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*Shelford School Mosaic Project*

*A Happy New Year to all our Readers*

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## **GREAT SHELFORD PARISH COUNCIL**

### **Summary from draft minutes of the November meeting**

#### **MATTERS ARISING FROM OCTOBER MEETING**

No additional funds were required for the Over 70s Christmas Party as money had been left by Mrs Joy Lawson-Campbell and a donation had been received.

Cllr Hodge reported that the tree survey of all trees on Parish Council owned land could possibly be conducted by South Cambridgeshire District Council if they decide to offer the service. The survey should be undertaken in the spring when we will know if the service is available.

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

County Cllr Orgee reported the cycleway to Sawston was to be tidied.

#### **REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES AND REPRESENTATIVES**

**Recreation ground:** New access gate poles have been fitted.

**Cemetery and allotments:** Generally grass mowing in the cemetery has been good. The hedges around Stonehill allotments proved difficult to cut and a complete job was not possible, so the cost of £2000 was reduced to £1000.

Cllrs Harwood and Ashurst have carried out the annual safety inspection of the cemetery. The repairs identified will be carried out by Cllr Ashurst.

**Neighbourhood Plan:** Cllr Fane reported that the Great Shelford and Stapleford Neighbourhood Area had been approved. The proposal to undertake a Housing Needs Survey as part of the information needed for the Neighbourhood Plan, which should be free of charge, was passed unanimously.

**Playscape liaison:** A site meeting has taken place between Karen Pell-Coggins (the planning officer dealing with the pre-application consultation), members of the Playscape committee, the architect responsible for the scheme and members of the Parish Council. It was agreed that various issues such as the location of the basketball court and storage needed to be resolved and then a full planning application could be submitted.

**Community Association:** It was agreed that should Playscape be wound up, the funds would pass to the Community Association.

**Parochial charities:** Dorothy Creek, chair of the Parochial Charities Trustees, gave an update on the proposal to build 20 to 23 bungalows with an amenity area on green belt land to the rear of More's Meadow and the Hectare. These houses will not be for sale but will have subsidised rents for people who live in Great Shelford and do not own their own property. The charities have the capital reserves to begin the building but would consider working with a social

housing provider or seeking funding from South Cambridgeshire District Council to complete the development. Both the Parish Council and local residents asked to be involved in the pre-application consultations. (See article by Mike Nettleton on page 6 for details of this consultation.)

**Pavilion:** Wi-fi by 4G router will be installed in the pavilion over the next few weeks. There is still a problem with drainage of the pavilion roof following recent remedial work. Further investigations are to take place.

## **SECTION 137 FUNDING**

An application for £3000 from the Mobile Warden Scheme was approved.

## **NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN STEERING GROUP**

Cllr Fane was unanimously approved as chair of the steering group.

## **EXTERNAL COMMUNICATION AND ANNUAL PARISH MEETING FORMAT**

Cllrs Milson and Fane presented proposals for the Annual Parish Meeting in April. These included a mail drop to all residents informing them of the meeting; at the meeting and presentations on the Neighbourhood Plan, progress on highways matters and City deal status. Rather than a series of reports, there will be display stands with information from the village and Parish Council representatives.

## **FINANCE**

21 cheques to a value of £11,314.81 were accepted for payment.

## **CRITICAL SUCCESSION**

Cllr Nettleton asked the chairs of each committee to propose deputy chairs for nomination.

## **STREET LIGHTING**

It was agreed to send out invoices for the cost of street lighting on un-adopted roads which at the moment the parish council is covering.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

In response to a complaint from a resident about the light intrusion from a Christmas decoration on a lamppost outside their house, the clerk will measure the light level emitted.

Full copies of the minutes can be seen at the library and at <i><a href="http://greatshelfordparishcouncil.gov.uk">http://greatshelfordparishcouncil.gov.uk</a></i>
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## PLANNING APPLICATIONS PARISH COUNCIL COMMENTS

S/2727/16/LB	Miss A. Pearson The Grange 13 Church Street	Alterations to colour of walls and windows of listed building.
No objections.		

S/3101/16/FL	Mr & Mrs Spiller Rear of 200 Cambridge Road	New dwelling (barn conversion).
<p>Recommend refusal. The Parish Council has always opposed backland development along Cambridge Road. (See S/1990/07/F which was dismissed on appeal.)</p> <p>This proposal to separate the use of the barn from the main property would set a precedent for similar backland developments to the detriment of the residential amenities of adjoining properties. In addition, the proposal is out of character with the linear development along Cambridge Road and is therefore contrary to DP/2 of the Local Development Framework.</p>		

S/3092/16/VC	Ms J Staines Great Shelford School	Variation of condition 6 of planning permission S/0551/11 (to increase time for planning permission for mobile classroom).
No objections for a further five years but would prefer to see a permanent building after that.		

S/3149/16/FL	Mrs K Tassell 8 Tunwells Lane	Removal of redundant chimney stack.
No objections.		

S/3133/16/FL	Mr A Growcoat 22 Granhams Road	Single storey rear extension.
No objections.		

S/3183/16/FL	Mr & Mrs G Buncombe Paddock End Buristead Road	Single storey side extension and garage conversion.
No objections.		

S/322316/FL	Mr J Rush 5 Elms Avenue	Amended plan: front first floor extension.
Recommend refusal. The two-storey front extension resulting from this application will be inappropriate in scale and proportion in relation to surrounding dwellings and will be out of character with this part of the Conservation area.		

S/2436/16/FL	Mr O Kuwaider 144 Cambridge Road	Amended plan giving accurate description of application (extension, alterations and change of use from B&B into 17 flats).
As there does not seem to be an extension we disagree that this is an accurate description of the application. The only alteration seems to be two second floor dormer windows and these should be specified. The area outlined in red on the location plan includes land that lies within the green belt and is outside the village envelope and the plan should be amended to exclude this land. We look forward to receiving details about the affordable housing on the site and of the social housing provider who will take this on.		

## PLANNING DECISIONS

Extensions were approved at 9 and 10 Redhill Lane, 36 High Green, 3 and 28 Buristead Road, Beeston, Buristead Road, 4 Hills View, 18 Tunwells Lane, 18 Shelford Park Avenue and 6 Cabbage Moor. A sign was approved at the entrance to the Arthur Rank Hospice in Shelford Bottom.

The change of use of the first floor flat in the main building at 56 High Green to retail space, with ground and first floor extensions to rear and side, was approved. Approval was granted for the change of use at the Studio, High Green to a yoga studio) with ancillary office, and for the change of use of 29 High Street from office to a coffee shop.

The conversion of agricultural buildings to four dwellings at Granham's Farm, and the conversion of an outbuilding to residential accommodation at the Old Forge, Church Street, were also approved. The demolition of 25 Westfield Road and 150 Cambridge Road and their replacement by two dwellings on each site was approved.

The application to demolish 14 Woollards Lane and replace it by three dwellings was withdrawn.

