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## *Mass Transit Route – a Boon or a Hazard for Great Shelford?*



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17 OCTOBER 2018****PUBLIC SESSION**

Lisa MacGregor asked the Parish Council to note that some space in the Memorial Hall was used by Scouts and Guides for storing kayaks and camping equipment. The area involved possibly amounts to 90m<sup>2</sup>.

**REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES****District Councillors**

District Councillors noted that funds might be available for local groups through the South Cambridge District Council Community Chest.

**REPORTS FROM COORDINATING OFFICERS****Parochial Charities**

Parochial Charities are working on their pre-application for the More's Meadow extension.

**MOBILE WARDEN SCHEME**

There were discussions on reducing the scheme's dependence on GSPC for funding. Funding of around £500 could be available from the Parochial Charities, and additional funding was likely to be available through the South Cambridge District Council Community Chest. It was agreed to provide initial funding of £2,500 and to request that the scheme apply to other sources, but to underwrite a total sum of £3,500.

**CRICKET BALLS**

A cricket ball strike survey has been carried out by Labosport. The report has been received and is still under review. Some cost estimates are being obtained.

**FINANCE**

Cheques to the value of £12,519.29 were received and signed.

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

**MEET YOUR COUNCILLORS**

Your County Councillors (Roger Hickford and Kevin Cuffley), District Councillors (Peter Fane and Nick Sample) and Parish Councillors will be available to discuss any issues you wish to raise for half an hour before each Parish Council meeting from 7–7.30pm in the Pavilion. The next two meetings will be on 5 December and 9 January.

## PLANNING APPLICATIONS PARISH COUNCIL COMMENTS

S/3345/18/FL	Mr and Mrs Swan 235 Hinton Way	Single and two storey rear extension and single storey side extension.
Recommend refusal as the property is in the Green Belt.		

S/3450/18/FL	Smith 1A Spinney Drive	Demolition of garage, single storey rear/side extension, replacement front covered porch and rendering of walls to existing brick facades.
No objections, subject to the core conditions with particular attention to traffic management, as parking is difficult in this area.		

S/2175/18/FL	Mr Jaz Aujla 160 Cambridge Road	Total demolition of existing dwelling, replacing with three two bed apartments, two one bed apartments and associated works.
Rejection recommended as the very minor changes submitted do nothing to allay previous concerns regarding the overdevelopment of the site, its negative impact on the amenities of the neighbours and the adverse effects it will have on parking and traffic on that stretch of Cambridge Road.		

S/3737/18/FL	Mr Samih Al-hayek 5 Red Hill Close	Single storey front extension and two and a half storey rear extension.
The GSPC wishes to refer this application to the SCDC for a decision, recommending however rejection on the grounds that it interferes with other projects already initiated in the same street.		

S/3778/18/FL	Mr V Brahmhatt 1 Red Hill Lane	Construction of garage with home office and private studio.
Rejection recommended as the new building would be too close to the road and exceeds the height of the neighbouring bungalow. Should the application be approved, we recommend that a condition be attached, that the resulting construction should never be converted and sold as a dwelling without prior submission of a specific planning application.		

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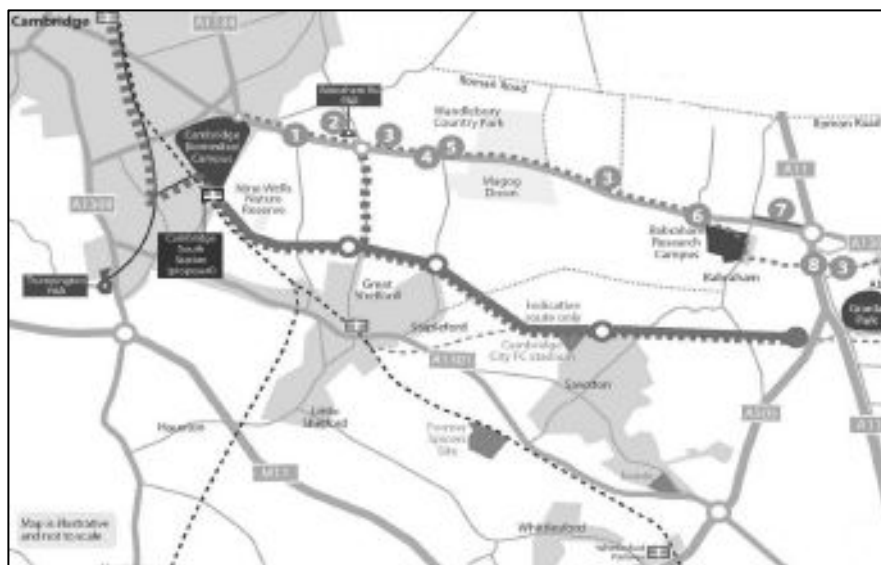
## MASS RAPID TRANSIT ROUTE

