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25th Shelford Feast
(see back cover for *The Bunch through the years*)



The First Bunch 1994: John Doviak, Bernard Cullen, Alan Martin, Graham White, Phil Parsons, Jerry Brown, Duncan Grey, Charlie Nightingale

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Summary from the draft minutes of the meeting on 20 June 2018

PUBLIC SESSION

Emma Hilson, Partnership and Prevention Team Sergeant, South Cambridgeshire attended the meeting to update the parish on policing arrangements. Three departments have now been established: *Response* (999 calls), *Investigate* (crime investigations) and *Neighbourhood* (local crime prevention). She stressed the necessity to report all crimes so that priorities can be established. Crimes may be reported by:

- Calling 999 if a crime is actually being committed
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- Reporting online at *www.cambs.police.uk/report/report* (This may get a quicker response, with a possible online chat. All reports receive a reference number.)

REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES

District Councillors

Cllr Fane reported that the political landscape is becoming more complex, with inputs from the County, District, Greater Cambridge Partnership (GCP), Combined Authority and Mayor.

If approved at a meeting on 4 July, the GCP will see the allocation of £750,000 to widen and resurface the path from Stapleford to Sawston, with work starting later this summer.

A report will be produced by the County into the costs of extending the Cambridge City Civil Parking Enforcement, and another by the police presenting councils with comprehensive guidance on parking control options.

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES

Highways

- A bid will be submitted for two central refuges on Cambridge Road, one near Scotsdales and one in the Davey Crescent area.
- Stapleford Parish Council will be requested to review their grass cutting approach to the area between Stapleford and Sawston.
- Buses idling at a bus stop in High Green are causing noise disturbance. Possible solutions are being discussed with the operator.

Recreation Ground

- Additional topics for village consultation at The Feast will include public toilets on the Recreation Ground.
- Open fires on the Recreation Ground will be discouraged
- Free WiFi at the Memorial Hall is installed and operational:

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Cemetery & Allotments

- Unallocated allotments are to be resolved.

REPORTS FROM COORDINATING OFFICERS

Playscape

- The planning application for the total project has been approved by South Cambs District Council.
- A request was made to start a village competition for the design of paintwork for the Green Shelter.

Neighbourhood Plan (NP)

- Stapleford and Great Shelford Neighbourhood Plan have been awarded a grant from Locality towards the costs of a Landscape Character Assessment of land in the NP area. This will identify issues such as significant views and areas that could benefit from landscape enhancement. It will NOT identify sites for development, although it would be expected to point to areas in the Green Belt where development might be discouraged.
- The NP group have also been offered free technical assistance from AECOM. This will help to update the Village Design Plan undertaken in Great Shelford in 2004 and extend this to cover Stapleford.
- The Neighbourhood Plan group are expecting to obtain more residents' views during the Stapleford Village Weekend and The Shelford Feast.

Police

- A meeting was held on 5 June with the new Sergeant to discuss policing issues within the village.
- An anti-social behaviour survey is to take place on the Recreation Ground.

Twinning Association

- July 2019 will be the 30th anniversary of the signing of the twinning charter in the Shelfords. For this event the Association would like some formal involvement by the Great and Little Shelford Parish Councils.
- The Twinning sign at Halatte Gardens was removed by residents as it was in poor condition. Options for its new position are to be considered.

Feast

- Insurance for 2018 is to be placed with the Parish Council Insurer, providing considerable savings.

Greater Cambridge Partnership Report

- Quick fixes of the Granhams Road and A1307 junction improvements would be in 2019/20. The Wandlebury/Gogs Farm Shop junction and the Wandlebury underpass would be in 2020/21.

Clay Pit

- Approval was given for The Ecology Consultancy working on behalf of the GCP as part of the Cambridge South East Transport Study to undertake an arboricultural survey on land parcel CB309465, the Clay Pit.

Pavilion

- The ladies' toilet floor repairs have been approved and the players' corridor fire alarm sensor replaced.

FINANCE

One previously signed cheque and 14 new ones valued at £8,197 were presented.

OTHER

A local resident has emailed about cricket balls falling into a private garden. There was informal consultation with residents, the Cricket Club and the Bowls Club to evaluate the problem. Consultation is ongoing.

