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GREAT SHELFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Summary from the draft minutes of the 15 February 2017 meeting

Cllr Stephen Chittenden has resigned from the Parish Council with immediate effect. The vacancy will be publicised as soon as cleared by SCDC Electoral Services.

In an adjournment for public participation, Jim Rickard, Ashen Green resident, reviewed the current position of the Neighbourhood Plan group. The Parish Council offered support. The terms of reference of the group will be brought to both Parish Councils for ratification.

Matters arising from meeting of 18 January 2017

- Modifying the Recreation Ground shelter. Removal of the integral screens may weaken the shelter and cause a serious safety hazard for seating, so the Clerk recommended not going ahead. However a structural review will be carried out to see if changes can be made.
- There is a proposal to fit a defibrillator outside Tesco. This will need an outdoor pack costing £1,400 and will not be insured. More research will be undertaken into costs and fitment details.
- A Precept of £185,000 has been agreed with SCDC. This will give a band D equivalent of £93.81 in 2017/18, (a decrease of 40p or 0.40% below the charge in 2016/17).

Reports from Elected Representatives

District Councillor Ben Shelton

- Refuse collection dates for Great Shelford change from Monday to Tuesday on Monday 27 February 2017.
- SCDC proposed a Council Tax increase of £5 on a band D property. This is equivalent to a 3.8% increase.
- The SCDC Central Government Grant has been reduced by £700,000 and various local initiatives were expected to fund £300,000 of the reduction.

County Councillor Tony Orgee

- CCC Budget approved at 0% Council Tax plus 2% for Social Care precept. This is an increase of £24 on a band D property.
- Cllr Tony Orgee announced he would not be standing for office again. The Parish Council thanked him for his long-standing support of Great Shelford village issues.

Standing Committee Reports

- **Recreation Ground** The Copse Project is underway with white lines marking the proposed planting areas and pathways.
- **Cemetery and Allotments** The Parish Council expressed their thanks to Mr Taylor who as a volunteer has helped for many years with the upkeep of Freestones Corner green area.
- **Playscape Liaison** Further funding for a planning application will be reviewed at the next Pavilion and Recreation meeting.
- **Social Media** Updating of the new website has been delayed.
- **Community Association** The use of the Pavilion over half term proved very successful. The heating system is again causing problems.
- **Annual Parish Meeting** A letter will be delivered to all residents in mid March.

Christmas Lighting 2016 Contributions received totalled £300, representing a £2,500 shortfall in contributions to break even. Plans for Christmas 2017 will be reviewed well in advance, and the Clerk will take overall responsibility for all events. The lights will be switched on by a non-political representative.

Finance 14 cheques valued at £6,350.27p were presented for payment. A schedule of CCC charges for street lighting was circulated. The Clerk will determine how to bill private locations directly.

The Grange Field Grange Field representative, Land Partners, confirmed a meeting on 22 March.

PLANNING DECISIONS

Approvals Extensions at 22 Granhams Road, 5 Cambridge Road, 235 Hinton Way, 41 Tunwells Lane, 38 Buristead Road and Paddock End, Buristead Road. A porch at 5 Spinney Drive. Outbuildings at 41 Tunwells Lane, 3 Halatte Gardens and 34 Woollards Lane.

The demolition of a bungalow and its replacement by a pair of semi-detached houses at 48 Cambridge Road. Alterations and extensions to existing buildings at Scotsdales.

Refusals A first floor extension at 5 Elms Avenue and the change of use of outbuildings at Chandos Farm, Cherry Hinton Road.

An application to install steps and an additional car parking space at the Glebe, Rectory Farm was withdrawn.

The appeal against refusal of planning permission for extensions at 32 Buristead Road was dismissed.



HEIDI ALLEN NEWSLETTER

I had the pleasure of meeting the new chief executive of the City Deal, Rachel Stopard. You won't be surprised to hear I shared my concerns with her about the Cambourne to Cambridge busway proposal known as 3/3a, which would cut across green belt north of Coton. We must of course find an effective public transport link, but spending upwards of £140m on a guided busway that cuts through swathes of green belt and doesn't even connect with the city centre is sheer madness to me. Local groups are proposing alternative, cheaper options and I will fight hard to ensure they are considered fully before a final decision is made. Public money is tight and we must spend it wisely.

