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GREAT SHELFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Summary from the draft minutes of the 10 April 2017 meeting

The meeting was adjourned for members of the public to ask questions of the Council and put forward points of view in respect of the business on the agenda.

It was requested if any assistance could be given to the Hedgehog Sanctuary by providing a collection point for newspapers or with highlighting this requirement.

Councillors suggested an article in the Village News and a similar article on the Great Shelford Online website.

There were no matters arising from meeting of 15 March 2017.

Reports from Elected Representatives

District Councillor Charlie Nightingale

- District Councillor Charlie Nightingale said there were no items to report. The chair asked if the District Councillors could provide a written report in future.

County Councillor Tony Orgee

- The A1307 Local Liaison Forum (A1307) had a workshop on Thursday 6 April, which was an opportunity for members of the Forum to put forward ideas and suggestions to tackle congestion on the A1307. Further geographically focussed workshops will be held in late May and June.

Standing Committee Reports

- **Highways** April report main topics:
Complaint re the operational cycle of the traffic lights at the Woollards Lane/Tunwells Lane junction had been swiftly dealt with and rectified by Cambridgeshire County Council (CCC).
Road kerbside and gutter sweeping had recently been undertaken.
Under the Local Highways Initiative (LHI) 2016, the new pedestrian crossing is still on schedule for June.
Any additional ideas for the 2017/18 LHI application are welcomed.
A second speed indicator device is being considered.
- **Recreation Ground** February report main topics:
Clearance of debris around the Recreation Ground was underway.

Rob Mungovan, South Cambridgeshire District Council (SCDC) Ecology Officer, had recommended that a river access point could be constructed from railway sleepers with stones in between. To protect the replanted river bank from being damaged and to give the plants time to grow, a length of protective fencing will be placed along the riverbank to try and

prevent edges being damaged by dog, duck and human traffic until growth is established, probably for the next 12 months.

A feasibility study of moving the Village Hall heating system into the Village Hall and demolition of the exterior plant house is being undertaken.

- **Cemetery and Allotments** April report main topics:
Three allotment plots are currently vacant.
Repossession of two allotments has been actioned due to non-payment and neglect.
- **Neighbourhood Plan Joint Committee** Report from Cllr Peter Fane stated that an inception meeting was held in Stapleford on 4 April 2017. Information and reports are available at www.staplefordandgreatshelford-np.uk.
- **Police Liaison** The Parish Council is to liaise with other local Parish Councils to produce a joint response raising concerns to the Police & Crime Commissioner.
- **Social Media** Updating of the GSPC website is now in place. As documents are issued, they will be placed on the site.
- **Pavilion** The visitors changing room heater was found left switched on by the Clerk after receipt for a bill for excess power consumption for the start of February to the start of April. Great Shelford Football Club has been contacted for a response as it is their responsibility to check after every match that the heaters have been switched off.
- **Review Arrangements** Cllrs Angela Milson and Peter Fane reported on the progress for the format arrangements for the Annual Parish Meeting.

Finance:

- The External Auditors report for the Annual Accounts up to 31 March for the Financial Year 2016/17 were reviewed, agreed and signed.
- 7 cheques valued at £20,171.69 were presented for payment.
- The Clerk presented the Annual governance statement for 2016/17 for approval. This was agreed and signed.
- The Clerk presented the full Accounting statement for the year 2016/17 for approval. This was agreed and signed.
- Monthly accounts for payment were reviewed and approved.
- Changes to staff salaries in line with the nationally agreed pay scales for the sector were agreed for the financial year 2017/18.

Full copies of the Minutes can be viewed at <http://greatshelfordparishcouncil.gov.uk> and at the library.

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PLANNING APPLICATIONS PARISH COUNCIL COMMENTS

S/3527/16/FL	SCDC Housing Davey Crescent	Additional car parking, etc.
(Cllr Nightingale declared an interest as a District Councillor.) No objections. It should be a significant improvement on the existing situation.		
S/0994/17/FL	Mr S Alcock 8 Ashen Green	Single-storey front extension.
No objections.		
S/1014/17/FL	Shelford Properties 1 London Road	Conversion of house to two flats and erection of one new flat.
No objections.		
S/1070/17/FL	Mr and Mrs Cross 11 Church Street	Dormer loft extension.
Recommend refusal. The proposed rear dormer is of a scale and design which is out of character with the existing dwelling, would lead to overlooking of adjoining properties in Peacocks and Church Street and is therefore contrary to Policies DP/2 and CH/5 of the approved Local Plan.		
S/1096/17/LD	Mr and Mrs Newman Nine Wells House Granhams Road	Lawful development certificate for sloping metal roof, external insulation and timber cladding.
No objections.		
S/1189/17/FL	Danzie Hazell, 20 Davey Crescent	Part two-storey and part single-storey rear extension and conversion of 3 bedroom house to 5 bedroom house in multiple occupancy.
Recommend refusal. The proposal to extend this semi-detached property and convert it to a house for multiple occupancy is unacceptable because of the adverse impact on the residential amenities of neighbouring properties in terms of noise and the additional parking created by the occupants. The flat-roofed two-storey extension is of a poor design which is out of keeping with the existing building and will adversely impact on the residential amenities of 21 Davey Crescent and is therefore contrary to Policies DP/2 and DP/3 of the approved Local Plan.		

S/1180/17/FL	J Russell 6 Hinton Way	Extensions and alterations to rear and side.
No objections.		

S/1128/17/FL	Shelford School Church Street	Retention of mobile classroom.
(Cllr Talbott declared an interest as a Governor of the school.) No objections to an extension of planning permission for a further five years.		

S/1197/17/FL	Mr E Kostlich 66 Hinton Way	Replacement roof with higher ridge line, part first-floor rear extension and full-length ground floor rear extension and front porch.
No objections.		

S/1210/17/FL	Puran Properties 129 Cambridge Road	Demolition of existing house and erection of 7 flats.
<p>Recommend refusal. We are sorry to see this proposal to demolish an Edwardian building which retains many of its original features but appreciate it would be difficult to argue for its retention. We object to the new building on the following grounds:</p> <p>The proposed number of units is too dense for the site and the height and bulk of the proposed building will adversely impact on the residential amenities of 127 Cambridge Road and 1 Walnut Drive.</p> <p>The use of the site for 7 flats and the likely associated car parking will lead to on street parking to the detriment of highway safety in a section of Cambridge Road where there is a lot of traffic.</p> <p>There is inadequate private open space for Flats 1 and Flats 4–7. Guidelines state communal garden space should be 25sq m per flat. The area provided falls short of this.</p> <p>In addition, the amenities of the occupiers of Flat 5 will be adversely affected by having obscured glass to a bedroom/study window.</p>		

S/0564/17/RM	Mr S Gardner 25 Westfield Road	Amended roof height.
We have no objections as we feel the reduced height will preclude any loft extensions.		



