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County Council: Final Report from Tony Orgee***

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GREAT SHELFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Summary from the draft minutes of the 15 March 2017 meeting

Public session

Police Community Support Officer Chris Wiseman described the micro beat initiative, in which PCSOs are focusing on specific areas where they are looking to reduce crime. PCSO Wiseman's micro beat covers Great Shelford and Melbourn. It may be carried out on foot or by car, and sometimes by bicycle. Both villages are considered to be low crime areas, with the main crimes being thefts from outhouses and sheds.

In response to a question from the public about village parking problems, PCSO Wiseman informed the meeting that members of the public could report parking problems by posting a report or pictures onto <http://tinyurl.com/SouthCambs-Parking>. Results will be collated for hotspots and action taken when necessary.

Matters arising from meeting of 15 February

A structural review of the Recreation Ground shelter concluded that all sections of the shelter were structurally necessary. It was agreed the shelter should not be altered for the time being, and that new proposals should be considered at some time in the future.

Reports from Elected Representatives

District Councillor Charlie Nightingale

- Changeover of refuse collection dates for Great Shelford went smoothly, except for some traffic congestion that delayed collections from a few locations to the following day.
- Heidi Allen (MP for South Cambridgeshire) would be officially opening the new Post Office at Kash Stores on 24 March. The Chair requested Councillor Nightingale to advise the Parish Council on future SCDC arrangements prior to any announcements. This was agreed.

County Councillor Tony Orgee

- The Cambridgeshire County Council budget has been agreed at an increase of £24 per year for a Band D property.
- The Local Highways Improvement scheme for Great Shelford has been granted a £4,000 contribution towards the total cost of the scheme.

Standing Committee reports

- **Highways** There will be an application for a grant from the Local Highways Improvement scheme to consider a safety review of the Granham's Road / Cambridge Road junction. The design of the zebra crossing on Woollards Lane has been finalised and work is expected to commence in May.
- **Cemetery and allotments** Overgrown plots in the allotments are to be rotavated by a contractor. The garden gang met twice in the last month and overgrown areas in the High Street have been cleared out.
- **Playscape** The major fund-raising event for 2017 will be the Shelford Fun Run.
- **Police Liaison** Turnout at the police panel meeting on 23 March was very low. There has been negative publicity regarding lack of regular policing in the villages.
- **Pavilion** The heating system continues to cause problems. The Clerk is awaiting quotations and advice following a review. The use of the pavilion toilets is to be considered on the same terms as the previous half-term arrangements.

Arrangements for Annual Parish Meeting on 19 April

A letter was to be sent to 2,300 households with a request for contact information. The Chair of each Committee is to give a short presentation and a panel of Committee Chairs is to answer questions. Five important topics are to be presented. All reports from Clubs and Associations have been requested in advance and will appear on the Parish Council Website.

River bank access

At a meeting between Councillor Simon Talbott and the Clerk with Rob Mungovan, SCDC Ecology Consultancy Officer on the site on 10 March, measures were proposed to protect the river bank from erosion and secure the edges, using large stones and railway sleepers. It was proposed that the full length of the river bank should be secured with protective fencing, probably for the next twelve months, as the edges are being damaged by dogs, ducks and human traffic.

Finance

Fifteen cheques valued at £5,783.84 were presented for payment.

<p>Copies of the full minutes can be seen at the library and at <i>http://greatshelfordparishcouncil.gov.uk</i></p>
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PLANNING APPLICATIONS PARISH COUNCIL COMMENTS

S/0566/17/LB	Mr A Amin 30 High Green	Internal alterations to listed building.
No objections.		

S/2436/16/FL	Mr O Kuwaidar 144 Cambridge Road	Change of use from B&B to 17 flats.
Revised tree survey noted.		

S/2986/16/VC	Mr T Aslam 1 Mingle Lane	Variation in conditions 2, 8 and 9 of planning permission S/0152/15/FL.
No objections as long as the planning authority is satisfied the second-floor dormers on the eastern elevation will not cause overlooking of 3 Mingle Lane.		

S/3416/16/FL	Mr G Swan 235 Hinton Way	Two storey rear extension with conservatory and garage.
Recommend refusal. Although the proposed 4.9 metre long two-storey rear extension has been reduced to 2.9 metres, it is felt it would still be overbearing to the occupiers of 237 Hinton Way and would cut out light to the rear first-floor windows of that property.		

S/3350/16/FL	Mr J Lingard 41 Tunwells Lane	Erection of outbuilding in rear garden. Amended plan.
No objections.		

S/3350/16/FL	Mr J Lingard 41 Tunwells Lane	Demolition of existing rear dormer and erection of new metal clad rear dormer. Amended plan.
The amendments made are not sufficient to overcome our original objections.		

S/3352/16/FL	Mr J Lingard 41 Tunwells Lane	Demolition of rear extension, erection of new single-storey rear extension and two-storey side extension. Amended plan.
We are pleased to see the side extension has been reduced but are still concerned the 4-metre-high wall to the single-storey rear extension would be overbearing to the occupiers of 39 Tunwells Lane. Recommend refusal as it stands.		

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S/0321/17/FL	Mr D Schembri 41 Leeway Avenue	Pitched roof to dormer and extend garage.
Recommend refusal. The increased height and bulk of the roof over the converted garage will adversely impact on the outlook from the first-floor bedroom window of the adjoining property and will therefore be contrary to DP/3 of the approved Local Plan.		

S/0380/17/LD	Mr Milne 44 Hinton Way	Certificate of lawfulness for loft conversion.
No comments.		

S/0456/17/FL	Mr D Jones 56 High Green	Demolition of single-storey flat roof extension and erection of 1½ -storey extension and alterations.
No objections to proposed extension. The hoarding has been erected much closer to the pavement than shown on the plans, which means that visibility is not very good from Granhams Road.		

S/0564/17/RM	Mr S Gardner 25 Westfield Road	Erection of two dwellings following demolition of existing dwelling and associated access and landscaping work.
The Parish Council is concerned that the bungalows have sufficient roof space to allow permitted development of dormer extensions which would adversely affect the residential amenities of adjoining properties. We would prefer to see the ridge line lowered to avoid this possibility or permitted development rights removed. Refuse as the application stands.		

