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**HRH The Earl of Wessex, Prince Edward officially opened  
the Arthur Rank Hospice at Shelford Bottom**



The Earl took time during his tour to meet patients attending day therapy

*A Day in the Life of the Revd Simon Talbott*

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## **GREAT SHELFORD PARISH COUNCIL**

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### **Summary from the draft minutes of the 17 January 2018 meeting**

#### **VILLAGE BIG ISSUES: HIGHWAYS**

Cllr Barrie Ashurst presented an overview of the current status on forthcoming works, local highways initiatives, refreshing white lines, access protection marking, other works in hand and items on the PC's radar. The full presentation is available on the website (see above).

#### **Questions & Answers**

- Could a disabled parking bay be provided at the new Post Office location and the proposed new Co-op location? This was under consideration.
- Could a road speed roundel be put on Hinton Way? This is planned for the current round of works at Shelford Bottom. The stored information from the Speed Indicator Device could be used to influence police intervention and if necessary further SIDs and their locations could be considered.
- Could suitable bollards be installed to prevent parking on pavements? This is being considered.
- What amount of parking space has been lost in Woollards Lane? One space has been lost, along with the two disabled parking spaces being relocated.
- What was being done regarding potholes and uneven pavements? PC can only report potholes to the County Council as can any member of the public (see link for reporting potholes on the PC website). A County Councillor stated that strict criteria are applied before a repair is deemed essential.
- Jenny Morris (representing the Mobile Warden Scheme) requested support for the S137 Grant Application stating that lack of direct support at Chaston Road sheltered accommodation, increasing GP referrals and a withdrawal of SCDC financial support was creating financial strain on the Mobile Warden Scheme. District Councillor Ben Shelton agreed to investigate and advise.

#### **REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES**

##### **District Councillor**

A weather warning had been issued for the following few days. The Parish Clerk confirmed that emergency contact details were on the Parish Council website.

The six-week consultation on the Local Plan started in January 2018 with adoption expected in March 2018.

The waste disposal process was clarified. It was noted that 50% of black bin content was also recycled. There was a suggestion that Parish Councillors might make a site visit to the Waterbeach recycling centre. District Councillor Shelton would also investigate the potential of a waste disposal presentation at the Annual Parish Meeting.

**County Councillor**

The Social Care service has a large deficit.

The reorganisation of local policing was to be raised at the next Police Panel Meeting. Any information or suggestions from colleagues would be useful.

**STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS****Highways**

The Freestones and Memorial Green power supplies require updating. The Parish Clerk will monitor the progress of this work.

The poor condition of white lines in various areas is to be reviewed.

**Planning Committee**

A Village Meeting was arranged for Tuesday 20 February at the Memorial Hall to discuss the Co-op store relocation plans.

**Recreation Ground Committee**

The Copse and Riverbank projects are progressing as planned.

The Feast Services project is progressing as planned.

**Cemetery and Allotments Committee**

Cllr Richard Davies is now Chair of the Committee. Mark Carey is a new member.

New allotment invoices for the year to March 2018 have been issued.

**Neighbourhood Plan**

A workshop with Cambridgeshire Acre is planned.

**Playscape**

Finance: Playscape have made a donation of £2,500 towards the PC costs on the project. The Group's reserves are to be held at a minimum of £5,000 and a maximum of £10,000.

**Police liaison**

From May 2018 it is planned that there will be further reductions in the numbers of Police Community Support Officers. Also, a new enquiry office is to be established, and police teams will be tasked to various local issues.

**Social media**

The current mailing list size is 178. The average open rate is 58% and the average click rate is 31%.

A new noticeboard has been sited outside Kash Stores and the Post Office.

**Community Association**

An asbestos survey will be carried out on 19 January.

**Parochial Charities & Schools**

Mrs Alison Evans (Headteacher) is retiring at the end of the summer term 2018.

**Twinning Association**

The annual jumble sale raised £350.

**Library**

The Friends of Great Shelford Library AGM will be held on the last Tuesday in January.

**Pavilion**

The new Tennis Club lease is still under discussion.

Pavilion private bookings continue to increase.

Building matters: heating repairs are needed and an excessive electricity bill has been incurred due to the Football Club not controlling the visitors' changing room heating. The Clerk is to organise a meeting with the club. An extension of the CCTV system and entrance security railings have been postponed for further discussion. A quotation is awaited for floor covering repairs.

**Christmas 2017**

The event raised £773 towards the Playscape Project.

The switch-on date for the Christmas lights in 2018 is confirmed as 30 November.

**FINANCE****Review and approve S137 Grant Application for funding to the mobile warden scheme**

An initial award was proposed in line with previous years, with any additional award to be discussed at the next Parish Council meeting. Vote: Unanimous.

**Monthly accounts for payment**

13 new and 2 previously signed cheques valued at £10,760.15 were presented.

**Review and Approve Proposed F&GP meeting Budget and Precept Requirement for Financial Year 2018/2019**

Conclusions as presented in the March edition of the *Great Shelford Village News*.

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**Summary from the draft minutes of the 21 February 2018 meeting****VILLAGE BIG ISSUES: RECREATION**

Councillor Malcolm Watson presented an overview of the current status on all topics, including Playscape and Grange Field. He summarised the significant improvements completed over the past two years, noting the valued assistance to the Parish Council given by Playscape and SSSI. Cllr Watson also discussed the future potential for the Recreation Ground, additional play areas and also the Clay Pit. The full presentation is available on the Parish Council website (see above).

**Open discussion and questions from Councillors**

- A Parochial Charity representative stated that any current proposed development would include one third of the site for community open space use.
- Shared use of Rugby Club facilities should be explored.
- Access to the Clay Pit should be considered for improvement; the Clay Pit should be managed as a wild space.

## **GENERAL PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

A member of the public raised several issues relating to procedural matters of the Parish Council and handed in a transcript of issues raised. There was no response by the Parish Council at the meeting.

## **REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES**

### **District Councillor**

Charlie Nightingale proposed that any changes in the area of the Granhams Road junction should be reviewed by an independent consultant prior to the consideration of any planning application.

SCDC is tightening regulations for taxi drivers. They will require all taxis to be wheelchair friendly and fitted with CCTV. Drivers will be required to have a good understanding of English and a good knowledge of the area.

### **County Councillor**

2018/19 Budget & Precept levels are at 2.99% plus 2% for adult Social Care.

