Not least is managing the current debate about academy status and finding the right way to ensure that we do the very best for our future generations.

Finally, what an amazing PTA Summer Fair! I plagiarize from the recent newsletter – One grandma said that it took her back 70 years with maypole dancing, the swing boats and the brass band! I would like to say a very big thank you to the enthusiastic organisers who, along with all the efforts of so many people and children of our school and village community, raised a total of £5750. This, I believe, shows so clearly how the school is valued. It puts the icing on the cake of another successful year.

Nigel Pett, Foundation Governor

# SHELFORD MEDICAL PRACTICE

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## AUGUST ISSUE OF THE VILLAGE NEWS

The deadline for copy for the next issue of the *Great Shelford Village News* is Friday 15 July. The issue should be available in the shops on Wednesday 29 June and subscribed copies delivered shortly thereafter.

Date	Event	Time	Place
3	Tennis Club Open Day (page 25)	12–3pm	Tennis Club
3	Arthur Rank Hospice Charity Coffee	10am	David Rayner
	Morning (page 39)		Building, Scotsdales
10-17	Shelford Feast Week	See flyer	
12	Granta Flower Club	7.30pm	Memorial Hall
19	Crime Prevention Meeting (page 16)	5pm	Sports Pavilion
23	Farmers' Market	9am	Memorial Hall
27	Engage in the Afternoon (page 39)	2pm	Library

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Editorial Committee

## SHELFORD TWINNING ASSOCIATION ANNUAL EXCHANGE VISIT TO VERNEUIL-EN-HALATTE

The annual visit to our twinned village took place from 28 to 31 May when a group of 41 adults and young people made the journey to Verneuil-en-Halatte. Because of, as it turned out, the impossibility of booking a ferry or tunnel crossing at a reasonable hour on the first day of the half-term holidays (it would seem that the large coach companies must have block booked all the reservations) we arranged to travel to France by Eurostar for the first time. All went smoothly: our usual coach driver, Spike, took us in his coach to St Pancras, Eurostar departed on time for the journey of just 21/4 hours to Gare du Nord, then a local train to Creil, a couple of kilometres from Verneuil, where the Verneuil municipal coach picked us up for the last leg of the journey. Our hosts collected us from the parking area across the road from the cemetery; we learned that like Shelford, change is afoot with new building work, and this will probably be the last year we use this car park as it is due to be developed shortly with a number of new houses. There was time for a welcome cup of tea before everyone reassembled in the canteen of the local primary school for a party. After the traditional welcome and thank you speeches, we were offered rum-punch aperitif, followed by a good buffet.

Sunday was the day en-famille. That weekend an enormous air show with a collection of old warplanes, e.g. Mirage, had been arranged at the local air base and a number of families went to watch although, unfortunately, the weather was bad with heavy cloud. Other families opted for a different activity, for example our hosts took us to Noyon, a town in the north of the Oise department, with a beautiful cathedral.

On Monday we boarded the train again for Paris. It turned out to be one of the wettest days on record, just as the floods started! A metro ride took us to the

Louvre where a walking tour around the area had been planned, however the weather had really closed in, and it was tipping down, so we splashed as quickly as possible across the open square and down a staircase into the basement underneath the Louvre where there is a huge shopping area and a welcome cup of coffee could be found. There are still the mediaeval foundations of a tower underneath, unfortunately impossible to access because of a very long queue. In the afternoon we made our way to the Seine, stopping at a wet but superb viewpoint of the Eiffel tower (although somewhat shrouded in cloud!) and were treated to a trip on a bateau mouche with a full commentary on the buildings to be seen either side of the river. The evening was spent with our families.



Astrid Mann with a cloaked Eiffel Tower

On Tuesday morning the plan originally was for the adults to visit the lovely mediaeval city of Senlis while the children of primary school age spent the morning in the local school. However, with the threat of imminent local rail strikes starting that evening, we decided to play safe and took the first train into Paris. We divided into two groups, one going to the Musée d'Orsay, the other to the excellent science museum, Palais de la Découverte. We met up again at Gare du Nord to check into Eurostar for our journey back to London where we were collected by Spike in his coach for the final leg home.