I've also coordinated a number of meetings with stakeholders including Highways England, Abellio Greater Anglia, Govia, Laing, Network Rail, District Council Leader Peter Topping and County Councillors to name but a few! I want us to bid for some of the Government's Autumn statement money for a number of local improvements. It may be that we can combine funds with those available in the existing City Deal and our devolution deal due to go live in May. I'm interested principally in upgrading the A505 from the M11 to the A11 including the bridge at Whittlesford (I haven't forgotten about a cycle path linking Duxford and Whittlesford!) and the well overdue Foxton level crossing. I've also held meetings to understand progress on plans for the A428 upgrade and Oxford-Cambridge rail link. Last but by no means least, I have pulled together a programme board to really move things forward with a new train station at Addenbrooke's Hospital. I'd also like to blow the trumpets of our local constabulary! They have recently launched an initiative to tackle parking issues across South Cambridgeshire. They have developed an online form for you to complete to report any parking issues in your area <http://tinyurl.com/SouthCambs-Parking>

I cannot believe it is almost a year since we tragically lost Jo Cox, my colleague at Westminster. On June 17/18 this year, her legacy charity will be promoting 'The Great Get Together' a weekend long event which aims to bring us together to celebrate friendship and community. Some of the UK's biggest organisations will be taking part, including the Women's Institute, Oxfam and the Royal British Legion. Details at <https://greatgettogether.org/> or on Jo's charity website. If you are interested in setting something up, please let me know so I can spread the word, join you, or help in any way. I'd love it if we could have a number of events taking place all over the constituency.

Contact Surgeries: www.heidisouthcambs.co.uk/residents-drop-surgeries. I'll next be in Swavesey on March 18 and Cambourne on April 22. Or phone 01954 212707 or email heidi.allen.mp@parliament.co.uk

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LENT ACTIVITIES IN ST MARY'S CHURCH

Lent Breakfast

There will be Lent Breakfasts on Sunday 2 and 9 April at 8.45am in the Community Room. This gives an opportunity for those who attend the 8am service and those who can arrive early for the 10am service to share fellowship over breakfast. A small donation will be asked and all are most welcome to the services and breakfast.

Lent Course – All Loves Excelling

The final session of the Diocesan Lent Course 'All Loves Excelling' for 2017, studies in the Letter to the Philippians, takes place on Tuesday 4 April at 7.30pm at 43 Hinton Way, Great Shelford. All are most welcome.

Lent Lunches

The local churches have been hosting Lent Lunches again this year in aid of overseas development charities. The final one is on Friday 7 April at 12 noon–2pm at Great Shelford Free Church.

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES

Please come and join in this special time of celebration and joy. Full details of our Holy Week and Easter services are on our website.

Palm Sunday 9 April

- 8.00am Holy Communion (BCP 1662)
- 10.00am Parish Communion (main Sunday service) with
procession and blessing of Palms
- 6.30pm Evensong (BCP 1662)

Monday in Holy Week

- Daily 9.00am Morning Prayer (Monday–Thursday)
- 5.00pm Evening Prayer (Tuesday–Thursday)
- 7.00pm Holy Communion (reflective service with a focus on the Holocaust)

Tuesday in Holy Week

- 9am Morning Prayer
- 5pm Evening Prayer
- 7pm Stations of the Cross (meditation on Jesus' last hours)

Wednesday in Holy Week

- 9am Morning Prayer
- 9.30am Holy Communion (BCP 1662)
- 5pm Evening Prayer

7.30pm Christian Passover Supper (Community Room, tickets needed, see website)

Maundy Thursday

9am Morning Prayer

5pm Evening Prayer

7.30pm Eucharist of Maundy Thursday, followed by Watch of prayer

Good Friday

10.30am Family Service for Holy Week (short service for children)

1.00pm Good Friday Devotions (two brief led meditations)

2.00pm Liturgy of the Passion (marking Jesus last hour and death)

Easter Saturday

8.00pm Easter Vigil (first celebration of Easter, Blessing of new fire)

Easter Day 16 April

6.30am Joint Dawn Service (Magog Down)

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP 1662)

10.00am Parish Communion (Main Sunday service)

with Easter Egg Hunt for young at heart!

6.30pm Sung Evensong (BCP 1662)

St Mary's Toddler Group Meet weekly on Thursdays in term time in the Community Room between 9.30 and 11.30am for children aged from 0 to 3 years.

'First Steps' For babies and toddlers, from 0 to 5 years, meeting on Mondays, 2 to 2.30pm (term time only).

From the registers

Funerals 27 February – Michael Farrar, 20 March – Dennis Bly

Regular services

Daily 9am Morning Prayer, 5pm Evening Prayer

Wednesday 9.30am Holy Communion (BCP 1662)

Sunday 8am Holy Communion (BCP 1662)

10am Parish Communion, our main Sunday service

6.30pm Evensong (BCP 1662)

For further information about Great Shelford Parish Church

visit our website www.stmarysgreatshelford.org/

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SHELFORD SCHOOL

School is about enjoyment and should be rewarding. As an experienced inspector that is a view I hold to, as do many others. It is worthwhile reminding you that our children are encouraged through a range of rewards, which are headed up 'Secrets of Success'. There are not only half-termly Head Teacher Awards, but also Maths Investigator, Star Writer, Golden Mile and even Dinner Winner. I will leave it to your imagination for the latter. But parents/carers always (hopefully) want to know how well their children are doing and the Spring Term round of pupil/parent/teacher consultations has taken place. Really importantly parents/carers were reminded in the newsletter not to forget to bring their child to these meetings. Why? The process provides the opportunity for the teacher and pupil to discuss what has been achieved in the past months as part of self-assessment and for parents to watch and listen.

