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GREAT SHELFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Summary from draft minutes of the September meeting

PUBLIC SESSION

The pedestrian track from Mores Meadow to The Hectare is to receive new gates to prevent vehicular access, but will allow pedestrian access.

There was concern over the potential removal of the telephone kiosk on High Green. The Chair confirmed the Parish Council was supporting its retention but the decision rested with BT.

REPORTS FROM ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES

District Cllrs Ben Shelton and Charlie Nightingale reported that the consultation on County Council boundaries is continuing and will be reviewed at the full Council meeting on Thursday 22 September 2016. A loan of £1.85m is to be requested from SCDC to develop an ice rink at Newmarket Rd. SCDC are offering a grant of £10,000 to support any Parish Council willing to trial a village 'monthly only' collection for all bins. This was not considered an option by the Parish Council. Cllr Nightingale requested that the trees in the belt to the south of Magog Court should be included in a Tree Preservation Order.

County Cllrs Tony Orgee and Gail Kenny presented their report. Applications for Local Highway Initiative funding need to be submitted by 30 November for review at a panel meeting on 30/31 January 2017. Comments on the consultation on the City Deal – Tackling Congestion need to be submitted by 10 October.

The safety of the Stapleford to Sawston cycle way was raised. Cllr Tony Orgee confirmed it had also been raised at Sawston Parish Council meeting and advised the Parish Council should email Graham Hughes, CCC Executive Director (Economy, Transport and Environment), declaring their support that the route was unsafe.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES AND REPRESENTATIVES

Highways Cllr Ashurst reported that the revised locations for parking on Church Street, the amendments to the zigzag restrictions on the pedestrian crossing in Woollards Lane and the options for the locations of speed indicator devices would be reviewed at the next Highways committee meeting.

Planning Cllr Hodge reported that the next Neighbourhood Plan meeting would be on 5 October in the Memorial Hall. There will be a Local Plan hearing on 9 November regarding the proposal to designate Grange Field an area of Open Space.

Recreation Ground It was agreed to defer the purchase of additional riverbank facilities until the Copse development plan had been agreed.

Playscape liaison Eleanor McCrone, representing Playscape, presented the proposals for the Copse development. The design produced by Sophie Smith and the quotation for materials, equipment and SSYI support up to a maximum expenditure of £7,000 were approved. Financial grants and contributions are available from SSYI and Co-Op Community Fund towards this project. Playscape are also having a general fund raising event of a Sponsored Charity Abseil down the tower of St Mary's Church on Saturday 1 October.

Police liaison Cllr Barrie Ashurst reported that incidents on the Stapleford to Sawston cycle way have resulted in police attendance and a statement from the police that the cycle way needs improving. Parking Enforcement will be reviewed at the next Highways meeting.

Social media Great Shelford Website at *shelford.lucidata.com* will cease to update from 17 October 2016. The new website operated by the Parish Council will be established as soon as possible.

Pavilion The quotation of £425 to upgrade the pavilion roof drainage was accepted. Expenditure of up to £1,500 was approved for additional equipment for the Village Man to meet his new work schedule. The Village Man's absence for a family funeral was approved but not to be part of the employment contract.

The proposal to increase charges for Sports Clubs who misuse the Recreation Ground and Pavilion was reviewed. It was agreed to give the Clerk discretion on all potential charges and to circulate a note to that effect to all club users.

Memorial Hall Flower beds It was agreed the Brownies would take over flower bed maintenance. A budget of £400 for plants and £183.32p for labour to dig out the flower bed was approved.

Allotments A quotation of £2,189 for cutting of all perimeter hedges at Stonehill allotments was approved.

Clay pit Quotations for clearing and maintenance of the Clay pit were held in abeyance. Cllr Bridget Hodge is arranging an initial clear up with the Wildlife Trust and an agreed annual maintenance plan.

Finance 13 cheques as presented by the clerk amounting to £10,721.55 were approved and signed. Chair Mike Nettleton is now on the signature list and Barclays have provided £105 compensation for the delays.

Correspondence

In response to a request for the Parish Council to maintain the unattended grass strip at Maris Green, the Clerk has arranged for the Village Man to provide a half day's work clearing as immediate assistance, but the resident was informed the area was not the responsibility of the Parish Council. The Clerk was

advised by the County Cllrs present to advise residents of Maris Green to contact Peter Taylor at the County Council.

Up to three Parish Councillors were invited to attend Amey Awards Events on 9 November. Names were to be confirmed by 14 October.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS PARISH COUNCIL COMMENTS

S/1925/16/FL	Land at M11 junction, west of Hauxton Road	Sporting village residential development
Recommend refusal. See article on page 5.		

S/1724/16/FL	29 High Street	Change of use from office to coffee shop, erection of canopy and decking
No objection to the change of use but would like details of the staff car parking to be clarified.		

S/2051/16/FL	The Studio, High Green	Change of use to D2 with ancillary B1
Recommend refusal. Although we would like to support the relocation of a local business we believe the car parking provision is inadequate and the increased traffic movements especially in the evenings and at weekend will have an adverse effect on the amenities of nearby properties. Maris Green is a narrow road which is often congested at the junction with High Green and we believe the proposed use will exacerbate these problems.		

S/2231/16/LD	2 Davey Crescent	Lawful development certificate for change from hip to gable roof and rear dormer
Noted		

S/2238/16/FL S/2239/16/LB	The Old Forge Rectory Farm.	Conversion of outbuilding to residential accommodation
No objections.		

S/2139/16/FL	10 Redhill Lane	Two storey side extension and single storey side and rear extensions
No objections.		

S/1625/16/LB	21 High Green	Internal alterations to a listed building
No objections		

S/2259/16/FL	36 High Green	Single storey rear extension
No objections		

S/2276/16/FL	28 Buristead Road	Two storey side and rear extension
No objections		

S/1960/16/OL	25 Westfield Road	Amended plan
We still object to the principle of backland development on this narrow site and continue to recommend refusal in view of the adverse impact of the development on the residential amenities of adjoining properties as explained in our previous comments.		

S/2435/16/FL	14 Woollards Lane	Demolition of existing house and building of three dwellings
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This is a sensitive location at the heart of the village and the Conservation area and therefore we would have expected the applicants to have sought pre-application advice from the local authority and/or attempted to consult with the Parish Council. Neither has occurred.