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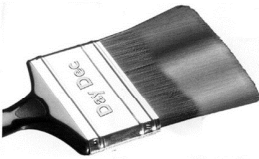
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COUNTY COUNCIL

We have now completed our time on the County Council, and we would like to thank you all for all the kindness that has made being a County Councillor so much fun!

Gail Kenney and Tony Orgee

NEW COUNTY COUNCILLORS FOR SAWSTON AND SHELFORD DIVISION



Cllr Kevin Cuffley



Cllr Roger Hickford

EXISTING DISTRICT COUNCILLORS FOR THE SHELFORDS AND STAPLEFORD WARD



Cllr Ben Shelton



Cllr David
Whiteman-Downs



Cllr Charles
Nightingale

VILLAGE POLICING ISSUES

Village Parking Problems

I am aware from the many emails South Cambs officers receive and from Neighbourhood Panel meetings that parking is a constant concern for many residents in villages across South Cambridgeshire.

Many of you may know that I cannot prioritise parking patrols over investigating and preventing crime, and responding to calls for service. In light of this, it means that my officers might not do as much parking enforcement as many of you would like.

I have been giving some thought on how we can meet your expectations on parking enforcement and I have decided that we are going to try something new. I have therefore set up an online webpage where you can report concerns about parking. The information that you give us will go directly to me and will help us build a picture of the exact hotspots for parking issues. I will then use this information on targeted ‘crack down’ days. There is some good evidence that crack downs work in other areas of policing so we are going to try it for parking. For obvious reasons I will not be publicising the dates of the crackdowns in advance, but updates will be sent to you by ecops, Twitter and Facebook once we have completed a crack down day. The webpage is now live and you can find it here: <http://tinyurl.com/SouthCambs-Parking>.

I am not pretending that this will solve all parking problems, however, I do think that it strikes the right balance between dealing with parking concerns and the other important work that we do.

Recent Media Coverage about Policing in Villages

Some of you may have seen recent media reporting regarding our policing of villages. I would like to emphasise that we do prioritise policing of the villages but what I do ask is that my officers prioritise the ‘hottest’ areas within our villages. This does mean that certain areas in some villages get more attention than those villages with very low crime. I believe this is a sensible approach to policing which most of you would agree with. The main benefit of our local policing structure is that you have your own, dedicated local resources that are responsible for policing South Cambs rather than the City.

I have sought to put as much time and effort as possible over the last three years into crime prevention events in the villages (first Op Oaklands and more recently Op Hunter). Your local officers and I work hard to give you the best, most intelligent policing service we can but if you do have any concerns please do get in touch – or come to our next round of neighbourhood panel meetings where you can join in the discussion.

Chief Inspector James Sutherland, Area Commander for South Cambridgeshire

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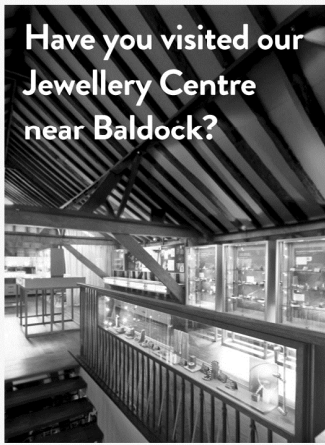
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General Election Ahead!

A message from Simon Talbott: As you read this, we will be within days of the General Election on 8 June. The election campaigning seems to have been going on for months (given the local and mayoral polls in May) and many I have met recently have expressed frustration, boredom and even disinterest as the various parties have attempted to engage with us. However we feel on the eve of polling day, can I encourage you to do two important things? First, to make sure you use your vote. The franchise that we enjoy was hard won over many years and we owe it to the memory of those who made these sacrifices to vote whenever we are able. Secondly, we need to remember before God all those who are elected, even if we did not vote for them. Being an elected representative is a weighty responsibility. I share with you part of a letter which the Archbishops of the Church of England issued in May. I believe it raises some key questions.

‘This election is being contested against the backdrop of deep and profound questions of identity. Opportunities to renew and reimagine our shared values as a country and a United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland only come around every few generations. We are in such a time. Our Christian heritage, our current choices and our obligations to future generations and to God’s world will all play a shaping role. If our shared British values are to carry the weight of where we now stand and the challenges ahead of us, they must have at their core, cohesion, courage and stability. Cohesion is what holds us together. The United Kingdom, when at its best, has been represented by a sense not only of living for ourselves, but by a deeper concern for the weak, poor and marginalised, and for the common good.

At home that includes education for all, the need for urgent and serious solutions to our housing challenges, the importance of creating communities as well as buildings, and a confident and flourishing health service that gives support to all – especially the vulnerable – not least at the beginning and end of life. Abroad it is seen in many ways, including the 0.7% aid commitment, properly applied in imaginative ways, standing up for those suffering persecution on grounds of faith, and our current leading on campaigns against slavery, trafficking, and sexual violence in conflicts.’

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The Revd Tim Fyffe – 60th Anniversary Celebration Tim, who moved into the village nearly a year ago, is keeping the 60th Anniversary of his Ordination as Priest, at the Parish Communion on Trinity Sunday, 11 June at 10am. The Preacher will be The Right Revd Michael Bourke, formerly Bishop of Wolverhampton. Congratulations to Tim on this very special occasion.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) Congratulations to Stella Nettleton and Dianne Fraser who were elected to serve as Churchwardens for the coming year. A very sincere thank you to Norma Coggins and Ann Smith who have retired from the PCC after long service.

St Mary's Toddler Group For children from 0 to 3 years of age, meeting on Thursdays in the Community Room between 9.30 and 11.30am (term time only.)

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

From the registers:

Funeral: 12 May Ron Maycox

Regular Services

Daily: 9am Morning Prayer

5pm Evening Prayer

Wednesday: 9.30am Holy Communion (BCP 1662)

Sunday: 8am Holy Communion (BCP 1662)

10am Parish Communion, our main Sunday service.

6.30pm Evensong (BCP 1662)

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RECREATION GROUND EMERGENCY ACCESS GATE

Unfortunately for the fifth time the combination lock on the Recreation Ground emergency access gate has been left unsecured and, as a result, stolen.