Pupils can rate themselves 'green', 'yellow' or 'red' as to how well they think they are achieving and how much effort they are putting in. There is no hiding here, and there are also Additional Support Plans provided for our children who are identified with special educational needs, as well as an attendance and punctuality report for all! Everyone involved is putting in a great deal of effort. The overall comments about this new approach are very positive and it offers that shared opportunity to support our learners in their journey of developing their potential across a wide range of skills.

By the time you read this, the PTA Challenge 2017 will be close to its action day of Go Ape, on Sunday 23 April at Thetford Forest (High Lodge). Deadlines for the May magazine will mean that you will have to wait until June for a report, but there is still time to be a sponsor. Ask for an old-fashioned sponsorship form or use the BT MyDonate page. The mantra is good – it's going to be 'tree-mendous' and the more people we get swinging through the trees, the more iPads we can buy.

School funding remains a topical issue and for our school, along with many others, parent support is crucial. Our budget is tough. Schools benefit from the Pupil Premium income, which is additional to main school funding. This is seen by government as the best way to address the current underlying inequalities between children eligible for free school meals (FSM) and their peers, by ensuring that funding to tackle disadvantage reaches the pupils who need it most. We do not have large numbers of children eligible for FSM but it does help if parents who need such support do apply. Thus many thanks are extended to all who support the school in so many different ways.

Our Christian year is now in the season of Lent and we hope that this period of prayer and preparation will lead to a very happy Easter for everyone.

Nigel Pett, Church Foundation Governor

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The Parish Council applied for a grant to install school signs with flashing lights in the vicinity of Shelford Primary School. The speed limit will be reduced to 20mph and double yellow lines will be adjusted.

The estimated cost is £9,600 and a grant of £4,000 has been awarded by Cambridgeshire County Council on implementation from April 2017.

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Wednesday 19 April 2017, 7pm

Memorial Hall, Woollards Lane, Great Shelford

The Annual Parish Meeting is an opportunity to hear reports from the Parish Council, the District and Country Councillors, and various representative bodies in the Parish. If you are interested in progress on highways improvements, Recreation Ground plans, etc. please come along and have your views heard. Refreshments will be served.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO LISTEN TO CHILDREN READ IN LOCAL PRIMARY SCHOOLS

Can you spare an hour or two a week to listen to children read in a local primary school? 'Schoolreaders' is looking for more volunteers to carry out this important role.

Schoolreaders is a non-profit organisation that provides and matches volunteers from the community to listen to children read in local primary schools. No qualifications are necessary, just a good command of spoken and written English.

If you, or anyone that you know, would like to join or learn more about the scheme, please visit the website www.schoolreaders.org

Volunteers and schools can join the scheme via the website or for more information can phone 01234 924111 or email admin@schoolreaders.org

SHELFORD SCHOOL SUMMER FAIR

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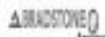


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CHURCH AROUND THE COMMUNION TABLE

Many people have taken communion, either out of duty, social embarrassment, pressure from their parents, or out of a deeply held religious belief. Maybe eating the bread and drinking the wine, or poor quality grape juice, isn't a big deal to you, a throw back to childhood or a leftover English quaint tradition.

But the 'messy meal' we replicate with our little cups and wafers, speaks about something deeply symbolic and community defining.

As we politely drink our wine and break an acceptable amount of bread off, Jesus reclines at a table, covered in food and mess, surrounded by friends, probably having enjoyed a little wine, and sleepy from a full meal. He sits and eats, and that meal speaks of the church God loves. We might not always be good at being that church, we might not always agree, but the messy communion table teaches more about church than 2,000 years of tradition will ever do.

As a family we've had a great amount of fun around our dinner table. It's where good friends have been made, where people have laughed, where people have cried, where prayers have been said, and where little children have been fed. Having a family with small children means our meal times are often chaotic and messy. I'm often the one who's a little bit too bothered about order and more inclined to shout and get cross with silly behaviour. But the mess of meal times is the mess of communion with God.

We come to the table with all our mess, the sweat of a hard day's work, the troubles of mental illness, the pains of old age, the disappointment of love lost, the hurts of life. We come and recline with Jesus, we hear his words, not in the quietness of a church service, or the reverence of ordered worship, but in the mess and chaos of a family meal, the gathered table, all different, all facing different realities of living our lives.