Recommend refusal for the following reasons:

14 Woollards Lane has been identified as a positive building in the Great Shelford Conservation Area Appraisal. Its scale, siting, form and detailing express many of the characteristics noted in the Village Design Statement valuable in creating the particular character of Great Shelford. We therefore object to its demolition.

The proposed dwellings are of a design, siting and form which do not respect the scale and diversity of the village setting or the essential qualities of village character. In the western part of Woollards Lane the streetscape opens up from the enclosed shopping and business area to the open spaces in front of the village hall, the garden of Southernwood and 14 Woollards Lane. The proposal to erect three large dwellings in close proximity to each other will not preserve or enhance this open character of the conservation area. In addition the proposed buildings will cause overshadowing of and be overbearing to adjoining properties.

The Conservation Area Appraisal notes that old apple trees should be identified and conserved for their biodiversity value. The proposal is to clear all the trees from the site and is therefore contrary to this advice.

The proposal amounts to overdevelopment of the site.

SPORTING VILLAGE DEVELOPMENT

Trumpington Meadows Land Company is proposing to develop a Sporting Village on land near the M11 west of Hauxton Road, Trumpington. The development would include 520 houses, together with sports facilities, community and leisure uses and retail development, with access from Hauxton Road.

Great Shelford Parish Council strongly objects to the proposed development and therefore recommends refusal for the following reasons:

- Decisions as to where to site new major recreational facilities and housing development should be plan led following analysis of all the options. GSPC does not believe this has occurred in this case and the proposal is not in accordance with the Cambridge City and South Cambridgeshire Local Plans which are being considered at the moment. The proposal will bring development closer to the M11, will adversely impact on the setting of the country park and will set a precedent for further development in the green belt.
- GSPC does not believe this proposal identifies the very special circumstances required in para 88 of the National Planning Policy Framework to overcome objections to inappropriate development in the green belt. Only a full analysis of all other options will ensure a sound decision is made. The application is therefore premature.
- Trumpington Meadows development was designed such that its boundary would create a clear cut, crisp and well defined edge to the built up area which would form a gateway to Cambridge. Development to the motorway would obscure and muddy this edge, creating a linkage with the Glebe Farm development and through to the Clay Farm development. This would destroy the clear delineation between the built up area and the open landscape of the green belt in direct conflict with the aims of the green belt as identified in NPPF.
- The proposal to place an assortment of different uses with their associated infrastructure between this edge and the M11 will create an urban edge to the motorway in direct conflict with landscaping policies agreed upon for the edges of other urban extensions such as NW Cambridge.
- Development on the existing housing sites released from the green belt and the Addenbrookes 2020 site have resulted in steadily increasing levels of traffic passing through the villages to the south of Cambridge with a corresponding increase in noise and air pollution.
- This proposal would have a considerable adverse impact on Great Shelford in terms of traffic generation and its associated side effects.

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Adult care

We need re-ablement care workers in Sawston. Our residents are staying in hospital long after they could be home with help. With flexible hours it is a rewarding and fulfilling job. There is a car leasing scheme with mileage and travel. These jobs are advertised on the County website. We want people who are kind and thoughtful, and can work with nurses and physiotherapists. Training includes NVQ courses and a pension scheme. Contact *alison.finlay@cambridgeshire.gov.uk*

Devolution

The final decision on devolution will be made by all Councils in the week of 14 November. The national government is fully committed and is already talking about what other services can be devolved. The new combined Authority with a directly elected mayor should be in place by May 2017.

20 mph limits

CCC policy prevents 20mph limits on A and B roads, but sometimes these run through busy villages. Our officers have agreed to be more flexible, and they will take into account relevant information such as speed survey data, the likelihood of compliance, congestion, and the provision of calming measures when deciding that these roads can be slowed further. CCC is hoping to consider bids in the Local Highways Improvement schemes this Autumn.

School Crossing Patrols

CCC has decided to stop manned school crossings where there are traffic lights. Contact *richard.lumley@cambridgeshire.gov.uk*.

Home to school transport

Local people worry that the cycle path used regularly by Sawston Village College children between Sawston and Stapleford is very narrow in parts and will be dark in the winter. CCC plans to 'sideout' the existing path from Sawston to Stapleford and to undertake hedge trimming in November to maximise the width of the path. CCC has also offered cycle training to SVC and will highlight measures which will assist cycling safety. Long term we require capital from City Deal money, Greenways project, Future DfT funding bids or S106 money from future building in the neighbourhood.

A14

Work has started on enabling works and construction is starting in late 2016 on the Brampton to Alconbury end of the road.

Publication of Rights of Way for Cambridgeshire

A consolidated definitive map of all Rights of Way in Cambridgeshire up till May 2016 has been published and a digital version can be found on the CCC website. Contact laurence.smith@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

Cycle Paths

Work has started on a new foot and cycleway through Babraham Research Campus. This will link Babraham village with Sawston and will be open to members of the public including runners, walkers and leisure cyclists. Contact mike.davies@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

Highways works in Great Shelford

Work to replace kerbs and carriageway patching in Cambridge Road will start on 17 October. The work is scheduled to be completed by 26 October.

Work to refurbish the traffic signals at the Station Road / Woollards Lane junction is scheduled to start on 17 October. This work is scheduled to be completed by 25 November, and whilst the work is in progress there will be temporary multi-way traffic signals in place.

Local Highway Improvement (LHI) schemes

Details of the 2017/18 round of the Local Highways Improvement scheme were circulated to parish councils in early September. Bids for funding in 2017/18 have to be submitted by 30 November 2016, so there is still time for Great Shelford Parish Council to prepare and submit a bid to follow up on last year's successful bid, which we supported.

As in previous years, the maximum County Council grant is £10,000 and parishes are required to agree a financial contribution of at least 10% towards any approved scheme.

Culvert lining on the Sawston bypass

Local residents travelling on the Sawston bypass will be affected by culvert lining work to 5 culverts. This work was due to begin on 17 October, but there has been a delay to the start. Once the work starts it will last for around six weeks (subject to weather and unforeseen conditions). Traffic lights will be in place during working hours so there may be some delays to traffic.