Cllr Cuffley was the CCC representative on the White Ribbon Group for Violence Against Women and Girls.

The A1307 Consultation (Cambridge South East Transport Study) was issued on 9 February including details of various consultation open days.

Cllr Cuffley agreed that Cambridge Road was in an appalling state and suggested lobbying the local MP for funding. It was noted that pavements, drains and signposts were in a similar poor condition.

## **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Highways Committee**

The scheme for school warning signs is expected to be implemented within weeks. The scheme for general village improvements, including the zebra crossing work, had commenced.

A bus stop time indicator board at High Green is expected to be installed in March.

### **Planning Committee**

Following the resignation of Bridget Hodge as a Parish Councillor the Deputy Chair of Planning will be replacing her as Chair of the Planning Committee.

### **Recreation Ground Committee**

Football field maintenance is challenging in the very wet weather; some matches have been postponed to prevent severe damage to pitches.

The skateboard ramp has again been closed due to damage from Town & Country Tree Surgery at a neighbouring property. Town & Country had accepted responsibility for the damage and the cost of the repairs.

Recreation Ground fees will be increased by 10% for 2018/2019.

Private Security Patrols have been introduced from mid-February 2018 to minimise antisocial behaviour on the recreation ground and around the Pavilion.

**Cemetery and Allotments Committee**

Stonehill Road: work to protect the water supply and to provide a 30m extension to the supply has been completed.

**Playscape liaison**

A planning application is in draft awaiting final approval; meanwhile some of the grant applications in progress require planning application to be confirmed.

Upcoming events include a Fun Run, a pop-up skatepark and tree planting.

**Police liaison**

A major review of community policing is underway; the outcome is expected in April.

Local Police Panel Meetings have been suspended and Tim Clearly, our local Sergeant, has moved on with no replacement to date.

Parking tickets have been issued in the High Street and Woollards Lane; several drivers have been counselled about parking in front of Tesco.

The most reported crimes in Great Shelford are for shoplifting.

**Community Association**

The PC has funded an asbestos survey and a demolition survey for the Memorial Hall Boiler House. The PC is committed to reviewing the leases to the Community Association, including the leases for the Scout & Guide HQ and Pavilion. The PC is also considering funding a CCTV system for the Pavilion and a fixed wiring test, although any work highlighted by this test will not be funded.

A Fire Risk and General Risk Assessment have been completed for the Memorial Hall.

**Parochial Charities & Schools**

The replacement process for the headteacher at Shelford School reaches the interview stage in March.

**Library**

Councillor Helen Harwood is to be Chair of Friends of the Library. The Head of Library Services has stated that there is now a policy of no library closures. Library opening hours are to be reviewed by the PC.

**Pavilion**

The repair of the flooring in the gents' toilet and kitchen has been approved.

A maintenance contract for the Pavilion heating has been signed.

**Feast liaison**

The Services Tender has been delayed due to electrical power requirements being reviewed. Planned and additional features may exceed the current budget; a review will be required when all tenders have been received and may cause further delays in the confirmation of the work to be undertaken.

**FINANCE**

17 cheques were presented valued at £10,485.13p.

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## PLANNING APPLICATIONS

S/4461/17/VC S/4463/17/FL S/0358/18/AD S/0580/18/TP	Co-operative Group Food Limited	Four separate applications all relating to the proposed move of the Co-Op to De Freville House.
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**Note.** The Parish Council Planning Committee considered all four applications relating to this significant village development together. Issues were considered under the following headings: general, highways (including road safety and deliveries), signage, ATM installation, parking and environmental concerns. Full details of the committee's comments can be found on the PC website at <http://greatshelfordparishcouncil.gov.uk/planning-committee-minutes/>

It was unanimously agreed that the Parish Council would recommend refusal of all four planning applications in their current form, but would also seek to impose conditions which would render the applications acceptable. In addition, certain further items would be added to the commentary which, whilst not reasons for recommending refusal, were issues the Parish Council would wish to be considered.

S/0488/18/FL	D O'Bryan 46 Buristead Rd	Single storey side extension, single storey rear extension and garage conversion.
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No objections.

S/2436/16/FL	Mr Omar Kuwaider 144 Cambridge Road	Extension, alterations and change of use from Bed & Breakfast into 17 flats.
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Circulated by SCDC for information only. GSPC objects to the application and this revision as the parking spaces marked as 21–31 are on Green Belt land, which is not permitted. GSPC continues to recommend rejection.

S/0431/18/FL	Mr Jeremy Pemberton White Hill Farm Granhams Road	Replacement dwelling house following demolition of existing property.
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The original application for this site, S1483/14/FL, was approved in 2014 and planning permission has therefore lapsed. The new application proposes an overall increase in area of 46%. The applicants acknowledge that in a 1-for-1 replacement of a dwelling in the Green Belt, the replacement dwelling house will be of a similar scale and mass to the one it is replacing. This is plainly not the case and GSPC therefore strongly recommends that this application is rejected, on its own account, and because of the risk of setting precedents.

S/0644/18/FL	Mrs A Jopson 30 Woollards Lane	Installation of a new window in the eastern elevation and two pyramid roof lanterns in the existing rear flat roof.
No objections.		

## PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

### Highways and parking issues

The zebra crossing in Woollards Lane was supposed to be installed in the quiet half-term week in February. CCC and its contractors again failed to deliver. This is now scheduled for 19 March.

A reminder: we will temporarily lose several spaces in the Memorial Hall car park in April/early May to allow installation of new services (water, drains, electricity) for The Feast.

### Shelford Co-op

The Parish Council held three separate consultation meetings on the Co-op relocation (Highways, General Public and Planning) and considered all views presented. We have recommended rejection of the current planning applications, but have asked that conditions be imposed which would make the move acceptable to most residents. We feel this strikes the best balance for the village.

### Criminal/Antisocial behaviour

We have had further issues on the Recreation Ground and around the Pavilion. We have therefore reluctantly engaged local security firm Dardan to undertake regular patrols of the area.

### Annual Parish Meeting

This will be in the Memorial Hall from 7pm on Wednesday 18 April. Watch out for posters giving more details.

For more information see <http://greatshelfordparishcouncil.gov.uk/> or contact one of your Parish Councillors.

## MAY ISSUE OF THE VILLAGE NEWS

The deadline for copy for the next issue of the *Great Shelford Village News* is **Friday 13 April** and it should be available in the shops on **Friday 27 April**. Subscribed copies will be delivered shortly thereafter.