Full copies of the minutes can be viewed on the Parish Council Website and at the library.

NOTE

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Editorial Committee

GLOUCESTERSHIRE STEAM EXTRAVAGANZA COACH OUTING

Just a reminder that we still have some seats available on the coach outing to South Cerney on Sunday 5 August for the Gloucestershire Steam Extravaganza (steam engines, classic cars, motorbikes, lorries and buses, etc).

Departure times Sawston 7am; Stapleford (opp. Spar shop bus stop) 7.05am; Great Shelford (Tunwells Lane bus stop) 7.10am; Trumpington 7.15am; Cambridge (Arbury Road) 7.30am. Returning from South Cerney at 4pm.

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PLANNING APPLICATIONS PARISH COUNCIL COMMENTS

S/2076/18/FL	Mr Leigh Murphy 56 Macaulay Avenue	Extend two storey pitched roof dwelling and provide car parking.
No objections.		

S/12080/18/FL	Mr Hussein Shareef 184 Cambridge Road	New carport and dropped kerb.
No objections (but would like to ensure drainage issues have been looked at, in view of the large areas of concrete).		

S/12129/18/FL	Mr & Mrs Zmija 72 Hinton Way	Single storey extension to side and rear.
No objections.		

S/1900/18/FL	Mrs Anja Evans 2 Rectory Farm Barns	Garden shed.
No objections.		

S/4461/17/VC S/4463/17/FL	Cooperative Food Group Ltd De Freville House 7 High Green	Variation of Conditions 1(b) and 5, and removal of Conditions 2 and 3 of planning permission S/4463/17/FL for change of use from furniture showroom. Installation of new ATM and shopfront; plant and plant enclosure to rear, new steel service door to rear, replace existing bollards with new stainless steel bollards.
Recommend refusal. The suggested delivery lorry movements at the rear appear unlikely to create smooth deliveries. There appears to be no mention of the ATM's positioning.		

S/0577/18/FL	Mr & Mrs Dootson 50 Hinton Way	Proposed hip to gable, rear dormer and roof lights.
No objections.		

S/2018/18/FL	Rust, Shelford Properties, Reed House 1 London Road	One-bedroom dwelling, associated parking and amended car parking for existing units.
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Recommend refusal. The plan submitted appears to be for a two-bedroom dwelling, and while the plans submitted show two additional parking spaces at the rear, no such space appears to be available.

S/1806/18/FL	Dr Linda Bree 18 Ashen Green	Single storey front extension.
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No objections.

S/2175/18/FL	Mr Jaz Aujla 160 Cambridge Road	Demolition of existing dwelling and replacement with three two-bedroom apartments, two one-bedroom apartments and associated works.
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Recommend refusal. The overdevelopment of this site has forced excessive design compromises resulting in unacceptable overlooking and overshadowing of neighbouring properties and potentially unsafe parking due to inadequate turning space.

S/1699/18/FL	Russell Smith Farms (Junction of Dernford Lane and Stapleford Road)	Retention of vehicular access (retrospective)
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No objections.

CAMBRIDGE FLOWER CLUB

We will be holding a special Open Meeting on Thursday 16 August at Whittlesford Memorial Hall, when RHS Chelsea gold and silver medal winner florist Jo Hornsby will demonstrate a 'Summer Sensation'.

There will be a complimentary drink and a finger buffet from 6pm with the demonstration beginning at 7.15pm. There will also be stalls and a raffle for the flower arrangements which Jo creates. Tickets cost £12 from Sal 01223 358231 or Karen 01223 833063, or for more information and tickets phone me on 01223 891464 or email fredaorgee@gmail.com.

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We are very excited to now be part of the Granta Medical Practices group, and look forward to continually improving healthcare for all of our patients as we become a Primary Care Home.

Thank you for your understanding and patience during this transitional period.

Shelford Support Group

Shelford Medical Practice would like to take this opportunity to say a massive THANK YOU to the Shelford Support Group for their invaluable help and support with, and for, our patients over the years.

For those of you that don't know, Shelford Support Group exists to provide transport for those who cannot drive themselves. Often to hospital, or to appointments concerned with health and wellbeing such as dentists, opticians, etc., and visits to relatives in convalescent homes or in care. There is a small charge levied by the volunteer driver, depending on the distance travelled.