Although the outside activities were rain-washed, the welcome from our hosts was as chaleureux as ever, fulfilling for us the primary aim of our visits which is the continuing of our ties of

friendship. We are now looking forward to welcoming a group from Verneuil here in early July.

Penny Pearl

# PERFUME IN THE GARDEN

Whether from flowers or foliage, scent always adds another dimension to any garden and it is well worth including some scented plants when planning a new border. They are best planted in a prominent position beside a path or close to a window where their perfume will be appreciated.



Photo by Juliet Day

The Botanic Garden has many scented plants through the seasons scattered throughout its collections which are always popular with our visitors.

One area wholly devoted to scented plants is tucked away in a sheltered south facing aspect at the eastern end of the Garden. Primarily developed for the benefit of those that are visually impaired, the Scented Garden has raised beds – thus enabling one to gently rub the scented foliage or sniff a flower without having to bend too far! The bed

retaining walls and gently sloping path lead to a purpose built shelter which provides a sunny retreat to relax and enjoy the variety of aromas.

The Scented Garden demonstrates two groups of plants – those with scented flowers and those with scented foliage; the primary purpose for flowers is to attract pollinators and for those herbs with scented foliage, such as mint, sage and thyme, to make them unpalatable to herbivores and sap sucking insects.

The wide selection of plants planted here provides scent and colour from spring to autumn. Polyanthus, wallflowers and hyacinths give a mass of scent early in the season; but the best time, in my opinion, is the summer when the early plantings are replaced with half hardy exotics – scented leaved pelargoniums, Mexican pineapple sage, and heliotrope smelling distinctly of cherry pie, planted against a backdrop of scented grey foliage Mediterranean sub-shrubs such as cotton lavenders, curry plants and wormwood. In the planting scheme this year we have included some chocolate scented plants – aptly named chocolate cosmos and a less well known chocolate scented daisy called Berlandeira lyrata to add to the variety.

Peter Kerley, Demonstration and Display Supervisor



# **BROWNIE LEADER REQUIRED**

Stapleford Brownies needs you! The current Unit Leader will be leaving at the end of this term and we need someone to take on the running of this active Brownie unit. There is a friendly and experienced team of assistant helpers in place to support the new Leader, along with help and advice from the District team.

Brownies is for girls aged 7–10 and is part of Girlguiding, the UK's leading charity for girls and young women. The Stapleford Brownie unit currently meets on a Tuesday evening from 6.15pm to 7.45pm at Stapleford School.

This volunteer commitment involves planning activities, running the weekly meetings (term time only), planning and coordinating trips and other events and basic administration within the Guiding framework. The role is flexible and can be arranged to fit into your life, but would typically be around three hours per week (1½ hours for the weekly unit meeting, plus preparation and admin).

Leaders must be female and aged over 18 and we welcome volunteers from all backgrounds and abilities. No formal qualifications or prior guiding experience are required, but useful skills and experience would be an ability to work well with people of all ages, especially children, and good organisational, written and verbal communication skills.

Guiding offers free specialised training courses and resources. We cover any expenses incurred in your role and you'll also be able to access our great members' scheme, which offers discounts on high street brands.

As a Leader, Guiding gives you the opportunity to be involved in a worldwide organisation committed to make a real difference to the lives of girls and young women. Guiding proves as popular today as ever and there is always a steady interest in joining. It gives you the chance to learn new skills, make friends and give something back to your local community.

Guiding happens thanks to our amazing volunteers – people like you who give their time flexibly to ensure that we are active all over the UK.

Sadly, unless we are able to find a new Unit Leader the Stapleford Brownies will have to close.