We choose to do it all together; to sit, eat, share fellowship with each other, at the same table as Jesus Christ. The Lord of the universe, the Creator of all things, sits with us, speaks to us and cares for us.

Come and sit with us, come and hear his truths, a balm for the world's ills, a balm for our ills.

Rev'd Martin Cockerill (Pastor, Shelford Free Church)

SERVICES AT GREAT SHELFORD FREE CHURCH

Sunday 2 April @ 10.30am

‘How did Jesus love the world? Lessons from the Master’

Speaker: Revd Martin Cockerill

Sunday 9 April @ 10.30am

Palm Sunday: Communion Service. Speaker: David Baslington

Thursday 13 April @ 7.30pm

Maundy Thursday Communion Service

Friday 14 April @ 11.00am

Good Friday Worship Service

Sunday 16 April @ 10.30am

Easter Sunday: All-Age service

Leaders: Revd Martin Cockerill & Diana Parr

Sunday 23 April @ 10.30am

‘Sending out the twelve’ (Mark 6:6–13) Speaker: Revd Martin Cockerill

Sunday 23 April @ 6.30am

Communion Service

Sunday 30 April @ 10.30am

‘Flashback’ (Mark 6:14–29) Speaker: Richard Renouf



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@ Tea Time Together**

23 April, 3.30pm - 3T: Bouncy Castle and Crafts

At Great Shelford Free Church, Ashen Green entrance

3T is an informal event for all, whatever age or phase of life you are in. Some events are outdoors and will require suitable clothing, some inside in a more relaxed, ‘civilized’ setting. 3T will always be creative, informal and spiritual.

For more details, contact Diana Parr: childfam@shelfordfreechurch.org.uk
or phone 01223 842181(church office)

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Thursday 20 April

9.30–12 noon or 1–3.30pm – or even both

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Saturday 29 April 2017 at 2pm in the Memorial Hall*Jumble can be taken to the hall 10–12 noon on 29 April.**We are sorry but no mains electrical goods or furniture/furnishings that fail to meet fire regulations can be accepted. We welcome high quality jumble that will enable the Scouts to raise the most money.****LlamaDrama presents Cinderella****LlamaDrama's* next show will be the most popular panto of all, ***Cinderella***, and we are looking for actors of all ages, but particularly adults.

We shall be holding auditions on **Thursday 13 April** and **Tuesday 18 April**, 7.30pm, in the Meeting Room, The Fulbourn Centre, Home End, Fulbourn, CB21 5BS
There will be signs to direct you once in The Fulbourn Centre.

Performances will take place on **Saturday 6** and **Saturday 13 January 2018**.

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PAVILION OPENING OVER EASTER

In the February half-term break the Parish Council opened the toilets in the pavilion for most of the day midweek while Romsey Mill and Playscape ran successful coffee mornings in the meeting room. The Easter holiday for state schools this year is 1–17 April. We will open the toilets from 9am to 5pm on weekdays. To also open the meeting room we need a 'responsible adult' for insurance purposes. You are welcome to run a coffee morning or similar activity, but don't have to. Please contact the Parish Clerk if interested.

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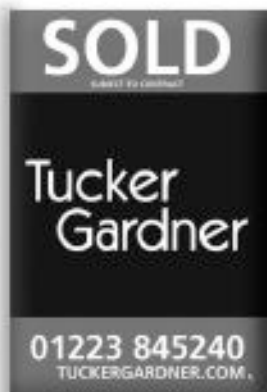
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DIARY, April 2017

Date	Event	Time	Place
1	Model Railway Exhibition	10am–4pm	Sawston VC
6	<i>Alpacas</i> , talk for WI by Nicola Sly (page 21)	7.30pm	All Saints' North Room, Little Shelford
11	Granta Flower Club demonstration	7pm	Memorial Hall
12	Garden Gang (page 30)	10am	High Street
19	Annual Parish Meeting (page 10)	7pm	Memorial Hall
20	<i>A Stitch in Time</i> , Cambridge Flower Club (page 30)	7.15pm	Whittlesford Memorial Hall
22	Farmers' Market	9–12 noon	Memorial Hall
24	Little Shelford History Society AGM	7.30pm	Little Shelford Memorial Hall
26	<i>Stained Glass</i> , talk for Engage (page 16)	2–3.30pm	Library
26	<i>Rectory Farm</i> , talk by Helen Harwood (page 32)	7.30pm	Community Room, St Mary's
29	Scout Jumble Sale and Auction (page 14)	2pm	Memorial Hall
13, 18	LlamaDrama auditions (page 14)	7.30pm	Fulbourn Centre
24–28	Make A Will Week (page 16)		

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

BIN COLLECTIONS (Note varied days)



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Subscribed copies will be delivered shortly thereafter.