The group are always looking for new volunteers to help with this vital village service. If you think you could spare a few hours a week please call one of the coordinators who will be happy to give you more information:

Biddy – 01223 843856

Carol – 01223 571380

Rosie – 01223 513572

John – 01223 842054

Marjorie – 01223 564922

*Sandra East
Granta (formerly Shelford) Communications*

SEPTEMBER ISSUE OF THE VILLAGE NEWS

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SHELFORD AND STAPLEFORD RAINBOWS ADDITIONAL LEADER NEEDED



An additional qualified Girlguiding leader, or someone who is willing to undertake the Girlguiding Leadership Qualification, is urgently needed to share the running of Shelford and Stapleford Rainbows from September. This would involve sharing the planning and resourcing of activities and running of meetings with the current leader. Rainbows is the youngest section of Girlguiding and is for girls aged 5–7 years. The unit meets once weekly during term-time. To find out more, please get in touch by email to shelfordgirlguiding@gmail.com and visit www.girlguiding.org.uk (search for Rainbows and Leadership Qualification). Thank you.

GIRLGUIDING IN GREAT SHELFORD

Great Shelford is fortunate to have a full complement of units available to girls and young women aged between 5 and 18. If you, or your daughter, would like to join a unit, or find out more about what it involves, then please visit www.girlguiding.org.uk.



The units in Great Shelford all meet at the Scout and Guide HQ (behind the Memorial Hall in Woollards Lane) during term-time. Subscription costs vary, but are kept to a minimum to cover Scout and Guide HQ rental and activities. The ages for the units are as follows:

Rainbows	Ages 5–7	Brownies	Ages 7–10
Guides	Ages 10–14	Rangers	Ages 14–18

Both Brownies and Rangers definitely have spaces for girls to join in September.

To register your interest in joining a unit, please visit the Girlguiding website www.girlguiding.org.uk/information-for-parents/register-your-daughter/. A unit leader will then get in touch to let you know if there are spaces.

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Lisa MacGregor, Shelford District Administrator

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The Way of Life

This is an initiative from the Diocese, to encourage us to reflect on our Christian journey, to offer opportunities to explore aspects of faith together with others, and hopefully to help our personal faith to deepen and grow as we seek to follow The Way. Our introductory meeting last Saturday was attended by over 20 people, and various thoughts and suggestions were discussed in an open and positive spirit. Most of those present filled in a form to help in planning the time, frequency, duration and most importantly the focus of our first few meetings. The feeling so far seems to be in favour of a less formal approach, with the leader of each session choosing as a starting point something which speaks to them, for example a poem, artwork, piece of music or an aspect of personal experience or interest. More copies of the form are available at the back of church; do please fill one in if you haven't already, and return it to Maureen, Dianne or Stella.

Joint Vicarage Tea Party

St Mary's are holding a Joint Tea Party with St Andrew's Stapleford in the Vicarage garden at St Andrew's Stapleford (weather permitting, if not indoors!) on Sunday 2 September from 3–5pm. Please bring and share food; tea will be provided. Do come along and bring friends and neighbours to enjoy the garden, meet old friends and make new ones.

Ely Diocesan Annual Report

You can download a copy of the Ely Diocesan Annual Report (2017) at www.elydiocese.org/article?id=2371.

Cambridgeshire Historic Churches Trust – Ride, Drive or Stride Day – Saturday 8 September

This is a sponsored event (details in the church) in aid of the Trust which gives grants to historic churches across the county. The idea is to visit as many open churches in the day as possible. It is not only an enjoyable day out, but helps to assist churches like our own.

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. For more information please contact: gillian.pett29@gmail.com. Helpers are welcome!

From the registers

Marriages:	5 July	Deok and Jungmi Jang
	27 July	Georgie and Eleanor Beattie

Regular services

Daily:		Morning Prayer
		Evening Prayer
Wednesday:	9.30am	Holy Communion (BCP 1662)
Sunday:	8am	Holy Communion (BCP 1662)
	10am	Parish Communion, our main Sunday service
	6.30pm	Evensong (BCP 1662)

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SCHOOL NEWS

By the time you are reading this we will have held a host of significant ‘farewell’ events, ceremonies, services and parties. Some of them will have been child-centred annual traditions, whilst others one-off events marking the end of long careers of service to our community and education.