For more information about this particular role please contact Beckie (the outgoing Unit Leader) at *beckienet@gmail.com* or me (District Commissioner) on *3rdtrumpingtonbrownies@gmail.com*.

Fiona Gabrielczyk, District Commissioner



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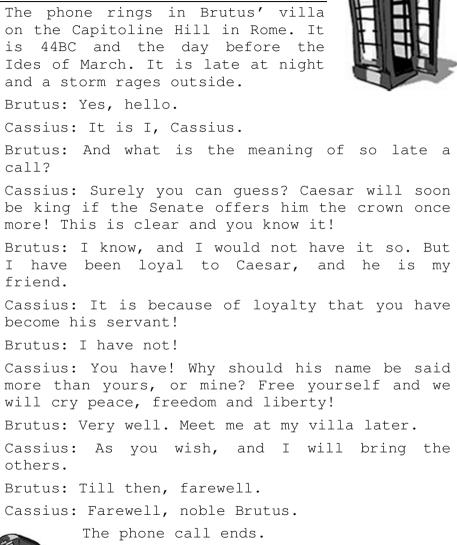
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# LAY READERS

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Some of you may be asking who or what are these Readers that they warrant such patronage and celebration? It all began on Ascension Day in 1866 when Archbishop Longley realised that there was a need to re-connect the Church with the people. History repeats itself and do we have the same issue today?

Lay Readers, to give them their normal title – although of recent years they have become known as licensed lay minsters - are admitted to their office and charged with a teaching, preaching and pastoral role in support of ordained clergy after several years of training. Readers can officiate in many ways - they cannot marry people but they can bury you! The sacramental acts – baptism, marriage, consecration of the elements for Holy Communion and blessings are the privilege of ordained ministers but Readers are allowed to act in emergency. Some work as hospital and industrial chaplains, whilst others lead study and prayer groups. Each Reader is under the jurisdiction of the Diocesan Bishop and has to be licensed to carry out their role. Readers are identified when they are 'on duty' by the blue preaching scarf which they wear instead of the normal black scarf worn by ordained ministers. Women have been admitted as Readers far longer than women have been ordained! Although it was predominantly men until 1964, women were admitted in 1914 with the name of Bishop's Messengers for the duration of the First World War as so many men were in the services.

Today there are over 10,000 Readers in action and they sustain many aspects of the work of the Church of England and the Church in Wales as volunteers. As the number of ordained clergy has fallen, so it is that the laity of Readers and many other people have been called upon to carry out the crucial tasks of maintaining the witness of our faith. Training today for Readership is still as demanding as ever but if you do have any interest then please do contact either Maureen Dobson by email at *d-mdobson@hotmail.co.uk* or me, Nigel Pett, at *npa.cantab@gmail.com* at St Mary's Great Shelford.



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You will be able to sign up for this at our stall at the Feast on Sunday 17 July too. Playscape will be running a BUG HUNT for all those mini-explorers out there. Ten cheeky mini-beasts will have gone walkabout sampling the best of the Feast: if you can find them all you win a prize! We'll have the draft master plan on display again too and would love to chat with you about playscape and how you can help us realise this exciting project. Like last year, just follow the green balloons...

Eleanor McCrone info@shelfordplayscape.org

#### STAPLEFORD HISTORY SOCIETY

The next meeting of Stapleford History Society is on 12 July, for a talk by David Cozens about Oliver Cromwell and his family. In the struggle between Crown and Parliament, not every Cromwell supported the Parliamentary side. David Cozens will explore the family's aristocratic connections and divided loyalties. As usual, we meet at Stapleford Jubilee Pavilion (on the recreation ground off Haverhill Road/Gog Magog Way), starting at 7.45pm.



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## 2<sup>ND</sup> SHELFORD BROWNIES GO ON PACK HOLIDAY



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On Friday 10 June, we packed the car, with just about enough room for us (Mummy Owl came too) to set off to the Jarman Centre in Newmarket for the  $2^{nd}$  Shelford Brownies Pack Holiday. A busy weekend was ahead of us entertaining and cooking for 20 Brownies, four adults and one Guide, with lots of activities, cooking and eating but very little sleeping!