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## UPDATES FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL

### Tunwells Lane traffic lights

You will be aware that Cambridgeshire County Council are in the process of replacing the traffic lights in Tunwells Lane with new ‘smart’ lights. They didn’t consult with the Parish Council before starting the work and this has caused a number of issues. We recently met with the County Council to make sure future work is better planned. We have also requested that they include the following additional safety measures in the current phase of work (no guarantees at the moment):

- Increased ‘green man’ time to allow less able people to cross safely.
- Right turn filters.
- ‘Advanced Stop Boxes’ for cyclists on each approach to the junction.
- Improvements to the pavement at the junction of Station Road and Tunwells Lane where there is a steep slope which becomes slippery in winter.

Cambridgeshire County Council will be re-starting work in the week beginning 4 January for about a fortnight and there will be temporary signals for a period of 3–4 days whilst the traffic lights are replaced.

### Pavilion

The new pavilion on the Rec is heavily used (and greatly appreciated) by local sports clubs at the weekend. However, we are looking for ways to make more use of it during the week. If you have any ideas which would help with this, or you want to hire the Pavilion, please contact the Clerk (Mike Winter).



The Parish Council will review the possibility of opening the Pavilion during the day over the February half term as an experiment to allow Rec users access to the toilets and chairs and tables in the meeting room.



## Parking in Great Shelford



We all know that parking in the village is becoming more difficult. There are more housing developments and more cars all the time and we have a thriving commercial centre in the village. Some local businesses have raised issues that customers are unable to find parking spaces and are therefore going elsewhere. It is the Parish Council's view that we should do as much as reasonably possible to help local businesses succeed. The car park behind McColls costs the Parish Council £12,000 p.a. in rent (plus rates for it and the Memorial Hall car park) and we make no charge to local businesses or car park users. We regularly review whether we can make extra parking spaces available, but space is very restricted. However:

- We will be making 6–7 additional parking bays available in the Spring in Ashen Green towards the High Street end.
- We are looking at making a few more spaces available in the Memorial Hall car park, probably around the end of 2017.

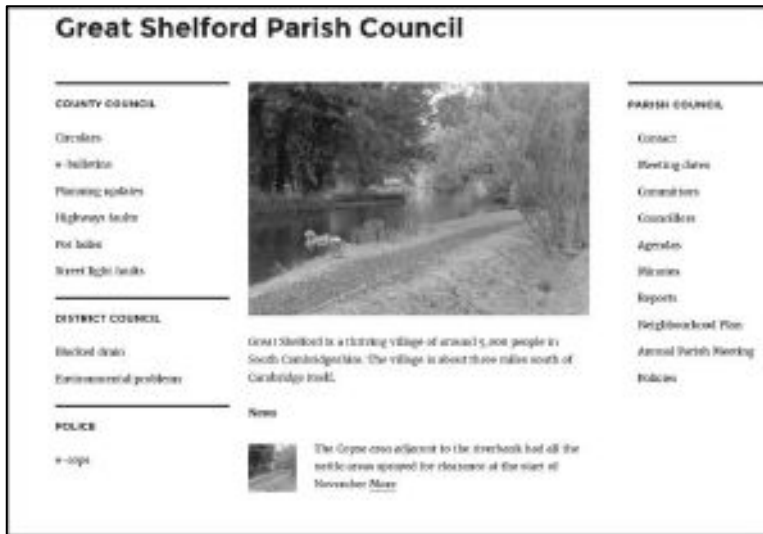
Evidence suggests that much of the current issue is caused by all-day parking in the two car parks. Our initial thoughts are *(please note that these are initial ideas and, because of timing, have not yet been formally discussed by GSPC)*:

- Parking to be limited to two/four hours; no return within two/four hours between 8am and 6pm from Monday to Saturday.
- Fines for overstaying: to be decided, but likely to be around £50.
- Enforcement would be via a private contractor, who would keep the revenue and therefore not charge the Parish Council for enforcement.
- All day parking permits available for a fee – possibly £300 annually or £30 per month + VAT.

Parking enforcement on public roads remains a difficult issue. Chief Inspector Jamie Sutherland has effectively refused to allow his officers to perform any routine parking enforcement and the option for Parish Councils to fund a Police Community Support Officer overtime for enforcement has been withdrawn. We will be discussing this (and other issues) with Chief Inspector Sutherland at the next Parish Council meeting on 18 January (to be held in the Pavilion at 7.30pm). I have also raised the issue with South Cambridgeshire District Council and suggested that we need to look at decriminalising parking, which effectively means that either the District Council or Great Shelford Parish Council become responsible for enforcement. We have support from other larger parishes, such as Swavesey and Whittlesford. Peter Topping, Leader of the Council, has committed to organising a further meeting between Chief Inspector Sutherland, South Cambridgeshire District Council and the larger parishes.

These sorts of changes will always be contentious. We have therefore organised an open village meeting on Tuesday 24 January at 7pm in the Memorial Hall. If you plan to attend, please let the Clerk know.

## Website



Great Shelford Parish Council has a new website to provide meeting dates, agendas and minutes, contacts and news on local issues. This can be found at [http:// greatshelfordparishcouncil.gov.uk/](http://greatshelfordparishcouncil.gov.uk/). The site is still being worked on, but should be complete in early January. If you have any feedback on the site, please contact the Clerk, Mike Winter.

## Proposed development on land between Cambridge Road and Hobson's Brook

You may know that the land East of May Pasture, The Hectare, Walden Way and Hobson's Acre is owned by the Parochial Charities. They are now looking to build further social housing on that land (in addition to the housing they already provide in More's Meadow). The land is in the Green Belt. This is a difficult issue:



- We plainly should avoid any building on Green Belt land.
- However, the village is desperately short of truly affordable housing.
- The Parochial Charities are currently going through a consultation process with South Cambridgeshire District Council known as 'pre-planning', with a view to submitting a formal planning application for 20+ bungalows in early 2017. Obviously, there is a lot more detail available if you wish to have it. However, please bear in mind that these proposals are still at an early stage and are still being worked on.

The Parish Council and the Parochial Trustees are both aware of the sensitive nature of the development and have therefore agreed to produce a joint report on the pros and cons of the development and the outstanding issues. That report will then be taken to the next Parish Council Planning meeting on 5 January (7pm in the Pavilion) for debate and a decision in principle on whether the Parish Council should support or oppose the development. That recommendation will then be put to the full Parish Council meeting on 18 January (7.30pm in the Pavilion). Both of those are public meetings, which all residents are welcome to attend.

## 30mph speed limits

GSPC has purchased a batch of 30mph wheelie bin stickers to remind drivers of the speed limit.

If you live in Cambridge Road or Hinton Way and want a couple, please contact Mike Nettleton.