**Background** The Greater Cambridge City Deal was announced in 2015. It was primarily an ‘incentive’ payment of up to £500M from central government to the City, District and County councils to ‘encourage’ them to build 34,480 houses by 2031. There seems to be the expectation that a further £500M could be allocated (from various sources). Money was to be spent on several different categories, but the prime one was transport, with the focus on:

- 1 Bus priority schemes (Milton Road, Madingley Road and Histon Road)
- 2 A428 (Cambourne) to M11 segregated bus route/A428 corridor P & R
- 3 City Centre capacity improvements/cross-city cycle improvements
- 4 A1307 (Linton/Haverhill) corridor to include bus priority/A1307 additional Park & Ride
- 5 Chisholm Trail cycle links/Chisholm Trail bridge

An additional Park & Ride at Trumpington (6) has since been added. The City Deal has also been renamed the Greater Cambridge Partnership (GCP).

**Consultation** A large number of consultation meetings have been held over the last two and a half years, primarily on items 2, 4 and 6. These have been attended by your Parish, District and County Councillors. Note: ‘Consultation’ doesn’t mean someone is listening – there is a strong belief that the A428 and Trumpington Park & Ride solutions had been predetermined by GCP and their consulting engineers, and that alternative suggestions such as rail Park & Ride at Whittlesford and Foxton were being ignored.



**A1307** Proposals for the A1307 corridor were published at the start of this year. They were in two phases:

- Short term: bus priority, junction improvements, etc.
- Longer term: three separate strategies (not necessarily mutually exclusive):
  - 1 Segregated Mass Rapid Transit route (MRT) – bus or tram running on concrete – from the A11 via Sawston to the Cambridge Biomedical Campus – CBC – (this would pass between Great Shelford/Stapleford and the A1307) and a Park & Ride near the A11/A505 junction.
  - 2 New dedicated public transport link between the existing Babraham Road Park & Ride and the CBC, an inbound bus lane from Babraham Research Campus to the Babraham Road Park & Ride and a Park & Ride near the A11/A1307 junction.
  - 3 Inbound bus lane along the A1307 from Babraham Research Campus to the Addenbrooke’s Hospital roundabout and a Park & Ride near the A11/A1307 junction.

The result of the consultation exercise was strong support for the MRT option. This is unsurprising – if you live in Linton or Haverhill and you are offered a way to significantly cut journey times into Cambridge (and you do not have to pay for it), that is what you would go for. The only parish councils who opposed this option in its current form were Great Shelford (GSPC) and Stapleford.

**GSPC Stance** We support the short-term options and longer-term strategies 2 and 3, but oppose the MRT in its current format. There is a recognition that the MRT may be the only viable long-term option on the A1307, but there are major concerns about the impact on the Green Belt of the construction of the MRT and the likelihood that it would create a ‘development corridor’ around its route. It would be expensive, but putting the last 6km or so of the route into Cambridge in a tunnel would mitigate some of our concerns. We will continue to press for these mitigations to be put in place if this is the option chosen.

We also believe that insufficient attention has been paid to the possibility of light rail on the route of the old Cambridge to Haverhill line. This was not presented as one of the options and we will be pressing for it to be properly considered.

Our short-term preference would be to see construction of Cambridge South Railway Station expedited, and significant rail Park & Ride developments at Foxton and Whittlesford. This would move large amounts of traffic off the roads within 15km of Cambridge at a relatively low cost.

*Mike Nettleton*

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## MASS RAPID TRANSIT THROUGH SHELFORD

What is best for the village? What do we want and what effect would this new MTR route have on the people of Shelford?

The route is expected to partly follow the route of the dismantled Haverhill to Cambridge railway line. However, following the old track all the way has been judged too difficult: 'The rail and road dualling concepts were found not to be affordable or deliverable within the scope of the Greater Cambridge Partnership.' (*South East Cambridge Transport Study*)

The precise line of the new route has not yet been decided but concerns include pressure on street parking on Hinton Way and the fact that it will not only cross Green Belt land but could act as a *de facto* boundary for development. It would not be long before the fields off Hinton Way would be full of new housing.

