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Goodbye to the Railway Tavern



The demolition of the railway tavern, photographed on 1 August by Henry Denton (aged 12) who wrote 'The event attracted a small group of onlookers who were sad to see this historic part of our village torn down.'

Riverside development report Green weekend in the Shelfords and nearby villages

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GREAT SHELFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Summary from draft minutes of the meeting held on 20 July 2016

PUBLIC SESSION

One member of the public was present. No issues were raised.

ADDITIONAL PARISH COUNCILLORS

Two applications for additional Parish Councillors were reviewed. Both applicants, Richard Davies and Stefan Harris-Wright, were accepted and co-opted onto the Parish Council.

MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting of 22 June were confirmed as being an accurate record and signed by the Chair. There were no matters arising from the meeting of 18 April.

REPORTS FROM ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES

District Council: no District Councillors were present

County Council: County Councillor Gail Kenney reported that:

- Consultation on the City Deal was available on the website until 1 August and there would be an exhibition at the Memorial Hall on 21 July.
- Consultation on the Access to Cambridge Strategy started on 11 July and will run until 10 October.
- Consultation on devolution with the combined Cambridge and Peterborough proposal would run from 8 July to 23 August.
- Various accidents causing injury to pedestrians due to lack of pavement maintenance were reported by the Parish Council for investigation. Funding for maintenance is recorded as limited.
- The issue of HGVs transiting the village was again raised by the Parish Council for investigation.

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES

Highways: Mike Nettleton reported that:

- A revised location of the pedestrian crossing was under discussion due to safety concerns.
- Lack of progress of the main work in Woollards Lane was to be addressed.
- The speed indicator display installation progress was to be progressed by Councillor Ashurst.
- Extension of the parking enforcement patrols was to be confirmed to Chief Inspector Southerland by the Clerk.

Planning: A joint group has been formed for the Neighbourhood Plan. Wider external issues are to be considered, with the planning committee responding to the A1307 consultation.

Recreation Ground: The proposal to have CGM cut the grass on the Recreation Ground, Memorial Corner and Freestone's Corner was passed unanimously. The Clerk is to produce alternative proposals for the Village Man's time.

Cemetery and Allotments: Councillor Barrie Ashurst had personally attended to various outstanding jobs. Councillor Helen Harwood was to progress any further outstanding work directly with a suitable contractor.

Police Liaison: Councillor Barrie Ashurst reported that:

- Operation Hunter (awareness raising by the police of security issues) had been successful in the village.
- A speedwatch survey on Hinton way showed 10% of all vehicles were speeding.
- Hinton Way, Granhams Road and Abberley Wood pavements were being reduced in usable width due to overgrown hedges and grass growth.

Library: Councillor Helen Harwood reported that funding continued to be a concern. The library was a service to the wider local community and co-location activities were under consideration..

Pavilion: A report from the Parish Clerk was circulated.

- A request from the bowls club for a contribution towards a new sprinkler system was not supported.
- Faults on the fire alarm system and one CCTV camera were scheduled for repair.
- The Recreation Ground emergency gate combination lock had been replaced again; further loss would require review of use.

Riverbank Grant: The Clerk reported that the grant application of £25,174 had been successful and that work on the project was expected to start imminently.

Parochial Charity Land Development Plans: Mr Ian Wilkinson, representing Trustees of Great Shelford Parochial Charities, stated that any development of land at Bridge Close, Mores Meadow and adjacent farmland/wild grassland was at a very preliminary stage with no direct plans or funding. Considerations were extremely speculative and without relaxation of Green Belt planning restrictions were unachievable.

Councillors Mike Nettleton and Gail Kenney expressed opposition to any Green Belt relaxation. A further update is to be provided within six months.

Purchase of a defibrillator for general village availability: Item adjourned for further consultation on site location, use and administration of equipment. The Chair would review the potential site within Tesco.

The Clerk would not deposit the cheque from Shelford Support Group until all administration arrangements were documented and in place with Tesco.

FINANCE

Clerk Mike Winter presented a schedule of payments and receipts for July. This was accepted with 11 cheques valued at £10,585-02p for payment.

APPROVAL OF PARISH CLERK WORKING HOURS

A proposal to increase working hours from 20 to 25 hours per week effective from June 2016 was carried by unanimous vote.

CORRESPONDENCE

- Train Station Barrier Closure report from Duncan Grey.
- Train Station Report on an incident from Helen Harwood. County Councillor Gail Kenney to progress.
- Jim Chisholm's contribution on Streetlife, suggesting that the Sustrans route from the Station should be extended towards the bridge.
- Peter Fane requested the Parish Council should comment on the A1307 City Deal consultation. Item referred for consultation response.

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

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PLANNING APPLICATIONS PARISH COUNCIL COMMENTS

S/1533/16/FL	Mr G Swan 235 Hinton Way	Two storey rear extension
Recommend refusal. The proposed 4.9 metre long two storey rear extension would be overbearing to the occupiers of both 233 and 237 Hinton Way and would cut out light to the rear first floor windows of 237 Hinton Way. (Has since been withdrawn).		
S/1604/16/FL	Mr B Heath 32 Buristead Road	Two storey side and rear extension and a new porch
No recommendation. Although the majority of two storey side extensions in Buristead Road have reflected the existing architecture, we do not believe this contemporary design, which should not adversely impact on the neighbours, could be refused. However, we have concerns about the proposed material for the cladding which may appear overly dominant to the adjoining properties.		
S/1515/16/FL	Mr Dawson 13 Red Hill Lane	Proposed single storey rear and two storey side extension
No objections to original design or amended design incorporating rear two storey extension but only as long as neighbours are happy.		
S/1643/16/FL	Mr and Mrs Cumiskey 13 Woodlands Road	Rear and side extensions and replacement windows
No recommendation. In the light of the previous approval no objections to the principle of extending the house but would value the Conservation Officer's opinion on the proposed two storey flat roof.		
S/1758/16/FL	Mrs R Wallace 6 Mingle Lane	Erection of black metal railings above brick wall
As similar railings in Mingle Lane have planting behind them, could some hedging be planted to soften the railings? No recommendation.		
S/859/16/FL	Mr and Mrs Annetts 15 Westfield Road	Single storey front extension
No objections		
S/1669/16/FL	Mrs C Price 7 Church Street	Dropped kerb
No objections.		

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PARISH COUNCIL UPDATES

HIGHWAYS

The Parish Council set out a number of plans as part of the April 2016 to March 2017 budget to address village residents' concerns with Highways issues. The following is an update on progress with some of the issues to date.

Woollards Lane Zebra Crossing

The County Council's detailed design work for all the Highways changes agreed last year is progressing, though more slowly than we'd like. One significant issue which has come up is the location of the zebra crossing. It was intended to be opposite the Cambridge Building Society. A CCC safety audit raised concerns about traffic turning left from Robinson Court. The zebra crossing will therefore have to be located outside Solutions/Haarts, which unfortunately means the loss of two of the three parking bays outside McColls. The remaining bay will be designated for disabled parking.