Our annual Leavers Service, held in St Mary’s Church, is focused on and largely led by our Year 6 children. It is a unique and really wonderful event. It marks the culmination of our school’s work for that class both as a cohort and as individuals. Those who have attended will remember seeing and hearing each ‘leaver’ describe a favoured memory of their time at our school as well as their hopes and anticipation for what is to come for them as they embark on the next chapter of their life and learning.

As a whole school community, every child from Reception to Year 5 shares with Year 6 the opportunity to mark their having reached the end of primary schooling. Those lucky enough to be at the service notice the little ones looking up in awe at the maturity and poise of their Year 6 friends. No doubt there is implicit, informal learning going on: although rarely explicitly expressed, the younger children gain an understanding of what their school community is for, as well as what their school is about. On one level the purpose is to equip individuals with the primary foundations to move on to the next stage. The hope is that this purpose is achieved in ways that help create a caring, challenging and supportive community, so achieving the practical purpose in a way that instils values and character that should last a lifetime.

There will also be events to mark the departure of Headteacher Mrs Evans, Reception teacher Mrs Jenkins and Year 6 teacher Mr Paduano. Their dedication to their work is well known to those who have worked, or been taught, by them.

My eldest child, who started and finished primary school with Mrs Evans as Headteacher, Mrs Jenkins as his Reception teacher and Mr Paduano in Year 6, wondered out loud how on earth would the school carry on. The answer is very well indeed – not least because of the leadership and teaching these three professionals have provided. The current excellent remaining staff team are well placed to carry the school forward and we have successfully attracted high quality new recruits to key leadership and teaching positions.

So, we look forward to welcoming new Reception children and Headteacher Mr Grey in September, we wish our former Year 6 children well in Year 7, and our former teachers all the best for what the future holds for them too!

James Doubleday, Parent Governor



LIFE'S BIG QUESTIONS

Anyone who spends time with young children will be familiar with their constant questioning of the world around them. 'Why is the sky blue? Who made God?' Sometimes we know the answer (you can find out about the sky at the end of this article), sometimes we don't, and sometimes the answer is 'You wouldn't understand now, but when you're older, you will'.

As Christians we can tend to feel that it's somehow wrong to rail at God when things are not going well, as if we'll be seen to be failing if we admit we're struggling, or that God might not love us anymore if He could see what we really feel (which of course, he can...). We are not alone in doubting the wisdom of God's plans at times; the Bible is full of people who asked God the equivalent of 'Why me? How can bad things happen to good people?' questions. Sometimes the answer, if not easy, is obvious; if you do something stupid, there are inevitable consequences. Harder to comprehend is when freak accidents or natural disasters happen, and we struggle to understand why God doesn't intervene. The Bible is real about grief and pain and loss. We can safely cry out to God, but be thankful that whatever it feels like, we will never be forsaken. Only one man ever was, so that we will never be.

I love this poem by Rainer Maria Rilke:

*Have patience with everything unresolved in your heart,
and try to love the questions themselves
as if they were locked rooms or books written in a very foreign
language.*

*Do not search for the answers, which could not be given to you now,
because you would not be able to live them
and the point is to live everything.*

Live the questions now.

*Perhaps then, someday far in the future,
you will gradually, without even noticing it,
live your way into the answer.*

(And why is the sky blue? <https://spaceplace.nasa.gov/blue-sky/en/>)

*Liz Jenkin, Elder
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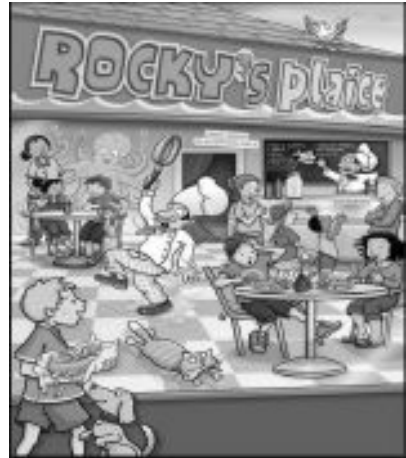
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A site-finding survey conducted earlier this year by the Parish Council and Hastoe Housing Association confirmed that the Parochial Charities land is a promising site for future development of affordable housing.