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## TRANSPORT MATTERS

### CAMBRIDGE SOUTH EAST TRANSPORT STUDY

Over the past weeks most Great Shelford residents have received a booklet from the Greater Cambridge Partnership about proposals for developing roads parking and public transport in our area. In addition to relatively minor suggestions, such as supplying additional cycle storage at Babraham Park & Ride or making safety improvements at the top of Granhams Road, there are also major strategic ideas about establishing bus lanes and a new rapid transit system.

By the time this newsletter is published, the opportunity to attend one of the public meetings on the proposals will have passed. However it is not quite too late to have your say in this consultation; the booklet contains a paper questionnaire which can be returned at any time before midnight on Tuesday 3 April. Alternatively you may complete the questionnaire online, at [www.greatercambridge.org.uk/CambridgeSouthEastConsultation](http://www.greatercambridge.org.uk/CambridgeSouthEastConsultation) or simply contact the GCP by phone on 01223 699906.

### STAGECOACH TIMETABLE CHANGES

Stagecoach has announced a large number of changes which will come into force on 15 April. The complete list is available to view on the Parish Council website <http://greatshelfordparishcouncil.gov.uk/>

The summary page relating to the Citi 7 is as follows:

Trumpington – Sawston Village College	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Morning journey between Trumpington and Sawston Village College will operate up to 12 minutes earlier</li> <li>• Afternoon journey between Sawston Village College and Trumpington will operate 5 minutes later</li> </ul>
Saffron Walden – Sawston – Cambridge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minor changes to some departure times, Monday to Saturday</li> <li>• No change to Sunday times</li> </ul>

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## SHELFORD FEAST

### CHAIRMAN'S REPORT TO AGM: FEAST YEAR 2017



The Shelford Feast had an excellent year. I was delighted to hear feedback that we can be trusted to put on a good programme and that acts enjoy performing for us. When *The Times* featured good places to live, it cited The Shelford Feast as one of the strong features of the village.

A great positive step was a new afternoon event, intended to attract older members of our community. It was a great success, with every seat sold well in advance. I'm grateful to all those who helped, furthering our objective of bringing the community together.

We also had three significant operational challenges in 2017, all of which could have turned out much worse than they did. Firstly, having to pitch the Grand Marquee further from the Memorial Hall changed our food and drink logistics and also made it impossible to run a fully enclosed venue. Having to site the toilets outside the compound meant that virtually every guest and helper had to leave and reenter during each event. Our new wristband system was effective and also helped the security team, who could easily evict those without tickets.

Secondly our comedy night was nearly without a headline act, following a double cancellation. The just-in-time replacement (Bobby Davro) was very popular and seen by some guests as a major booking achievement. But had our agent and Events team not worked so tirelessly, we would have faced a very different situation. This reminds us of the importance of risk management and we will introduce more formal 'what if' plans.

Our third challenge was weak attendance at Friday's Sway All Stars Orchestra concert, which significantly reduced income. Thankfully our programme format is diverse enough that we can survive one poorly attended event but again it highlights the need to be risk aware.

These challenges could have led us to hide in a mode of 'what worked before' and to be afraid of trying new things. But our biggest risk would be to fail to keep up with changing tastes of the community, leading to a loss of interest and support. We must continue to evolve.

2018 will be our 25th modern Feast. Our strong Bunch will deliver another broad and well-executed programme with first class local and national talent. We continue to seek new events, to develop our food offering, and to offer a truly excellent bar. The Shelford Feast happens because so many of our community choose to come together to make it happen. I'm grateful to everyone for their participation and enthusiasm in supporting the Shelford Feast. Long may it continue!

*Andrew Heather, Chairman*

## SHELFORD SCHOOL

Shelford School continues to be as busy as ever in the latter half of this spring term. The school remained open during the last week of February, with all that the weather threw at it. It has to be said the children were most excited about all the snow – always good fun!

On a totally practical note we are celebrating the completion of the junior toilets refurbishment. For all concerned it is a major relief to have new facilities (no pun intended!) and we are very thankful for all the goodwill of pupils, staff and parents in supporting the use of the temporary facilities in order to get this project done.

Last week we said farewell and welcome back to the Year 5 class as they departed and returned from their residential trip to Burwell House. As always, the children were very excited about going and using the recording studio equipment there, and we wait with anticipation to watch the short news reports that they produced whilst there. Great fun!

World Book Day continues to be a firm date on the school calendar. Once again, the children were asked to come to school dressed as a favourite book character and the day began with a costume parade, albeit inside due to the inclement weather. Such a diverse collection of characters, with the teachers all dressed as pirates! The children were also given a small book token to put towards buying a book of their choice.

An additional treat was a visit to the school by author Jack Trelawny. It was very exciting to have a real, live author on site! He joined the children in assembly and read to them from one of his books that forms part of a trilogy. The book was set in Cornwall, but in a totally parallel universe. I won't tell you more; you need to go and buy it to find out what happens!

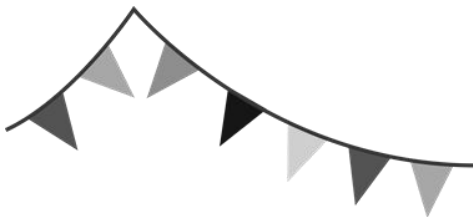
The school completed their second whole school art day recently too. The children were split into their different Key Stages for a carousel of activities focusing on the artists Beatriz Milhazes and Wassily Kandinsky. Not surprisingly the theme was 'pattern', with all sorts of different activities taking place and even artistic thoughts around the Fibonacci sequence. The results were amazing and such a great time was had!

Not only an art day, but a visit from artist Heidi Street-Ward. Heidi was working with the children on felting to produce some beautiful banners for the school library. We are very much looking forward to seeing the final pieces hanging in place.

*Claire Grigson, School Governor*

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## SHELFORD SCHOOL PTA



### ADVANCE NOTICE

#### Summer Fair

**Saturday 19 May 2018**

Shelford School PTA invites you to our Summer Fair on Saturday 19 May from 2–4.30pm. Join us after the Royal Wedding for festivities in red, white and blue at our summery stalls! And the Silent Auction is back! All proceeds to Shelford School PTA, Charity number 1110813.

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*The PTA Team*

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## TELEPHONE BOX

### Mary and the Angel

*Mary and her friends have found Jesus' tomb empty.*

Mary: Where has Jesus gone?