A replacement combination lock has been fitted. However, general access is now only permitted by prior arrangement and in the presence of Seamus or me. The combination will not be disclosed.

In the event of a medical emergency please contact:

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- 2 Mike Winter 07870 807442
- 3 Mike Nettleton 07905 356468
- 4 Malcolm Watson 07960 022727

All will be able to assist with immediate access.

This is an unfortunate situation caused by inconsiderate users.

Mike Winter, Parish Clerk

EAR WAX – AN EPIDEMIC!

We have noticed an increased demand in recent years for management of ear wax, with many nurse appointments used for ear checks and ear syringing. We have been doing some research into the best practice of ear wax management, and this is what we found.

Ear wax is normal, and important for healthy ear canal skin. A build-up of ear wax is a very common condition with little research into effective treatments. It is often little trouble, until you try and clear it with a good old fashioned cotton bud! This risks pushing it down next to the tympanic membrane where it can cause decreased hearing, dizziness, ear pain, plugged or fullness sensation, ringing in the ear and itching or drainage from the ear canal if a secondary infection is triggered.

Despite its name, ear wax is not actually wax at all, but is a water soluble mixture of waxy oils, dead skin cells and a mixture of other substances, which together form cerumen.

The self-cleaning ear The cells inside the ear canal are unique in the human body – they migrate from the ear drum outwards, taking the wax and debris with them. It's thought that normal movements of the jaw through eating and talking assist with this movement, creating the perfect self-cleaning environment.

Preventing cerumen build-up If you are prone to a build-up, the simplest and most effective thing to do is to use oil regularly (once weekly may be enough) to soften the cerumen and lubricate the ear canal to help the ear keep itself clean. This should be used more regularly (daily) to treat a blockage. There is no evidence that expensive brands from the chemist work any better than baby oil or olive oil from the kitchen cupboard. You can buy a dropper bottle from the chemist to make it easier to apply.

Treatments

Ear candles These have been shown to be of no benefit and have been banned by the US Food and Drug Administration for their potential to cause damage.

Self-irrigation You may find that after a few days, sometimes as long as after 2–3 weeks of softening the ear wax with regular oil, it will simply wash out in a gentle warm shower.

Ear syringing This is a common procedure done by nurses. At Shelford Health Centre our nurses and health care assistant have syringed over 80 ears since Christmas, with fortunately few complications, although the evidence suggests that complications can be really quite common. We believe the risk of complications is significantly reduced by adequately softening the ear wax first, so we ask all patients to have used drops regularly for two weeks prior to coming to an appointment for syringing.

Perforation of the ear drum, otitis externa (inflammation of the ear canal), damage to the external canal, pain, deafness, vertigo, and tinnitus are all possible complications which we'd like to help you avoid.

Microsuction We can refer you for microsuction if you qualify for NHS treatment according to the Clinical Commissioning Group guidelines. There are also many private providers locally who will treat you without a referral from your GP.

When should I see my doctor? If self-treatment is not working after 2–3 weeks, please book an appointment with the practice nurse, or if you are unsure if your problem really is caused by ear wax, please see your doctor.

*Katie Keller
Shelford Medical Practice*

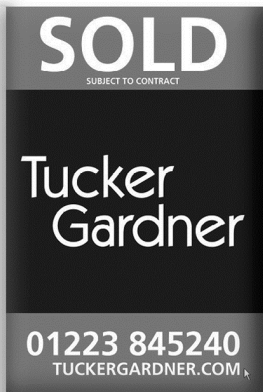
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SHELFORD SCHOOL

As the summer holiday approaches, there is always plenty going on at Shelford School. This update is being written as Years 2 and 6 face their statutory assessment tests, colloquially known as SATs – a reminder of the ongoing efforts nationally to raise our schools' learning standards. All this against the backdrop of the continued squeeze on funding which makes the work challenging, particularly in village schools like ours. Attendance in Shelford is up to the full capacity of 210, with waiting lists in some years, but the necessary funding is still very tight. The Government has for the moment backtracked on asking all schools to sign up as locally resourced 'academies' but long-term that seems a likely outcome. In such a climate we should be thankful for all that the school is achieving so well.

It is important to highlight the labours of parents for the ongoing development of the school. The Parent Teacher Association has raised valuable funds this year with two key events happening in May: the Summer Fair happens just before half-term each year and earlier there was a Sunday outing to Go Ape, a ropes course in Thetford Forest. The school staff fielded a team of 10 to do the course and raised an amazing £3,000 in sponsorship. There is some YouTube footage of Mrs Evans high up in the canopy of the trees – with the camera panning down the trunk of one tree to show how high up she was. It was quite some initiation for Mr Nicholas Cuff, the new Year 4 teacher and Deputy Head, who was invited to join the team just after beginning on the staff. Charlie Russell will step down as PTA Chair this summer and so a new Chair (and a new Secretary as well) will be needed in September.

What else has been happening? Plenty of extra-curricular activities to enrich the boys and girls take place as the weather begins to warm up, although the wind and chill brought an early close to proceedings at the Year 5 Netball Tournament at Netherhall. Year 6 will also have been to visit St John's College and Year 4 the Prickwillow Museum in Ely. This half of term finishes with an Ascension Day Service for the whole school in St Mary's Church, Great Shelford, followed by the eagerly anticipated Picnic Lunch.

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As a nation, we continue to live in unsettled times. We have just had local elections and elected a Mayor for the first time. Now we face a General Election with many issues to the fore, not least the Brexit negotiations. Whether we are engaged by the politics or left ‘cold’ it is important that we each play our part. I encourage everyone to use their hard-fought right to vote.

Who do we vote for? That I can’t tell you! However, I recently heard some new lyrics set to the tune of ‘Abide with me’ which I thought were so relevant to these times that I would like to share them with you. However you vote, please use it to ‘Transform, revive and heal our society’.

