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FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 13 DECEMBER 2017

PUBLIC SESSION

Dr Katie Keller and Dr Colin Hitchcock attended the meeting to update councillors and the public on plans for the Health Centre and the proposed merger between Shelford and Granta Medical Practices. They informed the meeting that there was no intention to shut any of the surgeries down or to stop providing core general practice consultations from each site. However, some administrative and specialist services may be delivered from a single location.

The current surgery in Shelford is considered by the doctors to be not fit for purpose. The Practice is involved in difficult negotiations with NHS Property Services to resolve building issues. The Practice is considering what alternatives are available in the village and wishes to enlist support from the Parish Council to explore any options.

The Parish Councillors stated that help on financial or administrative issues was best served from the Granta and Shelford merger, but that assistance could be given by investigating what site options were available within the Village plan and providing support at any resulting discussions. Additionally, Heidi Allen could be contacted to enlist support in negotiations with NHS Property Services.

It was agreed that there would be further discussions between Councillors and the Medical Practice in 2018 to investigate any options.

ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR AROUND THE PAVILION

The Clerk updated the councillors on anti-social behaviour and recent criminal damage around the Pavilion and the action taken by the Police Community Support Officer (PCSO) to deter this activity. Additional security issues were discussed but it was hoped that the PCSO intervention would resolve the issue. The situation could be improved by provision of more play facilities, and a meeting to investigate options for this with Shelford and Stapleford Youth Initiative (SSYI) was considered the most useful way forward.

FINANCE

Cheques to a total value of £16,354.18 were accepted for payment.

The Clerk presented the Year to Date Income and Expenditure with a forecast to the expected year end position. The review identified a considerable underspend of £99,033 in the financial year 2017/18 due to various projects not progressing at the pace expected, mainly due to reasons outside the Parish

Council's control. This underspend would be carried forward to the financial year 2018/9 to fund the outstanding projects.

The Clerk presented the forecast 2018/19 budget plan and councillors debated each budget heading. The resultant net expenditure forecast was £331,341, less the underspend carried forward from the previous year of £99,033 (all subject to final adjustments in accounts). This would result in a proposed Precept application of £232,308 – an increase from 2017/18, but containing various significant new projects which were considered essential to village development. It was thus considered appropriate to contribute £20,000 from the Parish Council reserves, reducing the proposed Precept application to £212,308.

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

GREAT SHELFORD PAROCHIAL CHARITIES

Not everybody in the village knows much about the Parochial Charities. They were established over 100 years ago by the donation of land where More's Meadow is now situated, to be used for the benefit of Great Shelford people. (This land is on the east side of Cambridge Road, between Bridge Close and Hobson's Acre / Walden Way).

The bungalows of More's Meadow occupy the Charities' land closest to the road, but there is additional land towards the railway, partly occupied by allotments for Shelford residents, and partly by open land which was rented to a local farmer until recently.

The Parochial Charities support various charitable activities in the village, but by far the largest commitment is the provision of rented affordable accommodation for Great Shelford people who need it.

There are current, very preliminary, plans to use more of the land for further affordable housing (more rented bungalows), and also to provide informal recreational space for residents of this northern area of the village. The village will be kept informed of any progress with regard to these two initiatives.

The telephone number of the Clerk to the Trustees is 842411.

The Trustees

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

S/4521/17/FL	Mr D Cousins 15 Coppice Avenue	Two storey, part single storey side rear extensions.
No objections.		

S/0009/18/FL	Mr & Mrs S Browning 4 Westfield Road	Two storey side extension and front porch.
No objections.		

S/0191/18/DC	J Roach Rectory Farm Barns Church Street	Discharge of conditions 3 and 4.
We feel the existing pantiles should be retained and object to the use of new pantiles.		

S/0120/18/LB	Mr Maycox Church Street Barns	Protective timber cladding.
No objections.		

S/0195/118/FL	Mrs C Eeles 4 Cabbage Moor	Replace conservatory with single storey side extension.
No objections.		

S/0324/18/VC	Dr Chokshi 167 Cambridge Road	Variation of condition 2 of permission S/2571/17/FL.
No recommendation.		

S/0325/18/FL	Mr Kuwaidar 144 Cambridge Road	Temporary change of use for student accommodation (16 rooms) and bed and breakfast (16 rooms).
As this is an existing use no objections in principle but the change of use should be limited to three years.		

TRANSPORT CONSULTATION

Exhibitions of proposed traffic developments in the area, including an off-road link to Addenbrooke's through Stapleford and Great Shelford, will be held on 7 March (4–7pm) at Stapleford Pavilion and on 14 March (4–7pm) at Sawston Village College.

For more information see www.greatercambridge.org.uk/CambridgeSouthEast.

DISTRICT COUNCIL

Junction between Granhams Road and Cambridge Road and proposed new Co-op store

About seven or eight years ago, Great Shelford Parish Council secured a sum of £50,000 in section 106 funding from the developers of Abberley Wood for highway improvements to the junction between Granhams Road and Cambridge Road.

A scheme was drawn up by the County Council Highways Department for a double humped surface on Cambridge Road to lower the speed of traffic entering and leaving the village. However, this was ruled out because of the cost of lowering the btconnect cable box on the pavement at the corner of Granhams Road. Later, the Highways Department ruled out the hump they had originally recommended on the bridge side as traffic calming is not allowed on bridges.

At the time of the planned junction improvements, the land on the corner of Granhams Road was being sold by South Cambridge District Council for development. Cllr Shelton and Cllr Nightingale requested that an area of land be retained for future road widening.

The bridge and junction has had a chequered history with many accidents and daily congestion problems. The junction is well used by many cyclists to access the Addenbrooke's cycle path, and by many drivers heading for Addenbrooke's Hospital. It is also a main access for emergency services.

I would recommend that before any planning permission is approved for the relocation of the Co-op, we should use this opportunity to employ an independent consultant to look at improvements that may be required at this junction.

Rules for taxi drivers

As a member of South Cambs Licensing Committee, I am pleased to inform you that we are tightening our regulations for taxi drivers.

Our new taxi licensing policy will require CCTV to be installed in all vehicles, and all vehicles must be wheelchair friendly. Drivers and operators will be given until April 2020 to install approved CCTV cameras. All drivers will also be required to take a knowledge test. Prospective Hackney or private hire drivers will be required to have a good understanding of English and a good knowledge of the area.

These measures should ensure that you and your family are safe when using a taxi licensed by South Cambridgeshire District Council.

*Cllr Charles Nightingale
District Councillor for the Shelfords*

Comment [RA1]: I suggest rewriting this as shown. I hope I'm right in thinking that drivers and operators have until April 2020 to comply with all these regulations, and not just the installation of CCTV cameras specified in the original text.