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## HEIDI ALLEN NEWSLETTER

I was delighted to welcome the Prime Minister to Hinxton in November for her visit to the Sanger Institute Wellcome Genome Campus. Theresa took the opportunity to announce the launch of a £2bn fund intended to keep Britain at the forefront of research and development in science and technology. I was so proud to be showing off our constituency!

You'll have seen from the Autumn Statement that South Cambs is now part of a 'growth corridor' from Cambridgeshire to Oxford. Cambridgeshire received a massive infrastructure boost with the announcement of £27m for the Oxford to Cambridgeshire Expressway (£10m of which will specifically explore options within South Cambs), £110m of funding in East West Rail and a grant of £1.5m to repair our roads and potholes.

This kind of investment will deliver further infrastructure improvements similar to the A14 upgrade which is *finally* underway. The next phase of upgrade works was formally started by Chris Grayling, Secretary of State for Transport last month, quite literally with a shovel! However I am told diggers will be made available to speed the project up!.

I met the Secretary of State for Transport again recently, to follow up on the Autumn Statement proposals. I've also been working with Network Rail and local user groups to find a way forwards and funding for the Foxton crossing. I also met with other local MPs and Highways England at the A428 Members' Forum to ensure we keep the dualling project on track.

Business was on the agenda when I took part in the Post-Brexit Settlement for Cambs discussion, hosted by PWC. This is the fourth of such meetings I have hosted or attended and it's an opportunity for Cambridgeshire business leaders to come together to discuss how to nurture investment and innovation for our region in the wake of Brexit.

Turning to national legislation, I tabled an amendment to the Neighbourhood Planning Bill requesting the needs of the elderly and disabled be considered at a local planning level when long-term housing plans are drawn up. With our ageing population, I think this issue is so important. On the back of the work I've been doing as a member of the DWP select committee, I'll be hosting a roundtable in January to discuss the DWP's Green Paper currently out for consultation. If you'd like to make your thoughts heard on disability and work related benefits please visit <https://consultations.dh.gov.uk/workandhealth/consult/>.

After my Disability Confident event in September I was inspired to visit Andy's Kars in Bar Hill. Andy Kent runs a small family garage that has trained

and mentored over 650 young people with physical and mental health conditions. His team give young people life-changing opportunities whilst also providing great service to their customers. Andy should be very proud of the work he has done over the years.

I hosted my Initial Teacher Training event in November to find more outstanding teachers for South Cambs. The event was an opportunity for people to find out about routes into teaching within Cambridgeshire, be it PGCE, school-centred paid or non-paid, or Bachelor of Education. Over 120 people attended and you can read more about the event here on <http://tinyurl.com/j6hubf5>.

I rounded off the month by meeting with local early years providers to discuss the roll-out of the 30 hours childcare proposals. We've committed to work together to ensure this policy delivers for everyone – working parents, children and EYFS schools and nurseries.

My no appointment surgeries are proving to be increasingly popular so if you feel I could help, don't hesitate to pop along to the next one. You can find details on [www.heidisouthcambs.co.uk/residents-drop-surgeries](http://www.heidisouthcambs.co.uk/residents-drop-surgeries) or phone 01954 212707 or email [heidi.allen.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:heidi.allen.mp@parliament.uk). I look forward to hearing from you!

## **GREAT SHELFORD REPAIR CAFÉ**

**Saturday 28 January 2–5pm**

**In the Scout and Guide Headquarters (behind the Memorial Hall)**

Green Groups in the Shelfords, Stapleford and Sawston (2G3S) are getting together with South Cambs' Sustainable Parish Energy Partnership (SPEP), Transition Cambridge, and Cambridge Carbon Footprint to bring you our very first Repair Café.

This is a free event (donations very welcome) where we match amazing repairers with people who need stuff fixing. Bring along jewellery (and jewellery cleaning), sewing repairs (clean items only please), small household appliances and electrical items, computers, mobile phones, bicycles, and general bits'n'bobs.

You can turn up with your broken item on the day, but we expect to be very busy so it's best to book it in at [www.repaircafe.org.uk/southcambs](http://www.repaircafe.org.uk/southcambs) and get an idea of when we will have a free time slot. The repairers are brilliant and can fix most things but there are no guarantees. Tea and cake available of course!

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## DEVOLUTION: KEY MESSAGES

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**Response to the consultation** A MORI survey of over 2000 local residents held last year found:

- support for the principle of devolution (55% for and 15% opposed)
- support for the devolution of powers from Government to District, City and County Councils as part of a Combined Authority (61% for and 15% opposed)
- support for a mayor as part of a combined authority to access the benefits of the proposed deal (57% for and 25% opposed)

**Mayor** The Government has been very clear that if we want to secure millions of pounds of additional funding for our communities through this devolution deal, a mayor is part of that package. Devolution is not about creating another layer of local government. It is about working more efficiently and removing a layer of central Government and handing decision-making back to local people.

*This is an edited version of a paper by Steve Count, leader of Cambridgeshire County Council. For more details of devolution, see GSVN Oct 2016 pp 7–8*

## NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

The Stapleford and Great Shelford Neighbourhood Plan now has its own dedicated website which is: [www.staplefordandgreatshelford-np.uk](http://www.staplefordandgreatshelford-np.uk)

The aim of this website is to be informative and also interactive, so that everyone can contribute to the development of the Plan.

Neighbourhood planning gives communities power to shape the future development of their Parishes. A neighbourhood plan for Stapleford and Great Shelford should enable us to decide for ourselves where we want any new homes, shops or offices to be built, and what those new buildings should look like. So do visit the new website, and interact by leaving your comments.

*Peter Fane, Steering Group Chair*



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**Major Roof Repairs:** Steady progress has been made with the roof repairs and we hope to have a good amount of the new lead sections in place by early January. Thankfully all the wooden ceiling boarding (much of it original in the nave) is in good condition and requires only very minor repairs. Because these boards have been in place since 1400, they have naturally hardened and shrunk, hence the rather dramatic ‘gaps’ between the boards which you can see from the floor level. The downside of this is that we are losing heat very quickly and the church will be cooler than normal until a high percentage of the new lead roof is in place. We do apologise about this, but there is little that we can do apart from asking you to dress appropriately. Please be assured, this is a temporary problem.

**‘Batty’ About Bats!** As you might have gathered, because the church is home to bats, we have had to apply for a special Government licence to enable us to undertake the roof repairs. This involved an extensive survey during the summer, which established the number of species and a rough estimate of their numbers. Three species were confirmed, one of them fairly rare, but numbers were small. Nonetheless we had to put special arrangements in place at the start of the works, these included providing bat nesting boxes in the churchyard and paying for a professional team of conservationists to safely remove any roosting bats as the work started.

Three roosting bats were removed and placed safely in one of the boxes, so we have done our bit to conserve wildlife! The downside of all this is the additional costs the bat conservation has added to the project. To date these amount to just on **£17,000** on top of the project costs (or about £5,500 per bat!). So if anyone in the community would like to make a donation to specifically help offset this sum, we would be very pleased to hear from you.