The work will use 'Cured in place pipe' (CIPP) technology, which involves lining the pipe with a high strength resin composite. The advantages of this system are that there is no need to replace the culverts, they do not corrode, and the process is more environmentally friendly. There is also a large cost saving compared to traditional strengthening methods or full replacement.

Cambridge Access Study and tackling peak-time congestion

This consultation ended on 10 October, and proved to be very controversial. Officers are now working on all the consultation responses and a further report will be presented to the City Deal Executive Board sometime early in 2017.

Devolution update

We reported in detail last month on the devolution proposals, and stated that all the councils involved were organising special council meetings about the devolution proposals towards the end of October.

Since then, the Department for Communities and Local Government (DCLG) has written to the local councils involved to advise that they will not be able to make available the necessary draft orders that need to be laid before Parliament until the middle of November.

This is slightly later than DCLG originally planned. The special council meetings that were originally planned for late October have therefore been moved back by two or three weeks.

Gail Kenney, Tony Orgee

SHELFORD MEDICAL PRACTICE

I very much enjoyed meeting a lot of patients at the first of our flu clinics when we managed to vaccinate over 600 people.

Our next flu clinic will be held on **Saturday 5 November**.

To book an appointment at the clinic, please ring the surgery on 01223 843661. It is better to ring after 11 am as the phone lines are less busy.

New staff and nurse recruitment

We have been busy recruiting a new Operations Manager who will deal with any daily issues arising at the Practice. He should be starting later this month and I will provide more details for the next newsletter.

We also have adverts out for new nursing staff to replace Jane Hewson, who is retiring at Christmas.

Jackie Roberts

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NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN



The meeting on 5 October was well attended – nearly 60 people including representatives from other parishes and authorities wanting to know where we were and benefit from our start-up. They did benefit and it was a useful dialogue for all.

What have we done so far? The steering group has:

- Defined the area covered by the plan and applied for recognition with SCDC
- Started consultation work with all stakeholders at village shows, through letters to business in the widest context and through general conversations
- Considered the design of a website
- Used social media to inform communities
- It was very gratifying to hear from Bridget Smith of Gamlingay Neighbourhood Plan that what we have done mirrors much of their work and also areas of concentration. She was warmly applauded and all were grateful to her for giving her time to us.

These broad key aspects have arisen:

- Green belt – address its erosion and look to our landscape, how we access green areas through footpaths and bridleways, and the overall sustainable environment.
- Village Infrastructure – recreational facilities, social facilities, health services, community facilities, shopping, business opportunities.
- Transport – traffic flow, parking, buses, cycle routes and trains.
- Development – specific areas in the villages with scope to secure design improvements to proposed developments, housing development and especially affordable housing needs specifically for those with local connections who can be provided for on exception sites.
- Members of the community were asked to join the group of their choice to initiate discussion with four volunteer collators and some real concerns were considered. The next steps are for those who linked themselves to these groups to meet and begin to consider formulating a questionnaire. It may be that the groups will have to be further devolved to accommodate all of the work and interests. Life changes.

Please get involved. It is your community. If you could not attend the meeting but are interested in taking part, please send your contact details and areas of interest/expertise to Beckie Whitehouse – staplefordparishclerk@gmail.com.



GREAT SHELFORD PARISH CHURCH

www.stmarysgreatshelford.org/

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

Remembrance Sunday 2016

The Great Shelford Remembrance Service will be held at Great Shelford Free Church (shared with ourselves – no 10am Parish Communion at St Mary's) on Sunday 13 November at 9.30am, welcoming many groups from the community, including the members of the local branch of the Royal British Legion. The service will conclude at around 10.30am to move to the War Memorial in time for a short service starting at approximately 10.50am, including reading of the names of the Fallen, the Silence and laying of wreaths.

Armistice Day Commemoration: 11.11.11

There will be a brief public service to mark Armistice Day on Friday 11 November at 10.55am on War Memorial Green in Great Shelford.

Major Roof Repairs at St Mary's

The work on the roof and associated stone work repairs has begun. The project may last for up to six months, depending upon the weather conditions and what the contractors find as the roof is stripped. The extensive temporary scaffolding roof will remain for the duration of the project and there is also some internal scaffolding which will be removed before Christmas. Services are continuing as normal, but the project does mean that those thinking of marriage services will need to take account of the repair works.

Church Security

There have been a number of lead thefts from churches in East Anglia in recent weeks and the police and Diocesan authorities have asked rural churches to be especially vigilant. This applies in particular to parish churches where roofing works are taking place, as the scaffolding could provide easy access. Our contractors will be securing the site at the end of the working day and the scaffolding will be alarmed and monitored. However, vigilant eyes and ears locally are particularly valuable, so if you see **anything** suspicious at night or over the weekends, please report it directly to the police.

Harvest Festival and Gift Day Appeal – Thank You!

A sincere thank you on behalf of the Cambridge Churches Calais Refugee Action Group for the generous gifts which have been transported to their centre

in Cambridge. Thanks also to those who planned and catered for the excellent Harvest Lunch. I hope we can mount another social occasion fairly soon.

As I write, we are still receiving the responses to our Gift Day Appeal and I will have the results to report next month. Thank you in anticipation for your generous responses.

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.com

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, and biscuits/cakes will be available after the service. The structure of the session is, the same songs each week and a bible story, ending with prayer. All families are welcome.

From the registers:

Burial of cremated remains:

October 6 Sir John Osborn Kt

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)

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ABSEILING FOR PLAYScape



On 1 October, 40 intrepid abseilers took on St Mary's Tower! Before you could actually *abseil* your first challenge was to climb the steep winding steps, clamber over the enormous church bells and squeeze up another metal ladder. Fortunately you were greeted by the very cheery Hatt Events lot who had you roped up and out over the edge before you could say '?!'.

With a steady stream of spectators the café and side stalls were kept busy and the teddy drop was huge fun! Melly, Year 2's school bear, had a rather adventurous exeat weekend being joint winner with 3-year-old Lily's Angelina Ballerina. And those abseiling in the middle of the day had an extra

challenge: it turns out, when it rains and you're stuck to the side of the tower, the gargoyle above you pours water straight into your face!