Parking Patrols

The Parish Council has requested the continuation of PCSO patrols enforcing village parking for a further period of six months.

RECREATION

The Grange Field

We are all aware that we have insufficient public recreational space in the village. The only significant public space is the Recreation Ground itself. This covers an area of about 4.5 hectares (this for a village of 4,900 people, which is growing). The national recommendation is 2.4 hectares per 1,000 people (i.e. 12 hectares in total).

The impact is obvious:

- Expansion of the existing sporting facilities is limited and almost not possible.
- The Tennis Club would like to increase the number of courts available.
- The Playscape project, although it has come up with an excellent master plan, is severely constrained for space to accommodate all the proposals.
- On busy summer weekends the Recreation Ground can feel overcrowded.

Adjacent to the Recreation Ground is an area of 3.1 hectares known as the Grange Field. This is in unclear and fragmented private ownership and is only used sporadically for grazing. It is the only land of significant size which might be available for recreational use and would dramatically improve the space we have if we were able to acquire it.

The Parish Council has made a number of attempts to acquire this land for the village, going back over 40 years, but has been rebuffed on each occasion. We are now writing again to each of the presumed owners, telling them that we wish to buy the land. We are also progressing matters through a potential Open Space designation and through the Neighbourhood Plan. None of this will be easy and we suspect that we may have to resort to a Compulsory Purchase Order to acquire the land.

One of the key things in all of this is demonstrating community support. We will need your help through surveys and questionnaires for whatever process is eventually adopted.

JOIN THE GARDEN GANG!



Would you like to join a group of public-spirited gardeners working around the village?

I am setting up a 'Garden Gang' to do some gardening on the various green spaces around the village – the beds in High Street, the flowerbeds outside the Memorial Hall, the cemetery in Cambridge Road, for starters. And there are lots of other spaces we could move on to with enough

man- and woman-power.

The Parish Council will never have enough money to spend on the finer aspects of gardening but, as a group, we could achieve wonderful things, and brighten up the village for everyone. My ambitions include roses, hollyhocks, lavender beds, more cardoons, and lots of spring bulbs: all the plants that bring joy to the heart.

You need no particular skills, as guidance is available, though any expertise you may have will be appreciated. Tasks will range from weeding, pruning and watering, through to digging.

Initially we will meet once a month on a regular day (the first Thursday in the month, as an example) for a morning session, possibly including coffee afterwards, but we'll decide which day when we know who is interested. You needn't commit to more than the odd day and the odd couple of hours – but every little helps!

So, if you ARE interested, please contact me: telephone 840393 or email helen_harwood_uk@yahoo.co.uk.

Helen Harwood



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SHELFORD SCHOOL

As I write, we are halfway through our summer holiday break. I'm sure children, parents, staff and governors are relishing the chance to re-charge their batteries. This is also a time to reflect on a fantastic and, at times, very busy summer term and to look forward to the opportunities the start of a new school year brings.

On the last day of term, the school family said a warm goodbye to the Year 6 children as they move on from Shelford School to the next stage in their education. It was lovely to listen to the leavers reflect individually on their time at Shelford. A special church service was followed by a confetti 'Guard of Honour' from the rest of the school before a reception with fantastic cakes, lunch at the top table and one last swim in the school pool!

Thank you is a phrase often heard at school, and especially at the end of term. On behalf of the Governors, I would like to say thank you to the school staff for all their hard work both in the classroom and in the school office. Thank you to all the volunteers who give up their time to help with so many of the activities in school. Thank you to the parents and carers for supporting the school and, most importantly, thank you to the children for working so hard and tackling all the new challenges with enthusiasm and a positive attitude.

The new school year starts on Monday 5 September for pupils in Years 1 to 6 and on Monday 12 September for children starting in Reception class. As well as welcoming new pupils and their families to the school, we shall also be welcoming Miss Norfolk, who will be teaching the Year 5 class, and Mrs Clarke, who will join the Foundation Stage team to teach the Reception class for one day a week.

The PTA are busy planning lots of social and fund-raising events including the Bike Sale on Saturday 15 October and the Christmas Fair on Saturday 3 December. More details to follow nearer the time.

I look forward to the start of the new term and the buzz of excitement as the children settle in to their new classrooms, set new targets and enjoy new learning opportunities.

Sarah Bullock, Parent Governor



The Queen of Arts This picture of the Queen is by Rachel Briers; a member of the Art Club at Shelford School. It's part of the club's exhibition at the library to mark Her Majesty's 90th birthday.

Whatever happened to SEG?

The Stapleford Environment Group has now formally disbanded. But green activities will continue.

2G3S (Green Groups in the Shelfords, Stapleford and Sawston)

This recently formed group, having shown the film *The Economics of Happiness* earlier this year, is now planning a range of other activities. First up is our participation in a **GREEN WEEKEND** on 24 - 25 September, together with our sister organisation, Fulbourn Forum. Events are free, but donations are welcome.

Repair Café on Saturday 24 September from 2–5pm at the Memorial Hall,



Fulbourn Centre, Home End CB21 5BZ, hosted by Fulbourn Forum. The idea is that instead of buying new and throwing away the old, we should learn to repair and re-use items. Come along, have a cuppa and a piece of cake and watch or help your item be repaired.

Bring small household appliances, electrical items, computers, mobile phones, bicycles, clothes, gadgets and general bits'n'bobs. It's best to book your item in by emailing southcambs@repaircafe.org.uk. For information about Repair Cafés in general see www.repaircafe.org.uk. (A further Repair Café will be held in Great Shelford after Christmas.)

Green Living afternoon on Sunday 25 September in Stapleford from 2–4.30pm at the Johnson Hall, hosted by 2G3S. Drop in for a range of activities:

Green Energy: learn about solar power and other forms of renewable energy; book a visit to a local eco-home.

Green Food: a produce/preserve swap (bring along your surplus produce to swap); a talk about Cambridge Sustainable Food Hub from organic box supplier Duncan Catchpole; an apple press – bring your surplus apples and some sterilized milk cartons and make apple juice.

Green Transport: how to find the best cycling routes; electric bikes; green ways of getting to work.

Green Children: Grainne Kennedy from ‘Green Futures’ will get children to picture the future – literally! – with drawings and other activities.

Green Consumerism: bring your old mobile to donate to charity; plus ‘bring & take’ (items to be of saleable quality even though we’ll be giving them away)

Green Conservation: a talk on gardening for wildlife; Magog Trust exhibition
Further information about the Green Living afternoon from Sophi Berridge at sophiberridge@yahoo.co.uk or 2G3S, or Linda Whitebread at lindawestern2001@yahoo.co.uk.