We seek your kingdom throughout every sphere
We long for heaven’s demonstration here
Jesus, your light shine bright for all to see
Transform, revive and heal society

Before all things, in him all things were made
Inspiring culture, media and trade
May all our work serve your economy
Transform, revive and heal society

Peace, truth and justice reigning everywhere
With us be present in our public square
Fill all who lead with your integrity
Transform, revive and heal society

Forgive us Lord, when we have not engaged
Failing to scribe your heart on history’s page
Make us again what we were made to be
Transform, revive and heal society

Faithful to govern ever may we be
Selfless in service, loving constantly
In everything may your authority
Transform, revive and heal society

(Lyrics by Noel Robinson, Andy Flannagan and Graham Hunter)

David Baslington, Elder at Great Shelford Free Church

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Friday 9 June @ 11am

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Sunday 11 June @ 10.30am

All-Age Communion Service

Speaker: Revd Martin Cockerill

Friday 16 June @ 11am

Prayer and Holy Communion

Sunday 18 June @ 10.30am

The Syrophenician Woman (Mark 7:24–30)

Speaker: Revd Martin Cockerill

Friday 23 June @ 11am

Worship Service ‘The meal that never was’

Sunday 25 June @ 10.30am

Healing of the Deaf and Mute Man (Mark 7:31-37)

Speaker: David Baslington

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LOCAL AUTHOR VISITS SAWSTON VILLAGE COLLEGE



Our Year 8 and 9 Literacy groups have had an exciting start to the summer term when they were recently visited by local author, Sally Christie.

Both years have been reading Sally's book *The Icarus Show* and were privileged to have the story concluded by the author herself.

The children made wings, posters and prepared lots of valuable questions. Sally read the final chapters of the book and gave an insight to the story and characters which can only come from their creator. Sally confided in the children the struggles and hurdles that are inevitable when writing a book. The children asked perceptive and intelligent questions, fully embracing this unique opportunity.

Sally was overwhelmed by the warm welcome she received and was very thankful for all the efforts the children had made on her behalf.

The biggest surprise of the day was that Sally herself attended Sawston Village College and had envisioned the school site as she wrote the story.

Mrs Meikle, Teaching Assistant: Literacy Co-ordinator

GARDEN GANG

So far, this season has been a bit trying: a very dry spring and lots of frost. We have had to abandon our plans to plant new shrubs in the High Street until we get some rain, but we are continuing to keep the weeds down and do as much tidying up as we can.


Our June meeting will be on Wednesday 14 June at 10am. We will meet in the High Street on the corner of Buristead Road. If you are free, do come along.


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SHED SECURITY

Many people underestimate the value of the items they store in their sheds. Unfortunately criminals are fully aware of the value of the goods that some people do store in vulnerable places. The following advice can help to keep your property secure and reduce the chance of you becoming a victim of crime.

Whilst a shed is not designed to withstand any form of determined attack, there are some simple measures you can take to make them more secure. Position your garden shed as near to your house as possible so that it is clearly visible from your home.

Consider painting your house number and postcode onto your valuable gardening equipment (eg lawnmower, strimmer and tools). This makes them much less attractive to potential thieves as it makes them more difficult to sell on and also increases the chances of the property being recovered and returned to its rightful owner if it is stolen.

Avoid storing valuable items such as power tools, fishing tackle or golf clubs in a shed. These items should be stored inside your home or a secure garage.

If you have been working in your garden, ensure that you lock away tools such as spades or forks when you're finished. Tools left out overnight could be used by an intruder to gain access to your property.

If you don't intend to use the windows in your shed you can make them secure by screwing them shut or fitting window locks. Hanging old curtain or netting up against the window will prevent any prying eyes from seeing what is stored in your shed.

Locks and bolts

The most effective way to secure shed doors is to fit a strong hasp and staple (also called a 'padbar'). Secure this with coach bolts (long bolts with a smooth head that cannot be undone with a screwdriver or spanner) and lock the hasp over the staple with a closed shackled padlock.

You can further protect your shed with items such as 'shed bars' and larger items such as cycles can be secured to shed shackles. These and other approved products can be found at www.soldsecure.com or www.securedbydesign.com.

Secure the shed door hinges with 'clutch head' or 'coffin' screws. These are a special type of screw that once fitted can only be unscrewed with a special tool. They can be purchased from DIY outlets and on the internet.

Alice Tasker (Police, PCSO, South Cambridgeshire – Sawston)

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THE LOST LUAKA

When I was very much younger, we lived in Reading. We went one afternoon to the Thames village of Goring and, as you do on such outings, we went into the village-store-cum-deli. There I happened to buy a blue-wrapped packet of loose tea and so began a lifelong love affair.

Now, I've always thought that real tea drinkers drink loose tea. Tea bags, in my opinion, mostly taste like sawdust. It's the same as with any other food – you process it 'for convenience', and in the processing spoil it. Yes, it's true that tea bags are convenient, but, if you're going to sit in the morning, savouring your morning cup of tea along with two slices of toast (and here my husband adds that there should be apricot jam on the toast, though personally I prefer to stick with butter), well, in that case it has to be loose tea. And for nearly 40 years now I have savoured my morning and afternoon cups of tea from the friendly blue Luaka packet.

Luaka was never widely available. It was found in health-food stores and occupied a niche market. Until the 2000s, that is, when suddenly supplies began to fluctuate. To be sure of a ready supply, if you saw any, you had to buy the lot, and my sister-in-law bought me a big Chinese-patterned tea caddy to keep my supplies in.

And then it vanished altogether. I was devastated. I searched online, I asked everywhere I went. To no avail. Luaka had gone. At a stroke my quiet enjoyment of breakfast was gone.

I looked one more time at the old Luaka packet, and read the print on it:

Luaka BOP. Packed in Sri Lanka, this pure unblended Ceylon tea comes direct from the specially selected estates at 400ft in the Dimbula district. Being of best quality Broken Orange Pekoe, with a low tannin content, infusion should be for a good four minutes.

Having read this I could almost see the hills, covered in their tea bushes, and feel the cool pleasant air.

I expounded frequently on the disaster which the disappearance of Luaka represented in my eyes. My husband said that I should book a holiday to Sri Lanka and go and look for the estate, see what had happened. Afterwards, I could write a book about it. What a great idea I thought! For someone else. I'm not adventurous and I don't like long flights.

Well, Luaka's not the only tea in the world, I thought to myself, and so I set off on a journey of exploration. I started a little tea notebook. Everywhere I went, if there was a shop selling loose tea, I tried it. And I set out to understand about tea.

Growing tea at high altitude, I discovered, gives it a good flavour and aroma. Tea, once picked, is graded, and Orange Pekoe is not a variety but the indicator of size of leaf. There are indicators of quality and the time of picking too. The names are lovely. Flowery Orange Pekoe is made from the first two leaves and bud, very choice.

Orange Pekoe is picked later in the year, a thin wiry leaf. Tippy varieties of OP have more tips (hence PG Tips!). You can have your leaves whole, which tends to make them harder to deal with – they clog the teapot, and clog



your kitchen drain. Broken teas are smaller. They don't take so long to brew, and they generally come out stronger. Teas are also named after the regions they're grown in – Assam from India, Ceylon from Sri Lanka. Assam teas tend to taste a little malty.