Mary Magdalene: (*with a confused tone*) I don't know? Where do you think he is?

(*Suddenly there is a bright light.*)

Mary: Who are you and where is Jesus?

Angel: (*gently*) Don't be afraid, I am here to tell you that Jesus has risen from the dead and he is alive.

Mary: (*sadly*) But he can't be, he's dead.

Angel: If he is dead then where is he?

Mary: I don't know?

Angel: Believe me, he is alive.

Mary: (*surprised*) I don't believe you. It's a miracle!

Angel: You should! Go now, tell all your friends and family that Jesus is alive. Run as fast as you can!



*Abigail Pearce, Year 5*

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### **Car park spaces**

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### **Easter opening times and alternative services**

**Thursday 29 March – Open 8am to 6pm**

Friday 30 March – Good Friday – Closed

Saturday 31 March – Closed

Sunday 1 April – Closed

Monday 2 April – Easter Monday – Closed

**Tuesday 3 April – Open 8am to 6pm**

When the surgery is closed, there are local GPs on call at the local Urgent Treatment Centre (UTC) at Addenbrooke's. If you need to be seen by a doctor or nurse, or need advice while the surgery is closed, please call 111. This service operates between 6.30pm and 8am on weekdays and 24 hours at weekends and on bank holidays. It is free to call from mobile phones and landlines. Your condition will be assessed over the phone and if they think you need to be seen by a health professional they will refer you to the out-of-hours GP services.

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- **First aid kit**

**Repeat prescriptions**

Please ensure you have enough medication to cover the Easter break by ordering what you need in good time, allowing 3 days from making your request to collecting your prescription.

As always, we welcome any patient feedback so please feel free to contact us with comments, queries or questions – our aim is to provide the best possible service we can to all of our patients.

*Sandra East, Communications Manager*

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Great Shelford  
Free Church

I wonder if you are good at following rules? Some people are sticklers for the letter of the law, others enjoy a laissez-faire approach. Rules can be hard to follow even for the most fastidious of us, especially when they feel random and lack any enforcement. Living and working in the centre of Shelford there is one set of rules that seem to be applied very differently by different people. Those with a basic knowledge of the highway code could be forgiven for believing that Shelford was exempt from its application, as there is often a total lack of adherence to it! Parking on corners, double yellows, single yellows, zigzag white lines are all fair game.

Many of us find it easy to explain away our actions, 'I was in a hurry', 'I'm only going to be 5 minutes' or 'It's raining.' However, when the shoe is on the other foot we can be quick to become angry with others for things we might have done in the same situation. Jesus said: 'How can you say to your brother, "Brother, let me take the speck out of your eye", when you yourself fail to see the plank in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the plank out of your eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother's eye.'

For the sake of our community we want the roads to be a safe place; there are many vulnerable people who suffer because of our lack of thought. However, let us not be too quick to judge those around us, rather finding ways to show grace and love to those who we might 'rightly' feel we can be angry at. Our community is more important than our desire to be right. I hope and pray that all of us, me included, might be more gracious to those in or travelling through our community.

*Revd Martin Cockerill, Pastor, Great Shelford Free Church*

## SERVICES AT GREAT SHELFORD FREE CHURCH

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#### Wednesdays

**Little Steps 10am–12 noon**

Toddlers aged 0–3 years with carers

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Babies under 1 year and their carers

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### EASTER SERVICES AT ST MARY'S CHURCH

#### Easter Saturday 31 March

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)

#### Annual Parochial Church Meeting Sunday 22 April after the Parish Communion (c. 11.15am)

The Annual Meeting will be held in the Community Room; full details on the website and in the documents at the back of the church. Please come along to find out what has been happening in the last year.

#### Christian Aid

The regional organiser for Christian Aid, Pam Richardson, visited St Mary's on Sunday 4 March to help inform supporters about current projects and priorities.

Pam also presented Doreen Chalmers with a special award in recognition of her near fifty years of organising the annual May collection for Christian Aid week in the parish. Sincere thanks to Doreen for all her work over the years – a richly deserved presentation.



Doreen Chalmers being presented with her award

**Confirmation** The Deanery is hosting a celebration of Confirmation and Holy Communion in November 2018. All parishes in the area are being invited to prepare and present candidates. If you are an adult or younger person and would like to be confirmed, please speak to Simon Talbott, Monica Cameron or one of the churchwardens **as soon as possible**. Once we have an idea of numbers, we can start planning preparation sessions for later in the year.

### **St Mary's Toddler Group**

For children from 0 to 3 years of age with their parents/carers, meeting on Thursdays in the Community Room 9.30–11.30am (term time only). Contact details from Gillian Pett [gillian.pett29@gmail.com](mailto:gillian.pett29@gmail.com)

### **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](mailto:gillian.pett29@gmail.com)

### **From the registers**

Baptism:	18 March	Elliott Evans
Marriage:	17 February	Richard and Marina Davies
Funerals:	14 February	Ken Cross
	12 March	Michael Edwards

### **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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**A DAY IN THE LIFE OF ...**  
**SIMON TALBOTT, PRIEST IN CHARGE,**  
**THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST MARY THE VIRGIN**



Simon has been an ordained minister for 37 years. Initially he was a Roman Catholic priest ordained in Newmarket in 1982, then moving to Norwich to serve in two parishes, latterly the Cathedral of St John the Baptist. He transferred to the Church of England after meeting his future wife Mary and realising that a relationship would be impossible within the Catholic Church.

Simon's childhood home was in Newmarket and now, after many years working in Yorkshire and Surrey he has moved back to East Anglia in order to be close to his family.

The occupation of priest is not confined to taking services in church and Simon firmly believes that his role is to work in and for the whole community in Great Shelford, as well as to play his part in the wider work of the Church of England. No two days are ever the same, nor are the working days simply 9–5! As evidence of his involvement in the whole village Simon is a Parish Councillor, a member of The Rotary Club of Cambridge Sawston and a Shelford School governor, but his contribution goes beyond these formal organisations; many will have spotted him pulling pints at The Feast bar over the past few years, some may have shivered alongside him at the annual carol singing outside the Memorial Hall. Other residents will have met him in quieter moments, witnessing his commitment to supporting the elderly and the isolated in the parish.