S/0661/17/FL	Mr & Mrs Ellis 1 Buristead Road	Single -storey front and rear extensions. First-floor rear and side extension.
No objections.		

S/0759/17/FL	Dr Zhao 257 Hinton Way	Demolition of garage and erection of two storey side extension.
The proposed extension will cause overshadowing of the enclosed private area to the south of 259 Hinton Way and will be oppressive when viewed from that area. It is therefore contrary to DP/3 of the approved Local Plan. Refuse as it stands.		

S/0650/17/FL	Camprop Development Ltd 14 Woollards Lane	Extension to existing dwelling and erection of new house.
<p>We are pleased the existing house is to be retained and accept the principle of a new dwelling on the site. However we have concerns about the following matters.</p> <p>a) The balcony included in the rear extension to the existing house will cause overlooking of 19 Ashen Green.</p> <p>b) The proposed two car parking spaces outside the new dwelling will lead to a loss of two on-street car parking spaces. Recent consultations in the village have identified the lack of parking as a significant concern to residents contrary to the conclusions in the transport statement. Therefore we would hope that the applicant would provide details of a scheme which will lead to the loss of only one on-street parking space.</p> <p>c) The proposed new dwelling is too large for the site, will be dominant in the street scene and the finishes do not comply with the advice in the Village Design Statement. We would prefer to see it reduced in size.</p>		

COUNTY COUNCIL

FINAL REPORT FROM TONY ORGEE

I was first elected to the County Council in May 1985 for the Sawston division which then covered the five villages of Babraham, Great Abington, Little Abington, Pampisford and Sawston. In 2005 I was elected for the new two-member Sawston division, which following boundary changes covered Great Shelford, Harston, Hauxton, Little Shelford, Newton, Sawston and Stapleford.

Now, with further boundary changes in place for the County Council election in May 2017, I feel it is the right time to step down.

The County continues to face many challenges – providing the services that people rightly expect: roads and pavements in good repair, local libraries, support for our schools and a level of social care to meet society's increasing needs. Local councils also face the issue of ensuring that there is genuinely affordable housing so that our young people in particular can afford to live in the villages and towns where they were born and brought up. Managing growth whilst at the same time maintaining the quality of life in Cambridgeshire is a difficult balance to achieve, and sorting out congestion, particularly in and around Cambridge, is proving to be controversial, as the City Deal has found.

It is easy to stereotype Cambridgeshire as one of the country's more affluent areas, but in reality there is a significant divide between the southern and northern parts of the county. Those born in the southern part of the county

have, at birth, a life expectancy several years greater than those born in the northern part. On average, those in the southern part have better health outcomes, have a higher level of educational qualifications, and earn more. In the northern part, levels of unemployment are higher and a greater percentage of the population are on benefits. Despite many efforts over the years, the inequalities between the two halves of the County remain.

The greatest change I have seen in the County relates to its budget. In 1985 the greatest area of spend was on education, which was about five or six times greater than spending on social services and highways. Over the last thirty years spending on social services has grown and grown (as needs have grown both locally and nationally) so that now spending on social care is at a similar level to that on education.

There are areas of the County Council's work that rarely make the headlines. The County Council is the 'corporate parent' for those children taken into the local authority's care. There are several hundred children in care in the County, and this includes about 60 unaccompanied child asylum seekers. In my view, it is the mark of a civilised society that those in greatest need receive the help and support they need even though they do not always have the level of lobbying support that other groups seem to have.

I would like to thank the Parish Councillors and the Parish Clerk for all they do on behalf of the village, though we have not always been able to achieve what we would like.

Tony Orgee

COMPUTER RECYCLING IN MAY

Local IT company Eagle Analysis has arranged for PCs, printers, monitors, etc. to be recycled by a company based in Watford. They refurbish the equipment and then give it to schools, charities, etc. which don't need/can't afford new equipment. The next collection will be in mid-May. If you have any old computers, printers, monitors, etc. to recycle, please contact Mike Nettleton at mike.nettleton@eagleanalysis.co.uk or phone 01223 721366 or 07905 356468.

Eagle Analysis also recycle inkjet printer cartridges (not laser toner) and mobile phones. Where they have economic value, they are recycled through Recycle4Charity, who then make a contribution to Tommy's (the premature birth charity): <https://www.tommys.org/>. Where the cartridges have no economic value, they are recycled through the manufacturer's own recycling scheme, so they never go to landfill.

Mike Nettleton



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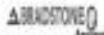


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The speaker at our April meeting was Nicola Sly from Bramble Lodge Alpacas. Nicola's enthusiasm for these beautiful animals was infectious. She described how she began with three alpacas in 2014 to manage a large area of grass and now has eleven with two more to be born this year. We heard about their origins and characteristics, including how they can keep poultry safe from foxes. It was also interesting to hear about the various uses of alpaca fibre, which is lanolin free and can be tolerated by many people who are allergic to wool.

At our next meeting on 4 May Chris Clark will demonstrate theatrical make-up and on 1 June Kathleen Doggett will speak on 'Flowers and Fun'. There will be a Garden Party in July and a visit to Chilford Hall Vineyard in August.

New members and visitors are always welcome to join us on the first Thursday of every month (except August) at 7.30pm in All Saints' North building, behind the church, in Little Shelford. See www.theshelfordswi.wordpress.co for more information.

Mary Talbott

HEIDI ALLEN NEWSLETTER

I'd like to start by thanking the hundreds of you who contributed your views to the Fairer Funding Schools Consultation. I will be handing the letters and petitions over to Justine Greening next month as I continue to push for fairer funding for our South Cambridgeshire schools. In my opinion, our schools are the best in the country and I was delighted to visit Coton Primary School to observe the Primary Life Education Unit teach pupils about the dangers of drugs and alcohol. This two-classroom mobile unit was part-funded by the Rotary Club. The unit needs additional funding to survive, so if you're a local business and would like to help, please contact my office.