Being strong is important. George Orwell, another great enthusiast for tea, commented that 'All true tea lovers not only like their tea strong, but like it a little stronger with each year that passes'. He's absolutely right.

Gradually my 'tea notebook' filled up with reviews – tea from the Hairy Fig in York, the Samovar Tea House in Ely, the Tea House Emporium in Bath, Tisanes in Broadway, and many others. I never found another Ceylon tea I liked as much as Luaka. Instead I found that all the ones I liked came from Assam. But the end of all my exploring was to find that there's a tea (and coffee) stall in Cambridge Market. It's run by Michael Matthews, and it's a wonderful stall. Every time I go I happily savour the smell of newly-ground coffee, or vanilla-scented tea. Prices are modest compared with all the other places I've sampled. And best of all he sells an Assam BOP which is almost, almost as good as the lost Luaka.

As a corollary, I've honed my tea appreciation no end. And Michael Matthews tells me that there's a world-wide shortage of 'tea-tasters'. How can they assure the future quality of tea? Maybe a new career beckons...

Helen Harwood

DIARY JUNE 2017

Date	Event	Time	Place
8	General Election Polling	7am–10pm	Memorial Hall
13	History Walk (page 27)	7.30pm	Granham's Road
13	Granta Flower Club	7.30pm	Memorial Hall
14	Garden Gang (page 19)	10am	High Street
17	Twinning Quiz Night (page 41)	7.30pm	Free Church
18	Shelford Open Garden (page 47)	1.30–5.30pm	6 Buristead Road
24	Farmers' Market	9–12 noon	Memorial Hall
28	Engage Talk on Hearing Loss (page 27)	2pm	Library

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For more information, contact me by email helen_harwood_uk@yahoo.co.uk or telephone 01223 840393.

There will be another history walk on Wednesday 26 July. *Helen Harwood*

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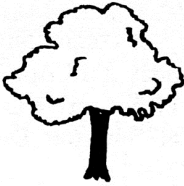
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FOOTBALL CLUB



Any hopes the first team had of retaining their Premier Division title seemed over when West Wrating beat them for the third time this season with a deserved 4–2 victory. The nerves must have been jangling for Hardwick as they approached their first-ever title, however, as successive defeats for them kept the championship mathematically alive at least. A comfortable 2–0 home win against Lakenheath kept us in the frame but in the end it was not to be as Hardwick clinched the title in their next fixture. With second place secure there was nothing riding on the final fixture away to Foxton but it turned out to be an entertaining game. Shelford took a bit of time to get going and could have been 2–0 down before half-time, but in the second period, were well on top. Even then Foxton could have snatched the game at the death and it was amazing that the game ended 0–0. A notable aspect of the game was the performances of several young players from our reserve team, who all looked more than comfortable at the top level. Although a disappointment, the runners-up spot is still a testimony to the consistency of the team and congratulations must go to Nick Baggaley, Ben Farmer and all the players.

The reserve team finished their Division 2A campaign with another creditable 1–1 draw at home to Papworth, who had been in the top half of the table all season. The reserves mid-table finish is a credit to Ed New and his young side in their first season in senior football. This progress was confirmed in their final game of the season when they lost on penalties in the semi-final of the Bambridge Cup to Great Chishill, who the week before had been promoted to the Senior B Division. The score was 2–2 after 90 minutes and 3–3 after extra-time, with Shelford creating more chances in the game than their higher-placed opponents.

This will be the last report of the season so we would like to thank everyone who has been involved throughout the season, whether on the pitch, behind the scenes or just supporting from the sideline.

Sadly, I have to report that Richard Saunders, a former player with the club, has died after a brief illness. Richard was an all-action midfielder who played in the first team for many years during the late 1970s and early 1980s, winning the Premier Division title on at least five occasions and captaining the side to two of those titles. He also won numerous cups, including the Cambs Invitation Cup. Our thoughts go out to his family and friends.

Terry Rider, Chairman

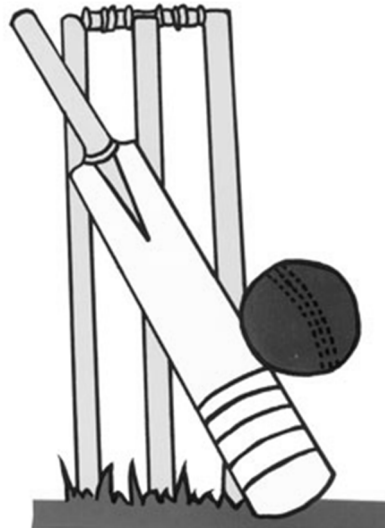
CRICKET CLUB

The season has started slowly in terms of results but the matches are coming along very quickly. At first, our Ones found life very tough in the highly challenging Tucker Gardner League. We were well beaten at Kimbolton, losing by 6 wickets and the next week's result was almost identical at Saffron Walden Twos, despite Ben Cliverd's 60. In our third game, we finally tasted victory against St Giles in a tough encounter which we eventually won by 70 runs thanks to solid knocks from Josh Jordan (43), Tom Barnard (44) and a captain's innings from AP Stafford (60 not out). Matt Chave, our Aussie leggie then took 4 for 20 and Mark Milne was as accurate as ever (2-26) as we bowled last year's CCA Senior One champions out.

The Seconds under skipper Gion Martin have won their only match so far, thumping Steeple Morden by 7 wickets thanks to an brilliant unbeaten 140 from Niall Barber who took full advantage of a small ground and a pitch where the ball sat up nicely for him. Mark Harrod was the pick of our bowlers, conceding 7 runs from his 8 overs, but the day was chiefly memorable for Paul Ellum's feat in capturing his 600th wicket in local cricket. What an achievement by the man who has been Mister Great Shelford cricket for so many years.

The Thirds, who play home games at Stapleford, are experiencing their first season and came up against a very strong Barrington Seconds side, who scored 260 runs from their 40 overs. Nick Sutcliffe and Aidan Swann gave us a good start and skipper Stuart Creed carried on the good work but we fell 60 runs short. Our aim with the Thirds was to introduce youngsters gently to adult cricket but with a complete restructuring of the lower leagues by the CCA for this season, we will be coming up against stronger teams than anticipated.