Later this year the Parochial Charities will submit to South Cambridgeshire District Council (SCDC) a pre-application for an extension to More’s Meadow. This will include a proposal for improvements – for conservation and recreational purposes – to the adjacent open land.

The Charities held a public engagement meeting in the Community Room on 20 June. Following a brief introduction from Sarah Rann, Trustee, those attending were invited to view the display boards, discuss the issues with Trustees and come up with their own ideas for future use of the Charities’ land. The meeting lasted almost two hours and provoked lively debate.

32 people attended, including: 22 local residents, Trustees of The Parochial Charities, an architect from Haysom Ward Miller, a Community Housing Adviser, SCDC’s Housing Officer, and Local District Councillor, Nick Sample.

The feedback we received included:

- All agreed the village needs more affordable housing
- Most said affordable housing should be reserved for people with strong local connections
- Affordable housing schemes should comprise at least 10, and some felt 20 or more, homes
- Many felt these should be built on a ‘small extension to the Green Belt’
- Many supported our proposal to extend More’s Meadow
- We received a number of heartfelt written comments ... ‘A breakthrough opportunity for Shelford people who despair of ever affording to live in a pleasant, reasonably priced property’

More details can be found on our website www.gspc.org.uk. We welcome further ideas and comments from villagers. Send to The Parochial Charities, 18 High Street, Great Shelford, CB22 5EH or email to enquiries@gspc.org.uk.

Brian Connellan, Trustee

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Date	Event	Time	Place
1	Dinosaur Tales (page 23)	2.30pm	Library
6	Drawing for Fun (page 23)	11am	Library
8	Cactus Society	7.30pm	Memorial Hall
13	Raspberry Pi Coding Event (page 23)	10am or 11.30am	Library
15	Engage Talk (page 29)	2pm	Library
20	Lego Event (page 23)	10.30am	Library
25	Farmers' Market	9am–12 noon	Memorial Hall
30	Collage for Fun (page 23)	10.30am	Library

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

	BIN COLLECTIONS		
	Green and blue bins	Tuesdays 7 and 21 August	
	Black bins	Tuesday 14 and Wednesday 29 August	
	POSTAL COLLECTIONS		
	Locations	Mon–Fri	Saturday
	Coppice Ave, Mill Court (Hinton Way)	5.15pm	9.45am
	Library, Old Vicarage	5pm	9.30am
High Green bus stop, Stonehill Road	5.15pm	12 noon	
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	LIBRARY		
	Monday 3–7pm, Tuesday 10am–1pm and 2–5pm, Wednesday 10am–1pm, Thursday closed, Friday 10am–1pm and 2–6pm, Saturday 10am–1pm.		

PLAYSCAPE A COMMUNITY EFFORT

We were doubly blessed by the American visitors to the Free Church last month. They raised £81 for Playscape with a car wash and then helped us to weed and water the three new trees in the meadow and the new hedge. Not a mean feat considering the distance to the river, the weight of water and the current temperatures! The Beavers also organised a human watering chain to the hedge one evening, which was a tremendous effort.

We are grateful for any help you can offer us, be it practical things like watering, or registering or volunteering for an event like the Fun Run. You can help us financially by registering for Give As You Live, which raises free funds for us when you shop online, or by donating to the charity directly through the website. Whatever you can afford to give will go towards a stunning legacy for the area.

The first phase of the master plan, The Copse, is already having a fantastic impact by drawing more people down to the river. It has proved a welcome shady area in this glorious heatwave and many have been tempted to jump into the river, a long local tradition! If you look closely you'll see the foundations of the old changing rooms (yes really!) in front of the bench facing the river.



Our American visitors weeding the hedge



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1 August	2.30–4pm	Age 4–8	£3 per child
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DINOSAUR TALES

Drop in to Great Shelford Library to explore dinosaur bones and teeth! Create your own fossil rubbing and listen to stories of dinosaurs and evolution in a session led by children's author Isabel Thomas.

6 August	11am to 12 noon	Ages 6–12	£3 per child
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DRAWING FOR FUN

Learn about art and try your hand at creating some artwork.

13 August	10–11 am and 11.30am–12.30pm	Ages 8–12	£3 per child per session
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RASPBERRY PI CODING EVENT

Find out about coding using a Raspberry Pi. All equipment will be provided.