The Brownies tie-dyed t-shirts, tried archery, did scavenger hunts, played on the trampoline and the excellent play equipment, decorated treasure boxes and made crowns for the tea-party to celebrate the Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday. They also cooked all their snacks, making 117 sausage rolls (which were all eaten an hour later), 70 scones (which only just cooled down enough for the jam and cream) and around 140 biscuits, with a few trays of flapjacks for good measure.

Trumpington Rainbows were staying in the Loft, and so they joined us for the tea-party where we ate scones and cake, and then again for the campfire in the evening where Stef Woodley, the Rainbow Leader, led the singing and we all toasted marshmallows to make s'mores.

An earlier night was had by all on Saturday as Brownies and Leaders were all exhausted by a busy day. We all went home on Sunday happy, tired and very full (from all the food). Roll on the next pack holiday ... after a rest!

Charlotte Coulson, Brown Owl, 2<sup>nd</sup> Shelford Brownies



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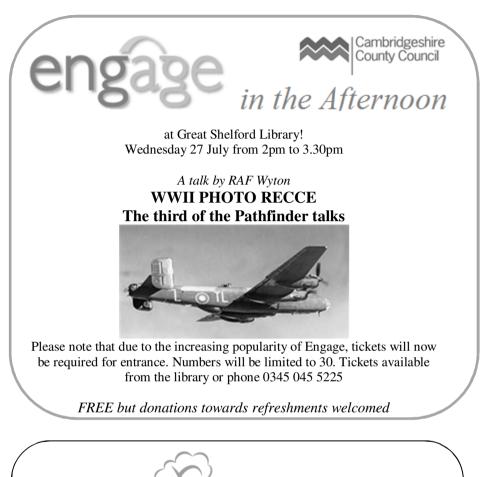
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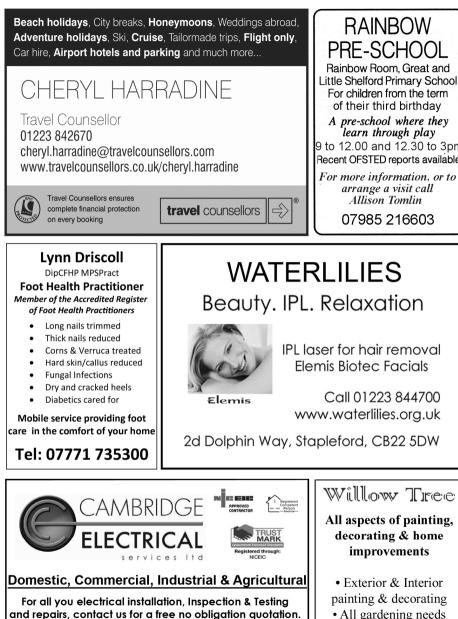
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#### **CRICKET CLUB**

As I write, our Firsts are third in Senior One having won four of our six League matches. Stand-out individual performances have come from Kane Munday who scored an explosive, brilliant century against NCI at Fitzwilliam College and from Mark Milne, with his five-wicket haul against Godolphin at home. Probably our best team effort for many years was against an extremely strong and competitive Fulbourn team where we secured a crushing seven wicket win despite missing five regulars. New signing Ben Clilverd took four wickets and Kane was typically destructive with the bat but the whole team came together in adversity to triumph against a side widely regarded as the best in the league. Skipper AP Stafford has been in fine form with the bat, Dan Heath has also made runs and shown the skills that make him probably the best wicket-keeper in the league and Paul Ellum, as ever, has been chipping in with vital wickets to win matches. Tom Barnard has returned to the club so we have regained a top-class opening bat and spinner in one.