In the youth section, the Under 13s are the only team with a win so far with their cracking victory against a strong Cambourne side in a game played in a very sporting spirit. We lost a very tight cup tie with Linton and were definitely second best against a very strong Granta side. Omar Mahroof and Ben Floto have starred with the



bat and Haroun Mahroof and Theo Ball have been our stand-out bowlers. Our Under 10s have lost both their opening games, the first on a freezing night at Thriplow and then at home to Granta. George Robinson-Fyfe and George Pritchard-Jones have played well. Our Under 15s lost against Thriplow going down by 9 wickets despite excellent bowling from skipper Alex West. Many thanks to our coaches, AP Stafford (Under 10s), Mark Milne (Under 13s) and Stuart Creed (Under 15s).

FIXTURES FOR JUNE

Adults

Firsts and Seconds play home games at Great Shelford, Thirds play at Stapleford

3 June: *GS Firsts* v Blunham Away; *GS Seconds* v Rebels Home; *GS Thirds* v Longstowe II Home

10 June: *GS Firsts* v Granta II Home; *GS Seconds* v NCI III Away; *GS Thirds* v Ickleton Away

17 June: *GS Firsts* v Granta II Away; *GS Seconds* v Royston II Home; *GS Thirds* v Foxton III Home

24 June: *GS Firsts* v Warboys Away; *GS Seconds* v Bassingbourn Home; *GS Thirds* v Rickling Ramblers Away

Youths

Under 10s and Under 15s play home games at Stapleford, Under 13s play at Great Shelford

Under 15s Monday 5 June Haverhill Away; Tuesday 27 June Sawston & Babraham Home

Under 13s Thursday 8 June Fen Ditton Home; Thursday 15 June Thriplow Away; Thursday 22 June Granta Away; Tuesday 27 June Cambourne Away

Under 10s Friday 2 June Buntingford Home; Monday 5 June Cokenach Home; Friday 16 June Royston Away

We are always looking for new players at whatever level or age. Please contact Stuart Creed at stucreed@virginmedia.com or Brian Higgins at brian_higgins50@hotmail.com if you are interested in coming along to enjoy a game of cricket for your local club.

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Congratulations to Rory Hutchinson, former Shelford player, who was voted as having scored the best try of the season for Northampton Saints.

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TENNIS CLUB

What a difference a new broom makes! The broom in question is fresh to the tennis club committee, in the form of Rik Henson (pictured) who has taken over the maintenance duties. One of our brand-new caretaker's first decisions was to organise a proper spring clean.



Now the traditional tennis club spring clean never made much of a difference... a couple of volunteers might push a damp mop around the floor, rinse out a couple of mugs, then head off to the pub. This time it was different. Along with ladies' captain Jacqui Lloyd and new club secretary Victoria Roles, Rik undertook a massive repainting job of the whole

clubhouse interior. They attracted thousands, well dozens, of volunteers one Saturday morning to transform the drab and scruffy interior into a miraculous gleaming palace.

Rik has taken the bull by the horns, to the extent that his predecessor should be thoroughly embarrassed. Indeed I am. Well done and thank you Jax, Victoria, Rik and all the volunteers.

Caretaker man, you are June's member of the month. Congratulations!

If you would like to join us in the gleaming painted palace visit GSTC.org.uk.

Stephen Chittenden



SHELFORD FUN RUN 2017 REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!

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Sign up at www.shelfordfunrun.co.uk to guarantee your place: adults £14, affiliated runners £12, children £5. Times will be supplied.

There is no age limit, however children should be capable of completing the route by running or walking as scooters will not be allowed this year for safety reasons.

Eleanor McCrone
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We are pleased to receive articles, letters and notices for community events for consideration. Please send by email (preferably as a Word document), or send paper items to Judith Wilson (see below). The copy date is usually the second Friday of the month. See the *Next Issue* box (page 13) for next month's date.

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We had great fun at our May meeting watching three of our members being transformed into theatre characters and two more receiving fake injuries. Chris Clark demonstrated theatrical make-up and gave a very interesting talk about her long and varied career in the theatre. She began as a hairdresser with Vidal Sassoon and has worked with the Royal Shakespeare Company and English National Opera. She once found herself unexpectedly called upon to do Margaret Thatcher's hair for an early morning television appearance. She certainly disguised some of our members – do you recognise anyone here?



At our next meeting on 1 June, Kathleen Doggett will speak on 'Flowers and Fun'. There will be a Garden Party on 6 July and a visit to Chilford Hall Vineyard on 3 August. We will be serving teas at Shelford Feast on 16 July. Meet us there to find out more about our activities.

New members and visitors are very 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.

Mary Talbott, www.theshelfordswi.wordpress.com

READER'S LETTER

I have read with great interest Duncan Grey's article on the history of the Recreation Ground in Woollards Lane.

I would like to add that in fact the Rugby Club did play on the Rec as I recall that as a young teenager, while my family still lived at High Green, I had a boyfriend who was a keen rugby fan and I used to stand and get my feet frozen watching the game with him. The players had a changing room attached to the former Peacock pub opposite the vicarage in Church Street. I don't remember how long they did so before Mr Davey gave the land for Davey Field, as we moved in 1952 to Cambridge.

No doubt you will have had several letters that may be able to confirm the dates.

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This morning we had a meeting of the Garden Gang at the Cemetery. I was leaning against the rose arch chatting, when it occurred to me that something was missing. Perhaps you can spot it too?

Someone, it appears, has stolen our bench. There are so many good things in our village, but still, it grinds you down when something like this happens, and particularly at the Cemetery. A despicable theft.

Helen Harwood

Little Shelford Pavilion Art Group

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GARDEN CLUB

GREAT WESSEX GARDENS

Robin Carsberg returned to speak about some of the best gardens to visit in the south west.

Bicton Park Botanical Gardens near Budleigh Salterton in Devon, reflect nearly three centuries of changing horticultural styles with a diverse collection of gardens. They began as a landscaped garden, which reputedly took its inspiration from Versailles. The borders and flowerbeds with brightly coloured displays of bedding plants were 19th century additions. So too were the American and Stream Gardens, the Hermitage Garden and the Great Lake. Bicton was one of the first gardens to have fountains and water features powered by electricity instead of gravity tanks. The Pinetum has many fine old established trees including a giant weeping sequoia, which resembles a wizened old man. A Victorian Fernery has been re-established among the rocks around the Shell House. A notable feature is the Palm House, built in 1825 and constructed with a fine metal framework and glazed curvilinear roof. A more recent addition is the Mediterranean Garden with drought tolerant plants and paths made of crushed shells mixed with sand.