The importance of this early intervention was even more obvious after I took part in Alcohol Health Alliance's 'Day of Action' by visiting the liver ward at Addenbrookes. AHA demonstrated the devastating effects of cheap alcohol on individuals and communities and reinforced the need for a community-wide approach to tackling this problem. Whilst there, I signed up with <https://www.organdonation.nhs.uk/register-to-donate/register-your-details/>. Please have a think about whether you'd like to register to donate your organs too.

Many of you took the time to write to me after the devastating attack on Parliament last month. As I wrote at the time, we are all indebted to PC Palmer for making the ultimate sacrifice in defending our democracy. I thank all of you who took the time to share these sentiments.

I was asked to talk to both Hills Road Sixth Form College and Duxford Explorer Scouts in mid-March about the job of being an MP. I am always encouraged when young people are interested in democracy and politics. Our democracy feels particularly alive at the moment so there has never been a better time to get involved. If you have ever considered a career in local or national politics, do get in touch and I'd be happy to share my experiences.

Work on the City Deal continues and I attended the Local Liaison Forum to support the launch of the Cambourne to Cambridge Better Busway. This plans to develop a fast bus route into Cambridge using existing roads, thus minimising the need for a costly busway development. I'm pleased that the City Deal have agreed to reassess all possible routes and P&R locations.

I was honoured to be the designated official ribbon cutter at two local events last month by formally opening CHS's affordable and social housing development at Caxton as well as Great Shelford's Post Office. It's really important that we 'use and don't lose' community assets like the Post Office so please support Prakash and Jayshri by visiting them and using their service. They work so very hard to serve their local community.



Opening the new Post Office in Great Shelford

As always, if you have anything you'd like to share with me, you can find details of my upcoming surgeries at www.heidisouthcambs.co.uk/residents-drop-surgeries.. You can also phone my Westminster Office on 020 7219 5091 about national issues or my constituency office on 01954 212707 to raise local concerns. You can also email me at heidi.allen.mp@parliament.uk.

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SHELFORD SCHOOL

At the time of writing all is quiet as staff and pupils are enjoying a well-deserved break (and hopefully appreciating the early spring sunshine). The spring term ended with the Easter service at All Saints' Church in Little Shelford – more of a walk for everyone than when services are held next door to the school at St Mary's in Great Shelford, but an important reminder that we serve both villages.

Another feature of the last week of term was the Instrumentalists' Concert, an opportunity for those children learning an instrument to perform in front of an audience. This is always a time for a few nerves, even with a sympathetic audience of family and friends, but is a valuable part of the children's growing experience. We are grateful to all the specialist teachers for preparing the children and helping to arrange the concert, and to Mrs Barlow and the school choir who also performed with distinction.

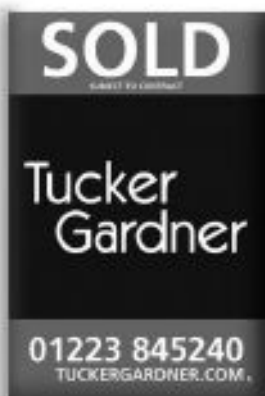
School funding has featured strongly in the news in recent weeks, with the long-awaited release of details of the National Funding Formula. As far as school funding is concerned, Cambridgeshire has for many years been very near the bottom of the list of local authorities, but hopes that this discrepancy would be substantially addressed appear to have been dashed and it seems that our funding will be even lower than before. The average funding for schools in Cambridgeshire will be about £340 per pupil per year lower than the national average. Governors will do what we can, but miracles may be beyond us.

Another subject exercising governors is that of academies. Although the government's announcement last year that all schools would have to convert to academy status was subsequently withdrawn, there is still a lot of activity in this area, and governors feel that if we should take the decision to convert, we would like to do so in a manner and at a time of our choosing. So, watch this space!

From the start of the summer term we are pleased to welcome Mr Cuff as our new Deputy Head and Year 4 teacher. He comes most recently from a school in Suffolk, and we look forward to the new perspective that he will bring from his experience there and elsewhere. Will he, we wonder, have been persuaded to join 'Team Staff' at the big PTA event at *Go Ape* (not to mention Bradley the Bear who has attracted so much sponsorship interest)?

Peter Ede, Chair of Governors

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Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM): Churchwarden Elections

The APCM elected Stella Nettleton and Dianne Fraser to continue to serve as Churchwardens for the coming year. Our sincere thanks for undertaking this role and best wishes to them for the coming year.

Granta Deanery Ascension Day Eucharist 25 May 7.30pm

The parishes of the Deanery are invited to gather together for a Eucharist to celebrate Ascension Day on 25 May at 7.30pm at St Andrew's, Stapleford. Lifts will be available; please contact the Churchwardens.

con·nect /kə'nekt/

verb

Bring together or into contact so that a real or notional link is established

CONNECT is a new monthly youth service seeking to do just that; to bring young people (aged 9+) from all over South Cambridgeshire together, along with their families, to establish real connections with each other ... and with God!

Launched in April, CONNECT is a really exciting new initiative brought about with the help of a small group of clergy, youth workers and volunteers who all want to see God's Word brought to life through engaging music, activities, drama, games, speakers and prayer.

Over the coming months we will be looking at some of the stories Jesus told, hoping to unravel four of his parables and exploring together what these well-known – and sometimes not so well-known – stories can really mean to us today.

We will be meeting at St Andrew's, Stapleford on the **fourth Sunday** of each month from 5.30pm, where there'll be an informal, interactive service followed by a time of food and fellowship all together. The dates for your diary are: 28 May, 25 June and 23 July – so be sure not to miss out!

This really does promise to be a fantastic gathering that we hope you can be a part of, too. Invite your friends, invite your family and let's join together. Let's CONNECT.

For more information or to get involved, please email connectservice.cambs@gmail.com or jenny@jennyduke.co.uk.