The Seconds are top of Junior Five South under the captaincy of Danny Nicholls who continues to excel with bat and ball. His all-round skills have been the main contributor to our high position in the league but Colin Inglesant, Chris Munday, Gion Martin and Stuart Creed have all helped to win games. Our one defeat was against Royston Twos, who are likely to be our main rivals for the title. Two of our Under 13s, Alex West and Seb George, have played occasionally for the Seconds and it is heartening to see these local lads making the transition to adult cricket from our youth set-up. With a very under-strength side, we lost on the last ball to Barley in the Cambs Invitation Cup despite the best efforts of Danny Nicholls, who top-scored and also took four wickets for eight runs.

Under the leadership of coach Stuart Creed, the Under 13s have enjoyed unprecedented success this season, having lost twelve out of twelve league games last year. We have reached the semi-finals of the Under 13 cup where we will come up against a very strong St Giles side, but our boys have played brilliantly this summer with three wins in the League and two more in our cup run. Skipper Alex West is proving to be a very consistently effective bowler, as is Seb George, and Harry Calne has been superb behind the stumps and as an opening bat. The outstanding player has been Omar Mahroof who is a very talented player in all aspects of the game and exhibits a maturity astonishing in a boy who, like Harry, can play for the Under 12s as well. The Under 12s have lost all matches so far but were extremely unlucky to lose both times against Linton in two very tight games. They just need more experience in how to manage a game of cricket. Cesca Regnier-Wilson, skipper Theo Ball and, of course, Omar Mahroof have all played very well for the Under 12s. Coach Mark Milne is sure that his team will win soon.

The club would like to thank Mark Harrod who is not only a very fine player for our first team but who has also stepped in to help us with his expertise when disaster struck a few weeks ago as our venerable roller finally expired.

Rollers are extremely expensive: we have got a new one now but will have to increase our fund-raising efforts in future in order to maintain our financial survival

**Brian Higgins** 

#### **BOOK REVIEW** VENUS AS A BOY BY LUKE SUTHERLAND

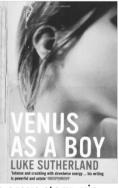
Since this book review column began, we've had some heavyweights of literature, such as Muriel Spark, Susan Hill, Truman Capote and Ernest Hemingway; so this month's book looks at an author not so well known, even in his native Britain. In a period of six years starting in 1998 Luke Sutherland produced three works of fiction. In 2004 his most recent output was the wonderful novella Venus as a Boy. It is about Désirée, a man strangely turning gold. He is also dying, dying because of his debauched lifestyle. On his deathbed in the West End of London, Désirée wants his story told, so he

UKE SUTHERI records it, hoping someone will listen. This is a cradle to the grave story, via

the City, some funky parties and grim jobs.

It's a book peppered with magical realism, but not that showing-off kind, and it uses the 'found material' literary device often practised in fiction, yet still one I enjoy. In this case it is akin to Yann Martel's Life of Pi (2001). The freight train, first person narration that zips around Soho is reminiscent of Colin MacInnes's Absolute Beginners (1959). The highlight of Sutherland's writing is the vibrancy of the voice. The relaxed, happy-go-lucky narrator draws you in to his way of thinking. Every page rings with sunshine, even during darker episodes. As well as a writer Sutherland is also a musician. The constrained medium of song-writing shows through in his tight prose as this story is only 164 pages long.

Venus as a Boy is a tremendous novella about a protagonist I just loved. With all the unhappy, complex, deep characters that flood fiction, Désirée is just good fun; so why not order it from the Great Shelford library and read something that dares to be a little bit different. Garry Pope





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## WHAT'S ON IN JULY

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 has been taken from websites, can be subject to change and may already be fully booked.