Forde Abbey at Chard in Somerset is a former Cistercian monastery with a mixture of architectural styles, set in a varied and attractive garden. The great pond at the top of the garden has three lower ponds linked by cascades. A columned temple with metal filigree dome frames a view of the abbey seen across the long canal, which is lined with herbaceous plants and topiary shapes. There is a rock garden and a bog garden with gunnera and blue Himalayan poppies. Douglas firs, cedars and redwoods create an atmosphere of timelessness. An extensive working walled garden provides kitchen produce.

Mapperton Gardens at Beaminster in Dorset are set in a valley below an old manor house with a courtyard of roses and clematis. The garden drops down in a series of Italianate terraces with clipped yew hedges and topiary shrubs linked by flights of stone steps. At the top end is an orangery with terracotta pots and below an octagonal pool with central fountain. Beyond is a pergola covered with vines, wisteria, roses and honeysuckle. Below that the garden gradually becomes less formal eventually merging into an area of trees and shrubs.

Abbotsbury Sub-tropical Gardens near Weymouth in Dorset lie in a deep, sheltered valley to the north of Chesil Beach. The mild, moist microclimate has enabled the establishment of many colourful exotic and tender plants to produce a jungle glade. There are rare trees, bamboo groves, bog gardens and a Mediterranean bank. A magnolia walk leads out of the garden to a high point with spectacular views over the Jurassic coast.

Killerton Garden at Broadclyst, near Exeter in Devon has one of the best collections of trees, originally obtained from some of the first plant hunting expeditions abroad. The garden has some of the oldest giant redwoods in Britain. Other trees include Japanese species of cedar, walnut and zelkova and cork oaks. Large numbers of rhododendrons, azaleas and cherries provide colour in spring. Near the house is a terrace of Mediterranean plants and a rock garden is planted with maples, ferns and primulas. A rustic thatched hut decorated inside with fir cones and acorns has a floor made from cobblestones, log sections and deer knucklebones and was originally built to house a black bear.

Helen Chubb



Shelford Twinning Association

QUIZ NIGHT

Saturday 17 June 2017

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BOTANIC GARDENS

HOW DO PLANTS RECOGNISE SEASONS?

June is the height of the summer when we enjoy our gardens in full bloom. But how do plants know when it's their turn to perform?

Work from plant scientists around the world is starting to decipher the code that plants use to sense the season. They have discovered how plants use day-length as an indicator to tell them what the season is. Impending spring is marked by two major changes: increasing day-length and warmer temperatures. It turns out that plants have elaborate mechanisms to sense both of these. Longer days in many plants cause the expression of genes that accelerate budburst and flowering. In this way, plants use day-length as an indicator that summer is coming.

In recent decades, many plants have also started to flower earlier in the year. While day-length has not changed, it is getting warmer. For example, globally 16 of the 17 warmest years have occurred since 2001. Plants have detected this, and many plants have flowered weeks or even months in advance. This is because plants have an intricate mechanism for sensing temperature.

Plant scientists at the Sainsbury Laboratory Cambridge University (SLCU), based in the Botanic Garden, have been working with international collaborators to show that the molecule plants use to respond to light during the day also senses temperature at night. In this way, the light sensor, called a phytochrome, moonlights during the night playing a separate role. By changing the activity of the phytochromes, the scientists have been able to change how a plant responds to temperature. This research will help them understand a long-standing question in biology 'how do plants know the calendar?' and in time, may help them breed climate change resilient crop plants.

In his talk 'How do plants recognise seasons?' plant scientist Phil Wigge from SLCU will be explaining more about this research as part of the Botanic Garden's 'Science on Sundays' series. This is a 'drop-in' talk, 23 July at 11am and again at 2pm, at Cambridge University Botanic Garden.



Helen Needham, Marketing and Interpretation Officer

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TWINNING TRIP REPORT

This was our third trip to Verneuil with the Twinning Association. Undaunted by bad and then appalling weather in 2015 and 2016 respectively, Astrid and I packed our macs for what we knew would be three days of fun in France making new friends and seeing some now familiar faces.

Astrid is a very keen ‘twinner’ and although still only seven years old she really looks forward to the visit and throws herself into it. For me, it’s an opportunity for quality time with her and a chance to share my love of the French language and culture: when she’s in the mood! Much more exciting for her is seeing who’s on the trip this year: some classmates from Year 2 this time, the older children she enjoys spending time with, and a few new friends in waiting. They start off a little shy with each other but by the time we’re heading back on the ferry they’re huddled around a table playing ‘Stop the Bus’. I really like the intergenerational nature of this trip; it’s a pretty rare thing these days but very good for all of us to make an effort and get to know new people.

We’ve stayed with a different family on each of our trips so far but that’s nice because we’re getting to know plenty of people on the French side. As usual, since Le Comité de Jumelage makes an effort to match visitors and hosts, the family who welcomed us had children roughly the same age as mine – four and sixish. We’d barely arrived when Astrid and Zoelie disappeared to play in Zoelie’s bedroom; language really isn’t a barrier when you’ve got lots of Barbie dolls to choose from and the international language of Disney to fall back on. For reasons of space, we spent the night at Zoelie’s grandma’s house but that worked really well too – it changed the pace and meant we got to know Claudine and Claude who are now officially honorary French grandparents!

Sunday was spent at Le Parc Astérix, a nearby theme park which was definitely the highlight of the visit for Astrid – ‘Le Grand Splat’ in particular – and was a great trip down memory lane for me as I loved reading the Astérix books years ago. Monday was a group trip to Samara which, I have to be honest, I was a little doubtful of for an entire day out but, hey, the sun was shining, I didn’t have to drive, or think about making a packed lunch so what’s not to like? It turned out to be a very interesting day which included making fire and



Astrid Mann, waiting for Le Grand Splat at Parc Astérix.

Photo: Tamsin Mann

throwing spears as well as some archaeological reconstructions. And there was a shop, Astrid's second favourite pastime after getting soaked to the skin (see 'Le Grand Splash').

Tuesday came around all too fast. Astrid spent the morning at school while I went to Senlis with the over 12s. The first time Astrid visited the school she noticed right away how small and hard the playground was compared to Shelford School's – we reflected on how lucky we are to have that space and it made me think how important it is for her to see other environments. She enjoyed being the focus of many questions from the French schoolchildren and was given a confidence boost by having visited before and knowing one or two of them. For my part, Senlis was lovely and definitely a town I'd like to explore more. We coincided with market day and I had to exercise restraint!