If the old railway route is not 'deliverable' (why?) then where should the new route cut across Hinton Way – or should it simply follow the existing A1307, where it could use the Babraham Road Park & Ride?

Local resident John Wakefield responded to the request in our last issue for views on this:

'Why dig up the countryside and build a new road through some of our lovely Green Belt when a much less disruptive route still exists in the form of the old Cambridge to Haverhill railway line? The route of this closely follows that of the proposed new route and in fact a good part of it follows the railway route. It would make far more sense to re-instate the railway line, the route of which is shown on the accompanying map. This would include stations at Granta Park, Abington and Sawston before joining the main line at Shelford for onward journey into Cambridge. In fact it would also leave the way clear for the line to be reconnected back to Haverhill, thus taking more traffic off the A1307.'



Heidi Allen comments: 'I guess it's also just not physically possible to get an off-route solution running through the heart of those villages.'

*The Magog Trust* gave a full response to transport proposals for the A1307 corridor (*South East Cambridge Transport Study*), in March this year, saying 'We strongly object to this Strategy 1 as it would have a detrimental effect on the ecology of the existing Nine Wells Nature Reserve, already under threat, as well as County Wildlife Sites along the likely route of the disused railway. Moreover, the scar across the arable fields will create land pockets adjacent to the villages creating areas which would almost certainly be developed. This would result in the loss of the green corridor to the south of the city, through ancient landscape.' *The Editors*

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The 2018 Shelford Feast was held in competition with the World Cup, Wimbledon Men's Singles Final and free concerts in Cambridge, so it was a great pleasure to find a friendly atmosphere on the Recreation Ground even if there were fewer people attending than sometimes in the past.

Our expenses have shot up in recent years, with good bands and good toilets both needing more payment, so we have had to keep more funds in reserve for setting up, but we were still able to give away **£11,800** to our good causes. Though not a record, it does bring the total The Feast has donated since 1994 to **£308,000!**

**£1,000** to each of: Mobile Warden Scheme, Parish Council, Shelford School, Sick Children's Trust.

**£250** to each of: Beavers, Bowls, Brownies, Cambridge Cancer Help, CAMMS Meals on Wheels, Cangaroos, Carpet Bowls, Chestnut Club, Cricket, Cubs, Football, Friends of the Library, Friendship Club, Guides, Junior Badminton, Pantomime, Parkinsons, Playscape, Rainbow Pre-school, Rainbows, Rugby, Scout & Guide HQ, Scouts, Shelford Twinning, SSYI Youth Club, Stapleford Twinning, Strikers, SYD, Tennis Club, Wacky Club.

**£100** to each of: Acacia Court Residents, Magpas, WI.

Thank you to all these organisations who took an active part in The Feast, and to all who advertised or sponsored our events.

In the near future we plan to give out a questionnaire inviting you to comment on the events we organise and suggest any changes we might make. It has changed just a little since this picture was taken in 1920! The Feast is always looking for bright ideas – and for people who can help us put them into



practice. You don't need to wait for the questionnaire, just talk to a member of The Bunch, or write to [info@shelfordfeast.co.uk](mailto:info@shelfordfeast.co.uk).

See you at The Shelford Feast on **Sunday 14 July 2019!**

*Duncan Grey*

## GREAT SHELFORD PARISH CHURCH

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A very warm welcome to your historic parish church – please call in and enjoy the sacred space.

### Annual Toy Collection

Our annual toy collection for the Salvation Army will be on Sunday 4 December. If toys are wrapped, please label by age group, boy/girl.

### Village Christmas Carol Singing

Come and join us at the Great Shelford Memorial Hall on **Wednesday 19 December 7–8 pm**. Refreshments: contributions to SSYI and Mobile Wardens.

### Vicarage ‘Open House’

There will be **Open House** at the Vicarage on Friday 21 December 12noon–2pm and 6–9pm with seasonal refreshments. **Everyone** is welcome.