Linda Whitebread

COUNTY COUNCIL

Devolution: It’s not long now until your say on the Devolution Deal is completed. Cambridgeshire and Peterborough and the Local Enterprise Partnership will ask for some extra responsibilities and funding. It is proposed that Cambridgeshire gets £20 million a year for the next 30 years (£600 million) for infrastructure and transport. We will also get £170 million for new housing. We will be building a case for a Cambridge to Wisbech railway, and a new station at Soham. We expect road improvements on the A14 and A142 and upgrades on the A10 and the A147. There will be improved roads at Whyton and a new masterplan for St Neots. There will be a new Peterborough University for local tertiary education, and a Peterborough Enterprise Zone. For more information, www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/devolution.

Older People: Susannah Harris has organised a meeting on 17 October from 10.30am–3pm at the Holiday Inn, Histon. It is free, including lunch. This is for those who support people aged 50+ years. The subjects will include health and wellbeing, ageing without children, living at home and digital inclusion. Dementia will also be discussed after the meeting. There is also a photo competition with a prize of £100. For more information or booking see <http://futureeast.org.uk> or phone Susannah Harris on 07858456946.

Ely Southern Bypass: The Ely Southern Bypass will connect the A142 at Angel Drive with Stuntney Causeway. The total cost will be about £35 million, and it will be a 1.7km single carriageway with a bridge over the Great Ouse and two bridges over the railway. Work will start in early 2017. There will be a walkway attached to the river bridge. This provide a circular walking route linking Fen Rivers Way and Ouse Valley Way, and will improve access to the River Great Ouse Wildlife Site. The existing underpass will be remodelled to include a subway for cyclists at its junction with Stuntney Causeway.

Gail Kenney

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HEIDI ALLEN

They say a week is a long time in politics but within the last month I am sure we have all had enough politics to last us a year!

It would be impossible for me to write this Newsletter without referring to the recent EU Referendum. I received an unprecedented amount of correspondence following the vote from mostly, (though not by any means all) disappointed and worried constituents. As I was unable to reply individually to every email, I held public meetings in Cambourne and Duxford instead, so thank you to everyone who came along. Videos of the meetings and information regarding constitutional issues and policy areas are on my website for those who could not attend.

Since the result, I have held further meetings with representatives from our Councils, academic, science, health and agricultural sectors. Whilst we do not yet have an outline of the terms of negotiation, I am sure they will start to emerge when the House returns after Summer recess in September. I will continue to listen to the needs of all sectors and ensure the needs of South Cambridgeshire are at the heart of the Cabinet's negotiations.

Onto the more light hearted duties of your constituency MP, I was delighted to be invited to pull the first pint at the Shelford Feast. The event was part of a week-long series of fundraising events and not only did they raise an incredible amount of money (I believe they are still counting!) I managed to remember how to pull a pint!

Just ahead of breaking for the Summer holidays, I was able to visit three more schools in Stapleford, Trumpington and Guilden Morden (I am slowly getting around, please bear with me if I haven't visited your school yet!) The hard work and commitment of teachers, parents and governors is always plain for me to see so I was absolutely devastated when our new Secretary of State Justine Greening announced that the Department for Education would delay the introduction of the new Fairer Funding Formula for another year. Although Justine was very clear that no local authority would receive less funding than the top up amount we had received this year, I have asked officers at the County Council to digest what this will mean for us in real terms. I want to assure you that I am supporting our schools 100% on this and am seeking to meet with her as soon as possible.

As always, I am holding drop-in surgeries, the next one in Queen Edith's on 3 September. Please see my website for details www.heidisouthcambs.co.uk/residents-drop-surgeries or get in touch with my office if there is anything I can help with. Phone 01954 212707 or email heidi.allen.mp@parliament.uk.
Heidi Allen

SHELFORD MEDICAL PRACTICE

New Practice Manager

I am retiring from the NHS at the end of August, and am being replaced by a new Business Manager who will start in September. Her name is Jackie Roberts. She is looking forward to getting started and meeting people.

I have enjoyed my time with Shelford Medical Practice. It has been 11 years, and there have been many changes in the NHS and in the practice over that time. There are more to come! I have particularly enjoyed meeting our patients and talking about the services we offer. I have learned a lot from your complaints as well as from your positive comments. Thank you for them. Do keep your feedback going with Jackie and her colleagues.

Flu clinics

The new flu season starts officially in September. We shall be organising clinics in October and November. Keep an eye out for posters and on our website and in the surgery. We shall be advertising the dates by these means very shortly.

Goodbye.

Jennet Ashton

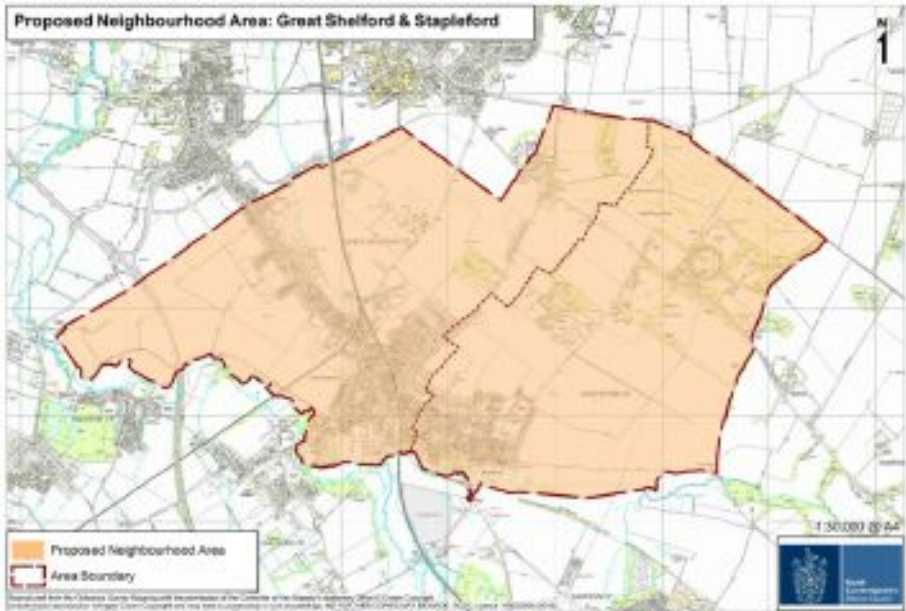
SHELFORD AND STAPLEFORD NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN



What do you value about our two communities? What would you like to see changed? How can we improve the daily lives of everyone in our communities? How can we cope with the increase in traffic through our villages? How can we contribute to the wider debate

on the issues of the A1307, A1301, A505, and many other transport and housing issues which will impact on us all?