CAMBRIDGE ARTS THEATRE				
25-30	Present Laughter by Noel Coward, starring Samuel West			
Telephone: 01223 503333 Web: www.cambridgeartstheatre.com				

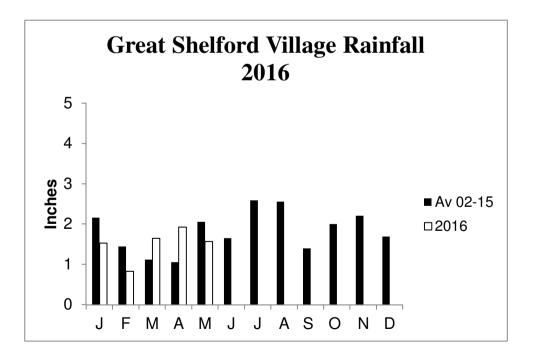
SAWSTON CINEMA					
28	7.15pm	Branagh Theatre Live: Romeo and Juliet			
30	30 2.30pm <i>World Cup'66 Live</i> Relive the greatest day in English Football				
Telephone: 01223 712825 Web: www.sawstoncinema.org.uk					

STAPLEFORD GRANARY				
9	10–4pm	Art Course: Summer Drawing on the river with Neil Payne		
12-14	10–4pm	Art Course: Slab work in clay		
14	7pm	Lecture: Codebreakers and the Battle of the Atlantic		
15	7.30pm	Concert: Gwilym Simcock		
17–24	Varies	Cambridge Open Studios: Janet Edwards		
20	10–4pm	Art Course: Painting Flowers in Watercolour with Janet Edwards		
23–24	11–6pm	Exhibition: Open Studios		
	Telephone: 01223 849004 Web: www.staplefordgranary.org.uk			

WANDLEBURY			
1	9pm	Bat Walk	
2 1pm <i>Wildflowers for Beginners</i> for adults			
14–16 8pm <i>Open Air Theatre</i> 'un-named' from In Situ Theatre			
26	10am	Watery Wonders investigating pond life for ages 5+	
26 2pm <i>Gruffalo Woods</i> exploring the woodland for ages 3–6			
27	2pm	Fluttering Butterflies spotting them and crafts for ages 6+	
29	10am	Woodland Adventures learn outdoor skills for ages 8-12	
Telephone: 01223 243830 Web: www.cambridgeppf.org			

BOTANIC GARDEN			
6	6.15pm	Sounds Green Picnic Prom: She'Koyokh	
13	6.15pm	Sounds Green Picnic Prom: The Alehouse Sessions	
20	6.15pm	Sounds Green Picnic Prom: Classico Latino	
27	6.15pm	Sounds Green Picnic Prom: Imar	
For information on these and other events visit www.botanic.cam.ac.uk			

7	6pm	Jazz Evening: Val Sinclair		
27	10am & 11am	Little Seedlings: Magical Gardens for ages 2-5		
28	11am & 12pm	Budding Gardeners: Magical Gardens for ages 5-12		
	Telephone: 01223 842777 Web: www.scotsdalegardencentre.co.uk			



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Carpet Bowls	Margaret Kelly			473520
Citizens Advice Bureau Community Association	Cambridge (for booking Memoria	al Hall) Sheila Tilk	nurv-Davis	0844 8487979 844384
Country Market	Dorothy Doel			843946
Cricket Club	Mrs M Ellum			842394
Darts League	Mr D Matthews			845287
Football Club	Terry Rider			01354 680661
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Friends of Shelford Library	Daphne Sulston			842248
Garden Club	Helen Chubb			845032
Great Shelford Friendship Club	Cheryl Mynott			845435
Health Centre	Ashen Green, Great S	helford		843661
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Parish Church Bellringers	Ann Smith		, , ,	577980
Parish Church Community Room	Mary Lester			842411
Parish Church Friends	Bob Doel			843946
Parish Church Sunday Club	Joanne Staines			07790 415732
Parish Church Wardens	Dianne Fraser	562731	Stella Nettleton	832290
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Police	Non-emergency num	ber		101
Rainbow Pre-School	Alison Tomlin			07985 216603
Royal British Legion	Gillian Farrar			840947
Rugby Club	Colin Astin			842154
Sawston Sports Centre	The Village College			712555
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