**Church Security:** Given the number of lead thefts from churches in East Anglia in recent weeks, the police and our 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 secure the site at the end of the working day and the scaffolding is alarmed and monitored. However vigilant eyes and ears locally are particularly valuable, so if you see **anything** suspicious around the churchyard at night or over the weekends, please report it directly to the police.

**Joint Men's Fellowship:** Our meetings continue on the second Thursday of each month in 2017 – so here are the dates for the first part of the year. We suggest you note them in your diaries. Thursday 12 January, 9 February and 9 March.

**Toy Collection – thank you:** Sincere thanks for the splendid annual toy collection in aid of the Salvation Army which took place on 4 December.

**St Mary's Toddler Group:** This meets weekly in term time in the Community Room between 9.30 and 11.30am for children aged from 0 to 3 years of age.

**'First Steps':** For babies and toddlers, 0–5 years, meeting on Mondays from 2 to 2:30pm (term time only).

### **From the registers:**

**Funerals**                      November                      Charles Boardman

Charles died in Nottingham on 26 October aged 89. He lived in Great Shelford for many years with his mother and was well known in the community. He was a leading light in the Shelford Club; professionally he was the manager of a local bank.

### **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/](http://www.stmarysgreatshelford.org/)

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## SHELFORD SCHOOL

Last month, Anna Caroe mentioned the mosaic project the children of Shelford School were undertaking. Paul Siggins of the Mosaic Workshop helped the children to convert their drawings and thoughts about the ethos of the school and aspects of school life that were important to them into a wonderful piece of art. The cost of the mosaic was very generously met by the PTA and parental contributions. The mosaic is now complete (see cover picture). I'm sure you will agree that the children did an amazing job and that the mosaic will be enjoyed for many years to come.

For those of you not familiar with the school, the animals in the mosaic represent the school houses; the Red Squirrels, the Stags, the Otters, the Swans, the Eagles and the Owls. Each house includes children from all year groups. Throughout the year children earn house-points for good work and behaviour, representing the school in sporting events, star writer awards, acts of kindness and maths investigator awards. House points earn the children house point charts and star badges and also contribute to a combined total for their own house. Each week during the celebration assembly, the points for each week are totalled and the leading house gets the honour of raising their house flag as their anthem plays. The children are so pleased when their house wins!

The school was very grateful to receive £3500 from the Feast this year. The money will go towards the cost of a scooter shelter. With so many of our pupils either scooting or cycling to school, the shelter is necessary to ease the congestion at the front of the building.

Singing is much celebrated at Shelford School. The children are eagerly practising their lines and songs for the Nativity play and *Carols by Candlelight* Concert at St Mary's Church. A number of our KS2 pupils joined Mrs Evans and Mrs Jenkins to sing carols at the switching on of the Christmas lights in Great Shelford, and Year 6 choir members also attended the David Rayner Building Cancer Centre to sing carols at the Christmas meal. Thank you to all the staff and children involved.

A new year is full of excitement about the opportunities that lie ahead for the school. May I wish a Happy New Year to all! *Sarah Bullock, Parent Governor*

### **FRIENDS OF GREAT SHELFORD LIBRARY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

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I watched a blackbird enjoying a bath the other day in our misnamed 'bird-bath'. Misnamed because it seems to be used more frequently by our cat as its drinking water supply! The bird was obviously thoroughly enjoying the experience and spent quite a time there. I then saw a blue tit clinging upside down on our fence presumably having found a food source of some kind in the corner as it returned a few times. This last weekend I planted a new plum tree in the garden which came as a dry stem with exposed roots and I fully expect it to grow even with my lack of green fingers!

Isn't nature amazing! It may be getting colder out there with grey skies and the leaves are all but gone, but the annual cycle of rest and bloom continues both in the plant and animal world. Whatever your thoughts on how it all comes about – creation or accident – it's an amazing thing.

The news mostly shows us the tragic and the sad sides of life. Our own lives are a balance of good and bad events and it is the difficult times that often cause us struggles and low feelings.

However, I encourage you to do things that will raise your spirits. Get out into the fresh air, kick the leaves or jump in a few puddles and look around and above. Marvel and be grateful for all we have. Speaking and being with people: a nod or a smile as you pass by will bring an acknowledgement of your warmth. If you can't get out, then spend some time focussing on something you enjoy and appreciate the smile and warm feelings that develop inside you. It doesn't mean the hard realities of life disappear but it does help to put them into focus and encourage us to take the next step, seeking something better.

At GSFC we wish you a blessing for the year ahead.

*David Baslington, Elder, Great Shelford Free Church*

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

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

Church Office (Access via Ashen Green): 01223 842181

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## Worship Services at Great Shelford Free Church

### Sunday 1 January @ 10.30am

All-Age Service: Introduction to series on Prayer

Speaker: Richard Renouf

### Sunday 8 January @ 10.30am

Commissioning Service

Leaders: Rev'd Martin Cockerill & David Baslington

### Sunday 15 January @ 10.30am

Worship Service: 'Our Father in Heaven' (Matthew 6:9)

Speaker: Rev'd Martin Cockerill

### Sunday 22 January @ 10.30am

Worship Service: 'Hallowed be Your Name' (Matthew 6:9)

Speaker: Rev'd Martin Cockerill

### Sunday 29 January @ 10.30am

'Your kingdom Come' (Matthew 6:10)

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##### **Jump 3.30–4.45pm**

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##### **Heroes 3.30–5.00 p.m.**

After school activities club for 6–11 years

##### **Wednesdays**

##### **Little Steps 10am–12 noon**

Toddlers aged 0–3 years & their carers

##### **Tiny Toes 1.30–3.30pm**

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We are actively working on systems to improve the clarity and efficiency of our repeat prescribing systems. We hope you will notice a big positive change over the next six months.

If, in the meantime, you get a surprising message via the pharmacy asking you to book a medication review, please ask reception to check what is really required before booking your appointment. We anticipate these computer generated automated recalls will be gone by the summer and thank you for your patience in the interim.

Please help us by registering for online repeat ordering, and always asking a good few days before you run out of tablets.

### **Farewells**

John Tweedale and Jane Hewson have retired after a cumulative 50 years of service, which we calculate to be around quarter of a million appointments! We are deeply grateful to them for all they have given to us, and wish them and their families every happiness in their next phase.

*Jackie Roberts, Practice Manager 01223 843661*

## THE GARDEN GANG

The Garden Gang has made a start on the flowerbeds in the High Street. We met on a viciously frosty morning, when we woke to a temperature of minus two degrees. But, as we all know, the best way to keep warm is to wear a lot of clothes and do some physical work, both of which we did! So we were soon quite cheerful. Not much to see so far: we are stripping the beds back to see what is worth keeping. But as spring comes round, we will put in the new shrubs and the beds will look great.