Within the church, Simon does, of course, look after his congregation; he takes regular Sunday services and officiates at the other key ceremonies that make up the rhythm of church life, particularly baptisms, marriages and funerals. He emphasises that he is part of a great team of staff at St Mary's where, in addition to Monica Cameron, the Assistant Curate, there are also two very experienced lay readers, two churchwardens and an administrator. Without this substantial backup he would be unable to carry out the work beyond the parish which, he estimates takes up about 20% of his time.

Within the Diocese of Ely, Simon has several roles. Closest to hand he supports the church at Stapleford where there is no longer a fulltime paid vicar; in the near future he expects to carry out the same role for the combined parishes of Harston, Hauxton and Newton. As Rural Dean of our local area he is an

intermediary between the Bishop and the clergy providing local leadership and guidance. As chair of the Houses Committee for the whole diocese Simon oversees the provision, maintenance and upgrading of more than 160 homes in the area owned by the church and lived in by the clergy. In a profession where salaries are fixed nationally, the provision of suitable, good quality housing is an important means of enhancing the working conditions of the clergy.

Our hard-working vicar has duties even beyond the Diocese, for Simon is an elected member of the General Synod, one of seven members from Ely who attend Synod twice each year (in York and London) to debate and vote upon church matters of national scope and thus help to shape the attitudes and governance of the Church throughout the country. For the last ten years Simon has also volunteered as a Duty Chaplain at Westminster Abbey. In this role he spends a week working in London, leading prayers, taking services and, equally importantly, taking a pastoral role. Many visitors to the Abbey are on a spiritual quest and seek the opportunity to talk to someone – a sympathetic but anonymous clergyman can offer just the support that is needed. An interesting spin-off of this work is that parishioners of any of the Duty Chaplains are entitled to borrow a special ticket and visit Westminster Abbey for free – if anyone would like to take advantage of this please contact any of the Church team.

Back home, Simon likes to get up early and use his exercise bike to keep fit, and he takes care to make sure that he does get at least one full day off each week. He spends time with his elderly father near Bury St Edmunds and other family members but also likes to look after the vicarage garden which he has worked hard to restore after some years of benign neglect. He is a long-term member of CAMRA and of the RSPB, is interested in photography, a keen cricket fan and, when he can find a few spare hours, is a keen reader of history and political biography.

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10	Granta Flower Club (see below)	7.30pm	Memorial Hall
12	Gardeners' Question Time (page 49)	6pm	Scotsdales
14	Bowling Club Table Top Sale (page 35)	9am	Memorial Hall
17	Library Talk (page 25)	7.30pm	Shelford Library
18	Annual Parish Meeting (page 8)	7pm	Memorial Hall
21	Scouts Jumble Sale	2pm	Memorial Hall
25	Engage Talk (page 25)	2–3.30pm	Shelford Library
28	Farmers Market	9am–12noon	Memorial Hall
28	An Evening Recital of 18th Century Music	7.30pm	St Mary's Church

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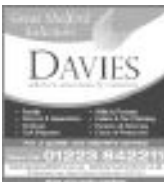
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### GETTING TO GRIPS WITH PRUNING

Nigel Start spoke about pruning which is often necessary to control the shape and size of plants. Overcrowded and crossing branches can be thinned out to allow light in, to stimulate stem, leaf, flower and fruit production. In general a clean sloping cut should be made into healthy wood just above a bud. Suckers should be cut back to the base, particularly so on grafted shrubs and trees. All dead and diseased wood should be removed. Timing of pruning can be critical and if done during winter, severe frost conditions should be avoided. The general rule is that for plants that flower early in the year, prune on the previous year's growth. So to avoid losing any flowers, pruning should be done after flowering has finished.

#### **Deciduous shrubs**

**Less-vigorous shrubs** such as Japanese maple, *Cotinus* and lilac do not respond well to pruning and should be left to grow. Shrubs with decorative stems like *Cornus* and *Salix* need to be pruned hard back to the base in very early spring to promote new coloured stem growth.

**Semi-vigorous shrubs** such as *Deutzia*, *Forsythia*, *Ribes*, *Tamarix* and *Philadelphus* need to be pruned after flowering. To keep lavender neat and bushy, it should be pruned hard back to new growth after flowering by the end of August, but cutting too far back into old wood should be avoided.

**Vigorous shrubs** which flower late in the season on new growth made in the current year, like *Ceanothus*, *Fuchsia*, *Leycestrii* and *Buddleja* should have long shoots pruned in late autumn and then cut further back to the ground in early spring, while retaining some green shoots at the base.

#### **Evergreen shrubs**

Cut back during April/May when daylight hours are increasing and new growth will be stimulated. Dead head after flowers fade. Shrubs used for topiary like box and yew can be trimmed back in August/September to maintain the desired shape. Avoid cutting back into old wood with the exception of laurel and eucalyptus, which will regenerate.

#### **Fruit trees and bushes**

The purpose of pruning during the first few years of a tree's life is to establish a basic framework and good root system.

A two-year-old tree should be pruned in winter after planting, cutting back strong branches to half their length, weak branches to a third of their length and removing any short snags. At this stage the aim is to have 3–5 primary branches.

One year later the new growth on a three-year-old tree should either be cut back to 4 buds or to half their length if the tree is to be kept within a framework. Once established general winter maintenance pruning is required and on mature trees some of the fruiting spurs will need to be thinned out to reduce overcropping of undersized fruit. Established cherry and plum trees should only be pruned in the summer to prevent fungal infection.

Gooseberries, redcurrants and blackcurrants require pruning in the summer after fruiting. Raspberries which flower in May, producing their fruit in summer, need to have their canes cut down immediately after fruiting. Autumn fruiting varieties need to be cut back to the ground in December.

*Helen Chubb*

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The Earl was greeted by the Lord Lieutenant Julie Spence at Shelford Bottom, where he was introduced to the Hospice's CEO Dr Lynn Morgan, Chair of Trustees Ms Isabel Napper, dignitaries and guests.

During a tour guided by the Hospice's CEO Dr Lynn Morgan and Director of Clinical Services Liz Webb, he took the opportunity to talk to Day Therapy patients. His Royal Highness then proceeded to the Inpatient Unit. Carly Love, Matron on the Hospice's Inpatient Unit adds: 'The Earl was particularly interested to talk to the patients and hear their stories: one told him that he was at Buckingham Palace on the day that he, Prince Edward, was born, receiving an award from Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh! It's a real boost to know that another member of the Royal Family has seen first-hand and appreciated how important our work is.'