TELEPHONE BOX

A telephone conversation between Paddington Bear and the Easter Bunny just after Paddington has been rescued from the train station by the Brown family.



Paddington: Hello Bunny! I just called you to tell you all about my day.

Bunny: Hi Paddington. How nice to hear from you.

Paddington: I had such a fun day.

Bunny: Ooo! Wow! Tell me all about it.

Paddington: Well, at first it started badly. I was hiding behind a bike rack. Suddenly, a lovely family came and invited me to stay with them.

Bunny: How lucky! What were their names?

Paddington: Mrs Brown and Mr Brown. They were

waiting for their daughter, Judy.

Bunny: What nice names they are! I wish I had a name like that.

Paddington: Then I went into a café. I fell on some cream cakes.

Bunny: How funny!

Paddington: Next I got into a taxi. I upset the driver.

Bunny: Oh! What did he do?

Paddington: He just shut the window between him and us.

Bunny: What happened next?

Paddington: After that, I met Mrs Bird. Oh! Sorry, I need to go because Mr and Mrs Brown are going for a walk now. Bye!

Bunny: Well, hope to see you again soon and bye!

Caitlin Bullock



WI

At our February meeting we learned about the history of Cambridge from Honor Ridout, Chair of the Cambridgeshire Association for Local History and a former City Tourist

Officer. With the help of contemporary illustrations compared with modern photographs we were able to visualise the changes over the centuries and see the many traces of previous generations in the modern city.

We held our Annual General Meeting on Thursday 2 March. Anna Sugden was re-elected as President and Shirley Warbrick will become Treasurer. The AGM was followed by Trevor Chapman speaking on 'The ripple effect of hearing loss,' which provoked much discussion and many questions.

The next meeting on Thursday 6 April will include a talk by Nicola Sly on Alpacas. Our activities extend beyond the monthly meetings and we are delighted that our newly formed darts team won their first match. We have also arranged a visit to Chilford Hall Vineyard, which will take place in August.

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

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SSYI & PLAYSCAPE WORK ON THE WILDER SIDE

In February a group of willing SSYI and Playscape volunteers joined Sophie O'Hara Smith down by the basketball court. With quantities of string, tape measures, stakes, line spray (and a touch of mental maths!) we marked out the new meadows and pathways. Seamus then kindly went over the area properly with the line-marking machine. This will mean the contractors will know which areas to leave to grow and we will know where to plant the 1,500 wild flower plant plugs!

Speaking of which, we had a great turn out on Saturday 18 March. Armed with trowels we planted drifts of basil, clustered bellflower, corn cockle, field scabious, greater knapweed, meadow clary, musk mallow, meadow cranesbill, oxeye daisy, oxslip, red clover, tansy, white campion, tufted vetch and yarrow. Now it's just a waiting game! Special thanks to everyone who helped – it was such a great turn-out we were finished by lunchtime, just in time for the rain to water them all in! Please avoid walking on these areas while the plants establish.



Willow wonder

We've also planted the new living willow dome down by the river. The weaving turned out to be the easy bit, it was getting each upright 30cm deep into the ground so that it will root which was the tough part. It sounded like a blacksmith's whilst we were hammering

metal stakes into the ground! Two of the SSYI crew also did a fantastic job transferring all the bark (kindly donated by Madingley Mulch) down the rec with just a trolley and muscles.

All in all we hope you agree it was worth the effort as with good care a living willow dome can last for decades. The swan was definitely impressed – it got out of the river for a proper look when we'd finished!

Other news

By the time you read this we will have had another community consultation on the latest plans for the play area! Apologies this was not in last month's Village News – arrangements didn't coincide with publishing deadlines however hopefully you will have caught this via posters and social media. We will of course keep you posted about all of this on the website, where you can also find a fascinating blog post about the history of the Recreation Ground – did you know soldiers were billeted there and there used to be a diving board?

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KIDS INSPIRING KIDS IN ‘STEM’

A group of five pupils in Year 11 at Sawston Village College have been taking part in an Erasmus+ Science project called ‘Kids Inspiring Kids in STEM’ (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics), or KIKS. Sawston Village College is one of just four schools taking part in the UK.

As part of the project, the five pupils have been writing and executing their own lessons and workshops for younger pupils. Lucy Main and Arera Davies both took their Astronomy GCSEs last year, and have been using this knowledge to teach lessons to the new Astronomy cohort, and to their Physics classes. Antonia Ren and Calum Rayner taught a lesson about the Rosetta mission to the junior STEM club, followed by a DIY Philae lander workshop, where pupils assembled their own circuits and decorated their landers. Izaak van Dongen taught an introduction to chaos theory to a suitably impressed junior STEM – pupils learnt about chaos in rivers and populations, experimented with iteration and the logistic map, and made orderly fractals from dice throws.