If you fancy joining us, here are dates for early next year:

- Wednesday 11 January at 9.30am, meet on the corner of High Street and Buristead Road.
- Wednesday 15 February at 9.30am, venue TBC.
- Wednesday 1 March at 9.30am, venue TBC.

*Helen Harwood*

## COMMUNITY COFFEE HOUSE AT 29 HIGH STREET

**Romsey Mill** is a Cambridgeshire charity creating opportunities and growing communities. Since 1980, the Mill has been working with young people, children and families – supporting them to overcome life challenges, enjoy positive activities, benefit from learning, and gain new skills.

Romsey Mill has been working with young people and some families in the Shelfords, Stapleford and Sawston for over seven years. Ollie O’Meakin is our Youth Development Worker in the villages (working closely with Shelford & Stapleford Youth Initiative). We also support young parents (first-time mums under 20; dads under 26) through our Outreach Workers. Additionally, there are currently six young people from Shelford and neighbouring villages attending autism-friendly youth clubs at our centre in Cambridge.

To effectively support young people, children and families the Mill grows relationships with local communities to encourage volunteering, charitable giving and social enterprise. The plan for a **Community Coffee House on the High Street** is an exciting example of this sort of engagement and enterprise.

Romsey Mill and Great Shelford Free Church began a conversation about the possibility of making use of the church’s empty office/shop premises at 29 High Street, Great Shelford, about 18 months ago. Time was given to creative thinking, sharing ideas and consideration of local community need and opportunities, by way of local focus groups, research and informal discussions. It was agreed that the premises could be transformed into a welcoming and homely coffee shop to connect and serve the local community.

The Mill is leading this project and having recently been granted planning permission for changes to the premises we are keen to move forward. The community coffee house will provide a place for people of all ages, from different walks of life, to connect, belong and meet others. Whatever the reason for dropping in, we’ll take pleasure in ensuring that every person has a lovely experience –feeling welcome, enjoying tasty food and great coffee, knowing they are helping the local community. We want to create

- a socially and environmentally conscientious business
- revenues that will be invested back into the local community
- work-placements and training opportunities for young people
- volunteering opportunities for people to give time and gain new skills.

In the first months of 2017, Romsey Mill will be raising the funds we need to undertake building work and purchase equipment and furnishings needed. It will only be through the generous support of local people, individuals, groups and businesses that this community enterprise will come into being. We hope

that the funds will be raised and the building work completed so that we can open the doors to our new coffee house in the summer of 2017.

**How can you be involved in the project?** You can get involved in many ways, e.g.:

- Make a donation towards the set-up costs
- Offer services, skills, advice in building, landscaping or retail
- Help to recycle or upcycle catering equipment and furnishings
- Organise a fundraising event
- Help with design, marketing and publicity materials

For more information about this exciting initiative please contact Rachel Briant, Project Lead, at Romsey Mill: email [rachel.briant@romseymill.org](mailto:rachel.briant@romseymill.org), tel 07554 439396. RB

## A NEW YEAR, A NEW PLAYScape?

We very much hope so! Buoyed by the totaliser passing the £30k mark, we want to raise significant funds this year and so our fund-raising team will be working hard to raise corporate and private donations. Do contact us if you can help us on either of those fronts! We can then apply for the large local grants to make this vision a reality. Once the detailed design has been approved and we have planning permission we will publish the planned phases and the different ways you can help us achieve something pretty amazing for our village.

Speaking of community, thank you to all the young people who answered our impromptu survey in December about where they'd like a basketball/football practice area. 36% would like it next to the play area, 25% preferred next to green hut (space permitting), 18% had no preference, 16% wanted it behind the pavilion and 5% liked it where it currently is. We will analyse the survey results and comments, as well as the feedback from the planning officer, to decide the best route forward.

And finally, many thanks to all those who came along to the Christmas Lights Switch-on and happily drank mulled wine and ate cake. We made £240 – brilliant!



Happy New Year everyone! Eleanor McCrone [info@shelfordplayscape.org](mailto:info@shelfordplayscape.org)

## DIARY, January 2017

Date	Event	Time	Place
5	Carpet Bowls	7.15pm	Memorial Hall
5	WI: singing (page 39)	7.30pm	See p 43
10	Garden Club: Gardens of Madeira (page 33)	7.30pm	Shelford School Hall
11–14	Little Shelford Pantomime: Dick Whittington (page 27)	7.30pm	Lt Shelford Memorial Hall
11	Garden Gang (page 23)	9.30am	See p 20
12	Carpet Bowls	7.15pm	Memorial Hall
14	Twinning Jumble sale (page 40)	2pm	Memorial Hall
19	Carpet Bowls	7.15pm	Memorial Hall
28	PTA Quiz	7.30pm	Shelford School
24	Open village meeting on parking (page 8)	7pm	Memorial Hall
25	Engage (page 15)	2pm	Library
28	Farmer's Market	9–12am	Memorial Hall
28	Great Shelford Repair Café (page 12)	2–5pm	Scout & Guide HQ
26	Carpet Bowls	7.15pm	Memorial Hall
31	Friends of Great Shelford Library AGM (page 18)	7.30pm	Library

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

### BIN COLLECTIONS

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9 January, 23 January

**Green and blue bins**

3 January (Tuesday), 30 January

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16 January

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**Athenian:** Hello, who is this?

**Spartan:** This is Sparta, who are you?

**Athenian:** I'm from Athens. I am phoning to tell you that you have to change the way you live.

**Spartan:** What's wrong with the way that we live?! You should change your city state to live like we do.

**Athenian:** Why don't you educate your children like we do?

**Spartan:** Because we need to prepare them for battle.

**Athenian:** What battle? There is no battle!

**Spartan:** Then we will destroy you with ease.

**Athenian:** Is that a threat? Are you declaring war on us?!

**Spartan:** Only if the kings command it. We believe all should live as the kings command.

**Athenian:** Well we believe every man has a say in the matter.

**Spartan:** What a chaotic way to live. How does anything ever get done?

**Athenian:** You Spartans are such uncivilised rags.

**Spartan:** You dare insult us? You realise, this means war.

**Athenian:** Pffft. You cannot defeat us; we are the most glorious city state in all of Greece.

**Spartan:** We have the best military tactics in the land.

**Athenian:** We will see.

**Spartan:** Beware!



\*End of call\*

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## READER'S REVIEW

### ***WHO'S AFRAID OF VIRGINIA WOOLF* BY EDWARD ALBEE**

A new year often means time to start doing something new. So rather than a novel this month, why not try Edward Albee's play *Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf* (1962). It'll have you chuckling as you read about the twentieth century's biggest verbal battle.

Martha and George, an unhappy married couple, drink and duke it out in front of their guests as Saturday night rolls into Sunday morning, in their house on an American college campus run by Martha's father.

Albee knows how to write characters and dialogue, build tension, withhold information, detonate sharp humour, command and maintain the reader's attention and finally reveal what it's like being married to someone so long that all you have left is each other. What more could we want from a playwright?