CEO Dr Lynn Morgan said: 'As well as unveiling a plaque marking this special occasion, The Earl was kind enough to sign the front page of our Founders' Book, which also includes the names of all the people who donated to our Founders' Appeal. The book will be available to view in the Bistro, so do feel free to call in to visit us, see this piece of history for yourself, and of course have a hot drink and something to eat whilst you're here!'



## **YOUR LOCAL HOSPICE'S SERVICES WHO CAN ACCESS THEM AND HOW?**

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Referrals are commonly made by an individual's GP but can also be made through District Nurses, Arthur Rank Community Team Specialist Nurses and other health professionals.

Very occasionally the referrals team receives enquiries directly from individuals; in these instances the individual should ask health professionals to agree that a referral is necessary.

When a person has already received the Hospice's care they can self-refer by contacting our Referrals Office on 01223 675800 (9–3pm, Monday to Friday).

If you know someone who'd like to learn more about Arthur Rank Hospice's services please tell them that they can ask their GP for more information, call us on 01223 675800 or visit our website: [www.arhc.org.uk/arhc-services.asp](http://www.arhc.org.uk/arhc-services.asp)

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## LUNCH IN TOWN THE LONG WAY ROUND

Lunch in Cambridge for me may start at the gate between the Rectory Farm on Church Street and Shelford School. This opens the way to off-road routes to the centre of Cambridge following the River Cam. The gate is the start only if you can open it. You can't see the latch as the gate is too high. Feel around the latch with a hand. Try pushing, pulling, lifting, twisting and shoving. If this is your first time at the gate, get Brownie points if you open it inside a minute.

The track first takes you for two miles on the right of the river to the old Hauxton Mill on the A10, passing under a muddy tunnel beneath the railway, a corner on the river where the swans nest in the spring, and another tunnel under the M11 motorway.

What to do after reaching the A10 depends on how much appetite you want to create. The quick route is to cross the A10 where a path takes you to a footbridge over the motorway, through Trumpington Meadows, past Byron's



Pool and along the road to Grantchester. Another two miles along the banks of the river gets you to Cambridge market where there is a tough choice of market stalls to be made. Do you eat Korean, Japanese, Chinese, North African, Italian or American? Alternatively you can go and have a drink on the roof of the Varsity Hotel by Magdalene Bridge.

Suppose you wish to create a larger appetite. After getting as far as the A10 there is a nice route to Grantchester via Haslingfield. Go left on the A10 for 600 yards and there is a footpath signed to Haslingfield. Once there, turn right along Cantelupe Road – being a dead end to traffic is only one of the reasons why this is a nice place to be. Keep going till the radio telescopes have been passed on your left, and go through the spinney. The motorway is on your right; take the foot bridge over it, which leads to Grantchester. (Distance is about nine miles off road. Say one and a half hours to reach lunch on a bike)

Enjoy lunch. Depending on the nature of your lunch, the off-road circuit back to Shelford can be completed via Parker's Piece, Cambridge station, the guided bus route, the hospital and the Genome footpath alongside the railway.

*Ken F*

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Our AGM planned for Thursday 1 March was cancelled due to the icy conditions. The AGM will now take place at our next meeting on Thursday 5 April. The speaker will be Josie Charter from Aquaid Lifeline who will talk about the charity's work in Malawi,

providing care and education for needy children.

We are continuing to collect plastic bottle tops (with a 2, 02, 4 or 04 recycling mark) for the Arthur Rank Hospice.

New members and visitors are welcome at every meeting. We meet on the first Thursday of every month at 7.30pm in the North Room behind All Saints' Church in Little Shelford.

*Mary Talbott*

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The concert will be held in aid of choir and band funds.

Wine and fruit juice will be available in the interval for a donation.

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## PLAYSCAPE NEWS

A wonderful bonus of joining Playscape has been meeting all sorts of people in the village.

Take Ollie O'Meakin, the Romsey Mill and SSYI Youth Worker. He has championed the Playscape cause at every step and initiated our successful Copse Project partnership. Ollie also nominated us for the South Cambs Community Awards 2017–18 and we were rather flattered to get 3rd place in the Environment Category.

We are very sad to say goodbye to Ollie; he is moving on to pastures new, and can't thank him enough for all he has done for the young people of the village and for our charity. We wish him and his wife Amy all the best in their new jobs in the Southwest. Fortunately Zac, his colleague, is equally supportive with his sights set firmly on the Wheelscape. We look forward to continued progress on this project with the support of the SSYI.

There's been a slight delay in submitting planning permission as we wait for the Parish Council to approve the application. However when you read this I really do hope we'll have submitted it!

On the upside we've had another generous donation for £180: very encouraging especially as Gwen and I sharpen our pencils for the task of grant writing!

[www.shelfordfunrun.co.uk](http://www.shelfordfunrun.co.uk) Sunday 16 September 2018

[www.shelfordplayscape.org](http://www.shelfordplayscape.org)

*Eleanor McCrone*

## 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.

Net sessions are at Trumpington Sports Hall throughout March and April on Sundays from 2–3pm.

The number to ring for Adult and Youth cricket at Great Shelford is 07557502840 or email [brian\\_higgins50@hotmail.com](mailto:brian_higgins50@hotmail.com)

*Brian Higgins*

## HAVE AN AMAZING APRIL WITH CAMBRIDGE PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE (CAMBRIDGEPPF)

We are excited to host several special Easter holiday events run by Vital Spark Theatre, a Cambridgeshire-based company specialising in working with young people in a creative way through drama, dance, music and creative arts, where imaginations can run wild in the beautiful Wandlebury Country Park.

### **Beatrix Potter Adventure**

**Wednesday 4 April 10.30am–12 noon. The Stable Rooms, Wandlebury**

Meet Miss Potter and her friends for a wonderful outdoor adventure while using play, drama and craft to explore the environment.

### **Gog Magog Giant Adventure**

**Wednesday 4 April 1.30pm–3pm The Stable Rooms, Wandlebury**

Explore through play the idea that Wandlebury was once home to giants! Touching on history but with a focus on fun and imagination this outdoor adventure is perfect for imaginative children who love exploring.

**NB:** Booking essential. For children 2–6 years with an adult. £10 per child (younger siblings welcome, U2s free). Includes a snack. Dress for outdoors.