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

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

From the registers

Baptism:	23 April	Stanley Coe
Funeral:	31 March	Jeanne Green
Burial of cremated remains:		
	21 March	Brian Peters
	8 April	Vi Pitteway
	22 April	Pen Turner

Regular services

Daily:	9am Morning Prayer
	5pm Evening Prayer
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SHELFORD MEDICAL PRACTICE

Bridget, an experienced clinical pharmacist, joined us recently from Addenbrooke's. She is doing wonderful things with repeat prescriptions. One of her first tasks has been to help improve the process for ordering repeat medication, which is not as simple as it may seem. This month we asked her to write about repeat prescriptions and the concept of repeat dispensing.

What is a repeat prescription?

This is an agreement whereby you can obtain further prescriptions of your medication without having to see your doctor. Your doctor will decide whether your medication is suitable for repeat prescribing and if so, when the next review is needed. This includes regular medication which your doctor thinks is safe for you to take without being seen at every request. Reviews will be done at least annually and, for some medications, more frequently.

How to re-order repeat medication

1 The traditional way – regularly request your medications when you need them, by

- Sending an online request. This is our preferred option as it reduces errors in transcribing written requests. You can nominate a carer or proxy to register for online access to order your medication for you if needed.
- Sending a written request or using the tear-off slip on the right side of the prescription.
- Asking your community pharmacist to manage your prescriptions for you (the 'managed repeat scheme'). The chemist then passes us the right-hand side of your prescription before your next issue is due and we generate a new prescription. (If your chemist manages your re-ordering for you, it is *your* responsibility to ensure that the correct medications you require are requested, and to notify your chemist immediately of any change to your medication.)

2 The new alternative – sign up to the 'electronic repeat dispense scheme'

This is a great option only available to patients on stable medication which is unlikely to change before the next review (e.g. patients on blood pressure medication or Levothyroxine). Instead of regularly re-ordering each month, a batch of future-dated prescriptions can be issued and sent to a pharmacy of your choosing at agreed intervals (usually every 4–8 weeks).

We have around 2,000 requests for repeat prescriptions each month. Staff managing these requests include administrators, Bridget, your doctor and chemist. We hope, if all suitable patients sign up to the electronic repeat dispense scheme, we can greatly improve the system for all. Please do ask about it next time your medication is due for review.

Katie Keller

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***Have courage for the great sorrows of life
and patience for the small ones; and when
you have laboriously accomplished your daily task, go to sleep in peace. God
is awake.*** –Victor Hugo

There has been much in the news recently about the benefits of sleep, particularly going to sleep and getting up at the same time each day. There are even reports that people who have less than six hours or more than eight hours sleep per day are less likely to achieve weight loss than those who have between six and eight hours.

Anyone with small children may well think ‘chance would be a fine thing’. There are other reasons for sleeplessness too. Chronic pain, too much alcohol or caffeine, stress and worry are all likely to have us lying awake in the small hours even if we have gone to bed at a sensible hour. In recent years, we have added another detrimental element into the equation – the blue light emanating from our phones and tablets. It is not only teenagers who may have hours of screen time a day; the ‘always on’ culture many of us have become accustomed to in our working lives has led us to believe that we need to be available 24 hours a day. For many of us, our phones are the last thing we look at before we go to sleep. We rely on them as alarm clocks and they are the first thing we look at in the morning, often checking them before we even get out of bed. No wonder we are not sleeping well!

As always, God has pre-empted the news reporters. In Psalm 127:2 He says: *It is useless to work so hard for a living, getting up early and going to bed late, for the Lord provides for those he loves, while they are asleep.* Obviously, this does not mean that we don’t need to work; rather that we should work to live, rather than live to work. As far back as the sixth century, Benedictine monks established the ancient office of Compline, which derives its name from a Latin word meaning ‘completion’. It is above all a service of quietness and reflection before rest at the end of the day, and is still held today in many churches. Sometimes the stresses and worries of our lives seem like storms raging around us and filling our minds, and we end our day in anything but quiet reflection. Jesus’s disciples experienced a real storm, and to their disquiet, Jesus was sleeping through it! *And behold, there arose a great storm on the sea, so that the boat was being covered with the waves; but Jesus Himself was ... in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke Him and said to Him, ‘Teacher, do You not care that we are perishing?’* to which He replied, *‘Why are you frightened? Do you still have no faith?’* Matthew 8:24, Mark 4:38.

Yes, Jesus does care, however the storm may seem to rage. And He can do something arguably even more incredible than telling the wind and waves to be still; He can bid us too to have faith rather than fear, so that, in the words of an Amish proverb: *'Sometimes God calms the storm, but sometimes God lets the storm rage and calms His child.'*

Liz Jenkin, Elder at Great Shelford Free Church

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Is your excitement building with anticipation? Are you yearning for music and laughter in the sunshine? Well, hold onto your hats, because The Shelford Feast is winding up for another great year!

Although we follow in a long line of medieval feasts in Shelford, we also embrace change and this year not only do we have different bands to give us music, but there are 'fringe' activities like the literary evening, a Ritzy Tea in the afternoon and a new position for the Grand Marquee. Thanks to the Parish Council we will have more space during the week, with a view right down to the river.



All the usual events will also be celebrated – SYD, the Quiz, a Comedy Night and evenings packed with music. The Beer Festival on Saturday will feature a wider variety of food alongside the usual extensive range of beers, and Sunday – Feast Day itself – will be as entertaining as ever.

So come and join us at The Shelford Feast. Our motto is 'Raising money for good causes and entertaining the community'. With your help we've raised £274,000 so far. Can you help us reach £300,000?

And you can help. Indeed you *must* help if The Feast is to be a success. The 16 organisers – The Bunch – work their socks off to provide the annual Feast, but they need volunteers to do what they simply can't stretch to. So please, contact Sarah Coppendale (coppendales@btinternet.com or 842498) and offer your services. We need food servers, bar workers, decorators and table layers, movers and shifters, fetchers and carriers, washers and cutters, cooks and grillers, people to set up, take down, pull and push, attend and care, (though not sit and stare), and anything else you can do and take part in that makes this the GREAT Shelford Feast.