A good place to start when comparing this play is to look inwards and consider the 1966 film adaptation of the same name, directed by Mike Nichols, starring Elizabeth Taylor and Richard Burton. It's just as good, and has that added layer of Taylor and Burton's marriage.

The play has two big successes. Firstly, it has a secret running throughout. The protagonists bob and weave around this secret, building momentum, increasing its readers/viewers' thirst to discover what it is. The second success is the characters. So often is the term 'rounded characters' banded around, but Albee has created two hateful, despicable, frustrated characters and they appear as real as your next door neighbour. You almost see spit leaving their mouths as Martha and George hurl waves of abuse at each other.

*Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf* is a superb play, written by a master playwright. You can order this in the Great Shelford library, and I challenge anyone to read this and not howl with laughter at Martha's story of the boxing glove.

*Garry Pope*

## **MAGOG DOWN**

### **FOCUS ON THE CONSERVATION RANGER'S ROLE**

Jon Gibbs was engaged as our Conservation Ranger in April 2015. Prior to that he had been involved with Magog Down both as a Governor and as part of the CPPF Ranger Team from Wandlebury, who were contracted as a presence on Magog Down.

The current role now gives him an opportunity to interact with users of Magog Down not solely in a 'policing' capacity. Jon's contract covers 20 hours per week on Magog Down during which, on each of the three days spent there, he generally carries out a patrol which will include litter picking, health and safety checks, and an assessment of general work required, e.g. strimming paths, clearing fallen material, mending fences and dealing with any issues arising from the public.

The site, which first opened to the public in 1991, was set up as a multi-use one – i.e. for conservation and recreation – and both these requirements have to be carefully balanced. Paths are important to the visiting public and so specific problems relating to them are addressed, e.g. nettles. With regard to conservation, both ecological and archaeological concerns are addressed: for example, the Bowl Barrow is frequently strimmed to create a fine sward so that eventually access can be allowed. As the seasons turn, different tasks are addressed, with woodland management dominating over the winter. One of the main tasks is the ongoing woodland thinning programme which is carried out across the site and is critical for the future health and longevity of the woodlands; this winter we shall be concentrating on Memorial Wood. Other winter tasks include hedge laying and coppicing; these are carried out in order to produce a healthy woodland for trees, mammals, birds and insects.

Some tasks are undertaken monthly with the small band of volunteers – more are always welcome! (These sessions take place on the second Wednesday of each month; for more information see the Volunteering pages on our website.) Recently a sixth form student who wishes to have some conservation experience has started to join Jon for one afternoon a week so as to gain some practical experience relevant to his studies.



## Keeping the North Down special

With his weekly presence on Magog Down and his interaction with the public, Jon can accept credit for the fact that in 2016, for the very first time, hay from the North Down was cut with the intention of using it for fodder. In previous years this hay has not been suitable for fodder because of its contamination by dog faeces. This risk of contamination is just one of the various good reasons why the **North Down is designated as an On-Lead area at all times, for all dogs, without exception.** We'd like to thank all the many responsible dog-owners who do obey this on-lead rule when they visit with their dogs.

One such responsible visitor sent us a description of an unpleasant run-in they'd had with an aggressive dog owner whom they challenged on the North Down. Because their report included the offender's car registration number, we were able to report the incident to South Cambs District Council's Environmental Crime department, who followed up with a personal visit to caution the offender. We will not hesitate to report any more such incidents, and encourage our responsible visitors who care about maintaining the beauty and peace of Magog Down to report such incidents to us by emailing: [admin@magogtrust.org.uk](mailto:admin@magogtrust.org.uk) so that we can follow them up. The SCDC officers have power to issue fixed penalty notices, or even prosecute persistent offenders.

*The Magog Trust*

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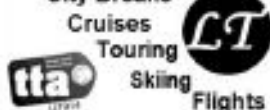
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*Duncan Grey*

## A FORMER SAWSTON VILLAGE COLLEGE STUDENT'S MEMORIES OF MOSCOW

In October 1978 I went to Moscow as part of a group from Sawston Village College. I believe we were the first, and only, school party in Cambridgeshire to go to communist Russia at the time. There was a picture of us in the *Cambridge Evening News* leaving on the coach to the airport. Our History teacher, Mr Dobson, organised the trip. We were studying Modern History, and this included the Russian revolution and up to the Cold War.

After an Aeroflot flight to Moscow we were ferried by coach to the Hotel Berlin in the city centre. It was snowing. The hotel was a big soviet-style block and on every floor there was a fierce matron sitting behind a desk in the corridor. The boys and girls were separated and each had a number of dormitory-like rooms. I was in a room with four other boys.

We had some young Russian tour guides, and it was rumoured that they belonged to the authorities. They passed over any questions about Stalin from our teachers, denying he ever existed. I remember being in awe of the magnificence of the Moscow Metro. There were clean, pearly white and decorated tiles on the walls and giant crystal chandeliers hanging from the vast ceiling in the entrance, with giant arches on either side leading to the platforms. It was truly a cathedral to trains. I had up to then only seen the 1970s dirty

London underground for comparison. We also went to a Russian school where the children spoke perfect English. They did a recital of Robbie Burns poetry for us. Then we went on to a space museum in the outskirts of the city. An American space capsule was on show. It was small and must have been very cramped for the astronauts, but it captured my imagination. There were other space craft on show, but I liked the US capsule the best. We walked around Red Square looking at the Kremlin and the coloured onion domes of Saint Basil's cathedral, and queued to see Lenin lying in state. The body was in a glass case. It was preserved, but looked like a wax-work. It was kind of creepy to me, but he was the father of the revolution, the reason we were here.



St Basil's cathedral in the 70s  
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One evening we were given the choice of going to the ballet, or an ice hockey match. We chose the ice hockey match. One of our group was asked to be a pen pal by a Russian man, who also wanted to buy his Manchester United scarf. I think the man got short shrift from us. While walking around the streets in the daytime quite a few of us were asked if our jeans were for sale.



Moscow skyline

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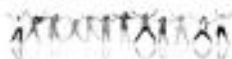
Every night at dinner we were served boiled potatoes, cabbage and meatballs. One of the girls got fed up of meatballs, and stuffed her portion in the teapot. After dinner, we lads found we could buy bottles of beer from the bar and take them to our rooms. We had a party one night, with beer bottles cooling under cold water in the sink and bath. Mr Dobson, our teacher, found out but said it was okay so long as we didn't overdo it, and didn't buy vodka. When we left the hotel to come home we left quite a few bottles of beer in the wardrobe for the cleaners.

The whole trip was very interesting. It showed us teenagers another culture. There were women construction and road workers operating big power tools, and the giant state run shops had little produce in them. As we left, we were ushered into a warehouse-type tourist shop where the currency was US Dollars, to buy our souvenirs. I bought a soviet poster showing a tank rearing up at a border crossing wall. There was some writing in Russian but I don't know what it said. I also bought a Russian doll, postcards, and some badges that had pictures of the rings on them for the forthcoming Moscow Olympics.