HEIDI ALLEN

My mission to visit all schools in South Cambs continued in January. It certainly keeps me on my toes, taking challenging questions from students! This month, a theme for many visits has been the 100th anniversary of women gaining the vote. At the last election, 32% of MPs elected were women. However, there is more to do. A step in the right direction is for young people to understand not only how our democracy works but that they own it.

At the beginning of January, I was pleased to be invited to speak at the Alliance Mental Health Conference kindly hosted by St John's College in Cambridge. The conference provided workshops for 200 nine- and ten-year-olds from local primary schools. We hear only too often how young people can face challenges with their mental health so this conference offered children a safe environment in which they could talk about their feelings, seek support and equip themselves with practical skills.

Although my newsletter deliberately tends to focus on local issues, I continue to be busy on national issues in Parliament too. This month has seen me raise a range of matters from questioning the bosses of Carillion about the collapse of the company to speaking in the House about the Government's welcome changes to Personal Independence Payment awards for people with mental health conditions.

I also asked the Prime Minister about pay for 'live-in' care sector staff, who often look after vulnerable disabled adults. There has been some confusion about the impact of the national minimum wage on staff who sleep on site as part of their work. The Prime Minister has agreed to meet me to discuss these concerns and I am hopeful that we can find a way forward.

SHELFORD FEAST



A new year and a new Feast! This year promises to be a special Feast – a Silver Feast – as we celebrate our 25th modern Feast!

Thanks to the Parish Council we hope to be properly plumbed and serviced on our new position on the Recreation Ground and able to offer all the traditional Feast offerings, plus some innovations.

Make sure you stay in the village for Feast Week from Monday 9 to Sunday 15 July and if you can help us by volunteering in any way do get in touch at info@shelfordfeast.co.uk.

Put The Great Shelford Feast Party Weekend in your diaries now – from Friday 13 to Sunday 15 July.

Duncan Grey

Comment [RA2]: If possible, align the top of the Feast logo with the top of the 'A'.

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We are all volunteers who aim to provide transport for anyone who requires it to a variety of destinations. Journeys are most usually to Shelford Health Centre and Addenbrooke's Hospital. The service is mainly used by residents of Great and Little Shelford and Stapleford.

We always need more volunteers and are always hopeful that new drivers will approach us. As a driver you can offer to provide transport at any time suitable to you and only when you are free to do so – no pressure!

Just now we also need a new coordinator (maybe who has newly retired?) to ensure the continuation of our service in the future. As a coordinator you do not need to drive; you work on the phone and need to have basic skills on a computer. The work on the phone and computer are very easily learnt.

Petrol costs are covered by the client's fare and are subsidised by the Cambridgeshire County Council Transport Department. The Transport Department also provides insurance cover and covers the cost of phone calls made on behalf of the Shelford Support Group. Interest is provided by the always fascinating people you meet or speak to, while it is very satisfying to be giving a personal and helpful service which is much appreciated.

Please contact any of the coordinators listed below for further information, either as a driver or coordinator. We will be delighted to talk to you!

Biddy Wilkinson 01223 843856

Carol Bard 01223 571380

Rosie Cranmer 01223 513572

John Dibnah 01223 842054

Pat Legge 01223 843275

Biddy Wilkinson

ADAM RAHIM, VILLAGE POSTMAN

Many of us were shocked and saddened to learn of the death of village postman Adam Rahim in a road accident on February 2.

During his time as a postman in Great Shelford Adam, who was 37, touched the lives of many people in the village. He always had time when delivering letters for a chat, a smile or a happy wave.

We send our deepest condolences to Adam's family.



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SHELFORD SCHOOL

Some years ago I was given a copy of Marjorie Westbrook's fascinating book, *Making of a Village School*, which charts the history of 150 years of Great and Little Shelford Church of England Primary School. A quarter of a century further on, and at a time of great change both in the school and the wider world, it makes timely reading. Those who governed the school in the 1940s faced the dilemma of resurfacing the playground without sufficient funds, while the less than satisfactory toilets taxed their brains as far back as 1907. The march of new technology and its possible detrimental effect on learning caused an uproar at the 1960 PTA AGM, in the shape of the school's first TV. In between these fascinating details are woven the stories of some excellent and dedicated teachers, many of whose tenure at the school spanned decades. Reading this gives us confidence for the future; as one period of stewardship comes to an end, we recognise that the entity that is 'Shelford School' carries on. So far, we have appointed two excellent new teachers for KS2, Ms McLoughlin and Ms Nairac, along with two very good Teaching Assistants, Mrs Cusano and Mrs Harrison. The recruitment process for our new headteacher is well underway, and we are pleased that he or she will find a strong staff team in place.

The philosopher Eric Hoffer said, 'In times of change learners inherit the earth; while the learned find themselves beautifully equipped to deal with a world that no longer exists.' This is even more true today, and it is salutary to realise that many of the jobs our children will take on have not even been invented yet.

Who would have known what a web designer was in the 1980s? That is why we spend so much time at Shelford ensuring our Christian ethos underpins all we do; knowing that this foundation will not change drives all we do in school.

Therefore, one of the tenets we hold most dear at Shelford is the concept of the 'whole child'. Although we are justifiably proud of our children's academic achievements, we are at least as concerned for their health and well-being.

Promoting mental health and well-being for both children and staff is a major whole-school focus this year and explicit teaching is being given on establishing networks of trusted people, celebrating friendships, managing uncomfortable feelings and resolving conflict through peer mediation. An understanding of how to look after one's own well-being, and ask for help when needed is being woven throughout both our collective worship and our curriculum. Whether it be our Year 6s challenging themselves to leave their comfort zones in their (very chilly) teamwork at Grafham Water, or the whole school enjoying the creativity of our Art Days, we are working to build resilient, responsible children. The above-mentioned book's closing hope for the school, 'Long may it thrive into the next century' seems well on its way to being fulfilled.

Liz Jenkin, Local Authority Governor

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COUNTRY MARKET



As I write this I am sure all readers will be looking forward to warmer days, but looking around there are many signs of spring.

Come what may, we are open from 8.30am every Wednesday.

Some weeks the market really

feels like a 'social hub'— the stalls and coffee stop are busy and there is a sense of well-being across the market. So, keep coming and bring your friends along.

Easter will soon be upon us. Treat yourself to a simnel cake or perhaps a chocolate cake, but order now! What is a simnel cake? A question we are often asked. It is a light fruit cake with two layers of marzipan, one in the middle and one on top, and is decorated with eleven marzipan balls, representing Jesus' disciples minus Judas the traitor.

The definition of a country market is a cooperative social enterprise selling home-made, home-grown or hand-crafted produce and we are always on the lookout for new members. Bakers, gardeners and crafts folk, where are you? If you would like to join us, we would like to talk to you and you can read more about us at Great Shelford Online and www.country-markets.co.uk.