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LITTLE SHELFORD PANTOMIME AUDITIONS

Auditions will be held on Sunday 7 May for *The Snow Queen*, Little Shelford Pantomime 2018, at Little Shelford Memorial Hall. Those who have been in pantomime before, please come and audition between 1 and 4pm. Children new to the pantomime, please come between 4 and 5pm.

Please ring Sarah on 842498 or email coppendales@btinternet.com if you have any queries.

STAPLEFORD HISTORY SOCIETY MY LOCAL FAMILIES AND TWO BLACK SHEEP

Martyn Northfield has been tracing both lines of his family, which have close connections with the Stapleford area. However, some ventured further afield, and two pushed their luck to its limits.

Find out more at Stapleford Jubilee Pavilion on **Tuesday 9 May** at 7:45pm. Admission free for History Society members, or £3 on the door.

JUNE ISSUE OF THE VILLAGE NEWS

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Date	Event	Time	Place
4	Polling Day	7am–10pm	Memorial Hall
7	Little Shelford Pantomime auditions (page 22)	1–5pm	Little Shelford Memorial Hall
9	Granta Flower Club (page 35)	7.30pm	Memorial Hall
9	Friends of Great Shelford Parish Church AGM (page 25)	7.30pm	St Mary's Community Room
20	Shelford School PTA Summer Fair (page 27)	1–4pm	Shelford School
24	Engage: Talk on Operation Smile (page 22)	2–3.30pm	Great Shelford Library
27	Farmers' Market	9am–12noon	Memorial Hall

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

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Editorial Committee

READER'S LETTER

Station Road traffic lights

The revision of the traffic lights is a great improvement. Those wanting to turn right from Station Road often had to wait a long time because of the tailback when the railway crossing had been closed. Now there is a right turn arrow on the lights meaning more vehicles get round with the first change of lights.

Some time ago I suggested to the County Highways Department that something should be done, but was told it would be 'too expensive'. Perhaps they kept my suggestion in mind, or perhaps someone else pointed out the problem. Anyway, whoever is responsible, THANK YOU.

Pam Maloney

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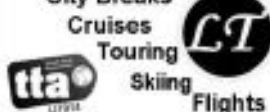
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A HISTORY OF GREAT SHELFORD RECREATION GROUND

The 2017 Feast sees us moving our Grand Marquee over to the far side of the Recreation Ground. Why change the pattern of the last few years? Firstly because the planned extension of the playground would take up some of the space we usually use. But this is just one of many changes that the Rec has experienced – to the benefit of the village.

The Parish Council acquired the present Recreation Ground from the Macaulay family of Southernwood in 1921. Before that the village had used various fields for recreation. There was a field at the junction of Cambridge Road and Granham's – now Granham's Close – and after that there was ground off Hinton Way, where Glebe Lane now stands, opposite Kash Stores. The Rugby Club played in what is now Leeway Avenue and cricket was played at the rear of the De Freville public house, now Jones & Jones, where the traditional Village Feast was also held in the 1930s. .



The Feast in 1920, held in Granham's Field

Sport clubs emerge

On the Recreation Ground a Bowls Club was formed and a green laid in 1920. A tennis club was founded in 1935 when the King George V Jubilee committee allocated £20 towards the cost of courts. Grass courts opened in 1936, and were converted to hard courts in 1939.

Swimming in the river went on from the early days, with a diving board and, later, men's and women's changing rooms. In 1926 the WI secretary requested a place be set aside for women and girls to bathe in the river separately from men and boys.

Philippa Pearce recorded how her father, the miller, owned a strip of land upstream from the mill to beyond the Recreation Ground and was able to create an artificial stretch of water with its left bank higher than the land below to enable regulation of the water level to the mill. So this may be described as a short length of canal.

During the Second World War

The British Legion erected the original Village Hall in the 1920s, together with (rather presciently) a car park, but immediately following the evacuation from Dunkirk in the Second World War the Rec was requisitioned and had wooden huts and Nissen huts built on the field. The first unit to use these barracks was the Sussex regiment, and later the Free Polish and others from Czechoslovakia and Belgium arrived. They used the Village Hall as a canteen or mess.

New buildings

After the war most of the huts were demolished, but one was used as a pavilion for the Bowls Club until 1980. It was agreed that the original Village Hall needed replacement and by the combined efforts of the community a new hall – the Memorial Hall – was completed in 1958. Scouts, Guides, Brownies and Cubs, who had first met in the school and then in a hut in the grounds of Southernwood, raised funds to build a new HQ on the back of the Memorial Hall and this was completed in 1967.

Rugby players moved from what is now Leeway Avenue to the Davey Field, while footballers stayed on the Recreation Ground, using 'an old green shack with a thatched roof' as a dressing room until it was replaced much later by a brick building, and in 2015 by a grand new pavilion.

Always evolving

In *Great Shelford Remembered, 1894–1994*, Ralph Rolph describes the way the Recreation Ground slowly changed from a simple field into a place of leisure:

‘For a long time after it had been purchased the present Recreation Ground did not appear as the beautiful ten-acre green sward that it is now. The ground was little more than an ordinary grass field and in early summer produced a large crop of hay.’

It took several years before a football pitch was prepared and for a while an oval quarter-mile running track was laid out, until eventually an area was cleared and levelled for a cricket pitch.

So the Recreation Ground is in constant change. From a plain field in 1921 it has gradually added sports facilities. In 1937 the WI suggested there should be more facilities for 'games for the elderly', though the hiatus for wartime army use seems to have prevented progress. The riverside, originally a tiny branch of the Cam or Granta, has been a functional canal for the mill, a bathing place (later so polluted by industrial waste from upstream that it became unusable) and is now clean and more natural than it has been for many years.

In July the Rec is the scene of the Shelford Feast. This traditional event was once held where Leeway Avenue is now and then off Granham's Road. It paused during the Second World War and was revived in 1994, first in the school grounds and now firmly established on the Rec.

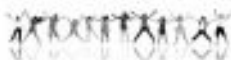


The Feast in 1994, held in the school grounds

In the 1950s an area was allocated as a playground for young children and in the 2000s a skateboard ramp was added. Now the Playscape initiative, helped by the Youth Club, has plans to improve the playground and has started by clearing the nettles in the copse and planting wild flowers in the riverside area. In the same way that the community worked together after the second world war to improve the Recreation Ground with the Memorial Hall, the community is coming together again to create a wonderfully inviting and inspiring outdoor space for everyone to enjoy.