The Parish Councils and members of the planning group are continuing with the initial work to develop the Neighbourhood Plan. Since the last article there have been two opportunities at the Stapleford Village Show and at the Shelford Feast for people to ask questions about the ideas and progress. This is part of the required consultation system. Readers will recall that we are working together because our two parishes are geographically close and linked as a unit in the local plan. The two parishes share the concerns of housing, transport, green belt, countryside access, shops and businesses. Not least, members of our two communities emphasised the need for more and better recreation facilities,



Health Centre provision, speed limit reductions and affordable housing. These community facilities and the overall infrastructure are elements which have been stressed at meetings and at the two shows. We need to manage growth for the good of the local communities.

Whilst several people have indicated their willingness to be involved, we now need a substantive list of people who will take on tasks. We have to get the whole community involved, not just those who read the village magazines, therefore we intend to use social media to contact all members of the community. Do you have planning experience, are you a transport specialist, can you interrogate spreadsheets, are you an avid reader of national documents and can précis them? There are many tasks and YOU have the skills we need.

So here is the challenge to you all – send our group secretary, Beckie Whitehouse, information about what you consider you value and do not want changed, what you would like to see changed and how you will help. She can be contacted by email at staplefordparishclerk@gmail.com and her phone number is 845328.

Thank you for being willing to contribute to this crucial work.

Bridget Hodge (Great Shelford) 842553 and Nigel Pett (Stapleford) 843278



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

Cambridgeshire Historic Churches Trust Ride, Drive or Stride Day – Saturday 10 September: A sponsored event (details in the Parish Church) in aid of the Trust which gives grants to historic churches across the county. The idea is to visit as many open churches in the day as possible – an enjoyable day out which helps to assist churches like our own.

Major Roof Repairs: Last month we received the good news that our application for a government grant towards the re-leading of the nave and north aisle roofs had been successful. The grant means that we can undertake all the roof and associated stone work repairs in one large project. Work will begin in October and may last for up to six months, depending upon the weather conditions and what the contractors find when the roof is stripped. The church will have a temporary scaffolding ‘roof’ for the duration of the project and there may also be some scaffolding props within the church. Services will continue as normal, but the project does mean that those thinking of marriage services will need to take account of the repair works.

Rural Dean of Granta Deanery: After consulting members of the Deanery, Chapter Bishop Stephen has invited me to succeed The Revd Dr Julie Norris as Rural Dean of Granta Deanery. I have accepted Bishop Stephen’s invitation and will be Commissioned as Rural Dean later this month. It is a privilege to take on this important leadership role and I ask for your prayers as my five year term of office begins.

Festival and Gift Day – Sunday 2 October: A highlight of the autumn is always Harvest Festival and there will be a chance to support local good causes and those in need as part of the celebrations. The weekend also includes an annual **Gift Day**, where we encourage generous financial giving to support the work of the Parish Church. We are making a special appeal this year in order to help fund new work across the community. Please do consider if you could help – we do need to widen our giving support and would welcome your assistance. Helping to support a full-time priest in charge and also a part-time assistant curate so that they have the resources necessary to make an impact is a real gift to the wider community. Please respond to our appeal if you can.

We are delighted that we will be able to have a **Harvest Lunch**, as in previous years, in the Memorial Hall at 12.30pm. Thank you to Dorothy Doel for offering to coordinate. Offers of help are welcome – please contact Dorothy. Tickets will be available soon (adult £7.50, child 5–11 £2.00, under 5s free). From Bob or Dorothy Doel (tel 843946, email dorothy@woodlandsroad.plus.com).

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

First Steps: For babies and toddlers, 0–5 years, meeting on Mondays from 2 to 2:30pm (term time only). It is located in the Church Community Room, which is contained and warm. We have liturgical toys and books suitable and safe for the age group. Tea, coffee, juice, biscuits and cakes will be available after the service. The structure of the session is, the same songs each week and a bible story, ending with prayer. All families are welcome.

From the registers:

Baptisms: 21 August Oscar and Evelyn Cornery

Regular Services:

Daily: 9am Morning Prayer

 5pm Evening Prayer

Wednesday: 9.30am Holy Communion (BCP 1662)

Sunday: 8am Holy Communion (BCP 1662)

 10am Parish Communion, our main Sunday service.

 6.30pm Evensong (BCP 1662)

For further information about Great Shelford Parish Church

visit our website: www.stmarysgreatshelford.org/

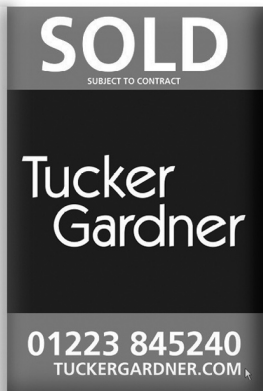
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SHELFORD FEAST 'FRINGE'?

Did you know that in addition to the traditional Feast fayre in the marquee on the rec, the Bunch now organise a couple of concerts in the local churches during Feast week? This year saw the Balsham Singers, with John Clenaghan, perform in the Free Church, and Simply Reeds produce a sparkling evening in St Mary's Church. These concerts have now become well established, but the Bunch are happy to consider more alternative events that can be linked to Feast Week, especially involving children or others who are not attracted by the mainstream offerings, perhaps treasure hunts, literary events, etc.

If you have any ideas for alternative events to create a Shelford 'Fringe', and are happy to help with planning and organising, then please do contact the Feast Committee – speak to one of the Bunch (we generally meet on the first Sunday of the month at the Square and Compasses) or email info@shelfordfeast.co.uk.
Alan Lyne

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Harvest is upon us and we're calling on local residents to help our fight against straw stack arson. Stack fires can quickly spread and not only endanger people and livestock, but also life-long work on farms.

What can you do? We're urging residents and those passing through rural areas to keep a careful watch. Do you see someone acting suspiciously around stores of hay or straw? Is there an unusual vehicle near farm buildings? Report suspicious activity to police on 101 and dial 999 if you see a stack fire.

For more information on fire safety, log on to www.cambsfire.gov.uk, follow us on social media or call 01480 444500.

QUIET EVENING

In Matthew's gospel in the bible Jesus says, 'Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.'



Is that how you feel, weary and overburdened, do you long for rest?

On 29 September at 7.30pm in St Andrews Stapleford, through story, music and times of quiet, come, lay your burdens down and rest. Led by Suzanne Watt



Great Shelford Free Church

THIS IS A SIGN

You might have noticed a sign on the side of Great Shelford Free Church saying 'This is a sign' and, if so, I wonder what you thought.

A few people have shared their thoughts with me on this, ranging from ...

'Well of course it's a sign, but what does it mean?'

'Is it saying the whole church building is a sign, and if so what is it signalling?'

'Is it a sign from God or a sign from/for the church?'

And finally, 'What a stupid sign, it doesn't mean anything!'

When I came up with the idea of the sign, I wanted people to think on a number of levels ... to stop and slow down, and think about what it might mean.

Primarily, I wanted people to think it might be a sign for them, highlighting the reality that God does want to reach out to us and that His chosen way to do that is the local church.