20 August	10.30–12 noon	Ages 4–12	£1 per child
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LEGO EVENT

Come and have fun with our new Lego – kindly donated by the Friends of Great Shelford Library.

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On Thursday 5 July we held our annual Garden Party which was well attended and later in the month we were pleased to be able to serve teas at the Shelford Feast, where we met a number of potential new members who we hope to see again in the autumn.

We do not hold a meeting in August but there will a trip to The Manor at Hemingford Grey on 2 August. Our monthly meetings resume on 6 September, when Hilary Ritchie will speak about the history of Addenbrooke's Hospital.

Please note there will be a change of meeting venue beginning with our meeting on Thursday 6 September. From this date onwards we will be meeting in the Community Room behind St Mary's in Great Shelford.

New members and visitors are very welcome at every meeting. We meet on the first Thursday of every month (except August) at 7.30 pm.

Mary Talbott

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Shelford School's 175th Birthday is this September! We will be having a birthday tea party at school on its actual birthday, Saturday 29 September, from 2pm. All current school families, friends and alumni are invited. More details to follow in the September issue. Please contact pta@shelfordschool.org.uk for more information and to let us know if you would like to attend. Please pass on this invitation to any school alumni you know! Thank you.

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CRICKET CLUB

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The Youth team section by contrast is thriving, with our Under 15s, Under 13s and Under 11s all fulfilling all their fixtures and thoroughly enjoying their cricket. The Under 15s finished third in their league led by coach Mark Milne; the Under 13s finished bottom of their division but improved their skills enormously with coach Tom Barnard; and the Under 11s were amazingly successful under coach George Rolls with over 40 boys and girls playing cricket at this level and representing the club with great enthusiasm and impeccable sporting behaviour. Next year this section of our club will expand and if any parents want to contact me at brian_higgins50@hotmail.com to join our club, you will be welcomed warmly.

George has organised an Under 10s tournament for Sunday 12 August on Great Shelford Recreation Ground, which will be a great opportunity for people to pop down to see boys and girls enjoying their sport.

Brian Higgins

7A BUS UPDATE

After further discussion with Stagecoach, Cambridgeshire County Council have agreed that the 7A bus will also stop at Tunwells Lane, Great Shelford, which will allow Great Shelford residents to get to Waitrose via the Trumpington Park and Ride Stop. The times are as follows:

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'We've tried to ignite a little bit more passion and change the culture so we've got some young lads in there who will hopefully ruffle a few feathers and raise the bar with fitness and professional standards.'

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 makings for the start of next season!

Events at Shelford Rugby Club

Following a hugely successful Food and Drink Festival in June, Shelford Rugby Club will be organising a series of events for both its members and the local community over the coming season, including a Casino Night, Oktoberfest, a Christmas Market, Race Nights and more. Don't miss out on some of the fantastic events coming up and pay attention to our social media and website for more information.

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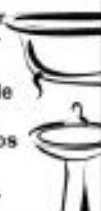
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A DAY IN THE LIFE OF THE FEAST

It is **Midnight** and an electric glow lights the sky over the quiet Recreation Ground. The Saturday night crowds have meandered home, the band has packed up but volunteers are still tidying away, filling the skips, moving tables in preparation for Feast Day.



In the Scout HQ men in strong gloves and grubby shorts with lots of pockets are preparing the spit roasts: two lambs, two pigs. In years gone by the bonfire would be ablaze before midnight, leaving hours for it to settle into charcoal, but now there is charcoal and gas from **4am**.

The security men establish their posts and their route round the perimeter,

nodding to the late-night team still setting up. Sunday means changes to the food arrangements and electrics as the Recreation Ground is opened up, and early morning is the best time to rearrange things. By **1.30am** only a handful of people are on the night shift and all is quiet except for the whine of spit roast motors.

6am and the day shift begins. They are moving the fences, marking out the pitches for the 30 stalls, supplying them with tables and water and electricity. The



tractor sweeps in with a load of hay bales for the arena and now we need more chairs and tables too. By **7am** all The Bunch are there, working, moving, stapling, signposting, clearing and shifting.

At **8am** comes a traditional break to hold a final meeting over a full English breakfast for 30 – black pudding, bacon and eggs, mushrooms, tomatoes, tea and coffee in large mugs.