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We ran out of bark so will finish that next time, but it was exciting to see it come together so quickly and the enthusiasm of the young people was brilliant. Once the undergrowth has grown back

around the edges, it'll be a wonderful natural hideout for everyone to enjoy. Thank you to all of you who nominated us for the Co-op Community Fund, we've received a fantastic £1,153 towards the Copse Project! We look forward to planting more shrubs and woodland plants and sourcing logs for the meadow area soon.

Community Consultation

A big thank you to all those who attended our exhibition of the latest plans on 30 March (also on our website). We had a great response and are in the process of finalising plans in light of discussions and comments before applying for planning permission.

Eleanor McCrone: info@shelfordplayscape.org

SAWSTON VILLAGE COLLEGE WEST ROAD CONCERT

Since long before I arrived at the school, the annual West Road concert has been the climax of the musical year at Sawston Village College. On a recent Friday, the concert hall once again filled with excited pupils waiting to go on stage and perform.



Senior Band opened the evening with an impressive trio of pieces, followed by Junior Band's remarkable performance straight afterwards. The chamber music cluster was excellent, ranging from the graceful flute choir to the cool saxophone quartet. Classy as ever, the Guitar and Ukulele group brought a more contemporary touch to the evening, succeeded by a very neat compilation by the Folk Fiddles.

Junior Choir – after piling onto the stage for a good minute – was a definite highlight, singing some complex harmonies and pulling off their two pieces beautifully. It genuinely sent a shiver down the spine. They were followed by the Samba group, who were stunning playing Granny's Ragga, even if they did deafen us for the remaining half of the concert.

After the interval, the String Orchestra began with a charming version of a Mozart Allegro movement, followed by an exciting self-devised performance named Drumline – amazing to watch as well as listen to.

Traditionally unpredictable, the Year 11 GCSE performance shook up the March from the Nutcracker Suite, and the Madrigals were just as smooth as always. The Madrigal Singers were enchanting, singing two of Bob Chilcott's Spells, a big contrast to the Navajo Trail number they had saved until afterwards.

Finally, Jazz Band concluded the showcase with a marvellous pair of pieces, before sending us away with the familiar Fly Me to the Moon.

Overall, it was an amazing concert to take part in and to watch. The atmosphere was exciting but relaxed and supportive, and altogether lovely to be a part of.

Freya Sutcliffe, Year 11

SEWING GROUP

The sewing group meets on Monday mornings in the Community Room in Great Shelford St Mary's Church from 10am to 12 noon during term time and also in the holidays by arrangement. Bring any item of sewing or mending which is in progress, or make something new. Expert help and support available (and coffee!). All levels are welcome.

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BOTANIC GARDEN

EXCITING DEVELOPMENTS IN THE TERRACE GARDEN



The Terrace Garden was originally installed to house the Botanic Garden's first rock garden. However, when funds were released in the 1950s to develop the Limestone Rock Garden the alpine collection was relocated, and the Terrace Garden was planted with a collection of shrubs. About ten years ago this planting was

reassessed and the idea of enhancing the landscape and unifying the plantings with the introduction of a New Zealand theme was agreed.

The initial developmental stage involved the re-laying of the drystone walling. Once completed, work commenced on the introduction of a New Zealand-themed planting to complement the existing plantings in the adjacent Glasshouse Bays. Few pollinators exist in New Zealand and many species have developed ways to stand out. These include the sub-shrub *Linum monogynum* var. *diffusum*, characterised by small white flowers that are attractive to the limited number of pollinators present. As is evident in *Coprosma brunnera* 'Blue Beauty', the foliage tends to be small, and the branching is often divaricate (branched at wide angles) as in *Muehlenbeckia astonii*. Many other plants grown in this area show similar characteristics.

Over subsequent years the planting has been developed and new species such as the spiky-leaved speargrass, *Aciphylla colensoi*, and the silver-leaved *Astelia fragrans* introduced. New seating has been installed in this area and the existing drystone walls have been adapted to accommodate a new water feature in the hollow of the Terrace Garden. The final element of the project is the installation of interpretation panels, which will provide visitors with further insight into the plants of New Zealand. We anticipate that the addition of these features in the Terrace Garden will enhance the landscape and provide a quiet corner in which visitors can sit and not only enjoy the plantings, but also learn more about this extraordinary flora.

Sally Pettitt, Head of Horticulture

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SHELFORD TWINNING TRIP



From Saturday 1 April to Tuesday 4 April a selection of people from Shelford went on a trip to Verneuil-en-Halatte. We went by coach and P&O Ferry. It was a long journey, but we eventually arrived and were greeted by a crowd of friendly French people who we would be staying with. At 7pm we all met each other again at the nearby school hall where we had a party!

On Sunday, we spent the day with the family we were staying with. There was a huge range of things to do, for example: exploring Chantilly castle and gardens, going on a bike ride or having a terrific time at the Asterix theme park.

The next day, we visited Parc Samara, a prehistoric park where we had a tour in English and were shown how humans have changed since cavemen, as well as exploring houses which were completely different to our modern ones. We also attempted making fire and hunting mammoths (straw bales!!). We were all sad to leave, but we had one last activity. For the children, this was visiting a French school and comparing the differences between English and French education. For the adults, there was a tour round Senlis, a French town, before heading back home. Of course, none of this could have been done without Sarah Haddow (who was unfortunately ill on the day of departure, so couldn't come) and Colin Jefferson! We are so very grateful for their help.