The church is a sign, a sign of God's love for this world and His love for all people. And the building itself is a sign, a sign that points to the real church, the people who gather in community every week.

Rather than a poster on the side of the church, maybe every Christian should wear a t-shirt that says 'this is a sign'. Most Christians don't really feel like they are a very good sign, and often we might feel ashamed that our lives don't really point to God at all, but we are a sign, a sign that God works in our imperfect world with his imperfect creation, a sign that God does desire to call out to everyone, with the Christian message of peace, hope and love.

I pray that you might see a sign of that love in our community and in Christians everywhere.

Revd Martin Cockerill, Pastor of Great Shelford Free Church

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: Tues 9am–4.00 pm; Weds 9am–1.00 pm; Thurs 9am–1.00 pm

Great Shelford Free Church (Baptist) is a Registered Charity No: 1141345

Worship Services at Great Shelford Free Church

Sunday 4 September @ 10.30am Mark 3:7–12

Sunday 11 September @ 10.30am Communion Service
Mark 3:13–19

Sunday 18 September @ 10.30am Mark 3:20–35

Sunday 25 September @ 10.30am Mark 4:1–20

Sunday 25 September @ 6.30pm Communion Service



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18 September: 3T in the Park @ Great Shelford Park – 3.30pm

This will be a chance to picnic together and play some great family games like rounders, Frisbee and football. Just come along with your picnic and a blanket. **3T** is an informal event for all, whatever age or phase of life you are in. Some events are outdoors and will require suitable clothing, some inside in a more relaxed, ‘civilized’ setting. **3T** will always be creative, informal and spiritual.

For more details, contact Diana Parr: tel: 01223 842181(church office)
email childfam@shelfordfreechurch.org.uk, or consult the church website:
shelfordfreechurch.org.uk.

Create & Share @ Shelford Free Church Hall

9.30am–12 and 1–3.30pm

Thursday 8 September: ‘Free and Easy’

Everyone’s welcome regardless of skill level. Bring your current project or even start a new one. Let us know whether you wish to come for the morning, afternoon or the full day so that we have an idea of numbers for refreshments and resources.

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COUNTRY MARKET



August has flown by so quickly, school holidays are almost over and now we are looking forward to an ‘extra-special’ month. So what will be going on in the market in September?

Come and have a piece of birthday cake to help celebrate our fortieth birthday market on 28 September. Great Shelford Country Market (the WI market as it was then) opened on the last Wednesday in September 1976. Though no longer the WI market, we remain a co-operative social enterprise. Founder member Margaret French remains one of the market stalwarts. Another founder member, Anne Bullman, is now a member of Histon Market and two other founder members still live in Shelford.

Our birthday celebration falls within British Food Fortnight, which runs from 17 September to 2 October. This was started in 2002 and is an annual National Celebration of British Food. It is designed to promote the benefits and pleasures of fresh, good quality seasonal local produce so come and check out our produce! Arable and livestock farmers, large and small retail outlets, pubs, restaurants, farm shops, country markets, schools and many more support this event, so even more reason for you to come to your local market, which must rank high in the longevity of Shelford businesses.

Dorothy Doel

engage



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in the Afternoon

at Great Shelford Library

Wednesday 28 September
2–3.30 pm

A talk by the director of *Acting Now*, Marina Pallares

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Please note that due to the increasing popularity of Engage, tickets are now required for entrance. These are available from the library, or phone 0345 045 5225.

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TWINNING VISIT FROM VERNEUIL EN HALATTE

The Shelfords welcomed a party of around 35 children and adults from Verneuil en Halatte at the beginning of July. The group were here for a total of four days and experienced a rich and varied programme of events.

Having arrived in sunshine on the Friday evening, the next day was scheduled as the 'family day', where guests are entertained by their hosts. As our guests were new to the Twinning experience, we spent a day in Cambridge, punting, visiting colleges and having lunch out. It was a delight to show our guests Cambridge at its best, and to do all the things that we would not normally do on a Saturday!

On Sunday, the group went to Holkham Hall in Norfolk, visiting the Hall and farming museum and walking round the beautiful grounds. They were impressed with the friendliness of the staff in the house and the people working outside in the gardens, where they were encouraged to eat the strawberries and pick the rhubarb! That evening we held a ceilidh at the Rugby Club for our visitors and host families, an evening which was appreciated by all.

On Monday, the adults and teenagers sampled the delights of Saffron Walden, with a walking tour to take in the highlights. The younger children had a very stimulating morning at Shelford School, where they visited classes, watched rehearsals for the Pied Piper, and were treated to a special celebration assembly. Our thanks go to Mrs Evans and the staff of the school for their hospitality.

We are always ready to welcome new members to the Twinning Association, and more information and contact details are available on our website shelfordtwinning.org.uk. We are an active and friendly association, with a programme of events throughout the year. Please get in touch if you enjoy all things French!

Sarah Haddow

CEILIDH

There will be a ceilidh in Little Shelford Memorial Hall on Saturday 24 September 24 at 7.30pm featuring the band *Fen Dragon*. Tickets will cost £15 per head to include a ploughman's supper. There will be a licensed bar. This event is organised by the Village Hall Committee and any profit will go towards the upkeep of the Hall.

Tickets are available from Sarah Cappendale (842498), Diana Haines (841415), Jill McMememy (842414) or Ruth Shah (841961).

We look forward to seeing you there!

Sarah Cappendale

DIARY, September 2016

Date	Event	Time	Place
8	Carpet Bowls	7.15pm	Memorial Hall
9-11	Shakespeare celebration weekend	see page 44	
15	Carpet Bowls	7.15pm	Memorial Hall
22	Carpet Bowls	7.15pm	Memorial Hall
24	Farmers' Market	9am–12noon	Memorial Hall
24	Ceilidh (page 25)	7.30pm	Lt. Shelford Memorial Hall
24-25	2G3S Green Weekend	see page 10	
28	Country Market 40 th celebration (page 23)	8.30–11.30am	Memorial Hall
28	Engage in the afternoon (page 23)	2–3.30pm	Library
29	Carpet Bowls	7.15pm	Memorial Hall

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

BIN COLLECTIONS

Black bins 5 September, 19 September
Green and blue bins 12 September, 26 September

STAPLEFORD HISTORY SOCIETY TALKS 2016-2017

11 October	History on our doorstep and in our hands (Stapleford archive)	Jim Foreman and John Street
13 December	Robert Sayle: the man, his life and his shop	Christine Shaw
10 January	Bill Tutte and the Bletchley Park code-breakers	Richard Fletcher
14 March	Stourbridge Fair	Honor Ridout
9 May	My Stapleford family and one black sheep	Martyn Northfield
11 July	The Gray family of Wandlebury	Christine Ruse

All meetings are at the Stapleford Jubilee Pavilion, starting at 7.45pm.