### Advent Evening Services

The evening services in Advent will all be special celebrations to explore the theme of waiting. We start on Advent Sunday 2 December with an **Advent Carol Service** at 6.30pm, with music, readings and prayers by candlelight – a shared service hosted by St Andrew’s, Stapleford. On Sunday 9 December at 6.30pm we will have a **Service of Hope** by candlelight. The parish **Festival of Nine Lesson & Carols** is on Sunday 16 December at 6.30pm, followed by mulled wine and mince pies in the parish church. On Sunday 23 December at 4pm we are having a Pop-Up Nativity, **The Very Greatest Journey Nativity**, a special service for families and children. (There is no Christingle service this year.) No rehearsal is needed and everyone is welcome, dressed up or not, as a Nativity character, e.g. a shepherd, a donkey, a sheep, Mary, etc. We will be telling the story of the journey of Mary and Joseph to Bethlehem and the birth of Jesus with carols, pictures and your participation.

### Services for Christmas

You will be very welcome at all our services over the Christmas season and please do encourage friends and visitors to come along.

### Christmas Eve

**Crib Service 4pm** – for children and the young at heart, a simple re-telling of the Christmas story with traditional carols.

**‘Midnight’ Parish Communion 11pm** – the first service of Christmas, with carols, sermon and Holy Communion.



## Christmas Day

**Holy Communion (BCP 1662) 8am** – a said service in traditional language with a short sermon.

**Parish Communion 10am** – our main service for Christmas morning with carols, sermon and Holy Communion.

There is no evening service.

## Harvest Festival and Gift Day Appeal – Thank You!

A sincere thank you to the many people who offered their pledges during the Gift Day on Sunday 7 October. The **final total raised was £5,954**. This is a most generous boost to our finances.

## 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. Contact Gillian Pett – [gillian.pett29@gmail.com](mailto:gillian.pett29@gmail.com). Helpers are welcome!

## From the Registers

Funerals:	2 November	Audrey Rivet
	7 November	William Greaves

## Regular Services

Daily:	9am	Morning Prayer
	6pm	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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## SHELFORD SCHOOL

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As if our 175th Anniversary Celebration and the arrival of a new headteacher weren't enough excitement for one half term, the day before we broke up for our autumn break we were visited by OFSTED. Meeting as governors with our inspector, one of the first questions we were asked was what was special about our school. What immediately sprang to mind was not our high academic standards, consistently very good though they are, but the genuine Christian love and care that is apparent here, the fantastic sense of teamwork and the real perception of our place at the heart of the village communities we serve.

It was heartening to read our report and find that the strengths of the school were very apparent to the inspector in his observation of lessons, collective worship, playtimes and interviews with staff and children. The high level of parental satisfaction was also noted, with many commenting on how happy their children were and expressing appreciation for the quality of their well-being and education.

Where next? With our recent staff changes, several of our staff are new to their roles as subject leaders and continuing the development of this aspect will be high on our agenda, as will sharing good practice across the school. So, in a nutshell, Shelford School officially continues to be good, and its safeguarding effective.

Space does not permit more than a whistle-stop tour through other recent highlights, but some of the aspects of our ‘rich and challenging curriculum’ include our Year 6 visit to Ely, where the children explored the Cathedral through the theme of Remembrance, culminating in poppy petals falling from the octagon tower with each petal representing a fallen soldier. Year 6 then led the rest of the school in a Remembrance Service on the Friday before the centenary weekend.

We recently enjoyed a fantastic day with an international focus, thinking about one of the Global Goals for Sustainable Development: Quality Education for All. An informative and interactive whole school assembly with the charity Campaign for Female Education (CAMFED) helped us consider what it might be like not to be able to go to school. Everyone left the assembly with a lot to think about and much to be thankful for. The school council organised a Used Book Sale, which along with a Cake Stall, raised £321 for CAMFED.

Year 2 enjoyed their trip to ‘The Chocolate Lady’ and learned how to weld chocolate with help from the Welding Institute. Meanwhile our Year 5 children may have been spotted around the village as part of their Bikeability course while our Reception children confidently wobbled their way round the playground as part of Balanceability.

Nativity and choir rehearsals have started, and our hardworking PTA are into overdrive preparing for the big Christmas Lights Switch-On event on Sunday December 2. We hope to see lots of our readers there.

*Liz Jenkin, Local Authority Governor*





### This Advent Season

The first people who heard about Jesus being born were shepherds out on the hills around Bethlehem. You will have heard the carol *While shepherds watched their flocks by night*.

Christians believe that the first **Advent** (coming/arrival) was the glorious demonstration of God in human form – the uniting of God and man in the person of Jesus, born of a virgin in a lowly stable.