Sally Hudson, age 9



Sally Hudson on the ferry
Photo: Rachel Hudson

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GARDEN CLUB

THE WORLD THROUGH PLANTS – THE EDEN PROJECT

The Eden Project was conceived by Tim Smit to encompass biodiversity, sustainability and education by creatively engaging with people and also acting as a catalyst for change. The project had European funding, and one of the aims was to provide all-year-round rather than just seasonal employment in Cornwall. It involved the regeneration of old china clay pits near St Austell, creating a landscaped area which followed the existing curves but also had hidden views. A vast amount of locally sourced soil was brought in to improve the china clay, which was mixed with 10% shredded lignitic clay, 65% sand and 25% composted green waste, bark and worms. The first few months proved very demanding due to non-stop rain washing the soil down the slopes, which was solved by using hessian to stabilise the sides. The runoff collects in a central lake and underground tank, and as the pit sits below the water table, excess water needs to be pumped out.

Eden's characteristic bubble dome structures consist of hexagonal and pentagonal inflated plastic cells supported by steel frames. The Rainforest Biome houses plants such as bananas, coffee, cocoa, rubber and giant bamboo, and the high humidity is maintained using heated recycled rainwater. Aerial walkways and a platform enable visitors to experience the rainforest canopy from above. The Mediterranean Biome houses warm temperate and arid plants such as olives and grape vines. Outdoors, the temperate regions of the world are represented by a range of plants such as lavender, hops, hemp and sunflowers, as well as vegetables and salad crops. Paths lead upwards to the rim, where native plants represent wild Cornwall.

Sculptures and artworks attract attention such as the WEEE Man, a towering figure made from old electrical appliances, representing the average electrical waste produced by one person in a lifetime. The Core provides an education facility with classrooms and exhibition areas featuring the interdependence of plants and people. The soaring timber roof is clad with recycled copper, and the design is based on the plant geometry of opposing spirals found in some seed heads like sunflowers. To attract visitors all year round an arena stage provides venues for concerts and festivals, and the lake is frozen in winter to provide an ice rink.

The Eden Project has been involved with social programmes helping people to take action and run projects in their communities and has also run projects with homeless, disadvantaged people and prisoners, helping them create gardens and grow their own food. The Eden Project has also established several global links – one supporting rural producers across southern Africa. Over 600 people including 150 volunteers are involved with the project. It has been successful in

attracting one million visitors a year and in the first ten years it has been estimated that £1 billion has been put back into the local economy.

Robert Brett, who gave this talk on the Eden Project at the Garden Club, has worked at the Royal Botanic Gardens Kew, the Cambridge University Botanic Gardens and the Eden Project, and is the curator at RHS Hyde Hall Garden.

Helen Chubb

GARY AND SAM'S GARDENING SERVICE

We have set up a new local gardening service, to provide help with garden maintenance – e.g. lawn cutting, hedge trimming, fence painting, weeding, patio cleaning and general garden clearance – at competitive rates.

For more information please contact Sam (0751 381 9043) or Gary Kendall (07598307035).

FOOTBALL CLUB



The first team kept their slim hopes of retaining the league title alive with a superb win in the return fixture at Hardwick. In a match befitting the top two teams they came out of the blocks quickly and built up a two-goal lead before conceding just before half-time. In the second period Hardwick upped their game and soon equalised through the league's top scorer, Dan Heron. For a while it looked like they would be the winner but Great Shelford weathered the storm and in the closing stages Nick Impey stabbed home the winner after a goal mouth scramble. Unfortunately, those slim hopes were dashed again in the next game after an under-par performance ended in a 2–1 defeat away to Fulbourn Institute. Although the team reversed that result a week later in the return fixture and then snatched the points with another last-gasp winner in a 3–2 home win against Linton Granta, they are now reliant on an unlikely Hardwick collapse.

After finishing the previous month with a win against the league leaders, the reserve team followed that with a very creditable 1–1 draw at home to second placed Cambourne Rovers. Further home games brought a 0–0 draw against City Life and a 1–0 defeat to Thaxted before the team progressed to the second round of the Bambridge Cup with a 4–2 win away to Meldreth.

There are home matches on most Saturday afternoons so why not come along and support your local club? At first-team games refreshments are served in the Pavilion. The clubroom above the village hall is open for a drink after all games and everyone is welcome, we'd love to see you!

Terry Rider (Chairman)

TENNIS CLUB

Spring is sprung, get your racket restrung, it's time to be on court! Yes tennis lovers, it's the season for Great Shelford TC teams to once again go into battle on behalf of the village in the Cambridgeshire league. The club has more than a dozen teams competing, both men and women. Non-players are very welcome to come along and cheer. Matches start at 7pm most evenings between now and July.



The men's first team are defending county champions, but will be starting the season without one of the club's great players. Demetrio Peña Fuster, better known as Deme, has chosen to return to his family home in Valencia on the Spanish Costa Blanca. Deme, we will miss your cheerfulness, and more importantly your forehand.

Here he is looking thoroughly miserable at the prospect of leaving sunny Shelford for gloomy old southern Spain.

It's a bit late now he's gone, but Demetrio Peña Fuster is the GSTC Member of the Month for May. ¡Felicitaciones Deme!

Stephen Chittenden

CRICKET CLUB



As you read this, the new cricket season will have started 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 second team 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. Our second team captain is Gion Martin at gionmartin@ymail.com and Stuart Creed at stucreed@virginmedia.com is our third team captain and Under 15 coach. Our Under 13 coach is Mark Milne who is at mmilne@kcs.cambs.sch.uk.

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STAPLEFORD HERO



Lyn Pepperell of Stapleford was awarded third place in the Village Hero category in Awards presented on 9 March for outstanding contributions towards community life in South Cambridgeshire.

Now in her 70s, Lyn Pepperell has dedicated her life to the children and families of Stapleford. She worked as a Teaching Assistant at Stapleford Primary School for 25 years and on retiring, rather than putting her feet up for a well-deserved rest, she decided to set up a Parent and Toddler Group. The group is still going strong 14 years later, meeting every Monday throughout term time at the

Johnson Memorial Hall in Stapleford. Lyn single-handedly keeps the group running, setting out all the toys, organising a craft activity each week, making everyone tea, playing the piano and singing songs with the children. The children love her and so do we. What a testament to her that the group is so popular and continues to run year on year.

Charlie Russell

FUNDING FOR MUSIC PROJECTS

Do you have a music project that might benefit from funding? The Dosoco Foundation is Cambridge-based, and supports local projects that use music for social good.