JW

GREAT SHELFORD FRIENDSHIP CLUB

Great Shelford Friendship Club is a social club for senior citizens and is held every Thursday from 2–4pm in the Community Room at St Mary's Church, Great Shelford. It has been running now for over two years.

Members can socialise over a cup of tea and a biscuit, join in a game with others if they want to, or for those who enjoy jigsaw puzzles, plenty are available too. Once a month there is some form of entertainment including speakers, musical acts, cream teas etc. Contributions towards rent and refreshments are minimal (£1.50 per week and £2.00 when entertainment is provided).

We would be happy for newcomers to join us and can guarantee a really friendly and welcoming reception. If transport would make attendance easier, the Shelford Support Group can provide this from Shelford and some surrounding villages at minimal cost. The Friendship Club is a drop-in group and no membership fees are charged.

If you would like further information, please call me on 845435 or just turn up at the Community Room on Thursday at 2pm.

Cheryl Mynott

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SHELFORD GARDEN CLUB

The new season of talks is coming. Don't miss out – get the Tuesdays in your diary.



2016

11 October **Fuchsias - The Three Virtues** by Nick Dobson

8 November **Plants To Attract Butterflies** by Peter Jackson

13 December **Winter Wonders and December Delights** by Peter Walker
(with Christmas refreshments)

2017

19 January **Gardens Of Madeira** by Roy Nunn

21 February **The World Through Plants – The Eden Project** by Robert Brett

14 March **AGM** at 7.30pm, followed by **Great Wessex Gardens** by Robin Carsberg

All talks are held in Shelford School Hall and start at 8pm with homemade refreshments served from 7.30pm

Visitors are most welcome £2

Membership – contact Ann Caffall on 847977

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOX APPEAL 2016

Once again this year Great Shelford Free Church will be a drop off point for this appeal so you will be able to bring your shoeboxes into the church for collection.

For anyone who is not sure what this appeal is, it is an opportunity to provide a child who has very little to enjoy in life with a shoebox full of good things to enjoy at Christmas – or soon afterwards. Simply pick up a leaflet from the Free Church (Ashen Green entrance) to find out more about the appeal and what to put in your box. If you would find it difficult to get a shoebox (not too big) we have some free ones available which simply need to be made up according to the simple instructions. Pick one up with your leaflet. Call in whenever you see someone at the church or phone 01223 842181 to check.

Perhaps you would like to get together with a friend or a group of people to fill one together, or even do it online by following the links on the Operation Christmas Child website (www.samaritanspurse.co.uk). In past years all the boxes from our area have gone to children in various parts of Eastern Europe, although boxes from some areas go to children in various parts of Africa.

The joy on the faces of the children who receive these boxes is testament of how much even a small gift means to these children who seldom receive a gift of any kind. Please consider them as you sort out your Christmas gifts.

Bring your filled boxes back to the church between 1 and 18 November. Times for this will be in the October edition, or look on the church website.

Thank you.

Lesley Cornell (on behalf of Great Shelford Free Church)

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VILLAGE HISTORY ON SHOW AT ICKLETON ‘PAST & PRESENT’

A wealth of village history – from Roman times to the present - will be on show in Ickleton on Saturday 17 September, 11am–3pm, in the Village Hall, Frogge Street, Ickleton, CB10 1SH, when The Ickleton Society display their extensive village archive. Admission is free and all are welcome to drop by and browse photos, maps, videos and documents that capture the living history of the village and its people. Throughout the day there will be informal talks and demonstrations about how to research the history of your house, researching ancestors, farming and sporting activities through the ages, local Roman remains, the story behind the village church hassocks and Ickleton in WW1. There will also be light hearted talks about colourful village folk and Ickleton on the home front in WWII. There will be activities for children and youngsters and conservation advice on how to keep family mementos safe.

The Society is inviting people to bring items along to ‘Show and Tell’ – anything relating to Ickleton or Ickleton folk that might be interesting, including photos of people, events, house restorations, and bits and pieces found in the attic or garden.

Fiona Rose



MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING

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Registration for the 2016/17 Workshop year is on Saturday 17 September, 10–11.30am at Duxford Primary School, St. John's Street, Duxford, and Workshop sessions begin at 9.30 am on Saturday, 24 September.

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Dear Editor

The telephone box in Hinton Way has now been redundant for over a year, when is something useful going to be done with it? Other villages including Little Shelford, Shepreth and more recently Great Wilbraham have converted



their redundant call boxes into mini libraries/book exchanges which seems one of the better ideas for them. Why does Great Shelford not do the same? In fact we could have two, as the other one in Church Street now looks dowdy having outlived its current use with a mannequin dummy installed. It also would serve the wider community if converted into a mini library or book exchange.

John Wakefield

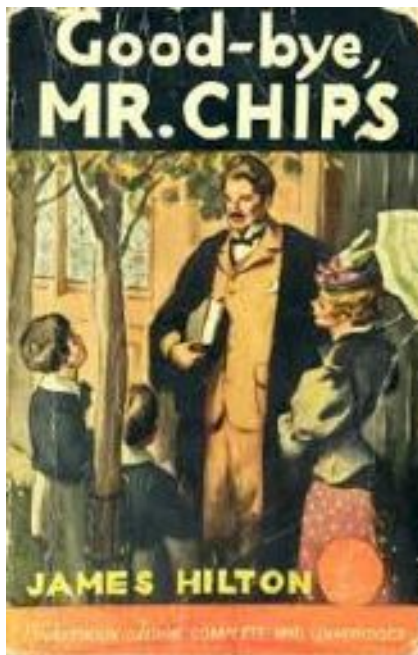
BOOK REVIEW

***GOODBYE, MR CHIPS* BY JAMES HILTON**

For many of us the beginning of September means one thing: school. For those that left school too many years ago to remember, we will often need a little help to revisit those glorious days. So what better way than to read a book about school that is as charming as it is nostalgic?

James Hilton's enjoyable novella, *Goodbye, Mr Chips* (1934), will have you pining for your lost youth and flicking through the photographs of old sports days and school fetes.

From his lodgings opposite the school, where he hears the bell, Mr Chipping, a retired, beloved master at a boys' school, looks back on his life at Brookfield Grammar School spanning several decades before, during and after the First World War.



This novella floats along like a warm breeze in a lush meadow. Every chapter develops Mr Chipping, and a steady character arc brings him into our hearts, making us care for him like the schoolboys do. Hilton's skill in evoking innocence, happiness and the safe school system is the ultimate pleasure of this work. His ability to create an atmosphere of pre-war boarding schools feels familiar, even to today's readership.

Goodbye, Mr Chips sits well alongside Muriel Spark's amazing novella *The Prime of Miss Jean Brodie* (1961). Both titles mentioned are available to order into the wonderful Great Shelford library.

A pleasant story, full of wit, nostalgia and an Englishness that is almost faded. I adored Hilton's novella and will try to re-read it every September when the bell for school rings.