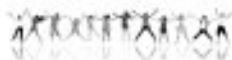
The group met their international peers on Friday, 17 March, where they gave talks on their process (and were photographed for the Cambridge News). They also ran stalls at Schoolzone, a Science Festival event, running activities for the public.

Arera Davies, Year 11



Left to right, R Izaak Van Dongen, Calum Rayner, Antonia Ren, Arera Davies, Lucy Main

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GARDEN CLUB – GARDENS OF MADEIRA

Roy Nunn has visited Madeira more than once, staying in the fishing village of Câmara de Lobos on the south coast near the capital, Funchal and in the town of Machico on the east coast. The mild climate is wettest in the northwest and the central mountainous area, where a network of irrigation channels, known as *levadas* bring water down to the agricultural areas in the south. Fruit including bananas and vegetables are grown on terraces.

The gardens of Madeira are not confined to grand houses and fine hotels – each patio and stairway is crammed with pots, and plants fill residents' gardens. Plants observed while walking down the street included white-flowered franghipani, acalypha known as the 'Match-me-if-you-can tree' because of its brightly coloured leaves, giant agave, sword aloe, orange and purple-flowered 'birds of paradise,' angel's trumpet with hanging flowers, red rock orchid and an 8-foot-tall blue-flowered ginger.

The municipal garden and market place in Funchal have some impressive trees, such as the mauve-flowered jacaranda, red tulip tree, and kapok tree producing giant seed pods filled with fluffy white fibres, which in the past were used for filling life jackets, cushions and pillows. Cable cars from the old town of Funchal provide transport to Monte, a hill town above the city. Cool lush greenery dominates Monte's public garden with fuchsia *longiflora* and begonia *minor* both growing 6 feet high. Plants of interest include the mauve spider flower, so called because its stamens resemble spider legs. The garden at Monte Palace has shady, dramatic moss-covered rocks with tree ferns and cascading water. The woodlands are coloured by drifts of pink azaleas, beneath which orange-flowered clivias cover the ground. This leads to an oriental garden with walkways from one level to another with strident, red decorative railing. Patterned paving, poinsettia trees, large terracotta pots, and tiled panels with pictures depicting the history of the island are features of the garden. The return downhill to Funchal can be rapid if taken by basket sled, a traditional means of transport, controlled by two men with ropes.

Blandy's Garden at Quinta do Palheiro Ferreiro has a history stretching over 200 years. Notable plants include the red-flowered flame tree and clematis *grandiflora*. Endemic to Madeira is the imposing pinkish, magenta-flowered geranium *maderense*, growing to a height of 4 or 5 feet. Echium *candicans* with towering blue spires of flowers is known as the 'Pride of Madeira.'

A surprising feature in the garden is a collection of topiary hens seated in topiary nests around a shallow stone pool.

The visits to Madeira were made during October/November and April/May. A favourable climate means flowering plants can be seen throughout the year.

Helen Chubb



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PRIMULA PARADE

Few plants raise a gardener's spirit more than the sight of early spring flowering primroses (*Primula vulgaris*). Thriving in the dappled shade of woodlands throughout most of Europe, they mark the end of cold, bleak winter months and herald the beginning of the explosion of growth in the woodland. Primroses are one of around 600 primulas found largely throughout the northern hemisphere. They come in a bewildering array of sizes and flower forms, and fill widely differing ecological niches. In the Alpine House at the Cambridge University Botanic Garden, starting in February through March is the amazing *Primula allionii*. In Southeast France and Italy these flowers cling to life in crevices in limestone cliffs until the spring when these surprisingly small plants pack a huge floral punch, covering themselves in an array of pink to white flowers. Next to flower in the Alpine House is *Primula auricula* with elaborate flowers straight out of a catalogue of beautiful buttons. Later in the spring and summer by the streamside and Bog Garden, and also this year in our Alpine House Himalayan display, we will have a range of some of the Asiatic moisture-loving primulas. These start with the purple drumsticks of *Primula denticulata* followed by a host of others until their floral peak in the summer with the tiered magenta *Primula japonica* and nodding yellow bells of *Primula sikkimensis*.

Primulas all have in common a crafty way of ensuring they are cross-pollinated. They have two flower forms – either 'pin' or 'thrum'. 'Pin' plants have their stigma (receptive tip of the female part of the flower) sticking out of the petal tube and their stamens (male pollen-bearing parts) held deep inside. With 'thrum' plants it is the other way round. This helps to make sure that pollen transferred by an insect onto the receptive stigma must come from a primula flower of the opposite form. Only the pollen from a 'pin' flower will reach down far enough into the petal tube for a 'thrum' flower and only the pollen from the raised up 'thrum' stamens will reach the similarly raised 'pin' stigma.