And soon the cars and vans start arriving. Stallholders with the goods for their tables and displays, classic cars for their show, a miniature railway, a pony, roundabouts, bowls and balls and goals and stumps, balloons and plates to be burst and smashed ... all to be carried in and guided through, while trying not to get in each other's way.



The bar is replenished, last night's bottles and cans in the skip, coolers stocked, bar staff turning to face the assault ahead. The food tent has laid its tables, emptied its bins, washed its utensils, stocked its shelves and its chiller van, tested its tills, hoisted its menus, arranged its sauces, fired up its bain-maries and its barbecues. The salad and tomatoes have been washed and chopped by a team in the Scout HQ while burgers and sausages have come from Barkers and all are now keeping fresh in the van. The bread has been delivered from Day's and is stacked and waiting. We are ready to go; eager to begin.

And more people are arriving, more questions to be answered. Can we have a ... where is the ... I must have a ... so Bunch members scuttle off to find more



tables, a fire extinguisher, leads and adaptors, drive to the wholesaler for more plates and forks, more lemonade, more lemons, more anything ...

The men on the meat roasts are testing their prize. Is it cooked through? Is the outside overdone? Are the cooks ready for it? Give it twenty minutes!

And with half an hour to go the cooks have sharpened their knives and started on the carcasses, the butchers are cutting large pieces into portions and servers are putting the portions into

buns. Soon the tills will ring, the queues will begin and midday will announce the start of The Shelford Feast for 2018.

(continued on page 34)

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From the opening time to **5pm** it's non-stop. While the stalls host visitors, arena events of activities and music, trampolining, choirs, bands and drumming follow one after another. Meanwhile food and drink are sold at a great rate until **after 5pm** exhaustion sets in and the pace falls away. There are no more burgers in the van, no more pints in the barrel and there's no more gas in our own personal tanks.



As the visitors drift homeward we start the clearing up, doggedly trudging back and forth to the green shed to pack up the gear till next year. This is the really tiring bit, where The Bunch, who have been working till late for ten days continuously, tap the last of their energies, and appreciate any help they can get from strong volunteers. If tempers don't fray, we've done well. Mostly it's homeward as the evening cools, to fall asleep in a warm bath, leaving the marquee and knowing most things have been done.

Soon it all starts again. Preparing for the **26th Feast in 2019** has already begun.

THANK YOU FROM THE BUNCH

The Bunch would like to thank all those who attended the events of The Shelford Festival and Feast and to our sponsors who have been very generous. There was something for everyone. Numbers were down, perhaps a combination of heat, tennis and football, but the atmosphere remained lively and good-natured. We hope you agree. Particular thanks go to all the volunteer helpers, without whom we could not put on this big annual event. There cannot be fewer than 100 volunteers during the week and we give heartfelt thanks to all of you. See you at The Shelford Feast on **Sunday 14 July 2019!**

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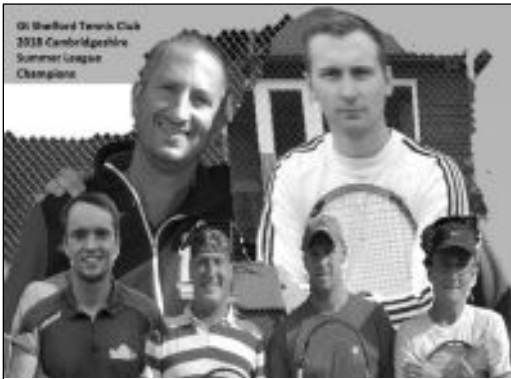
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TENNIS CLUB

‘GSTC Bring it Home’ and become Cambridgeshire League Champions again!!! Whilst the media spotlight has been on the gallant effort of the Boys out in Russia the really BIG news is the ‘Men’s Cambs League Summer Tennis League Division 1’ Trophy is COMING HOME!

It was a heroic performance from the Great Shelford Tennis Club 1st Team consisting of Ed Gee, Alex Button, Matt Sanders, Ollie Halliwell, Manne Guron and Club Head Coach Hamid Hejazi. Conceding just four sets through the course of the season it was a fantastic, dominating display of top quality tennis.