Dorothy Doel

BIKE SALE

Sell your old bike or find your new one at the Shelford School PTA bike sale on **Saturday 17 March**. Pop along to Great Shelford Memorial Hall from 9am–1pm. Plenty of tea and cake will be on offer too!



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SHELFORD MEDICAL PRACTICE

Report from Granta and Shelford Medical Practices Proposed Merger Public Consultation

Firstly, thank you to all of you that came along to the Public Consultation in February. There was an amazing turnout – approximately 145 people!

Dr Chris Schramm opened the meeting by giving a presentation about the future of healthcare and the merger proposition. This was followed by question time. The main issues addressed were:

Retaining the surgery in Shelford The proposed merger is to retain, maintain and improve our presence and the service we offer in Shelford.

Continuity of care There will be no staff changes at Shelford, but there will be more choices. If, for example, a Shelford slot offered did not fit with your schedule, you could then have extended choice of other Granta sites.

Maintaining The Granta management structure was also explained in the meeting. Having dedicated expert managers for each part of the business means that GPs can be freed up to do what they do best – doctoring.

Out of Hours This was discussed but is a separate NHS service which will not be affected by the proposed merger.

Merging reduces risk of privatisation Merging gives us more strength, making takeover by a corporate giant very unlikely.

Dr James Morrow from Granta went into further detail about how GP surgeries are funded. A GP practice is paid £136 per patient per year. This is a standard amount – whether the patient sees a GP once or 20 times in a year. (Interestingly, it costs more to insure a pet gerbil for one year!)

Improvements Part of the Granta future plan is about moving hospital services out into the community, giving easier and quicker access for patients. Ear microsuction is already being offered and services currently in development include a paediatric clinic, ENT, Ophthalmology and MSK (orthopaedics and physiotherapy).

Feedback following the meeting was very positive indeed, with many members of the public coming to speak to representatives to offer their support for the proposed merger.

If you should have any further queries about the proposed merger please do not hesitate to contact Gerard Newnham, Practice Business Manager of Granta on 01223 727555, gerard.newnham@nhs.net or Sandra East, Admin & Comms Manager of Shelford on 01223 843661, sandra.east@nhs.net.

Surgery Remedial Work

Over the next few weeks we are having the car park resurfaced, the footpaths repaired and the flat roof replaced. There will be reduced parking spaces whilst this work is going ahead and we would ask that if you are able-bodied you consider parking in one of the village car parks so that our less mobile patients can park near to the surgery. Please accept our apologies in advance for any inconvenience this may cause you.

Sandra East

Shelford Twinning Association presents

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- ◆ A Tintin film (in English) projected on a large screen (approx 45 mins)

Saturday 10 March

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Holy Week and Easter Services

Here are our services for Holy Week and Easter – please come and join in this special time of celebration and joy (full details on our website).

Palm Sunday 25 March

- 8am Holy Communion (BCP 1662)
- 10am Parish Communion (main Sunday service) with procession and blessing of palms
- 6.30pm Evensong (BCP 1662)

Holy Week

Daily:

- 9am Morning Prayer (Monday to Thursday)
- 5pm Evening Prayer (Tuesday to Thursday)

Monday in Holy Week

- 7pm Holy Communion (reflective service with a focus on the Holocaust)

Tuesday in Holy Week

- 7pm Stations of the Cross (meditation on Jesus' last hours)

Wednesday in Holy Week

- 9.30am Holy Communion (BCP 1662)
- 7.30pm Christian Passover Supper (Community Room – tickets needed, see website)

Maundy Thursday

- 7.30pm Eucharist of Maundy Thursday, followed by Watch of Prayer

Good Friday

- 10.30am Family Service for Holy Week (short service for children)
- 1pm Good Friday Devotions (two brief led meditations)
- 2pm Liturgy of the Passion (marking Jesus' last hour and death)

Easter Saturday

8pm Easter Vigil (first celebration of Easter with blessing of new fire)

Easter Day 1 April

6.30am Joint Dawn Service (Magog Down)

8am Holy Communion (BCP 1662)

10am Parish Communion (main Sunday service) with Easter egg hunt for the young at heart!

6.30pm Sung Evensong (BCP 1662)

St Mary's Sunday Club

Sunday Club meets on the first Sunday of every month during the 10am service, with a story and activities for children of all ages. Most other Sundays there is an activity for children during the service. Helpers are welcome!

Contact gillian.pett29@gmail.com.

From the registers

Baptism: 4 February Alice Thomas

Regular services

Daily: 9am Morning Prayer

5pm Evening Prayer

Wednesday: 9.30am Holy Communion (BCP 1662)

Sunday: 8am Holy Communion (BCP 1662)

10am Parish Communion, our main Sunday service

6.30pm Evensong (BCP 1662)

For further information about Great Shelford Parish Church

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FRIENDS OF GREAT SHELFORD LIBRARY

At our AGM last week, Sue Wills (Library Service Manager for Cambridgeshire Libraries) set out her current thinking on the future of our library, which is subject to ratification by the Council.

Her proposals are that there should be no cuts to Library hours or staffing in 2018/19 and that the 50% cut in the book fund should be reversed. This is excellent news! It is, however, dependent on her managing to secure extra income from partners or external sources, but she is clearly working very hard to achieve this, and we will support her where we can.

Watch out for updates when we hear more details.

Our next event is a talk by Will Harwood on Tuesday 6 March (see below).

Helen Harwood, Chairman, Friends of Great Shelford Library

Friends of Great Shelford Library present:

THE DECEIVER'S ART: CODES AND CIPHERS BY WILL HARWOOD

Codes and ciphers have existed almost as long as written text. But whereas written text seeks to communicate its content openly, codes and ciphers are intended to conceal their contents from all but a select few.

In detective fiction they have been an essential hurdle to overcome for the insightful detective, and in Cold War stories their possession and subversion have been the ultimate goal of the protagonists.

More recently, codes and ciphers have impinged on all our lives, even if we do not realise they are present. Cash dispensers, mobile phones and computer sites for internet shopping all use codes and ciphers to protect you, or the service provider, or both.

What are codes or ciphers, how do they succeed in concealing information from us, and what is involved in breaking them? This talk will outline some of the basic forms of codes and ciphers used in historical fiction, what is involved in breaking them and how this relates to the modern uses of cryptography in both the real world and in film and television.

Great Shelford Library, **Tuesday 6 March at 7.30 pm.**

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DOES IT MATTER WHEN EASTER IS?



Easter will soon be upon us – early this year, Easter Sunday being on 1 April. I'm sure this will rekindle the debate about why we have a date that varies year on year and whether this matters.

The date is calculated as the first Sunday after the first full moon occurring on or after the March equinox. Apparently this was chosen way back in the 4th century, and relates to the fact that Jesus Christ's death and resurrection occurred around the

time of the Jewish Passover, which was celebrated on the first full moon following the vernal equinox. The fixing of the date was supposed to stop Easter being celebrated at different times. A great idea except that we're talking Gregorian calendar whereas some traditions of course don't use this!