In 2014, Dosoco awarded a grant to Alexia Sloane, a young composer with sight loss, to attend the Sound and Music Summer School composition course at the Purcell School. Alexia has since gained a place as a composer with the National Youth Orchestra of Great Britain – the first blind composer to be appointed – and has also been awarded the title Cambridge Young Composer of the Year 2016/17. She was the first female composer ever to receive this honour.

The next round of Dosoco grant funding will shortly be open for applications. Grants are available from £700 to £1,000 (for organisations) and up to £300 (for individuals) in the areas of **music education** (e.g. working with a talented music student with physical, social or learning disabilities), **music access** (e.g. a music club for groups that might struggle to start something on their own), **music innovation** (e.g. using a Raspberry Pi to help disabled people make music) or **music therapy** (e.g. an idea for using music to support positive mental health). The next window for funding will be open from late April until mid-May. For more information please visit www.thedosocofoundation.org.

Melissa Good

REVIEW OF *HHhH* BY LAURENT BINET



Think of the **last World War II book**, film, play or poem that you experienced and I'm sure you wouldn't describe it as hilarious. Yet, Laurent Binet's *HHhH* (2010) is just that. The story is narrated by the author, but maybe it isn't the author, but maybe it is. He writes about real life Reinhard Heydrich and his astronomical rise in the Nazi party during his time in Prague. It focuses on the plot to kill Reinhard in 1942.

The novel's structure is addictive. Part reportage, part fiction, part narrator centric, it feels fresh. The narrator becomes consumed with his work, forever speaking and thinking about it; so much so that it impacts on his personal life. He is the height of facts and the depths of unreliability, yet what is refreshing is that he will tell you in a later chapter that what he told you before is false. So as a reader we never know where we stand, but we know we are sometimes lied to, and that feels new in literature.

What to compare it to? It is almost impossible to say. Because I enjoyed it so much I will probably liken it to other works I love. For narrator presence then J D Salinger's *The Catcher in the Rye* (1951) would be one. And the literary voice of Hunter S. Thompson echoes within the pages. But I might be way off on both comparisons.

Where to start with the highlights for this book? A bravo to Sam Taylor's seamless talent of translating this from French into English. Binet's writing rings of the comic Stewart Lee: dry, satirical, intelligent and amusing.

I adored this book. It made me smile, snigger, laugh and hoot. If you want something funny, if you want a unique narrator, if you want a cracking thriller in the middle of all this mayhem, then *HHhH* is for you. Garry Pope

WHAT'S ON IN MAY

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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9–13	<i>Fantastic Mr Fox</i> by Roald Dahl, family fun for ages 5+
15–20	<i>Not Dead Enough</i> , a thriller by Peter James
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13	8pm	Final concert of the season by Cambridge University Chamber Orchestra, including Tippett, Beethoven and Joy Lisney world première. West Road Concert Hall.
17	7.30pm	<i>Fairport Convention</i> celebrate their 50 th year at West Road Concert Hall
31	6.15pm	<i>Gut feeling: how bacteria influence our wellbeing</i> , an evening of talks and discussion at Anglia Ruskin University

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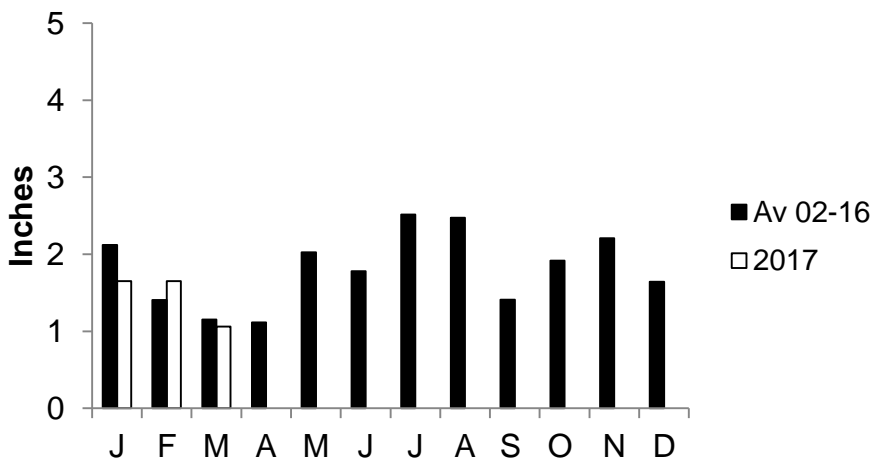
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Parish Church Bellringers	Ann Smith	577980
Parish Church Community Room	Mary Lester	842411
Parish Church Friends	Bob Doel	843946
Parish Church Sunday Club	Joanne Staines	07790 415732
Parish Churchwardens	Dianne Fraser 562731	Stella Nettleton 832290
Parochial Charities	Mary Lester (Clerk to the Trustees)	842411
Police	Non-emergency number	101
Rainbow Pre-School	Alison Tomlin	07985 216603
Royal British Legion	Mark Chennells	891817
Rugby Club	Colin Astin	842154
Sawston Sports Centre	The Village College	712555
Scouts and Cubs	Jillian Hardwick	840066
Scout & Guide HQ	Jenny Grey	842191
Shelford & Stapleford Men's Assoc.	Chris Everitt	846984
Shelford & Stapleford Strikers	Derek White	561753
Shelford Primary School	Alison Evans (Headteacher)	843107
Shelford Support Group (transport to hospital, etc.)	Biddy Wilkinson	843856
	Denise Newman	842514
	Rosie Cranmer	513572
South Cambs DFAS	Sheila Tilbury-Davis	844384
Sunnyside Preschool Stapleford	Jane Doyle	707817
Stapleford Choral Society	Adam Pounds	843468
Tennis Club	Lydia Seymour	07790 498875
Twinning Association	Penny Pearl	842483
U3A (Sawston Branch)	Mr D Cupit	871527
WI	Vanda Butler (Secretary)	561053
Youth Initiative	Ollie Leonard	07768 545915

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