So a huge thank you to all those who took on the challenge and raised much needed funds for the Playscape scheme, to the willing volunteers who helped us run the entertainments, to Rev Simon Talbott and the church for allowing us to hold the event, to Gatward builders who came to our rescue at the eleventh hour, to Bob Townsend for preparing the tower (and perhaps more importantly resetting things so the bells could ring out again on the Sunday!) and finally to our one and only Jenny David who organised it so magnificently.

Donations are still trickling in, however we have made at least £4000, which is a super effort. Ian Tomlinson, local father of four, raised a fantastic £1,170 before Gift Aid – a voucher for two at the Square and Compass's steak night is winging its way to him.

Co-op Community Fund – Please choose us!

Don't forget, you can support Playscape with a swipe of your blue card. Simply logon to your account at <https://membership.coop.co.uk/sign-in> and follow the instructions to choose us as your cause. This money will go directly into buying materials and plants for the Copse project.

Eleanor McCrone info@shelfordplayscape.org



Great Shelford
Free Church

HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING?

One of the great loves of my life is music. If you were to look at my collection of music, from sheet music, LPs, cassettes, CDs and now mostly downloads, you would find a very eclectic range; I have songs and pieces from many genres and artists.

Although in my adult life I have learnt to play a variety of musical instruments, (none of them particularly well!) as a child I have no recollection of having that opportunity. However, what we did do was sing, and I can remember most of those songs today, mainly assembly hymns or English folk songs. Coming from a family of Methodists, I sang on Sundays too, and Fridays as I rehearsed for the church choir. My family sang around the house, and among my friends were many who came from musical families. Parents instinctively sing to their babies and toddlers, even if they haven't done so for years, and no small child believes she or he 'can't sing'.

Therefore, it comes as no surprise to me to learn that singing has been scientifically proven to be highly beneficial for both physical and mental health. Research has suggested that it not only increases oxygen levels in the blood but triggers the release of 'happy' hormones such as oxytocin, which is thought to help lower stress levels and blood pressure. Feeling part of a cohesive social group such as a choir or congregation adds to the experience of using your voice to make music; there is meaning in the synchronicity of moving and breathing with other people.

Once again, the Bible has got there first, containing as it does at least 185 songs. Battles, coronations, funerals, cities being sacked, and seas splitting up – you can find songs for all kinds of occasions. God's people are more than just invited to sing – we are commanded to sing.

'... be filled with the Spirit, addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart ...'

Our singing is more than a warm-up for the sermon or a filler in the service. If you have ever experienced an 'earworm' (when a song gets stuck in your head, sometime for days on end) you will know how songs are great ways to learn words, so when we sing, we are memorising whole chunks of God's word without really trying. So when we find ourselves in difficult, dreary or sad times, we can call on our reserves of God's promises to strengthen us. When

we find ourselves in times of great joy and thankfulness for which we can't find our own words, singing God's praises give expression to that too.

Singing has such a unique way of bringing heart, soul, mind, and strength together to focus entirely and completely on God. In an age of distraction, singing grabs the attention of all our senses. Singing matters, and it matters that we do it together.

Liz Jenkin (Elder, Great Shelford Free Church)

Worship Services at Great Shelford Free Church

Friday 4 November @ 11.00am Richard Renouf: 'Don't Cry' (Luke 7:11–23)

Sunday 6 November @ 10.30am Communion Service: Richard Renouf: 'Jesus is rejected' (Mark 6:1–6)

Friday 11 November @ 11.00am Diana Parr: 'Do you see this woman?' (Luke 7:36–49)

Sunday 13 November @ 9.30am Remembrance Day Service, followed by time of remembrance at Shelford Memorial (10.45am)

Friday 18 November @ 11.00am Lou Everard: 'You are set free' (Luke 13:10–17)

Sunday 20 November @ 10.30am Rev'd Martin Cockerill: 'Do nothing ... Christmas is coming'

Friday 25 November @ 11.00am Lou Everard: 'You are set free' (Luke 13:10–17)

Sunday 27 November @ 10.30am Visiting Speaker: Rev'd Peter Nodding
Communion Service @ 6.30pm



Creative worship for all ages @ Tea Time Together

November 13 – 3T: Bonfire and Storytelling 3.30pm

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Story telling is an important part of our culture. We will gather together around a camp fire to enjoy a time of story-telling, singing ... and good food.

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.

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HEIDI ALLEN



The return to Parliament has started with a bang. I'm keeping a close eye on some of the new legislation coming through as I believe there may be some great opportunities. Through the Digital Economy Bill I want to explore whether we can legislate for all TV companies to provide subtitles. Also, a universal broadband standard could be transformative for the constituency. The

Neighbourhood Planning Bill could set mandatory levels of accessible housing in all new developments, something our disabled and elderly residents know is often in short supply.

I kept up my contact with local NHS organisations by meeting with the incoming Chair and Chief Executive of the CCG, and attending the 250th Anniversary celebration for Addenbrooke's Hospital. It didn't surprise me to hear that Addenbrooke's was the first hospital to deliver bedside examinations; they continue to provide outstanding care for our constituency and I'd like to take this opportunity to place my thanks on record for the outstanding service they provide.

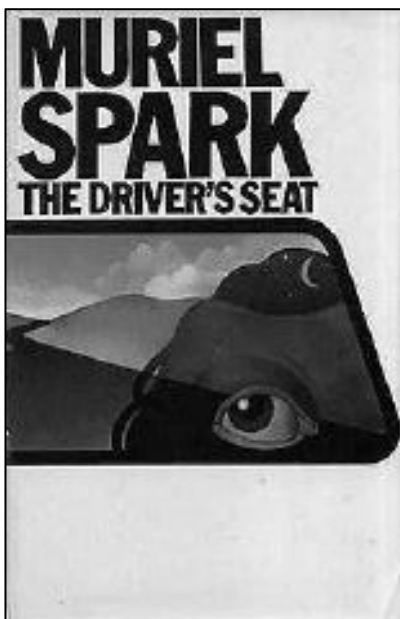
I also dropped into Gilead Sciences, one of our bioscience pioneers in Granta Park, pioneering investigational drugs for cancer, HIV and hepatitis C. My inner science nerdiness really enjoyed hearing from such a passionate and forward focused team. South Cambridgeshire has an unrivalled reputation for bio-sciences and it's important we support them as we transition through Brexit.