But that doesn't really answer the question, does it?

If you ask me personally then I would say 'Fix the date.' I don't think we need to follow the timing of the equinox anymore. However, that's probably going to upset a lot of people!

What DOES matter though is 'Why Easter?' in the first place. This is why:

'For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.' John 3:16 New International Version (NIV).

The real question, therefore, is do I believe that statement? At GSFC we have started running an Alpha Course recently where a small group of people are asking that very question. We hope to run the course again, so why not come and join in the discussion. Everyone is welcome as long as you are prepared to be open minded enough to consider the real question – 'Do I believe?'

*David Baslington
Elder, Great Shelford Free Church*

SERVICES AT GREAT SHELFORD FREE CHURCH

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April 1

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**A DAY IN THE LIFE OF ...
ANGELA MILTON, TICKET OFFICE CLERK AT
SHELFORD STATION**



Angela in her office

Photo: Judith Wilson

I joined the railway over twenty years ago in July 1996. I was living in Wales but I needed to get my foot on the job ladder in England so I applied for a job with South West Trains just after privatisation, and I got a job in Haslemere in Surrey, which is where I was actually born.

I had to do a six-week training course. Nowadays the course is only two weeks because everything's computer-based but in the old days it was all paper – paper manuals, paper timetables. I've had to do a lot of learning over the years. Early on, when I was working at Liphook Station, near Haslemere, the scariest time of the week was on Friday

afternoon when about 30 soldiers all with travel warrants would turn up at the same time to exchange them for tickets – and I hadn't a clue where lots of the destinations were!

I think privatisation has made things better for customers, and the companies are more safety aware. But tickets are much more complicated. In the old days it was just a single, a day return or an open return, but now you can take your pick of hundreds of tickets – that's confusing for the customer. If I could change anything I'd probably have fewer train operating companies, maybe just three so they could communicate with each other. Now there are well over twenty and they've all got their different ways of doing things.

When I came here in 2010 I got pictures and more seats in the waiting room and a heater and books and newspapers for customers, so basically I turned the room into what I would want to sit in if I was waiting for a train. The first Christmas I threw a Christmas party here in the station. It was thick snow and I'd had to drive from home with a car full of food. We had a free raffle and we were on Radio Cambridgeshire – it was brilliant!

Ron Gooch used to come in every day. He said if we got plants he'd look after them at the weekend, so with his help we started sorting out the garden and turned it into a nice place to sit. It all takes time though with the railways. I put

up a community notice board today and that's been in the making for a year – I had to go and liberate the board from another station which was closing down. Sometimes it's the only way to get stuff!

So a typical day for me starts when my alarm goes off at 3.59am – in the summer I can stretch that to 4.10! I like to have a cup of coffee before I leave, and my two cats Aled and Inky need feeding and to have a 30-minute play in the garden. Then I drive to Ely for the 5.25 train to Cambridge, and get the 5.51 to Shelford. The first thing I have to do when I get here is to make sure the ticket machines outside are working. There's nothing more frustrating for people if there's a queue at the window and they can't buy a ticket from the machine. Then customers start coming through the door for the 6.26 train. But as soon as it switches from commuters to off-peak it's a completely different kettle of fish. For example, lots of people have been in today buying tickets for the weekend because it's the first time for four weeks we haven't had any engineering works, so they're all going to London.

I close at 10.30am but people can make an appointment to see me after that if they want to plan a complicated journey. Often people don't like doing that when there's a queue of people behind them, or they may not be able to stand at the window for fifteen minutes or so while we're planning the journey. So they come in and I lock the doors, and then we can do the journey one-to-one. And if someone wants to do a long journey at some stage in the future and it's not open for booking yet, they can tell me all the details and give me their phone number and then I check every day and as soon it opens for booking I ring them up and tell them they can come in and book the ticket.

And then before I leave, in the winter I do a bit of tidying up and check the machines again. In the summer the flowers have to be watered. But now my station adopters help with this – they come every evening and over the weekend. Then sometimes I'll go to another station if they need help, for example if they've got problems with their machines. Otherwise I'll go back to Ely, and see if they need any help. When I get home at around 2pm I'll do the sorts of things that most people would probably do in the evening, or if it's summer I'll be in the garden. My mum rings me every day at half past three. Tea's at half past four and bed's normally at six – maybe seven at the weekend!

The thing I enjoy most about the job is meeting people and helping them. Sometimes I can get them a ticket that's so cheap they can't believe it! When I retire, I'll probably go back to Wales to look after my mum, but I definitely want to be here in Shelford for another five years.

Angela Milton as told to JW

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NAMING THE STREETS

Today we take for granted that all our village streets have names. But it was only in the 1920s that these names were formalised and fixed. Up till then, they were entirely subject to the rules of oral use. This meant that there could be more than one name for the same street. In the Polling List for 1913, Woollards Lane (spelt Woollard's) was also called Station Road. There seems to have been great confusion about whether Stapleford Road ran from Freestone's Corner to Stapleford, or merely to the top of the bridge and then became London Road, or even vice versa. This inconsistency reflects, I'm sure, a confusion among the residents themselves, who had differing views about what the village streets were called. Tunnels Lane (with no apostrophe) was spelt phonetically (but at least consistently).

Up till then, this confusion hadn't mattered, because everyone knew where you meant. But Shelford (and indeed all the other villages) had grown and was still growing. So in 1928 Chesterton Rural District Council invited the Parish Council to agree street names and put up nameplates. The Parish Council duly formed a Naming Committee. They were told to try and come up with names that were discrete, so that the same names weren't endlessly repeated across every village in the district: names, in oral use, naturally tend to follow function. So, Great Shelford, everyone agreed, had a High Street, a Station Road and a Mill Lane. And so did practically every village in the country. Then there were the roads TO somewhere: Cherry Hinton Road, Cambridge Road, Stapleford Road and London Road. These too were replicated across neighbouring villages.

The committee did its best to follow the advice they'd received: Park Avenue became Shelford Park Avenue; and Mill Lane became King's Mill Lane. The council asked parishioners for suggestions: Hinton Way was proposed for Cherry Hinton Road. A few truly local names persisted: Tunwells Lane, Woollards Lane, High Green and Granhams Road. But for the centre of the village the parish council stuck to the obvious:

Church Street (a new name in the village) and High Street. The signs were ordered from the Royal Label Factory in Stratford-upon-Avon and put up. One, at least, can still be found, on the corner of King's Mill Lane.