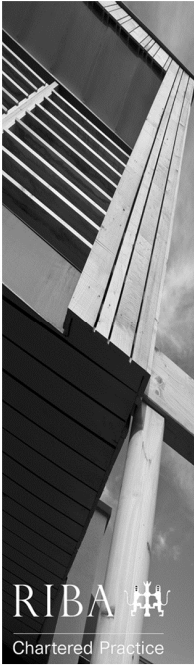


Ariel Diamond and Henry Denton, making fire at Samara


Photo: Graham Denton

You can't escape the fact that the return journey feels very long – even if you have stocked up on French treats and snacks. But regular stops and an earlier ferry crossing helped to minimise the cries of 'Are we nearly there yet?' and almost as soon as we'd got off the coach Astrid was asking whether we could go again next year. Of course, *bien sûr*. I really recommend the trip to any other families – or parts of families – who want a short but deep immersion in French culture, a chance to strengthen or renew European links, or simply a hassle-free break from the norm with added *je ne sais quoi*.

Tamsin Mann



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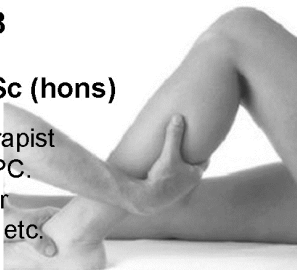
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Charles Bradford
Managing Director

CHANGES TO HIGHWAYS IN THE VILLAGE

After many months of discussion between the Parish Council and the County Council the TROs (Traffic Regulation Orders) for changes to yellow lining and the new crossing in Woollards Lane within the village have been advertised.

Notices have been posted in the village on lampposts, indicating that changes will be taking place and giving the right to object. Any objections must be lodged by 8 June 2017.

Areas involved are:

- Westfield Road, Stonehill Road, Maris Green, Elms Avenue, Buristead Road, Ashen Green, Church Street, High Street, Chaston Road, Orchard Road and Leeway Avenue. These will all have junction double yellow lines added.
- Removal of parking restrictions in Ashen Green opposite the Free Church to create six spaces.
- Removal of parking restrictions in the High Street near Ashen Green to create six spaces.
- Several changes in Woollards Lane involving the new zebra crossing, double yellow lines and prohibition on waiting and loading.
- Additional double yellow lines in Church Street and removal of parking.
- In Hinton Way, single and double yellow lines near the level crossing and timed parking bays near the new Post Office.

You can view the proposed changes in detail at www.greatshelfordparishcouncil.gov.uk.

It is hoped that the changes will address some of the parking issues within the village. They will not, however, solve every problem.

Not shown within the documentation is the provision of APMs (access parking markings), these will appear near Barkers Bros Butchers, Square and Compasses and Maris Green to discourage parking in front of driveways.

A 20mph zone will be implemented in all of High Street, Church Street, Woollards Lane and side streets at the same time.

If you see illegal parking in the village, report it at <http://tinyurl.com/SouthCambs-Parking>. It's the only way we can get the Police to take action.

Mike Nettleton
Chair of Parish Council

WHAT'S ON IN JUNE

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

CAMBRIDGE ARTS THEATRE

31 May–3	<i>Showstopper! The improvised Musical</i> , a brand new musical comedy for each performance
6–10	<i>Sand in the Sandwiches</i> , Edward Fox portrays John Betjeman
12–17	<i>My Country</i> , a National Theatre production with testimonials from Britons following the Brexit vote
21–25	<i>The Gruffalo</i> , for ages 3+
27–1 July	<i>The Mikado</i> , Gilbert & Sullivan
Telephone: 01223 503333 Web: www.cambridgeartstheatre.com	

SAWSTON CINEMA (MARVEN CENTRE)

10	3pm	<i>Peter Pan</i> (NT Live) Encore
15	7pm	<i>Jackie</i>
20	6.30pm	<i>Sing</i>
22	7pm	<i>Salomé</i> (NT Live) Live
Telephone: 01223 712825 Web: www.sawstoncinema.org.uk		

STAPLEFORD GRANARY

8	7.30pm	<i>New Angles on Frank Lloyd Wright</i> , lecture
11	2–6pm	<i>Reading the Waste Land</i> , Literature course
29	7.30pm	<i>Crispian Steele-Perkin</i> concert
Telephone: 01223 849004 Web: www.staplefordgranary.org.uk		

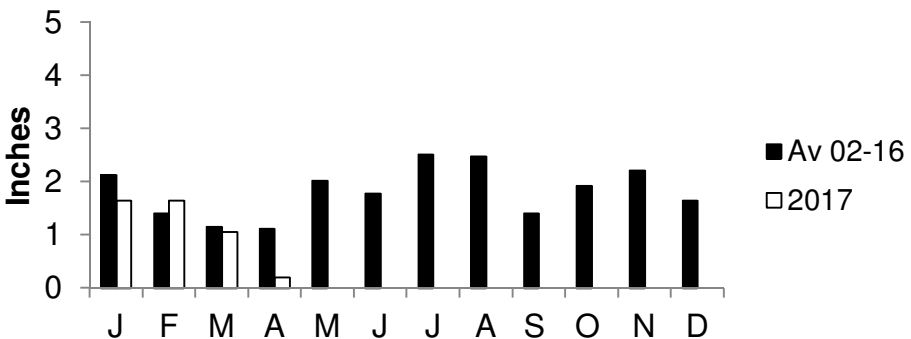
UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE

5–6	10am–4pm	<i>Indian Art inspired Linocut Printing</i> , a two-day course held at the Botanic Garden (adults only).
7	10am–4pm	<i>Paper Cutting Workshop</i> , making compositions from the plants in the Botanic Garden's Collection (adults only).
8	6–8pm	<i>In Conversation</i> , evening with writers and walkers Iain Sinclair and Nick Papadimitriou (Alison Richard Building)
For information on these and other events see www.admin.cam.ac.uk/whatson		

WANDLEBURY		
2	10am–12 noon	<i>Wild Animals</i> , half term activity for ages 4–8
2	1–3pm	<i>Fairy Fun</i> , half term activity for ages 3–5
3	9–10.30am	<i>Wandlebury Resident Reptiles</i> for adults
11	2–3.30pm	<i>Grasses of Wandlebury</i> for adults
Telephone: 01223 243830 Web: www.cambridgeppf.org		

SCOTSDALES		
1	10–3pm	<i>Miniature May</i> , drop-in event for ages 2–12
28	10am or 11am	<i>Feed our Feathered Friends</i> , Little Seedlings event for ages 2–5
Telephone: 01223 842777 Web: www.scotsdalegardencentre.co.uk		

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