Jesus grew to be a man and to those who believe in Him, in His death and resurrection, we can experience His forgiving grace and saving power.

A common decoration for Christmas is an **Advent wreath**; its circle reminds us of God Himself, eternal and endlessly merciful. It is evergreen – reminding us of the hope of eternal life.

In churches you may also see the wreath surrounding five candles, which remind us that Jesus is the Light of World. An **Advent candle** is lit for each of the four Sundays before Christmas. Various meanings may be attached to these but in total they represent waiting and preparation, whilst the fifth candle, lit on Christmas morning, reminds us that the wait is over. Another carol proclaims *Joy to the world, the Lord has come*.

For children the delight in receiving an **Advent Calendar** is usually for the chocolate or present each day brings. More traditional calendars tell the story of the Nativity in pictures or words. Both lead up to Christmas Day and the final verse of *O come, all ye faithful – Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning*.

**Advent** has a greater meaning though. In pointing to the coming of Jesus it also points us to a time when Christians believe He will come again – the Second Coming. A message of hope; an expectation of His full revelation in Heaven.

Christmas reminds us of our confidence in the promises we read about in the Bible, to expect the return of Jesus Christ, in splendour and majesty.

We welcome you to come and join us to sing carols at the Memorial Hall and at any of the church services leading up to Christmas. Come and sing the final verse on Christmas Day.

We hope that you all enjoy a wonderful Christmas.

*David Baslington*  
Elder, Great Shelford Free Church



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Christmas All Age Service  
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Christmas Reflection and Carol Service  
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24 December 5pm  
Christmas Day Service  
25 December 10.30am

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Sunday 23 December	Closed
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Tuesday 25 December	Closed
Wednesday 26 December	Closed
<b>Thursday 27 December</b>	<b>OPEN 8am–6pm</b>
<b>Friday 28 December</b>	<b>OPEN 8am–6pm</b>
Saturday 29 December	Closed
Sunday 30 December	Closed
<b>Monday 31 December</b>	<b>OPEN 8am–6pm</b>
Tuesday 1 January 2019	Closed
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**Repeat Prescriptions** Ensure you have enough medication to cover the holiday period allowing **two CLEAR working days** from your request to collecting the prescription.

*Sandra East, Granta Communications Officer*

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*Editorial Committee*

## READER'S LETTER: MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS

The waiting times for routine doctors' appointments at the Shelford Health Centre were lengthening by up to two weeks a few months ago, but since the incorporation into the Granta practice the situation has worsened greatly. Recently the earliest appointment offered at Shelford or Sawston online was four weeks away (as of now, 25 days) and I had to travel to Royston in order to avoid this delay.

I recently wrote to the practice's Business Manager, Mr Gerard Newnham, about the problem. I made the point that patients would probably have greater confidence if the practice were more proactive in keeping patients advised about the situation and that we all know the NHS is under severe financial pressure. He assured me that the situation was under review and remedial steps were being taken, and that they were using various measures, including local parish magazines, to keep in touch with patients.

I understand from the editor that this December issue of GSVN is due to contain a contribution dealing only with routine matters, and that we have to wait for the January issue to possibly have something that may address the waiting time problem.

The lack of urgency in the provision of relevant information to the *Village News* and the inept handling of the website transfer leads me to believe that the new management has not really grasped the importance of bringing patients with them in what is, no doubt, a complex and difficult situation. I urge everyone to let the practice know, politely of course, how concerned we all are and that we seek improvements as a matter of urgency.

*David Fuller*

*GSVN invited Sandra East, Granta Communications Officer, to respond.  
She wrote:*

We are aware that patients may have to wait for a routine appointment, as is the case with all GP practices. However, should a patient feel they need urgent clinical advice they can request a telephone call from the duty GP. During the call, if it is established that urgent attention is required, the GP can arrange for the patient to be seen. This is in addition to the Rapid Access Clinic, which is accessible to all patients that require on-the-day treatment. With regard to Mr Fuller's other questions:

1 There is now a link on the Shelford Medical Practice website to the Granta Medical Practices website, where information about all of the Granta surgeries can be found.

2 There are plans to upgrade Shelford Medical Practice's telephone system to the new Granta Medical Practices system. In the meantime you can still call the surgery direct, or you can now use the Freephone number 0300 234 5555 and choose option 6.