Helen Harwood

DIARY MARCH 2018

Date	Event	Time	Place
1	WI Talk and AGM (page 29)	7.30pm	(see page 29)
1	Carpet Bowls Home Game	7pm	Memorial Hall
3	SSYI Big Breakfast (page 3)	8–11am	(see page 32)
6	Friends of the Library Talk (page 18)	7.30pm	Shelford Library
10	Granta Deanery Spring Fair (page 40)	10am–12noon	Memorial Hall
10	Twinning Association Event (page 14)	3.30pm	Free Church
13	Shelford Garden Club (page 29)	7pm	School Hall
13	Granta Flower Club (page 45)	7.30pm	Memorial Hall
15	Carpet Bowls Home Game	7pm	Memorial Hall
17	School PTA Bike Sale (page 11)	9am–1pm	Memorial Hall
20	Garden Gang	10am	(see below)
22	Carpet Bowls Club Finals	7pm	Memorial Hall
24	Farmers Market	9am–12	Memorial Hall
24	Horse Race Night (page 46)	7pm	Memorial Hall
28	Engage Talk (page 34)	2–3.30pm	Shelford Library
29	Carpet Bowls AGM	7pm	Memorial Hall

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

THE GARDEN GANG

It's time for the Garden Gang to look out their boots, forks and secateurs and confront the growing weeds!

We are a sociable group of volunteer gardeners who meet once a month and look after the village's flowerbeds. If you would like to join us, please get in touch.

Next meetings:

Tuesday 20 March at 10am, corner of Buristead Road/High Street.

Tuesday 17 April, venue to be confirmed.

For details, contact Helen Harwood, helen_harwood_uk@yahoo.co.uk or phone 840393.



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The planned speaker for the February meeting was unable to join us and we look forward to welcoming her at a future meeting. At very short notice John Warbrick, the husband of one of our members, stepped in and gave a fascinating talk on the history of English bell-ringing.

John is the Tower Captain at All Saints, Little Shelford. His beautifully illustrated talk took us through the changes in bell-ringing from its earliest beginnings to the present day. There is far more involved than any of us realised. We learned how bells were often cast in pits next to the church and how some local bells were cast in a bell foundry which used to exist in Royston. We were then treated to a visit to the tower and to the bells themselves. John was assisted by Mark Norris, another member's husband. The evening was rounded off by a hands-on session trying out various peals, not in the tower, but on hand bells.

Our next meeting on Thursday 1 March is our AGM when we review the activities of the last year and look forward to the next. It is a good opportunity to come and find out about the WI, and new members and visitors will be very welcome. Our speaker will be Elaine Westwick, who will talk about Visualisation. If you can't make it in March come another time; we meet on the first Thursday of every month at 7.30pm in the North Room behind All Saints' Church in Little Shelford.

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LITTLE SHELFORD PANTOMIME

THE SNOW QUEEN



Esme Guron as the Snow Queen

Photo: Louise Guron

For the first time in Little Shelford's history, pantomime audiences were transported to the wintry slopes of Scandinavia. But this was no Scandi noir. From curtain-up, Frincess Richardson's dazzling backdrop of brilliant whites set the tone for an equally splendid performance.

Masterminded once more by director Dick Wallin, the show was a parade of local young talent, with each new song, dance and costume outshining the last. Heidi Meikle's ambition as assistant director was manifested in the variety of accents on show, while Cheryl Smyth's first year as lead choreographer produced stunning dance numbers set to songs arranged with tireless dedication by Lucy Barlow. Behind the stage, the efforts of the props teams and stage hands ensured a smooth transition between scenes. Karen Rainsford and Lucy

Carrick somehow exceeded their costuming calibre yet again, crafting everything from delicate silver sashes to a moveable 'chocolate moose', whose secret ritual must remain a mystery to those who didn't witness it live.

Any Scrooges in the audience who thought the Christmas season was over were quickly disabused of that notion, with more Yuletide allusions than you could shake a candy cane at. There were ice-skating routines, Christmas jumpers, sleigh rides and snowball fights: a festive frenzy of fun.

Libby Ahluwalia's script provided moments of tender emotion and frivolous gaiety in spades, epitomised by the interruptions of Shelford's very own 'Breaking News' team – outfits and puns pre-dating their actors by several decades – reporting on the havoc wreaked by Winter, the malevolent villain of Father Time and Mother Nature's quartet of seasons. Transformed by greed into the eponymous mischief-maker, Esmé Guron played a queen worthy of her own Netflix original series, plotting and cackling in true panto fashion before revealing a deeply hidden fragility. She was expertly flanked by hordes of

'baddies' – conniving trolls, three nefarious storm-makers (Susie Franklin, Pandora Milne and Beatrice Paduano), and a nice elf army ... my mistake, an ICE elf army! Their compelling performances cast a chilling fear over the audience, and threatened to leave the world in a perpetual winter of blizzards, frosts and – gulp – replacement bus services. But this was the pantomime, and such wickedness can never prevail. Fighting the chill in preposterous dresses were not one but TWO dames – Grandmas Nellie (Theo Burr) and Peggy (Ethan Sheridan), whose neighbourly competition escalated hilariously as the night went on. Their respective spouses, Jacob Whitehouse and Jake Dann, were more controlled but no less comical; first as unwilling husbands in a '*chu-chi woo-chi*' dance-off and then as leaders of an intrepid, if incompetent, rescue party to the Snow Queen's ice palace. Thankfully, the foursome had help from the outrageously posh reindeer, Jasper (Robert Carter), and the radiant antithesis of the Snow Queen's ice fury: Summer (Isis Reid) on a quest to ensure the story ended happily ever after. Taking their lead from recent Star Wars releases, the ragtag team went fearlessly in search of their only hope of survival.



Jacob Whitehouse (left) and Theo Burr (right) get their dancing shoes on! Photo: Rodney Smythe



'What's the weather today?'
'Looks like reindeer!' Photo: Rodney Smythe

Mystic Martha (Alice Patterson) provided magical support with her powers of illusion and misdirection – think Professor Trelawney with a deck of cards. The audience too played their role in guiding the gang to their destination ('It's behind you!') and keeping spirits high with a rousing rendition of 'I Would Walk 500 Miles' surely heard in Leith.

No pantomime would be truly complete without a love story tying the whole shebang together. This year that love was a purely platonic affair, as childhood friends Gerda (Rachel Atkins) and Kay (Archie Calne) were torn apart by an icy spell; Kay was turned from fun-loving to fierce by a shard of magic mirror, abandoning his friends in a fit of cold rage. But with a few heartening songs and some generous sweet-throwing, all wrongs were righted and the world's normal service resumed.

Special mentions go to the 'News Team', whose jokes produced groans that had the Village Hall safety officer fearful of a roof collapse; and to Rachel Atkins' delicate ballad and Susie Franklin's stunning self-devised dance solo, which both threatened to bring the house down!

It was the end of an era for the Panto family, as Hazel Stevenson bowed out after twenty years of directing and choreographing excellence. Can you expect another twenty years of the Little Shelford Pantomime's implausible plots, priceless puns and impassioned performances?