I had an extremely positive meeting with Stephen Kelly, the new Joint director of Planning and Economic Development at South Cambs District Council. He is dedicated to improving the service of his department and is determined to make planning a fair and transformative system for all. The job isn't going to be easy but he is committed to delivering change and I support his initiatives to recruit more planners to his department which will give a better service to all.

You might have seen the new Constituency Boundary Proposals which came out in September. You can see what is suggested for South Cambridgeshire and have your say by visiting this website www.bce2018.org.uk. Please get in touch with any issues and you're welcome come to my 'no appointment needed' drop in surgeries. The next dates are Saturday 19 November and 10 December. You can find full details on my website www.heidisouthcambs.co.uk/residents-drop-surgeries or call my office at 01954 212707 or drop me an email at heidi.allen.mp@parliament.uk.

BOOK REVIEW

THE DRIVER'S SEAT BY MURIEL SPARK



We had a Muriel Spark novella last year, and this month's book, *The Driver's Seat* (1970), is just as good.

It's the era of the mini skirt in Britain, and Lise readies herself for an Italian getaway in order to 'get a rest'. We notice there's something odd about Lise. That feeling grows when she's abroad, as we see her unravelling, moving from middle-class eccentricity to some kind of mental breakdown. What will happen to Lise and where will she end up?

Spark's precise prose trims every loose word, leaving us a skeleton of a book that is 108 pages long. We never know if Spark loves her characters or not. She presents them with a journalistic eye, reporting the facts and nothing more. Yet she allows us to love them. Lise is marvellously

opinionated; take this earnest remark she makes to an old woman she's teamed up with and dragging around the shops: 'If he uses a paper-knife,' Lise says, 'obviously he isn't a hippy. If he were a hippy he would open his letters with his fingers.'

A highlight of this work, and one she does in *The Prime of Miss Jean Brodie* (1961), is forewarning the ending. Usually I dislike that technique, as I believe a strong ending is a device that should be held back to create greater dramatic impact, but with Spark it works incredibly well, probably as it's done so matter-of-factly.

My comparison is completely chalk and cheese, but it did remind me of Hunter S. Thompson's magnum opus novel, *Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas* (1972). It's the way both protagonists effortlessly lie that formed the link. All books mentioned can be ordered to the Great Shelford library.

The Driver's Seat is a spectacular novella. It starts funny, becomes frightening and finally pitifully sad.

Garry Pope

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HISTORY OF MYSTERY

The Friends of Great Shelford Library will be hosting a talk by Dr John Davenport entitled *My History of Mystery* on Wednesday 9 November at 7.30 pm in the library.

John is a member of the Inner Magic Circle in London and is a past president of the Cambridge Pentacle Magic Club. His family have been performing magic and selling magic to amateur and professional magicians since 1898. John will explore how magic has developed over the centuries and will illustrate points by demonstrating various types of magic. He has given his assurance that no animals or people will be harmed during this event.

Tickets (members £3 and non-members £5) can be obtained in advance from the library or on the door. Numbers are limited due to fire regulations.

Little Shelford Local History Society

Little Shelford Memorial Hall

Wednesday 9 November

at 7.30pm

A talk by Helen Harwood

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engage



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A talk by Annie James from the Huntingdon Family History Society

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STAPLEFORD GRANARY

On Sunday 9 October, thirty children from Stapleford and Shelford School Choirs under the direction of Lucy Barlow had the wonderful experience of singing alongside professional musicians Clara Sanabras and Harvey Brough.



‘Songs of Spanish Exile’ is an elegy told in Catalan, Spanish and English, and featured brand new compositions, as well as traditional material, using a variety of instruments, such as baroque guitar, charango and mandolin.

Clara and Harvey delivered a captivating performance and were highly impressed by the children’s standard of singing and mastery of complex rhythms, making particularly difficult songs sound effortless. Clara is a mesmerising performer and most original singer-song writer with Sioux and Gypsy blood running through her veins. Harvey has been working to promote community music for many years now, and it was a privilege for us to embark on such an exciting adventure working with him alongside our two local young choirs.

Looking ahead to other events as the days get shorter, we will be welcoming back the Allegri String Quartet on 11 to 13 November, Kosmos concert and workshop on 19 November, and the Clare Hammond Steinway Recital on 24 November.

Trevor Barlow

MEMORIAL OPPORTUNITIES

The Parish Council and Playscape group have agreed to go ahead with refurbishment of the Copse on the recreation ground and further improvements to the river bank. There will be more detail in the next *Village News*, but, as part of this, we plan to install a number of benches, picnic tables etc. If you are interested in sponsoring one of these items, perhaps as a memorial to a loved one, please contact Mike Winter, the Parish Clerk on 07870 807442.

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DIARY, November 2016

Date	Event	Time	Place
3	Carpet Bowls	7.15 pm	Memorial Hall
3	WI Talk (page 48)	7.30pm	(see p 48)
4 & 5	Shelford Drama Circle (page 36)	7.30pm	Little Shelford Memorial Hall
5	Flu clinic		Health Centre
5	Scout Jumble Sale (page 40)	2pm	Memorial Hall
8	Garden Club (page 39)	7.30pm	Shelford School
9	Little Shelford Local History Society (page 22)	7.30pm	Little Shelford Memorial Hall
9	Friends of Library talk (page 22)	7.30pm	G/S Library
9	Garden Gang clear-up (page 39)	10am	Buristead Rd
10	Carpet Bowls	7.15 pm	Memorial Hall
12, 13	Barn Art Society Exhibition	1pm-6pm	Johnson Hall, Stapleford
13	Remembrance Service (page 12)	10.50am	War Memorial
17	Carpet Bowls	7.15 pm	Memorial Hall
19	Feast Celebration (page 32)	7pm	Memorial Hall
19	Twinning Association Wine Tasting evening (page 35)	7.30pm	Free Church
19	Christmas Craft Fair (page 39)	10.30am	Memorial Hall
22	Farmer's Market	9am	Memorial Hall
23	Over-70s Christmas Party (page 29)	2.15pm	Memorial Hall
24	Carpet Bowls	7.15 pm	Memorial Hall
26	SSYI Quiz (page 40)	7.30pm	Memorial Hall
29	Stapleford Village Weekend, planning meeting	7pm	Three Horseshoes
30	Garden Gang clear-up (page 39)	10am	Buristead Rd
30	Engage: <i>Suspected of witchcraft</i> (page 22)	2pm	Library

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

BIN COLLECTIONS

Black bins 14 November, 28 November
Green and blue bins 7 November, 21 November

SHELFORD SCHOOL

With the leaves in the trees surrounding our school and the churchyard turning yellow, brown and red, autumn term is now in full swing at Shelford School.