Garry Pope

CRICKET CLUB

The season hangs in the balance for the firsts and seconds. After seven wins on the bounce, the first team lost to our closest rivals, St Giles, who deservedly won a hard-fought game at our place, knocking us off top spot in Senior One in the process. Our fate therefore is no longer in our hands. If we win our four remaining games, we might still finish second in the league if St Giles win all theirs. The games are tough too: Fulbourn at home and away fixtures against Wisbech, Chatteris (who are also in with a chance of the league title) and Thriplow. Whatever happens, this has been a very successful season under the captaincy of AP Stafford. Paul Ellum is the league's leading wicket-taker, closely followed by Mark Milne, and Kane Munday is the league's highest run-scorer. Those two have been outstanding but the whole team has performed well with Ben Cliverd proving to be a superb acquisition, contributing vital runs and wickets in every game. Dan Heath has finished for the season because of his football commitments but he is also in the top ten league batters according to the stats and has also been a brilliant wickie. Alan Sutton and Paul Mortlock have made crucial scores to win matches and Tom Barnard has also been hugely effective with bat and ball.

The seconds are top of Junior Five South but by a whisker and will have to win their final four fixtures to be certain of winning the league to secure a second successive promotion. Skipper Gion Martin will have to hope that our perennial August problem of player availability for the seconds does not return to haunt us this year. Danny Nicholls and Chris Munday have been the stand-out performers with bat and ball but Chris is now required for the firsts and Danny is injured so others will have to step up. We shall see.

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The stalls include upmarket bric-a-brac, books, an art exhibition, local produce and jams, and posh ladies' vintage fashion, plus the most amazing raffle with prizes from seven local restaurants including a meal from the Tickell Arms and the Navigator plus a £20 voucher from Barkers the Butchers.

Ladies in Rubber Gloves will be providing coffee and cake plus superb lunches. Sing along for four minutes with the Pilates Choir at 2pm, followed by the raffle draw. Children can also have a photo of themselves emailed to their parents for only £3. Proceeds towards the Fabric Fund, St Mary's Church, Whittlesford.

Frances Dumbleton



25TH ANNIVERSARY FETE SATURDAY 10 SEPTEMBER

A huge fete will be held at Emmaus, Green End, Landbeach, CB25 9FD (access from the A10) from 10am to 4pm. On-site parking is available. The community opened in 1991 after a local man, Selwyn Image, was challenged by a man at a soup kitchen to do something different to help homeless people. Emmaus now provides people who have experienced homelessness with a stable home, as well as meaningful work. Representatives from more than 20 of the Emmaus communities will be travelling to Cambridge to hold stalls at the fete, selling a wide range of vintage items and bric-a-brac. Emmaus UK's President, Terry Waite, will also be speaking at the event, and there will be a range of food and drink stalls. All money raised will be used to fund training and development opportunities helping homeless people to gain the skills and experience they need to move forward with their lives.



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There are three stone access ramps for dogs, ducks and other animals to get in and out of the river without damaging the new planting. The parallel ditch has also been dredged of rocks and toxic rubbish. A new path covered in bark chippings has been built along the river to allow access throughout the year ... it was getting a bit too muddy in the winter.

An alder tree growing out of the bank had to be cut back to allow access, but it has been coppiced under supervision and should grow back big and healthy. Some of the lower hanging branches of the riverside trees were also cut back to allow access for machinery, but they too should return quickly. At the moment the riverbank might appear a little bare, but the grasses, wildflowers and weeds should all regrow soon to make the area a beautiful haven of peace once again. Currently the river water level is about 25cm (1 foot) below its normal level with little to no flow. This should be restored by Thursday 18 August.

The bulk of the project costs were provided by a grant from landfill firm Amey which the Parish Council successfully applied for through the Cambridgeshire Community Foundation. A further small grant came from South Cambridgeshire District Council, with the small remaining balance being met from Parish Council funds. Many thanks to all organisations who contributed to the costs. Our thanks should also go to Councillor Stephen Chittenden for leading the project over the last year or so, Clerk Mike Winter for supervising the implementation, Rob Mungovan, Ecology Consultancy Officer, SCDC for assisting with the project design and all village residents who contributed to the consultations.

The project represents a major long term improvement to the riverbank area and at little cost to the village. The Parish Council have always stressed that this was only the first phase to stabilise and clean up the riverbank. We would really appreciate village residents' ideas on what should be done next to add to the enjoyment and use of the riverbank area. Please revisit the Riverbank and give the Parish Council your views at parishclerkgreatshelford@gmail.com.

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Join us for two movies: **5.15pm** for the family movie *Gnomeo & Juliet* and at **7pm** a film for teenagers and young people. Refreshments and BBQ will be available throughout the evening. Tickets available in advance from Liz Carrothers (see above) and also on the door.

Sunday 11 September at 11 am: All Saints Harvest Celebration

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FOOTBALL CLUB

It doesn't seem five minutes since the last season finished, but here we are again already. The very successful management team of Ben Farmer and Nick Baggaley have performed an about turn for the third successive season with Nick taking over as manager again and Ben reverting to the assistant role. Regular followers will remember that we had to withdraw the reserve team from the league before last season had even started, so I am very pleased to announce that we will have a team again this season. The team will be made up of promising, mainly young players and have been reinstated in Division 2A of the Cambridgeshire County League. They will be managed by Ed New, who was part of the Cambridge City youth management set up last season and was previously a player with Fulbourn Institute FC. Sadly, it looks as if we won't have a veteran's team this season but we are pleased that their manager, Terry Gore, is retaining an active role with the club.

The first team started by retaining the pre-season Terry Wilson Memorial Trophy for the third year in succession and the 24th in total since the competition began in 1972. Similar to last season this early form unfortunately deserted them in the first league game with a 3–1 away defeat to newly promoted Chatteris Town. We dominated the first half, scoring one and missing several other good chances, but in the second half Chatteris came more into the game and an early equaliser was followed up with two superb further goals.

With two teams again this season there will be home matches on most Saturday afternoons, so why not come along and support your local club? The clubroom above the village hall will be open for a drink after games and everyone is welcome.

As always we are looking for volunteers to help on match days, before, during and after games, so if anyone is interested please contact me on 01354 680661 or our Secretary Tony Holden on 07971 538901.

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TENNIS CLUB

Game, set and matched: how a visit by a former Shelford girl revealed a 1950s love story on the village tennis courts

Great Shelford Tennis Club was visited during the summer by a former village resident, Christine Henning, who now lives in Norfolk. The clubhouse was locked, so she peered through the door but was unable to see what she had come for.

Undeterred, Christine wrote to the club secretary, 'I made a nostalgic visit recently, and looking through the windows I saw that the engraved boards of club captains, cup winners etc. were relatively recent. Do you still have the old boards going back to late 1940s or early 1950s?'