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I understand from Councillor David Bard of Sawston Parish Council that a Cambridgeshire County Council bus summit meeting took place at Whittlesford on February 8 (I was not at the meeting myself). The change of route for the 7A bus service was discussed and it was decided the best option for the 7A would be to change the northern terminus from Babraham Road Park and Ride to Trumpington Park and Ride. This means that the 7A would no longer go via Mingle Lane and Hinton Way, but via London Road, Tunwells Lane and Cambridge Road to Trumpington Park and Ride. It was felt that this would be the best option as it would enable access to Waitrose, which is no longer available via Stagecoach City 7, and result in more patronage.

The proposal now has to go forward to the various Parish Councils, and no date for the change has been fixed. There is a statutory notice period of 56 days in England and Wales which starts from the day the traffic commissioner accepts a completed application for changes.

So there are unlikely to be any changes prior to May, and in the meantime the 7A bus will continue to operate on the existing route to Babraham Road Park and Ride.

John Wakefield



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- Keep warm – an extra blanket at night perhaps – and have plenty of warm drinks such as hot lemon or chicken soup. These may help raise your natural defences, as may probiotic drinks, according to recent studies.
- Rest as much as you can.
- Honey can really help with coughing. Children must be over one year old though. Try it in warm water and lemon juice.
- Avoid milky drinks if you find they make you more congested.
- Blocked nose? Sinus discomfort?
- Saline sniffs can help.
 - Take a cup of warm water with a large pinch of salt. Every two to four hours, make a puddle in your hand with about a tablespoon of this water, lean over a sink, block up one nostril and sniff up each nostril twice.
 - Inhale steam. Put a little tea tree oil or eucalyptus into a bowl of boiling water, and inhale every three or four hours. (Place the bowl in a sink for safety.) This reduces the viral count in the back of your nose and loosens up secretions.
- Take a daily multivitamin and mineral supplement. Each vitamin-rich, light meals if hungry. Drink plenty of clear fluids.
- Paracetamol and ibuprofen will make you FEEL better, but won't actually make you better as they lower your core temperature. Your immune system is trying to 'heat treat' the virus, so if you take these, your illness may take longer to resolve. Take sparingly when appropriate. If your throat is sore, use a menthol sweet or a spray to ease the pain.
- Vapour rubs and saline or boiled, cooled water nasal drops have also been found to be helpful and can be bought from chemist's and some supermarkets. Gargling with salt water may also be helpful. Cough mixtures are generally ineffective and are a waste of money. Increasing the humidity of your bedroom works better, as do steam inhalations and honey.

- Antibiotics have no effect on viral illnesses. They can increase resistant strains of bacteria, and cause rashes, diarrhoea, sickness and changes in your natural defences. They also waste time and money. **Please don't expect them!**
- Don't smoke, and avoid smoky atmospheres.
- Have a flu and pneumonia vaccine if appropriate.
- Use tissues once and then bin them. Wash your hands with soap and hot water to avoid spreading infection to family members, friends and colleagues.

RECIPE FOR A NEW PLAYSCAPE

Ingredients

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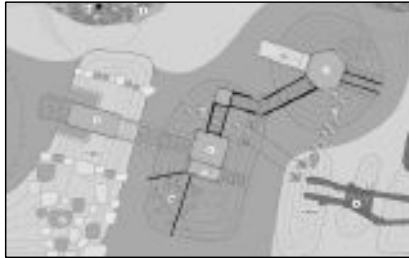
Two dozen public consultations

One 'It's a knockout' extravaganza

A dusting of abseilers

400 fun runners

A generous outpouring of donations



Mix it all together, let it rise for a month or two whilst we wait for planning permission and then ice with final grants. With a bit of luck it'll be ready to serve by the end of the year ...

It's three years this month since a small group met together to talk about sorting out the playground. Since then the scope of the project has doubled in size, we've raised over £60,000, developed an inspiring design, planted meadows and trees (have you seen the hawthorns and cherry by the meadow?), installed boulders and bridges, learnt how to run large fundraising events and talked a lot about a red horse!

To celebrate how far we've come I will be raising a glass to the amazing Playscape team who are working to turn this big vision into reality. You can continue to support us by registering on Give As You Live, auctioning things on eBay and selecting funds to go to Great Shelford Playscape, donating via our website, or volunteering for fundraisers.

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Split ticketing fare anomalies normally occur because the prices for different sections of a route are set by different train companies. Because of this you will often find big savings on long-distance journeys going across the country.

<https://www.splitticketing.com> is a site that specialises in split tickets. They say: 'Split Train Tickets are allowed by the National Rail Conditions of Carriage, so take advantage of this and you could pay a lot less than you otherwise would have for the same train tickets.'

But remember that while splitting tickets can save you money, booking in advance leads to the best deals. And you can always ask for advice at Shelford Station!

JW

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CAMBRIDGE FLOWER CLUB

Cambridge Flower Club will hold their first meeting of the new season on Thursday 15 March at 7.15pm at **Whittlesford Memorial Hall, Whittlesford CB22 4NE**.

The demonstrator will be Jacqui Aldous and the title of her demonstration is 'That's Entertainment Act Two'.

New members and visitors (£5) are always welcome. For more information, phone Freda on 01223 891464.

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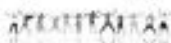
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THE MAGOG TRUST

A Friend of the Magog Trust writes

As a daily dog-walker on Magog Down, I and my fellow dog-walking friends experience life there more than most. We see the maintenance going on and the changes happening, such as the new dog exercise area, which is a lovely spot and a welcome addition for canine activities.

We, like all walkers, observe the changing seasons, and love the proximity to nature so close to Cambridge. For most of us, having a dog means we have to go out in all weathers, and I for one feel healthier for it. So Magog Down means a great deal to dog owners. The responsible ones, like us, deplore the dog poo left by selfish owners, and often pick it up in disgust. We know from first-hand experience how awful it is to 'put your foot in it' and do all we can to prevent this happening.

We are also aware that occasionally a dog can become over-excited when meeting joggers and other users. Most know that the best tactic is to ignore the dog, and definitely NOT to wave your hands in the air. The dog will soon give up barking, and we will always do our best to control and recall our dogs to our sides. For those joggers who truly do not like dogs, perhaps the off-lead dog walk is not the best place for them. There are very few places like Magog Down where we can let our faithful friends off their leads, so that they can play together, have a good romp, and really be dogs. Long may we continue to enjoy it.

- Follow the Countryside Code
- Keep your Dog Under Control
- On a Lead Where Requested
- Bag It and Bin It



Upper Memorial Gate

Helene Greenhalgh

Respecting the On-lead Signs at the Magog Trust

'But there are no sheep in the paddocks at the moment ...'