School life extends beyond the school's gates in many ways. We celebrated our annual Harvest Service on Monday 3 October at St Mary's Church, with Year 3 children leading the school community in recognising the many things we can be grateful for and in saying thank you to God. Children brought harvest gifts of tins or packets of dry food or money to take to the service. These gifts were donated to the Cambridge Food Bank, which supports families in need in our local area.

Trips are an exciting and stimulating experience for our children. Amongst other visits and school activities beyond the school site this term, Year 4 visited 'Verulamium' as part of their brilliant topic on the Romans, Year 3 visited Hedingham Castle, and Year 6 headed up the A10 to visit Ely Cathedral.

Four members of Year 6 (Stefan Narinian, Luke Towers, Liljana Syposz and Daniel Cafferkey) will be back at Ely Cathedral again in December, this time to represent our school in the final of the County English Challenge. They performed brilliantly on 29 September, successfully displaying their detailed knowledge of current children's literature as well as the well-loved children's classics, in order to win the regional heat and secure their place in the final. It is wonderful to see that the joy of reading is thriving in our school!

One of the many initiatives to engage parents and carers in school life is the cycle of briefings with the headteacher and class teacher. Information is shared about what their children are learning in school and how they can support them to get the most from opportunities to learn at home and at school. Following that, parents go along to enjoy a presentation in the 'celebration assembly'. Between mid-September and the time of writing, parents of Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 have attended these briefings and enjoyed being part of the unique and special experience of 'celebration assembly'.

Thanks to parent helpers coming in to school as volunteers, the children started their regular baking activities in the second half of September – an opportunity that children in Years 1 to 6 enjoy a great deal.

The 'trim trail' outdoor play equipment was installed this term too, using funds raised through PTA activities.

Finally, our children have been embracing democracy and learning about service to their community by electing representatives for each year group to form a new School Council for the year. Year 6 have also taken on their many and varied roles of responsibilities with pride.

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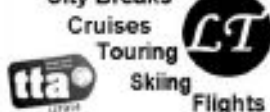
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GREEN LIVING AFTERNOON

On Sunday 25 September the Johnson Hall in Stapleford was buzzing with people swapping ideas and inspiration about ways to live more sustainably – as well as physically swapping produce and other items such as books.



The event was organised by local group 2G3S (which stands for Green Groups in the Shelfords, Stapleford and Sawston). As well as the produce swap and 'Bring and Take' table, other stalls included a 'bin game' to test your knowledge of recycling, an 'Eco House' model illustrating lots of different energy-efficient systems which

can be installed in domestic homes, information about energy companies who supply only renewable energy and a chance to book a visit to Bill Powell's demonstration eco-home in Stapleford.

There were also activities for children and, of course, plentiful tea and cake! The Apple Press was in action all afternoon, turning people's unwanted excess apples into juice that they could take away. The event was rounded off with a talk by Duncan Catchpole about plans for the Cambridge Sustainable Food Hub.

We are grateful to St Andrews Church for sponsoring this event, and we're pleased that people's donations were generous enough to enable us to make a small contribution to the church after accounting for expenses. Future events by 2G3S will include 'Repair Cafes' on Saturday 28 January in the Scout Hut, Great Shelford, and Saturday 25 March in the Free Church, Sawston, and we also hope to organise more film showings, after the success of our showings of *The Economics of Happiness* earlier this year.

If you would like to be on the 2G3S mailing list and be notified of future events, or get involved in the group, please contact Linda Whitebread on lindawestern2001@yahoo.co.uk.

FEAST CELEBRATION

Stand up, and pat yourself on the back! Go on, do it!

You may feel a tad silly but you shouldn't – you should be rightly proud of yourself and your village.

In 2017 the Shelford Feast will mark its 24th year and in the previous 23 years the Feast has grown beyond all measure. What started out as a Sunday lunchtime barbeque to raise a few groats to pay for a teacher for the village school has morphed into a week-long celebration that entertains not only the village and the surrounding area, but even further afield. It also supports the local community from a charitable viewpoint.

So why pat yourself on the back?

Well, in 2016, after 23 years the Feast had a record year for attendance across the week, which is primarily down to you and your family and friends. You were also a hungry and thirsty lot, again in record numbers.

As part of the whole Feast event, on **Saturday 19 November at 7pm** there will be a mid-year celebration of the Feast held at the Memorial Hall in the village, where a record amount will be given out to local charities. Without saying too much, the Feast gave £26,000 in 2015 (after its previous record year) and this year's celebration will exceed that!

Not only that!

We will declare the total amount given away since the start of the Feast all those years ago, which is staggering. Who would have thought a few beers and burgers over 23 years would benefit the local community so much?

We will also have a retrospect of the previous 23 years including photographs (watch out for scary haircuts and dodgy beards) as well as a brief view of what's involved in putting your Feast together. You think a few guys and gals turn up and pull a few pints and flip some burgers, while getting some mates to sing and play instruments? Why not come along and find out? You never know, you might want to get involved too?

Our November celebration is open to everyone and we would be delighted if you and your family and friends would join us to help remember the warm summer months. There will be a free drink on entry and some nibbles too.

So that's Saturday 19 November at 7pm at Great Shelford Memorial Hall. Please join us to celebrate the fabulous Feast and also to find out how much your local community is benefiting from this year and how much it's benefited over the previous 23 years.

Justin Curtis

READERS' LETTERS

SWITCH OFF YOUR ENGINE!



The *Village News* recently discussed the problems of traffic queuing at the level crossing by Shelford station. Research shows that pollution is exacerbated in stop-start conditions, with diesel engines the worst offenders.

The *Village News* encouraged waiting drivers to switch off their engines, so I propose that small signs be put up along the left sides of Station Road

and Hinton Way. Such signs, as pictured, are already used in busy parts of London's West End. They are too small to be noticed by moving traffic, but should prompt stationary drivers to cut their engines and emissions.