So, this was Russian communism. I benefitted from going. I passed my History O level and also broadened my outlook on life. The trip cost £150.00, and my parents paid in instalments. They didn't have a summer holiday that year. I have to thank them for that, and the Village College for having the foresight to organise the trip. Now, I had seen Moscow when it was part of the communist super power that was the Soviet Union. Not many teenagers could say that.

*Peter Dean*

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And don't forget to make a New Year Resolution to test your smoke alarm, and that of your elderly relatives, once a month by pressing the 'test' button on the device. To find out if you are eligible for a free home fire safety check please visit our website [www.cambsfire.gov.uk](http://www.cambsfire.gov.uk).

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Two groups from Sawston Village College applied successfully for funding last year. Below is an excerpt from the report Lucy Hayes, of Year 11, wrote to the Trust on behalf of her group.

‘Thank you very much for the donation towards our trampolining leotards in March. We have since managed to fundraise the rest of the money needed through car washes and cleaning houses and were able to purchase the leotards in August. They have been great for our weekly practice and we also wore them at the Sawston Village College Open Evening when demonstrating skills and helping to teach others. We also plan on using them for the Eastern Regional Competition in November. If we were to then qualify to the National Championships (as we did last year but could not attend due to not having matching leotards), then they would be vital in order to compete.

Thank you once again for helping us achieve our goal in being able to compete more and represent the school as a part of a team in a sport we are so passionate about.’

## ART PROJECT FOR HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY

Sawston Village College will be marking Holocaust Memorial Day on 27 January and is pleased to be taking part in a national art project organised by the Holocaust Memorial Day Trust. The school is one of 12 organisations chosen nationally and is representing the East of England for this project. Pupils plan to make a wall sculpture and have chosen former pupil Neil Jones as the artist who will lead the project. South Cambridgeshire Decorative and Fine Arts Society, which meets in Great Shelford, is supporting this project and is also working closely with the school. The theme for Holocaust Memorial Day 2017 is 'How can life go on?'

Pupils involved in this project write about it below:

### Grace Thorne, Year 8

When the Holocaust occurred it was a desperate time, when people were judged on their religion and beliefs. Why is it important we remember this? Why can't it just stay in the past and be forgotten like a bad dream? We should and must remember because if we do not, the potential for hatred and religious intolerance might be even greater today. Also, we can learn something about human nature from this experience.


Although the Holocaust resulted in the deaths of millions, some people did survive, and it is these people we will be thinking about for Holocaust Memorial Day 2017 and in making our artwork. So, it is important to remember the Holocaust not only for the people who died but also for the people who survived, against the odds, and had to try to build their lives again, as life goes on.

### Bana Mirweis, Year 8

I chose to get involved in this art project because I think it is important for us to remember the Holocaust and the pain and loss it caused. No human, good or bad, should have to undergo such suffering, and for us now to shut out remembering this would be horribly disrespectful. The Holocaust should never be repeated, and so hopefully by remembering it we will be able to improve as humans and in our attitudes to those with different religions.

For our artwork we have chosen to make a bird flying off into the sky. We hope this work will encourage us also to remember the plight of those who had to learn to live again after surviving the Holocaust but after often losing their entire families.





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For the first time in its 160 year history, the lake is being dredged, which became vital when Garden staff realized that it had become so full of silt that plant and pond life had become difficult to sustain.

Before the lake dredge began, great care was taken to protect the aquatic life. Fish handlers caught existing fish and have temporarily relocated them, and the freshwater mussels are being housed in a nursery pool in the stream. Both will be reintroduced to the lake once it has been re-filled with water.

The 'Murray Map', drawn up by the Garden's first Curator, Andrew Murray, in the 1840s, shows that a lake was part of the original Garden design. Syndicate notes from the Garden's archive collection reveal that the lake was completed by 1858 – for the princely sum of £152!

The lake has been a striking feature of the Garden ever since, providing variation in landscape and vegetation. It also offers a vital habitat for a wealth of wildlife. Fresh water mussels, fish, water snails, leeches, herons, moorhens, ducks, little grebe and kingfishers are all either resident or frequent visitors. We hope that the 'new' lake will become a thriving aquatic environment and

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*Helen Needham*



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## GARDEN CLUB

### PLANTS FOR BUTTERFLIES

Peter Jackson of Scotsdales Garden Centre returned to speak about growing plants which are beneficial to butterflies. Providing suitable food plants will attract a range of different butterflies throughout the year. It is also useful to know what the caterpillars look like, so as to avoid destroying something which looks like a pest – for example, the Peacock butterfly has black, spiny caterpillars.

**Spring** Bluebells (muscari – modern varieties such as ‘Valerie Finnis’ with powder blue flowers will remain as tidy clumps and not reseed), alliums, aubreti, pyracantha and mahonia *aquifolium*. Lamium will attract bees as well as butterflies.

**Summer** Escallonia (pink, white and red flowered varieties), lilacs (some of the Canadian varieties will flower

twice), lavender, achillea, shrubby potentillas such as ‘Primrose Beauty’, hebes (smaller leaved varieties are more hardy), blackberry, helianthemum (single varieties), *Erigeron karvinskianus* (a carpeting perennial with yellow centred pinkish, mauve daisy flowers).

**Annals** Arabis, cosmos, ageratum, zinnias, marigolds, alyssum, nasturtiums, petunias.

**Wild flowers** Buttercups, daisies, clover, valerian (red, pink or white flowers) feverfew, thyme, purple loosestrife, thistles, climbing honeysuckle. Stinging nettles grown in a sunny, sheltered position next to nectar rich flowers will attract Small Tortoiseshells, Peacocks and Red Admirals.

**Late Summer/Autumn** *Cerostigma plumbaginoides*, late blue flowering low ground cover or the taller *C. willmottianum*, such as ‘Forest Blue’, hydrangea, sedum, echinops, phlox, asters or Michaelmas daisies (which particularly attract Red Admiral butterflies). Buddleia attracts a variety of butterflies and if the seed heads are left on, these can provide food for goldfinches. For the small garden there are sterile dwarf forms, which can be grown in a pot.

More information about food plants for butterflies and their caterpillars is available from the Royal Horticultural Society and Butterfly Conservation ([butterfly-conservation.org](http://butterfly-conservation.org)).

Helen Chubb



Caterpillar of Peacock butterfly

## GOG FARM SHOP RECEIVES AWARD

Cambridge's specialist food retailer, The Gog Farm Shop, was named 'Best Farm Shop' at the 'Butcher's Shop of the Year' awards held at Banking Hall in London on 7 November 2016.

'We're all absolutely thrilled with the award' said Managing Director, Charles Bradford. 'It reflects the exceptionally hard work of the whole team and it underpins our quest to become one of the country's best food retailers. The biggest thanks must go to our amazing customers who have supported and believed in us over the years.'