This is a common retort we hear from those challenged for letting their dogs off the lead where signs clearly say otherwise. The on-lead rules are not just about sheep, or skylarks. On-lead areas provide a reliable refuge where non-dog lovers may, for example, sit and contemplate the view, without fear of having an unknown, inquisitive canine come and snuffle their knees unexpectedly.

Even if there are no other people around when you enter, please get in the habit of respecting all on-lead signs around Magog Down. By doing so, you help to increase the enjoyment for all our many different types of visitors. **Thank you.**

The Magog Trust www.magogtrust.org.uk

MAGOG SINGERS



Our Spring term is passing incredibly quickly and, as usual, we will be sharing our singing with friends and family on **Tuesday 27 March** at 3pm in the Jubilee Pavilion, Stapleford. Light refreshments will be available. A collection will be taken for a chosen charity.

We are always happy to welcome new members. For further information contact Kathleen.foreman@ntlworld.com or graham.bush@ntlworld.com.

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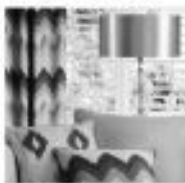
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For our March meeting, Cambridge resident Robert Halliday will be talking about Cambridge ghosts. He has spent a lifetime investigating ghosts and the paranormal in and around Cambridge, and has published two books on the topic. We're looking forward to tapping into his fund of bloodcurdling tales.

The meeting will be on 13 March at 7.45pm at Stapleford Jubilee Pavilion. Admission free for History Society members, or £3 on the door.

GRANTA FLOWER CLUB

Granta Flower Club meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 7.30pm in Great Shelford Memorial Hall. Visitors are most welcome (£5 per person including a floral demonstration and refreshments).

Our March meeting is on Tuesday 13 March when Kath Doggett from Willingham will present a floral demonstration entitled 'This time of year'.

During our December meeting a cheque was presented to Arthur Rank Hospice for £500 from various sales tables throughout the year. In January members enjoyed a fish-and-chip social supper.

We look forward to welcoming you to a meeting. Do please contact our Secretary, Jean Hore, 01223 843796 with any questions.

Alison Purnell

GREAT SHELFORD CRICKET CLUB

We are all looking forward to the new season and net training sessions have been well attended. We are looking for new players for our adult and youth teams. Our adult First team play in the Whiting & Partners League, Division Two. Our Seconds are in CCA, Junior League, Division Two North and our Thirds are in CCA, Junior League, Division Four West.

We have youth teams at Under 11, Under 13 and Under 15 levels so parents, if you have boys and girls who want to take up cricket or to join us to develop their skills, contact us.

The number to ring for adult and youth cricket at Great Shelford is 07557 502840 or email brian_higgins50@hotmail.com.

Brian Higgins

FOOTBALL CLUB



Due to the inclement weather, it was just two games for the second month running for the 1st team, but those games showed how unpredictable and exciting football can be at any level. Brampton are sitting pretty at the top of the Kershaw Premier Division, albeit having played several games more than the chasing pack, but in what turned out to be a cracking match between two good footballing teams we came out on top with a narrow but well-earned 2–1 victory. In contrast, Cambridge City Reserves are sitting just above the relegation zone but for the third time this season they gave us a very close hard-fought game. In the home league fixture we had to come from two goals behind to snatch a point, and we were pushed all the way in the Challenge Cup quarter-final before two late goals saw us through. This time, on a cold windy day not conducive to good football, we were held to another draw (1–1), which dented our championship hopes.

After an impressive previous month, it was back down to earth for the reserves with two away defeats and a home win. Having won convincingly at Gamlingay Reserves in the Junior Cup earlier in the season, it was disappointing to go down 2–1 there in the league fixture. Having knocked Bassingbourn off the top of the table last month in an impressive home win, the 3–1 reversal on their ground was even more disappointing, given that we travelled with only ten men. The month ended with a morale-boosting performance however, with a 4–2 victory in the return home fixture with Gamlingay Reserves.

There are home matches on most Saturday afternoons (kick-off 2pm) so why not come along and support your local football club? Refreshments for mums, dads, little ones and older ones are on sale in the Pavilion during 1st team matches from 1pm onwards. The clubroom above the Memorial Hall is open for a drink after games. Everyone is welcome.

You are Invited to our Fun Race Night ...

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BOWLING CLUB: A NEW ACTIVITY FOR 2018?

Are you someone who decided that 2018 was the year to take up a new activity?

Although we are a few weeks into the New Year it is not too late, the Bowling season doesn't start until April. So there is still time to realise that ambition!

Great Shelford Bowling Club guarantees a warm welcome to players of all ages, whether experienced or novice. The club is run entirely by volunteers and prides itself on providing an opportunity for gentle healthy outdoor exercise. Coaching is given to beginners and above all it is a friendly game.

We have a wide range of talent within the club, and enjoyment of the game and each other's company has priority over competitive honours, although we have gained our fair share over the years.

Friday afternoon and evenings through the summer is 'roll-up time' when we learn and practise – all very informal. All you need is a pair of flat shoes – we can lend you bowls. Come and have some fun.

Why not join us for our first event this season? Our coffee morning is on Saturday 7 April at 10am in our Pavilion and you'll find us tucked away behind the Tennis Club. You will be made very welcome over coffee and cake and we can give you more details. Then on Saturday 14 April there will be a Table Top Sale in Great Shelford Memorial Hall to raise funds for the new season. Many club members will be there and only too happy to answer any queries you may have. If you want any details about the club, or are interested in having a table yourself at this sale, please phone either Jill on 845310 or Jenny on 841461.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Jenny Fulton

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Editorial Committee

RUGBY CLUB

Senior Rugby

February and March down at the Davey Field can only mean two things – 6 Nations 2018 and crucial mid- to end-of-season matches for all our teams.

The buzz of the 6 Nations brings many visitors and supporters to the club. This is greatly welcomed as Shelford's 1st XV approach the end of the season looking like every point is going to count, as they linger in the lower half of the table.



Youth Rugby

The next tranche of Canada tourists are getting the wheels in motion for their trip in a couple of years' time. We always try to support our youth players in helping themselves in terms of morale and tour funds, so what better way than a Car Wash! For all the home games for the remainder of the season there will be a squad of boys eager (yes that's right!) to wash the remains of a muddy, grimy winter off your cars. So if you fancy watching an exciting match of live rugby, a bit of 6 Nations on the TV and a clean car, then please do come along!

Social Events Coming Up

In the coming months keep your eyes peeled for some social events that the whole community are warmly invited to. The Shelford parents are organising a Race Night and a Summer Ball so keep checking our website, Facebook and Twitter. Details to follow soon.

A Final Note

We are increasingly proud of our 3G pitch and it has been put to great use by us and other local sporting groups, especially in what has been a somewhat waterlogged and soggy start to 2018.

Our Minis particularly enjoy it and don't seem to notice the cold as much. So even at such a young age we are seeing that the player experience is a much more positive one, and they are eager to come back the following week.