What do *Village News* readers think? Any thoughts welcome.

Stephen Chittenden

MOBILITY SCOOTER PUNCTURES

I was sad to read Mrs. King's letter in the October 2016 *Village News*. Her husband's mobility scooter appears to have received a puncture from a drawing pin from the notice board in the car park while he was going to the paper shop. Apparently it was not the first time.

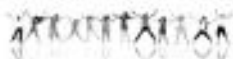
The very next day I went to the car park to check the area around the notice board, which is situated in front of the disabled parking bay. I found five drawing pins on the floor, not just below the board but spread widely in that disabled parking space.

Later I learned that disabled mobility scooters' tyres can be more prone to punctures than car tyres, because some are more like bike tyres.

I feel it would very helpful if a solution could be found to prevent such problems for the mobility scooter's users of the car park. I was wondering if the disabled parking bay was to be transferred to the other side of the walkway to the Health Centre it would not be directly under the notice board and its pins.

Ida Ghelli

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Ladies' Jewellery and Accessories Collection

Please donate your unwanted jewellery and scarves to the Xmas Fair at Great and Little Shelford Primary School. Last year this stall made £167 for the school. Contact Alison Denton on 841172 to arrange collection, or deliver to the school, or to No1 Birch Trees Road before 3 December.

Alison Denton



**Sunday 20
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11am–3pm

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A Fish in her Kettle

Members of Shelford Drama Circle and friends will present *A Fish in her Kettle*, a one-act play from the *Art of Coarse Acting* by Michael Green, at **Little Shelford Memorial Hall** on **Friday 4 and Saturday 5 November**. There will also be sketches, musical interludes and a break for a Fish and Chip or Pizza and Salad supper.

Tickets £12.50 per head to include supper available in advance from Sarah Coppendale (842498), Jan Croft (835412), Jill McMenemy (842414) and Hazel Stevenson (842838).

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SHELFORD COUNTRY MARKET



'Market opens as traders protest: the indoor market gets under way' were the captions to a report in the *Cambridge Evening News* back in September 1976.

Forty years on and that same indoor market is the survivor in Woollards Lane! Yes, Barkers and the Co-op remain in the High Street but what has happened to all those other traders who were so concerned in 1976? Meantime the Country Market has continued to grow and opens its doors every Wednesday morning, with the exceptions of a two-week break after Christmas each year, although we have had a name change – we started as the WI Market and became Great Shelford Country Market about 15 years ago.



28 September 2016 was a real occasion. Guests, customers, friends and former producers filled the Memorial Hall and enjoyed a great selection of cup-cakes and Hazel's show-stopper birthday cake which was cut by Ian Cumming (a runner-up in last year's BBC Bake-Off). Much interest was taken in looking back at old records and

photographs. It was good that all our craft producers were able to be with us and to see such diverse crafts on display made me realise just how much talent we have amongst our members. Thank you to everyone who came and helped make it such a special day for us. Ingredients needed for a successful country market are home-made, home-grown and hand-crafted produce and customers!



So, what's next? November and it's time to be thinking about our annual chutney tasting morning. The date for your diary is 23 November and by then it will be time to think about your Christmas orders!

Dorothy Doel

The Market is in the Memorial Hall every Wednesday morning from 8.30 to 11.30am.

THE GARDEN GANG

The Garden Gang has got off to a great start with a turnout of ten for a cemetery clear-up in October.

The Shelford Brownies have volunteered to take over the beds in front of the Memorial Hall. These have now been cleared and dug over, and, by the time you read this, the Brownies and their parents will have had a planting session, with a climbing rose, wallflowers, bulbs, ferns and perennial geraniums all featured in the planting.

The Garden Gang's next foray will be into the High Street where the two beds on either side of the Buristead Road entrance have so many ash saplings in them that they are in danger of recapitulating the old Ashen Green which used to dominate this part of the village.

Dates for November: Wednesday 9 and 30, from 10 to 12.30. I will be there for the full 2 ½ hours, but you are welcome to come and go as you please. We will break mid-time for tea/coffee and biscuits. Wear stout shoes and bring gardening gloves.

Ring Helen Harwood (840393) if you have any queries. Please help if you can.

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Granta Flower Club

Warmly invite you to their December flower arranging meeting

Christmas Creations by Alan Smith

Tuesday 13 December at 7.30 (doors open 7pm)

In Great Shelford Memorial Hall

There will be coffee and mince pies £5 payable at the door.



CAMBRIDGE PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE (Cambridge PPF)

With winter just around the corner it might feel like the ideal time to stay indoors and turn up the heating.

But Cambridge PPF has a host of events on offer to tempt you out of hibernation this November.

Nordic Walking

Alternate Wednesdays throughout November: 1pm, 2pm, 3pm start

Healthy Walking

Thursdays throughout November: 10am or 10.30am to 11am

Conservation Volunteer Activity – Woodland Thinning and Coppicing

Saturday 12 November: 11am to 3.30pm

Beginners Basket Making

Sunday 13 November: 10am to 4pm

For more information: email bookings@cambridgeppf.org, call 01223 243830 extension 207 or visit www.cambridgeppf.org/whats-on

SAWSTON FUN RUN

Seeks local organisations to support

The Rotary Club of Cambridge Sawston wants to hear from local charities / organisations that might benefit by a grant from the 2017 Sawston Fun Run.

We donate around £15,000 each year to charities and organisations serving communities in villages around Sawston. Since 1986 we have donated over £425,000 to local hospitals, hospices, schools, youth organisations and local branches of national charities.

Preference is given to specific projects but the selection is based on the strength of each case. **The closing date for applications is 30 November.** Application forms are available off the website www.sawstonfunrun.co.uk or by contacting me by phone or email.

Chairman of the Organising Committee: Ian Chamberlain,
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Email: enquiries@sawstonfunrun.co.uk

Next year's event will be on Sunday 14 May

Ian Chamberlain

WINTER WALKS

We are very fortunate in having so many walks available around Shelford. Previous *Village News* articles have described walks to and around Wandlebury, Babraham, Whittlesford, Hauxton and Newton, all easily reached from the centre of Shelford. Ordnance Survey Explorer map 209 is invaluable in showing accessible tracks, though unfortunately it can't keep up to date with pub closures, for which websites and confirmatory phone calls are needed.