### **Imagine a World of Adventure**

**Thursday 5 April 9am–5pm The Stable Rooms, Wandlebury**

Use inspiration from the environment to imagine new worlds, map them, create miniature versions and develop stories. A perfect day for imaginative young people with a love of the outdoors, storytelling, drama, history or art.

**NB:** Booking essential. For unaccompanied children aged 6–11 years, event will be run by Vital Spark's qualified, DBS-checked professionals. £45 per child (£5 off for siblings). Dress for outdoors. Bring packed lunch.

### **Wild Bedtime Stories**

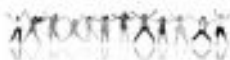
**Friday 6 April 5–6.30pm The Stable Rooms, Wandlebury**

Come and enjoy bedtime stories in a beautiful outdoor setting. Wear your pjs, dressing gowns, onesies (and probably wellies!), bring your favourite teddy if you wish. Arrive from 5pm to explore, settle down at 6pm to enjoy the stories.

**NB:** Booking essential. Children must be accompanied. £6 per child, includes hot chocolate. Please bring a reusable cup to help cut down on waste.

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The extreme weather again blighted the local sporting scene and resulted in our teams only having three games between them in the month. Cup finals had become common place for the first team over the past decade until missing out last season, but they have now put that right and can look forward to another Cambridgeshire Challenge Cup final after comfortably beating Ely City

Reserves 3–1 in the semi-final.

The other First team game was a league affair against championship favourites West Wratting and injuries, suspension and unavailability caused manager Nick Baggaley to approach the game with some trepidation. As is usually the case against the better teams however, the lads put in a gritty performance to hold Wratting to a 1–1 draw. A win was really required given the state of play, but the result at least keeps them in the hunt for the title.

The Reserves' only fixture saw them travel to Division 2B league leaders Mepal Sports in the quarter-final of the Cambridgeshire Junior Challenge Cup; a superb performance saw them progress to the semi-final with a 4–1 victory.

There are home matches on most Saturday afternoons (kick-off 3pm) 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 First team matches from 2pm. The clubroom above the Memorial Hall is open for a drink after games. Everyone is welcome.

### **YOU ARE INVITED TO OUR FUN RACE NIGHT...**

We will be holding our annual fundraising Horse Race Night on Saturday 24 March in the Memorial Hall commencing at 7pm.

Why not come along and join in the fun?

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*Terry Rider, Chairman*

## **SHELFORD RUGBY CLUB**

### **DOUBLE COUNTY TRIUMPH FOR SHELFORD RFC YOUNGSTERS**



Shelford U16s won the County Cup final against Cambridge 34–19. A strong performance from Shelford saw solid tackles and defending absolutely everything Cambridge could throw at them. They started the game strongly, nudging into the lead at half time and then forcing errors

from Cambridge giving them the openings they had worked hard for, securing the win for the second year in a row for Ross Seymour's U16 team. Well done guys!

Huge congratulations also to Shelford's U14 team, their first win of the County Cup. Expecting a tough match from the off, Shelford didn't let this get in the way of a fantastic game of rugby. Saffron Walden scored first, shortly followed by an equalising score from Shelford. A clearly galvanised Shelford team pushed on through the match, confidence and skill starting to shine through. Nail-bitingly close until the closing minutes, Shelford scored again and sealed the win 28–20.

#### **Girls Rugby coming soon at the Davey Field!**

If you have a daughter who might be interested in playing rugby, then please keep a close eye on our website and social media for a much-anticipated Girls team in the making for the start of next season!

You can find more information about what's happening at the club in the following ways:

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## Little Shelford Memorial Hall Quiz Evening



This will take place on Saturday 28 April for teams of 6–8 people in Little Shelford Memorial Hall.

A fish/chicken and chips supper (or vegetarian alternative) will be served and there will be a licensed bar. The quiz will start at 7.30pm (doors open at 7pm) and cost £12.50/head to include supper.

To register a team, please contact Jill McMenemy on 842414 or Sarah Coppendale on 842498 or [coppendales@btinternet.com](mailto:coppendales@btinternet.com) for an entry form.

Entries accepted on a first come, first served basis as tables are limited. Thank you!



### Great Shelford Library Community Guide

I'm compiling a folder which will act as a guide to local community groups, activities and small businesses. This will be kept in the library and will hopefully be useful for people who are new to the area, as well as for everyone else!

To be included in the guide, please let me have a single sheet of A4 with all the usual details, including contact information. Please also ensure that the sheet is kept up to date.

Rosemary Humby, Library Staff

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*Little Shelford Local History Society*



**The Fourteenth Annual General Meeting  
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**‘Oliver Cromwell – hero or villain’**

**by**

**Dr David Smith**

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MEETING**

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**Committee Members** – Nominations should be sent to the Chairman, Ray Saich, 10 Hauxton Road, Little Shelford, Cambridge, CB22 5HJ by Monday 16 April 2018.

**Name**.....

**Telephone**.....

## CARPET BOWLS

Great Shelford Carpet Bowls season finishes at the end of March BUT will be restarting in September. Details will be in the September magazine.

*Margaret Kelly (Chairman)*

## ROTARY CLUB OF CAMBRIDGE SAWSTON

The local Rotary Club is holding a **Gardeners' Question Time** at Scotsdales Garden Centre, Great Shelford on Thursday 12 April, in the David Rayner building.

Peter Jackson, who is well known in Cambridgeshire for his excellent gardening advice and has recently retired as Horticultural Adviser at Scotsdales, will be chairing the panel of experts.

Tickets are £12 and include a 10% discount for shopping throughout the day. The evening starts at 6pm with a Finger Buffet, a free glass of wine and Quiz Sheets.

Question Time will be held between 7pm and 8.30pm.

Tickets are available from Scotsdales information desk or Rotary Club members:

The Revd Simon Talbot 01223 847068 [simon@thetalbotts.co.uk](mailto:simon@thetalbotts.co.uk)

Brian Seeley 01223 890024 [bjseeley@btinternet.com](mailto:bjseeley@btinternet.com).

All proceeds will go to Rotary Charities and Scotsdales Charitable Foundation.

## NOTE

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*Editorial Committee*

## MICHAEL EDWARDS

**16 MARCH 1931–12 FEBRUARY 2018**

Michael Edwards had many friends in Great Shelford. He lived in Kings Mill Lane for over 25 years with Valerie, his wife. Following her death in 2007 he continued to live in King's Mill Lane, taking an active interest in village life.