What floral delights we and the bees have to look forward to these next few months!

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GARDEN GANG

If you've walked along High Street lately, you'll see that the Garden Gang is achieving great things. We've turned round most of the island beds from a tatty



mess of weeds to something with much more potential. Now's the exciting time as we plant new shrubs: viburnum, tree peony, hydrangea, rosemary and some white comfrey in the gaps to give our Shelford bees something to work on through the summer. Please stop and admire when you're passing. Or better still, come and join us on our sessions!

Here's a picture of our last outing. Thanks to everyone who helped (including some who missed the photos).

Dates for April/May

Wed April 12, High Street (to plant shrubs, and weed the beds),

Wed May 3, Great Shelford Cemetery, Cambridge Road (not the churchyard!).

We meet at 10am, work till about 12 or 12.30, with a break for coffee.

For more information contact Helen Harwood, tel. 840393, or e-mail helen_harwood_uk@yahoo.co.uk

CAMBRIDGE FLOWER CLUB

will hold their next meeting on Thursday 20 April at 7.15pm at

Whittlesford Memorial Hall, Whittlesford CB22 4NE

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Almost everyone knows of Rectory Farm – it's the place to take a walk, the place next to the school, the farm that backs onto the Rugby Club or the allotments in Stonehill Road, or maybe even the place you live, if you moved into the converted barns. It's a place which has played a huge part in Shelford history. Rectory Farmhouse sits in the oldest part of the village and is one of its oldest houses, and

has for over 600 years been at the heart of commerce and change in the village – a fact which seems hard to believe today, when the last village farmer has retired, and getting a return out of the land seems to require forming it into ever bigger units: Rectory Farm is now run as part of the Trumpington Estate. This talk will go back to the beginning and look at the farm's evolution and its role in shaping the village. It will range from church ownership, to ownership by Jesus College, from the time of rich tenants to the families that farmed it in recent times, and will account for its emergence from Enclosure as the biggest farm in Great Shelford.

Wednesday 26 April at 7.30pm
in the Community Room at St Mary's Church
Tickets £3.50 on the door

Helen Harwood

GARDEN CLUB

Subscriptions for the season 2017–18 are now due. Just £5 for the whole year!

Talks October History of The Apple and Much More by Joanna Crosby
 November Virgins, Weeders, Queens – Lady Gardeners by Twigs Way
 December Fun With Herbaceous Plants by Richard Ayres MBE
 January Potatoes by Mike Day
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CRICKET CLUB



The new season approaches and what a season this one promises to be. Our first team will compete at the highest level the club has attained: the Tucker Gardner League, our Seconds will also be treading new ground in the CCA Junior League Three South, and we now have a third team who will play at Stapleford Rec in the CCA Junior League Five South. We also have three youth teams in the CYCA Leagues at Under 15, Under 13 and Under 10 levels, with a beginner team at Under 9 who will play friendlies.

If you wish to contact our captains and coaches, email AP Stafford (first team captain and Under 10 and Under 9 coach) on astafford@kcs.cambs.sch.uk

Gion Martin is our second team captain, who can be found at gionmartin@ymail.com and Stuart Creed is our third team captain and Under 15 coach. He is at stucreed@virginmedia.com

Our Under 13 coach is Mark Milne at mmilne@kcs.cambs.sch.uk

There has been much activity since last summer with huge attendance at adult and youth nets and many fundraising events, the highlight being the quiz run by Dan Heath, Jess Cliverd and Alex Hellens. The new season awaits and we are looking forward to it with great anticipation.

Brian Higgins



RUGBY CLUB

Shelford Rugby Club is about to join the élite with a full-sized artificial pitch ready for use in September 2017.

This pitch will be to the latest world standards and promoted by the RFU as 'Rugby 365', with the objective to improve facilities for the community at large. Shelford is one of only four clubs in the UK to receive such support, with an investment approaching one million pounds, and as such we will be a showcase for the RFU.

The RFU has now signed a letter of intent for the contractors, and SCDC has given all the necessary approvals from a planning point of view. Construction is scheduled to start in May 2017, with a regulatory archaeological dig being carried out in April 2017.

All being well, the start of the 2017–18 season will therefore see the use of the pitch for all the home 1st XV games, and training for all levels on Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday throughout the season. The pitch will be available for

hire by other rugby and football clubs, with revenue going to the RFU as a return on their investment. All advertising and usage through our facilities will be to benefit Shelford Rugby Club.