Hamid, Ed, Alex, Manne, Matt and Ollie

The club has a total of 19 senior men’s, ladies’ and mixed teams which play in the Cambs league so in total approximately 500 sets of competitive tennis have been played against various clubs around Cambridgeshire this summer season. It’s been a great effort from all the club members that are keen to play these matches and a huge thank you to Captains Jacqui Lloyd and Rufus Curnow.

Club Finals day is scheduled for 8 September, where seniors and juniors will be battling to get their name on the Honours Boards. The early rounds of the competitions are currently underway. We are also holding an Open Morning from 11am on 8 September. The club is buzzing with activity on that day with lots of action on the courts providing a perfect opportunity to interest potential new members, so come and join and stay on and watch some of the finals too.

The Club Annual Dinner is being held at St Edmunds College, Cambridge again and will take place on 8 December. Tickets are on sale now!

We are a friendly, relaxed and inclusive tennis club with an excellent coaching programme and four highly maintained floodlit courts, and whether you are a complete beginner, someone who wants a high standard of tennis or something anywhere in between please come and get involved. If you are interested in joining our club and would like to know more, please contact our club secretary Victoria on secretary@gstc.org.uk or visit www.gstc.org.uk.

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CAMBRIDGE ARTS THEATRE

29–1 Sep	Shakespeare's Globe on Tour productions of <i>The Merchant of Venice</i> , <i>The Taming of the Shrew</i> and <i>Twelfth Night</i>	
Telephone: 01223 503333 Web: www.cambridgeartstheatre.com		

SCOTSDALES

2, 23	10.45–11.45am	<i>Shipwrecked</i> for accompanied children
8	10–11.30am	<i>Still Life Art in Mixed Media</i> for ages 7–12
9, 30	10.45–11.45am	<i>Hoist the Jolly Roger</i> for accompanied children
16	10.45–11.45am	<i>Treasure under the Sea</i> for accompanied children
29	10–11am 11.30–12.30pm	<i>Discover Colour and Pigments from Nature</i> for ages 7–12
Telephone: 01223 842777 Web: www.scotsdalegardencentre.co.uk/event/		

CAMBRIDGEPPF: WANDLEBURY

1–4	10am–4pm	<i>Small Voice, Big World</i> with Vital Spark Workshops for ages 6–16
3	5pm	<i>Wild Bedtime Stories</i> with Vital Spark
6–8, 13–15, 20–22, 3–4 Sep	8.30am–4pm	<i>Holiday Bushcraft Club</i> with Wild Thyme & Embers for ages 5–12
Telephone: 01223 243830 Web: www.cambridgeppf.org		

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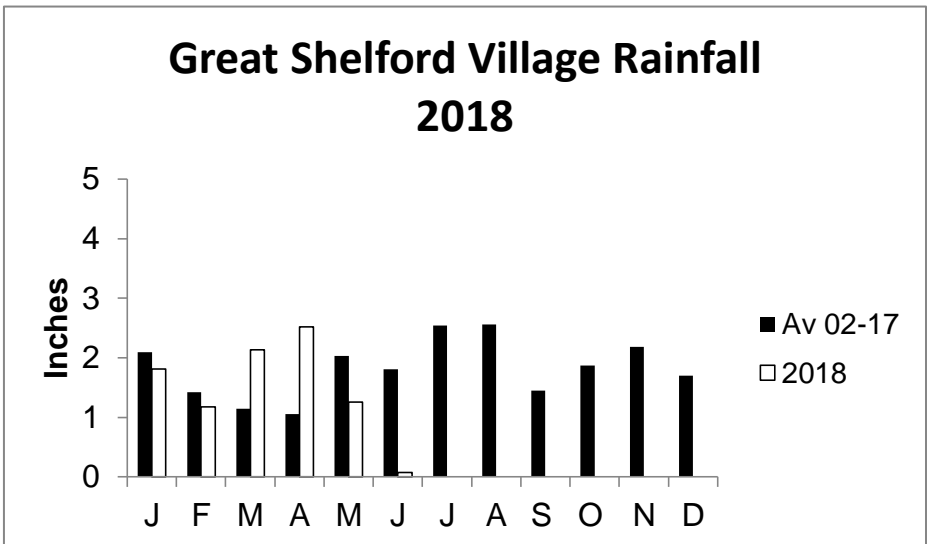
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