## Old News

### Extracts from The Great Shelford Chronicle 1774–1868

*Compiled and re-published by Anne George, Glynis Trundle,  
Margaret Ward and Alan Bullwinkle, 1993*

#### **3 December 1774**

ROBBERY. Monday night the house of Abigail Willis, commonly called Nab Right, at Great Shelford, was broke open by some villains and robbed of 20 guineas in cash, a 20L bank bill, some silver spoons and other plate together with a considerable quantity of linen, to the amount in the whole of upwards of 70L, with which they got off undiscovered.

#### **1 December 1798**

COLLAPSE of south west angle, buttress of Church. Six o'clock in the morning of Friday last, the south west angle, with buttress and side walls adjoining, of the lofty and venerable tower of Great Shelford Church, fell to the ground ... At length one half of the tower, to the height of 80 feet, together with the five bells, fell down, and happily without doing any damage to the body of the church or a single individual in the parish.

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We had a very enjoyable meeting on 1 November when Helen Baron, potter and artist, gave a pottery demonstration with a talk about the history of pottery and different types of pottery.

It was very relaxing watching Helen create jugs and bowls before our eyes. She made it look effortless, although members who have tried pottery assured us that it is much more difficult than it looks. It certainly made us want to give it a try.

Our next meeting on Thursday 6 December will be the Christmas Party and celebration of our fifth anniversary. We will be making Christmas decorations. Our first meeting in the new year will be on Thursday 3 January when Jon Crisp from Amey Recycling Plant will talk about 'Rubbish and Recycling'.

New members and visitors are very welcome at every meeting. We meet on the first Thursday of every month (except August) at 7.30pm in the Community Room behind St Mary's Church in Great Shelford.

Mary Talbott [www.thesheffordswi.wordpress.com](http://www.thesheffordswi.wordpress.com)



## SHELTER COMPETITION



This shelter is not the prettiest and until new wooden seats were installed, it was not the most comfortable, either! We think we can give it a new lease of life and think it's just waiting for some planting and a lick of paint.

So how do you think it should be painted?

Download our competition form from our website [www.shelfordplayscape.org](http://www.shelfordplayscape.org) or pick one up from our stall at the Christmas Lights Switch-On,

Sunday 2 December, and you could see your ideas become a reality! Simply colour in the white areas with your design, submit it to Playscape and we'll choose a winning design in January, to be painted in the spring. Please send your design to **Playscape, c/o The Vicarage, 12 Church Street, Great Shelford CB22 5EL** or email a scanned copy to [info@shelfordplayscape.org](mailto:info@shelfordplayscape.org) Deadline for entries: Friday 11 January 2019. There is no age limit and you may work with someone else. We reserve the right to adapt the design where necessary.

Eleanor McCrone, [info@shelfordplayscape.org](mailto:info@shelfordplayscape.org)

## DIARY DECEMBER 2018

Date	Event	Time	Place
1	Saffron Walden Dance Band	7.30pm	Memorial Hall
1	Scout Car Wash	9am–12 noon	Memorial Hall
1	Scout Breakfast	9am–12 noon	Scout & Guide HQ
2	Village Lights Switch-On	4pm	Memorial Hall
5	Meet Your Councillors (page 1)	7pm	Shelford Pavilion
6	Carpet Bowls	7pm	Memorial Hall
8	Stapleford–Nachingwea Link Christmas Fair (page 27)	9.30am	Memorial Hall
11	Shelford Garden Club talk on containers (page 37)	7.30pm	Shelford School
11	Granta Flower Club Christmas demonstration (page 39)	7pm	Memorial Hall
19	Community Carols (page 23)	7pm	Memorial Hall
22	Farmers' Market	9am–12 noon	Memorial Hall

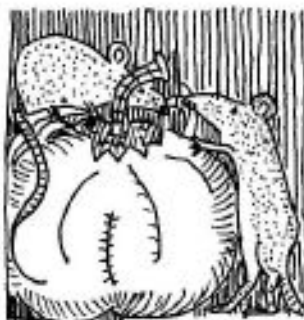
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Tickets available from the beginning of December from the following: Sarah Coppendale (842498), Jenny David (845367), Suzanne Donovan (871329) and Brie Lury (842133).

Performances on Wednesday 9 January and Thursday 10 January 2019 at 7pm, Friday 11 January and Saturday 12 January 2019 at 7.30pm in Little Shelford Memorial Hall.