**About The Gog:** The Gog Farm Shop is based 2 miles south of Cambridge. Having started as an essential farm diversification project, the business now employs over 50 people and includes a Butchery, Grocery, Delicatessen, Café and Event Business. Previously known as 'Gog Magog Hills Farm Shop', it was rebranded in early 2016 to reflect customers' own abbreviated name of the business.

*Charles Bradford, Managing Director*

## LITTLE SHELFORD MEMORIAL HALL FILM EVENING: *CHICAGO*



*Chicago*, the musical, will be screened on Saturday 18 February at 8 pm (doors open at 7.30 pm).

*Chicago* is a 2002 American musical film based on the musical of the same name, exploring the themes of celebrity, scandal and corruption in Chicago during the Jazz Age. The film stars

Catherine Zeta-Jones and Renée Zellweger as two murderesses who find themselves in jail together awaiting trial in 1920s Chicago and fight for the fame that will keep them from the gallows.

*Chicago* won six Academy Awards in 2003 and was the first musical to win Best Picture since *Oliver!* in 1968.

Come and see it! There will be a licensed bar and a fish and chip or equivalent supper. Tickets are available at £12.50/head from Jeanette Thompson (842218), Sarah Coppendale (842498) and Jill McMenemy (842414). Please buy your tickets by **Monday 13 February** so that the food can be ordered.

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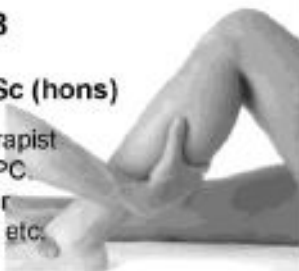
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We are now about half way through the season at Shelford Rugby Club.



**Shelford 1<sup>st</sup> XV** are currently sixth in the National League 3 (London and South-East) and playing well, winning seven out of 12 games so far.

**The Nomads** are seventh in their league with 34 points.

**The 3<sup>rd</sup> team** are a serious social team. Training is on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Please contact Will Woodgate ([William\\_woodgate@hotmail.com](mailto:William_woodgate@hotmail.com))

**The 4<sup>th</sup> team** play an 'off-the-cuff' style of attacking rugby, making matches exciting for both players and spectators. Training is on Tuesdays and Thursdays and new players are welcome. Contact [tommacarnold@aol.com](mailto:tommacarnold@aol.com).

**The 5<sup>th</sup> team** have enjoyed another set of great games as the real social end of Shelford rugby. Contact [richardcraddock060644@outlook.com](mailto:richardcraddock060644@outlook.com)

**The Ladies** season has started with a fairly new team, with many team members from last season moving out of the area. This is a perfect time to join the team whether you're an experienced player or even if you've never touched a rugby ball before. If you want to meet new people, get fit and have plenty of fun then get involved. The Ladies Captain is Bertille Gleize (07860 133277).

**Mini & Youth** continue to play matches or train every Sunday morning.

For more details about Shelford Rugby Club go to [www.shelfordrugby.co.uk](http://www.shelfordrugby.co.uk)

*Stephanie Hatter Youth Secretary Shelford Rugby Club*

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## FOOTBALL CLUB



The first team bounced straight back from the disappointing draw with Cambridge City Reserves, and three successive wins saw them top the Premier Division table for the first time this season. The opening day defeat to newly promoted Chatteris Town, who at the end of last season had beaten us in the Cambridgeshire Challenge Cup final, was convincingly avenged with a 5–1 home win. This was followed by another impressive display, a 4–1 win away to West Wrattling, which was all the more pleasing as they had beaten us in the last three meetings between the teams. The month ended with a 3–1 home win against lowly Hemingfords United, although the score could easily have been a lot more.

The reserves only had two fixtures in the month and after a very impressive start to the season their drop in form continued with a 2–0 defeat away to Bar Hill Reserves followed by a 4–2 reversal at home to Saffron Crocus. Despite this, the young side have settled well in what is for most of them their first season in senior football, and with players coming back from injury it is hoped a return to form is just around the corner.

There are 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!

On a final note, I would like to thank everyone who recently attended what turned out to be a very enjoyable fund raising Race Night in the Memorial Hall. Also, a special thank you to all those who helped make the evening a success, before, during and afterwards.

This will be the last report of 2016 so a Happy New Year to all our readers and everyone connected with the club. We look forward to seeing you all in 2017.

*Terry Rider, Chairman*

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*Editorial Committee*

## WHAT'S ON IN JANUARY

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

### CAMBRIDGE ARTS THEATRE

2 Dec to 8 Jan	Pantomime: <i>Dick Whittington</i>
18–21	<i>Annie</i> Family musical
23–28	<i>The Full Monty</i> Adaptation of the classic film
31–4 Feb	<i>The Winter's Tale</i>
Telephone: 01223 503333 Web: <a href="http://www.cambridgeartstheatre.com">www.cambridgeartstheatre.com</a>	

### SAWSTON CINEMA

19	7pm	<i>Me Before You</i> Romance with Sam Claflin and Emelia Clarke
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### UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE

5	5.30pm	<i>Stutterer</i> artwork using the human genome as a music score
17	1.10pm	Concert: Saint-Saens <i>Septet</i> + Schumann <i>Humoreske</i> (West Rd)
21	8pm	Paul Daniel conducts Mahler's <i>Symphony No. 3</i> in Kings College Chapel
For information on these and other events see <a href="http://www.admin.cam.ac.uk/whatson">www.admin.cam.ac.uk/whatson</a>		

### WANDLEBURY

Every Thursday	Healthy walking 10–11am (longer walk) or 10.30–11 (shorter walk). Suitable for all abilities
14 and 21	11am–3.30pm Conservation volunteer activity: hedge laying. Join the team 'laying' a hedge to improve its structure and strength. Tools provided.
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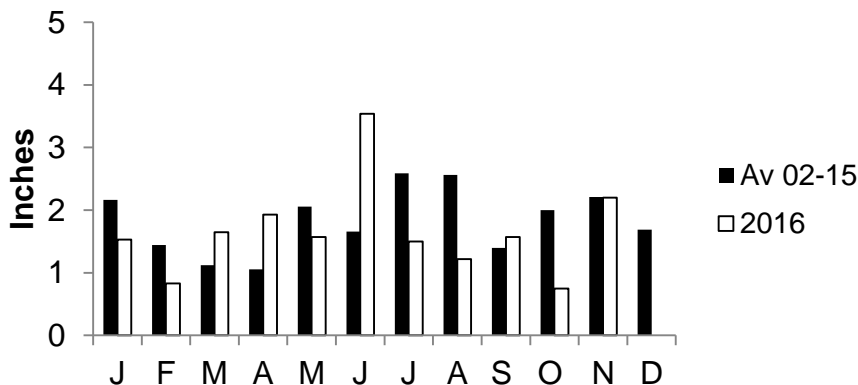
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