We've got to keep those little legs running around, especially now in a world where, alas, our children are looking to screens for amusement.

You can find more information about what's happening at the club here:

Club website www.shelfordrugby.co.uk

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Anna Biard

WHAT'S ON IN MARCH

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. Note this information can be subject to change and events may already be fully booked.

CAMBRIDGE ARTS THEATRE

26 February– 3 March	<i>Strangers on a Train</i> , based on the 1950 novel made into a film by Alfred Hitchcock
4 and 11	<i>Footlights</i> Sketches, songs and stand-up from university drama society
6–10	<i>The Weir</i> Chilling modern classic set in a remote country pub in Ireland
13–17	<i>This House</i> Insight into the workings of British politics
20–24	<i>The Jungle Book</i> new musical adaptation of Kipling's classic story of a child raised by wolves in the jungle
26–31	<i>The Winslow Boy</i> Terence Rattigan's family classic, set in 1910, about a family's effort to clear their son's name
Telephone: 01223 503333 Web: www.cambridgeartstheatre.com	

SAWSTON CINEMA (MARVEN CENTRE)

8	7pm	<i>The Glass Castle</i> Story of an unconventional upbringing based on <i>New York Times</i> bestseller
27	6.30pm	<i>Despicable Me 3</i> Animation
29	7pm	<i>Victoria and Abdul</i> An unexpected friendship in the later years of Queen Victoria's rule, with Judi Dench
Telephone: 01223 712825 Web: www.sawstoncinema.org.uk		

STAPLEFORD GRANARY

17	2– 5.30pm	<i>E M Forster: For Love of Italy</i> Lectures, seminar and music on the theme of what Italy meant in Forster's novels
18	12–1pm	<i>Spirit of Spring</i> Sunday Coffee Concert: songs and piano solos of Robert Schumann, written in 1848
Telephone: 01223 849004 Web: www.staplefordgranary.org.uk		

CAMBRIDGE SCIENCE FESTIVAL

Monday 12 March – Sunday 25 March

15	5.30– 6.30pm	<i>Maths vs Sport</i> How you can use maths to be better at sport. Prebook (ideal for teenagers). Lady Mitchell Hall, Sidgwick Site, Sidgwick Avenue
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17	10–11am	<i>Why Are There No Dragons?</i> Learn why evolution just can't make things like giants and vampires. Suitable for families. Babbage Lecture Theatre, New Museums Site, Downing Street.
24	11am–5pm	<i>Douglas Adams: Life in the Universe</i> Exhibition of Adams' life and career in The Old Library, St John's College
24	2–6pm	<i>The Museum of Our Forgotten Selves</i> Interactive installation exploring the experience of being 0–3 years old. Anglia Ruskin University
For a full list of what's on at the Science Festival and booking details, see www.sciencefestival.cam.ac.uk		

UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE

8	7–8pm	Madingley Lecture: John Fishwick, President of the British Veterinary Association, talks about Brexit, animal health, welfare, superbugs and superfarms. Madingley Hall
13	8–9.30pm	Semi-staged performance of Handel's <i>Acis and Galatea</i> . Senate House
Web: www.admin.cam.ac.uk/whatson/		

SCOTSDALES

10	Create your own Mother's Day basket 10.30am–3.30pm	Various times, booking necessary
24	Making Easter decorations (2–12 years)	
28	Making Easter decorations (2–5 years)	
30	Easter egg decorating (2–12 years)	
31	Easter egg decorating (2–12 years)	
Telephone: 01223 842777 Web: https://scotsdalegardencentre.co.uk/event/		

CAMBRIDGEPPF: WANDLEBURY

Every Thursday	Healthy Walking 10–11am (longer walk) or 10.30–11am (shorter walk). Suitable for all abilities.
Saturday 17	Spoon carving and whittling for beginners. 10am–2pm. Adults only, booking essential.
Saturday 24	City of Cambridge Symphony Orchestra Concert in support of CambridgePPF. 7.30pm at West Road Concert Hall. Works by Bax, Penderecki and Vaughan Williams.
Sunday 25	Wandlebury Wildlife, part of the Cambridge University Science Festival. Drop in between 11am–3.30pm.
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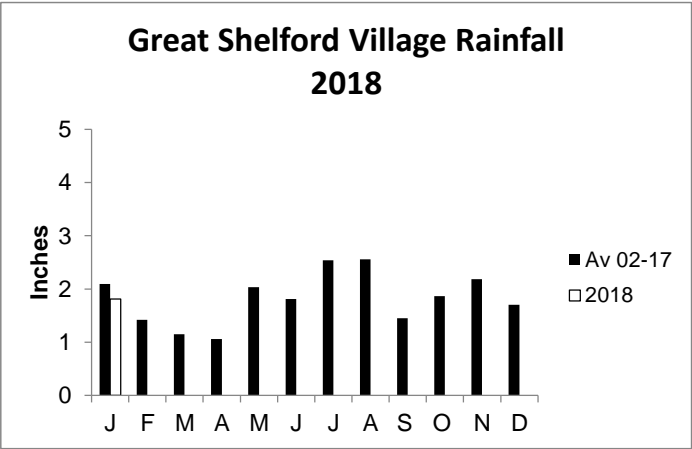
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VILLAGE NEWS

LOCAL ORGANISATIONS

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Badminton (Little Shelford)	Rosie Cranmer	513572	
Bowling Club	Jill Whaley	845310	
Brownies, Guides, Rainbows	Lisa MacGregor	843021	
Bunch – Feast	Duncan Grey	842191	
Carpet Bowls	Margaret Kelly	473520	
Citizens Advice Bureau	Cambridge	0844 8487979	
Community Association	(for booking Memorial Hall) Sheila Tilbury-Davis	844384	
Country Market	Dorothy Doel	843946	
Cricket Club	Mrs M Ellum	842394	
Darts League	Mr D Matthews	845287	
Football Club	Terry Rider	01354 680661	
Free Church	Iris Considine	842181	
Friends of Shelford Library	Daphne Sulston	842248	
Garden Club	Helen Chubb	845032	
Great Shelford Friendship Club	Cheryl Mynott	845435	
Health Centre	Ashen Green, Great Shelford	843661	
Mobile Warden Scheme	Jackie Noble (Warden)	700920	Jenny Morris (Chair)
Parish Church Bell-ringers	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
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	Pat Legge
	John Dibnah	842054	Carol Bard
	Rosie Cranmer	513572	571380
Sunnyside Preschool Stapleford	Jane Doyle	707817	
Stapleford Choral Society	Adam Pounds	843468	
Tennis Club	Victoria Roles	07747 748891	
The Arts Society South Cambs	Sheila Tilbury-Davis	844384	
Twinning Association	Penny Pearl	842483	
U3A (Sawston Branch)	Mr D Cupit	871527	
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