With the anticipated usage of the club, there will be excellent opportunities for all businesses to advertise their services around the ground and in our facilities. For those businesses that would like to start advertising and benefit from extra exposure, they can apply by contacting Shelford Rugby Club on 01223 843357. The next stage of Shelford Rugby Club development plans is to work on the possibility of extending the clubhouse to create a new fitness hall and to improve the existing changing and shower facilities. We are therefore looking for finance to raise £250,000.

If you can help, there are a number of opportunities, such as advertising around the pitch, buying a sod of earth or donating to the building fund.

Colin Astin, President colin@sab.co.uk 01223 352170

CARPET BOWLS

Our season has now finished for the summer but we hope to return in the autumn on Thursday nights in the Village Hall. Please read the Shelford Village News for further details. On behalf of our members I would like to thank The Shelford Feast for their generous cheque, which has helped us with our running expenses.

Margaret Kelly (Chairman) phone 473520

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The new Post Office at the Kash Stores in Hinton Way opened on Tuesday 7 March. Opening hours Monday to Friday 8.30am – 6pm, Saturday 8.30 – 3pm and Sunday 8.30am – noon.

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FOOTBALL CLUB



The first team's title hopes suffered a huge dent after a last-minute goal gave Hardwick the points in their eagerly awaited top of the table clash. In a feisty, niggly contest the visitors took an early lead but Great Shelford came back strongly and equalised early in the second half. The match could have gone either way but Hardwick's last-gasp winner now makes them firm title favourites. The month had started well with a comfortable, if unspectacular, 3-0 home win in the derby clash with Sawston Rovers and although a 4-0 score line in the home win against Fowlmere didn't really reflect the game, it has set the team up for the all-important away clash with Hardwick.

It was another mixed bag for the reserves with a well-earned 1-1 away draw to Littlington Athletic followed by successive away defeats to Thaxted Rangers (7-0) and Gamlingay United Reserves (3-0) respectively. It is very unusual for the reserves not to score in games this season and this was well and truly rectified in their final game of the month with a season best performance in the 4-1 home win against runaway league leaders Clare Town.

There are home matches on most Saturday afternoons so why not come along and support your local club first team games? Refreshments are served in the Pavilion and the clubroom above the village hall will be open for a drink after games. Everyone is welcome. We'd love to see you!

Sadly, I have to announce that one of our Vice Presidents and loyal supporters, Derek Jones, passed away recently at the age of 74. 'Lofty', as he was better known in the football community, was for very many years an active member of the Pye/Philips Football Club, was the first team sponge man for most of that time. When the company hierarchy decided that sports facilities were not a priority, Lofty turned his attention to Great Shelford and could be seen at most games over the last 20 years. He was watching right up to the opening games of this season before long-term illness prevented him attending. Our thoughts are with his family at this time.

Terry Rider (Chairman)

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

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10–15	<i>Abigail's Party</i> , Mike Leigh, featuring Amanda Abbington
17–22	<i>The Play That Goes Wrong</i>
25–29	<i>Tosca</i> , <i>Patience</i> , English Touring Opera
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8	7.30pm	<i>Die Schöne Müllerin</i> by Franz Schubert performed by Imogen Cooper, piano, and Henk Neven, baritone
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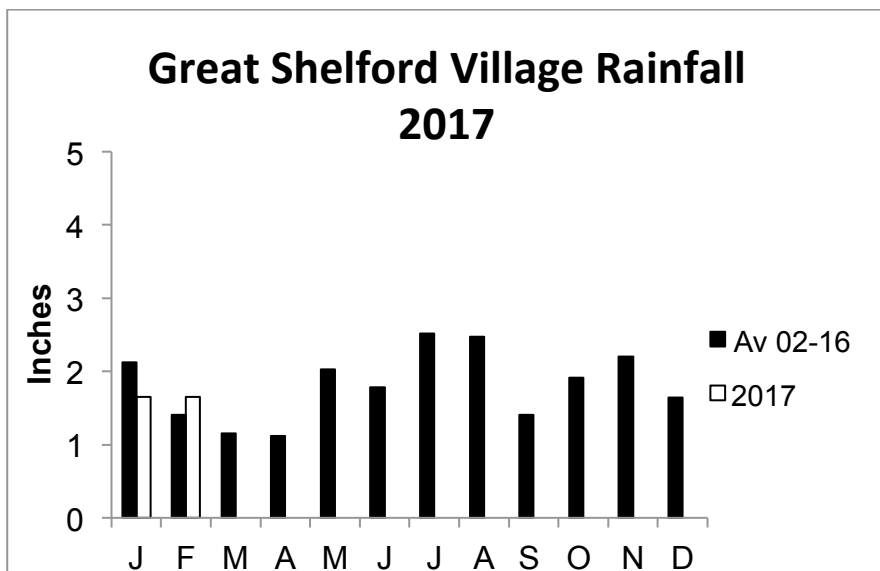
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