Try the Good Pub Guide

<http://www.thegoodpubguide.co.uk>

and investigate the local walks collected by Stapleford Strollers at

<http://tinyurl.com/zx3k8rp>.



TRANSPORT

Part of The Cambridge City Deal involves a complete overhaul of bus and train networks, which will change the way we get from Shelford to Cambridge. New stations have been recommended, at Addenbrooke's, Cherry Hinton and Fulbourn in addition to one at the Science Park. There is no likelihood of changes to Shelford Station but a possible increase in the number of trains would increase the closure time at our crossings.

CHANGES TO BUSES

From 20 November, Stagecoach Red Park and Ride splits into two services; from Madingley Road (PR1) and from Newmarket Road (PR2). The Blue Park and Ride from Trumpington becomes PR3.

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The Ladies Singles was contested at a later date, and won by Mel Boyle in a close-fought match against former champion Ali Burd.

In the Ladies' Doubles, Alison McNaught and Penny Saich took on Annie Clarke and Mel Boyle (left and right) on the freshly painted surface of Court 3. The match was highly entertaining but Mel and Annie proved too clinical and took a very impressive straight-sets victory.



The mixed doubles was won by Laura Blatherwick and Rufus Curnow against Rebecca Stacey and Mark Mitchell after Rebecca sadly pulled up with a calf injury. We wish her a speedy recovery.

After a short break following his singles victory, Matt Sanders and his partner Ed Gee took on Shelford's international combo for a cracking men's doubles final.

Spain's Demetrio Pena-Fuster, in action with Sweden's Manne Guron came out on top taking a crucial first set tie break 14-12, and going on to win in straight sets.

Congratulations to all our worthy champions, and many thanks to everyone who managed to play or just spectate, as the finals day was postponed a week by foul weather.

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FOOTBALL CLUB



Apologies to our regular readers for the lack of a report last month due to holidays, so it is a double dose this month to catch up. The first team more than made up for the opening match disappointment with four successive away wins against Cherry Hinton (5–1), Outwell Swifts (6–2), Linton Granta (2–0) and Fowlmere (4–1) respectively.

The revival was abruptly halted in our first home game however, when we were bundled out of the Premier League Cup 3–2 by West Wratting. The following month was a mixed bag by our own high standards with impressive wins away at Over Sports (7–0) and home to Brampton (6–3) sandwiching 2–2 home draws to both Cherry Hinton and Gamlingay United. The Cherry Hinton result was particularly disappointing as we had enough chances to sew the match up long before their injury time equaliser! The Brampton manager was very effusive in his newspaper comments about our teams' performance, suggesting we 'wouldn't look out of place in a higher standard', so it was hugely disappointing the following week when West Wratting repeated their 3–2 win against us, this time in the Cambs Challenge Cup on their own ground. After reaching both cup finals last season we can only look on the bright side and hope that the first round knockouts give us an advantage in the quest to retain the league title.

Our young reserve side, bolstered by a couple of experienced 'old heads', have certainly hit the ground running, despite their first five games all being away from home. Goals came freely with league wins against City Life (4–1) and Fowlmere Reserves (10–0), the only reversal being a credible 3–2 defeat to current table toppers Papworth. Unlike the first team they also progressed to the second round of two cups with wins against Sawston United Reserves (4–0) and Cambourne Rovers (4–2) in the Creak Charity Shield and Junior Challenge Cup respectively.

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, we'd love to see you!

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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Sarah Oliver had been looking for a job that would fit in around her children's schooling. She managed to persuade a plumber to let her become his apprentice. After NVQ day release training at CRC and a year working with the plumber, she decided she was ready to set up her on her own, many jobs coming through school playground contacts.

Sarah humorously unravelled the language and mysteries of our household plumbing. The discussions which followed created much amusement, general opinion suggested women should be toilet designers as they have to clean them! We learned how effective, a hammer, WD40, screwdriver, shampoo (for unblocking bath and sink drains) and plungers can be for DIY jobs.

Members came away with better understanding and greater confidence to deal with leaks and blockages in our home and agreed that Sarah is a great advert for encouraging younger women to consider a career in plumbing.

New members and visitors are very welcome at every meeting. We meet on the first Thursday of every month (except August) at 7.30 p.m. in All Saints' North Room, behind the church, in Little Shelford.

The next meeting in our varied programme is on Thursday 3 November when former Wimbledon umpire Alan Gray (1988–2012) will give an entertaining talk about his life as an umpire and the players he met, entitled **You Cannot be Serious!**

Hilary Doviak and Mary Talbott

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The deadline for copy for the next issue of the *Great Shelford Village News* is **Friday November 18** and it should be available in the shops on Thursday December 1.

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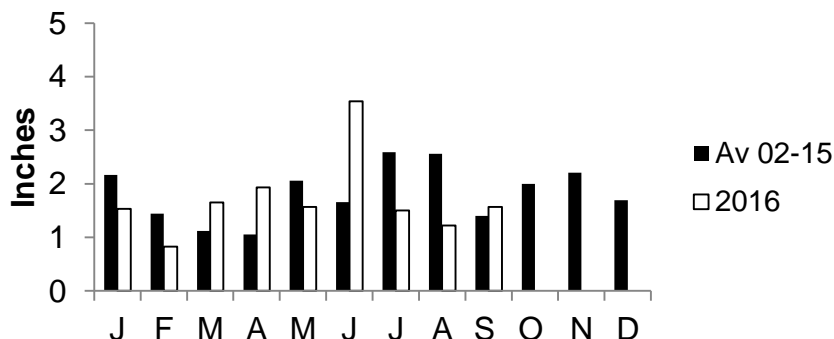
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10	7.30pm	'Shakespeare in Song' with Lucy Stevens: 18 Songs by 14 Composers from 10 Plays by 1 Playwright.
11–13	7.30pm 11.30am	Haydn & Mozart with the Allegri String Quartet
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2	6.30pm	Psychology for Educators by Dr Denes Szucs. Madingley Hall
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19	7.30pm	City of Cambridge Symphony Orchestra. Music by Elgar, Richard Strauss and Brahms. West Road Concert Hall.
All month		Colour: the art and science of illuminated manuscripts. Fitzwilliam Museum
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