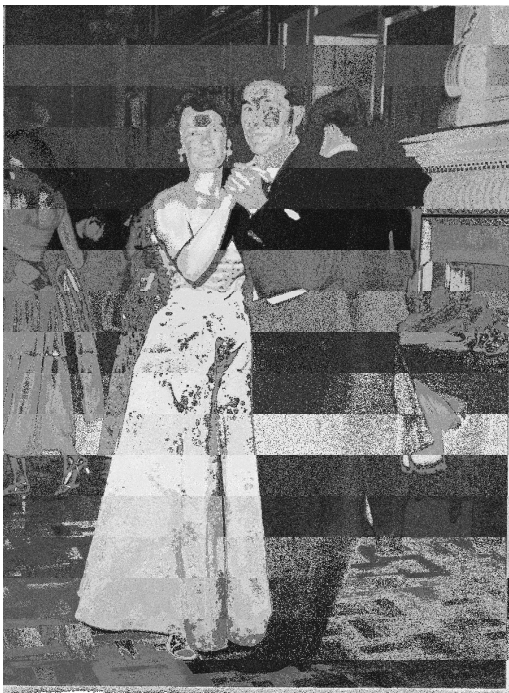
What Christine was seeking was a record of her parents' time at the club from around half a century ago.

She continued, 'I wonder if there is any mention on them of either a Tony (Antony) Henning or a Phoebe Edmiston. I would be very interested to know, if you have any information from that time.'

GSTC Secretary Sarah Franklin was able to provide the good news, along with a photograph of one particular name on the club board. So Christine finally got to see that little piece of family history.



'That's my mother, Phoebe Rose Edmiston,' replied Christine. 'She lived in Coppice Avenue. She and my father met at Great Shelford Tennis Club and were married in St Mary's the year of her secretaryship. At that time, as you probably know, tennis clubs were THE place to meet and socialise and they really enjoyed all that went with it. They were both good players and we went on to have a court at our home in Wokingham.'



Phoebe and Tony Henning

Christine then explained the sad reasons for her return to the village. 'The reason I was in Great Shelford was because my father died recently (Mum died in 2014) and their joint memorial stone was laid in the churchyard a couple of weeks ago. I'm afraid that seeing the photo of the board has made me very misty-eyed. Perhaps when I come back that way sometime I can get in touch with you.'

We now hope that Christine will join us as guest of honour at the club's annual dinner. After all, she simply would not exist if her parents' eyes had not met across a tennis net in Shelford all those years ago. She is living proof of the GSTC motto: 'May friendship flow through sport'.

You can join us at gstc.org.uk. Who knows, you too may find love!

Stephen Chittenden

RUGBY CLUB



A reminder that Youth Registration day is 4 September from 10am until noon on the Davey Field, directly opposite Scotsdale's Garden Centre. We take children from under 7s to 18. There will be training every Sunday in September.

The season runs from the first Sunday in September through to the last Sunday in April. There will be home games, away games and tournaments. For the older children there is also mid-week training, and some of the older teams have the opportunity to go on tour. For more details on the events and the club in general please look at the website www.shelfordrugby.co.uk or email me at shelfordphysio@aol.com

Stephanie Hatter, Youth Secretary

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CAMBRIDGE ARTS THEATRE

2–17	<i>84 Charing Cross Road</i> Adaptation of Helene Hanff's best-selling story of transatlantic friendship
20–25	<i>The Tiger Who Came to Tea</i> (Family show for ages 3+)
26–Oct 1	<i>The Woman in Black</i> based on Susan Hill's acclaimed ghost story
Telephone: 01223 503333 Web: www.cambridgeartstheatre.com	

SAWSTON CINEMA

15	7.30pm	<i>Eddie the Eagle</i> (British comedy based on true story)
22	7.00pm	<i>The Threepenny Opera</i> (NT Live)
Telephone: 01223 712825 Web: www.sawstoncinema.org.uk		

SCOTSDALES

28	10am or 11am	Little Seedlings – Rainbow Fish (activities for children of 2–5) Booking required
Telephone: 01223 842777 Web: www.scotsdalegardencentre.co.uk		

STAPLEFORD GRANARY

15	7.30pm	<i>By Permission of Heaven</i> Adrian Tiniswood talk about the Great Fire of London based on his new book
17	10.30am to 5pm	<i>Reading 'To the Lighthouse'</i> A one-day symposium in which three leading Woolf scholars reflect on aspects of the novel
17 and 18	10am–4pm	<i>Wild and ancient Wandlebury</i> A creative art weekend with Julia Sorrell: Day 1 sketching at Wandlebury, day 2 painting at Stapleford Granary
25	12 noon	Allegrì String Quartet: Mendelssohn, Roth, Ravel
Telephone: 01223 849004 Web: www.staplefordgranary.org.uk		

WANDLEBURY

12	6–8pm	Wandlebury Adventurers' Club (8-12 year olds, first of six weekly sessions, must be booked and paid for as whole course. Cost £60)
Telephone: 01223 243830 Web: www.cambridgeppf.org		

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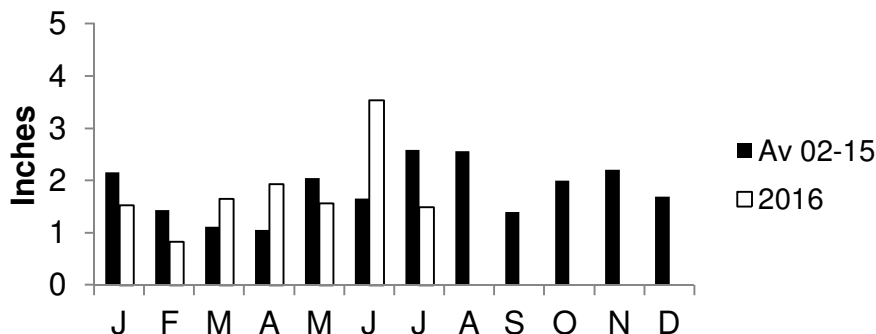
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Great Shelford Village Rainfall 2016



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Bunch – Feast	Duncan Grey		842191
Carpet Bowls	Margaret Kelly		473520
Citizens Advice Bureau	Cambridge		0844 8487979
Community Association	(for booking Memorial Hall) Sheila Tilbury-Davis		844384
Country Market	Dorothy Doel		843946
Cricket Club	Mrs M Ellum		842394
Darts League	Mr D Matthews		845287
Football Club	Terry Rider		01354 680661
Free Church			842181
Friends of Shelford Library	Daphne Sulston		842248
Garden Club	Helen Chubb		845032
Great Shelford Friendship Club	Cheryl Mynott		845435
Health Centre	Ashen Green, Great Shelford		843661
Mobile Warden Scheme	Jackie Noble (Wdn)	700920	Jenny Morris (Chair) 846332
Parish Church Bellringers	Ann Smith		577980
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Parish Church Friends	Bob Doel		843946
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