Michael Edwards was a member of the original group of volunteers brought together by the founder of the *Village News*, Wyn Harrison, in 1999. Michael took on the job of managing all the advertising which involved checking the copy, dealing with amendments, allocating spaces to new advertisers and dealing with all payments. In addition his photographs and artworks graced the covers of several editions of the magazine. He audited the accounts from the outset, drew up our constitution and was a valued member of the team who always had constructive ideas as to how the magazine could be improved.

The editorial team will miss him and we send our condolences to his sons Christopher and Richard.

*GSVN Editorial Committee*

## WHAT'S ON IN APRIL

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

3–7	<i>Quartet</i> by Ronald Harwood. A celebration of the twilight years and the hilarity of growing old disgracefully
9–14	<i>The Importance of Being Earnest</i> Wilde's classic comedy
17, 20 and 21	<i>The Marriage of Figaro</i> English Touring Opera presents one of the world's most beloved operas
18–19	<i>Il Tabarro</i> and <i>Gianni Schicchi</i> a double bill of Puccini's one-act operas presented by English Touring Opera
23–28	<i>Mary Stuart</i> Robert Icke's acclaimed production of Schiller's political tragedy starring Juliet Stevenson and Lia Williams
Telephone: 01223 503333 Web: <a href="http://www.cambridgearts theatre.com">www.cambridgearts theatre.com</a>	

### SAWSTON CINEMA (MARVEN CENTRE)

19	7pm	<i>Julius Caesar (NT Live)</i> Encore Production with Michelle Fairley, Ben Whishaw, David Morrissey and David Calder
26	7pm	<i>Paddington 2</i> Even better than the first film?
Telephone: 01223 712825 Web: <a href="http://www.sawstoncinema.org.uk">www.sawstoncinema.org.uk</a>		

## STAPLEFORD GRANARY

15	12–1pm	<i>Richard Uttley</i> Sunday Coffee Concert: piano recital
20	7.30pm	<i>Tina May &amp; Laurie Holloway</i> Jazz concert
Telephone: 01223 849004 Web: <a href="http://www.staplefordgranary.org.uk">www.staplefordgranary.org.uk</a>		

## UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE

### FITZWILLIAM MUSEUM

20 March–17 June	<i>Things of Beauty Growing: British studio pottery</i> Showcasing the history and ongoing practice of one of the most dynamic art forms in the UK today
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### KETTLES YARD

11	2–4pm	<i>Easter Workshop for 8–12-year-olds</i>
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### SCOTT POLAR RESEARCH INSTITUTE

25–1 Sept	<i>Artwork by Jane Rushton</i>
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Web: [www.admin.cam.ac.uk/whatson/](http://www.admin.cam.ac.uk/whatson/)

## SCOTSDALES

30/31 March & 2 April	Easter egg decorating (2–12 years) £5	Various times, booking may be necessary
30/31 March & 2 April	In-store chick hunt	
30 March–15 April	Easter colouring competition	
25 April	Ladies Night £7.50	Booking required

Telephone: 01223 842777 Web: <https://scotsdalegardencentre.co.uk/event/>

## CAMBRIDGEPPF: WANDLEBURY

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25	10.30–12	A warden-led walk around Wandlebury, highlighting the Iron Age history aspects of the park
Easter Holidays		For details of children’s events see page 41

Telephone 01223 243830 extension 207  
Web: <https://www.cambridgeppf.org/whats-on/>

## HOW TO CONTACT GREAT SHELFORD VILLAGE NEWS

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 for next month's date.

General enquiries and articles for publication: [gsvneditorial@gmail.com](mailto:gsvneditorial@gmail.com)

Non-email contributions should be delivered to Judith Wilson, 11 Elms Avenue, Great Shelford, CB22 5LN.

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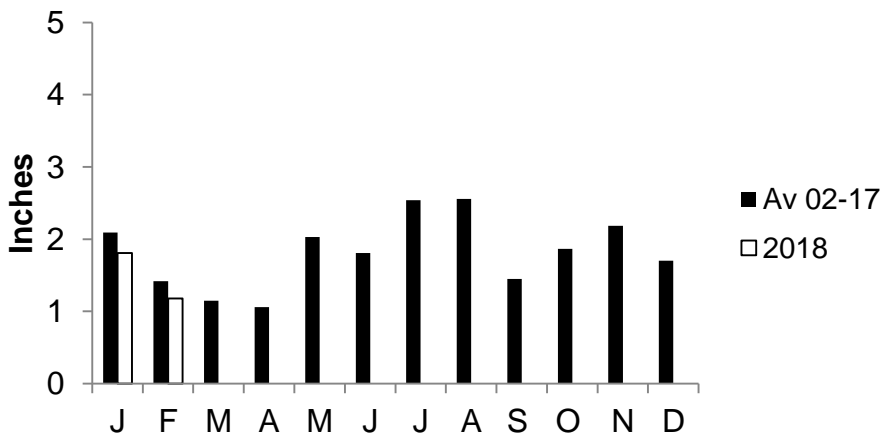
For guidance please note that an article of around 400 words, without a photograph, will fill a full page. Advertisements for events work best as a half page (half A5) in landscape format.

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### Great Shelford Village Rainfall 2018



## LOCAL ORGANISATIONS

2G3S	Linda Whitebread	843438
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) 846332
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 832290
Parochial Charities	Mary Lester (Clerk to the Trustees)	842411
Police	Non-emergency number	101
Rainbow Pre-School	Alison Tomlin	07985 216603
Royal British Legion	Mark Chennells	891817
Rugby Club	Colin Astin	842154
Sawston Sports Centre	The Village College	712555
Scouts and Cubs	Jillian Hardwick	840066
Scout & Guide HQ	Jenny Grey	842191
Shelford & Stapleford Men's Assoc.	Chris Everitt	846984
Shelford & Stapleford Strikers	Derek White	561753
Shelford Primary School	Alison Evans (Headteacher)	843107
Shelford Support Group (transport to hospital, etc.)	Biddy Wilkinson	843856
	John Dibnah	842054
	Rosie Cranmer	513572
	Pat Legge	843275
	Carol Bard	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
WI	Vanda Butler (Secretary)	561053
Youth Initiative	Ollie O'Meakin	07768 545915
Websites: <a href="http://greatshelfordparishcouncil.gov.uk/">greatshelfordparishcouncil.gov.uk/</a> and <a href="http://greatshelford.info">greatshelford.info</a>		

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