£8 (adults) and £5 (concessions). *Venire pantomima!*





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## WORLD WAR I

Sunday 11 November 2018 at 11am marked exactly 100 years after the Armistice which ended fighting on the Western Front. 40 men and two women are listed on the Great Shelford war memorial, built by Sindalls on a plot donated by Mr Sindall, who owned The Elms where Halatte Gardens is today.

Every year we gather to remember them, including those who fought on other fronts and of course those who suffered and died in the Second World War.

For years after their deaths these people would have been mourned by their families and comrades, but no one now has firsthand memories of them. The efforts of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission mean that their graves and memorials are kept in good condition and basic information including the records of their burial places is published on the web. Go to <http://www.roll-of-honour.com/Cambridgeshire/GreatShelford.html> for details of the people whose names are on the Great Shelford memorial.

Here I highlight the two women who appear on our memorial.



**Gladys Maud Jones** VAD (Voluntary Aid Detachment) Nurse. Born 1886 in Cambridge, died on Tuesday 21 August 1917, of malaria, aged 31. Daughter of Alfred and Adelaide Letitia Jones, of The Spinney, Great Shelford. Buried in Mikra British Cemetery, Kalamaria, Greece. Grave 89.

She was awarded the British War Medal and the Victory Medal.

<https://tinyurl.com/y8quk9s2>

Salonika in Greece was the base of the British Salonika Force and it contained, from time to time, eighteen general and stationary hospitals.

**Ada Florence Victoria Sillitoe** Member 7201, Leading Aircraftwoman, Women's Royal Air Force. Born Chesterton 1897, died Friday 8 November 1918. Buried St Mary's Church, Great Shelford (though it appears she may have died of causes unknown in Elham, Kent and been subsequently buried in Shelford).

The WRAF was formed on April 1 1918. Its work was divided into four basic trades: Clerks and Storewomen, Household, Technical and Non-Technical. WRAFs were sent to RAF bases in Britain and later to France and Germany. More detail at <https://tinyurl.com/y7j4t3uv> and <https://tinyurl.com/y7naqu5m>

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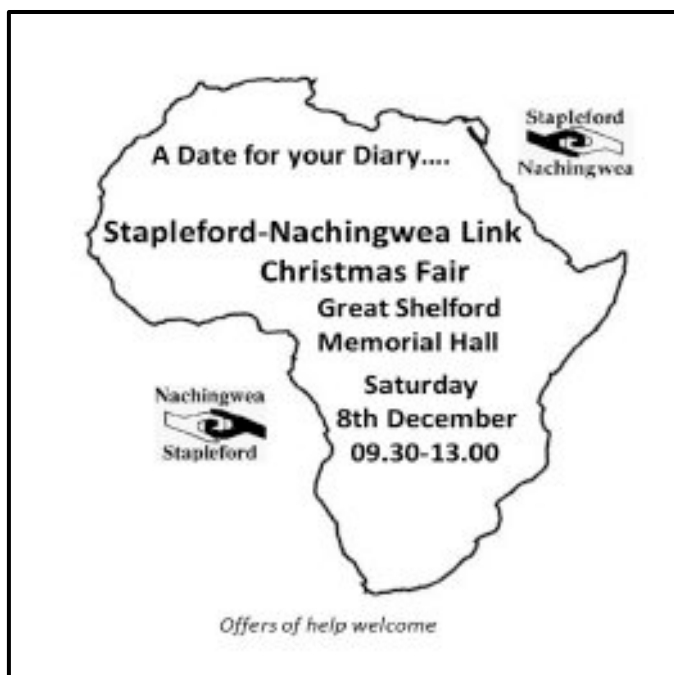
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The painting sessions start at 10am and last two hours, with a short break about mid-morning (and one or two pauses in between if the sitter needs it), and so sitters are asked to turn up at about 9.45am in order to be fully seated for the start. You can be of any age or gender, and the only special talent needed is the ability to sit still, and stay awake, for the due time. To give us amateurs a chance to do you justice, we would need you to attend for three or four consecutive weeks. Our detailed timetable for next year has not yet been finalised, but we expect to hold 10 weekly sessions starting on 8 January and ending on 12 March. We pay sitters £20 for each session.

Members of the group continue painting in the afternoon and sitters should expect to make their own way to and from Granchester as obtaining lifts from us may be unreliable. If you are interested in volunteering or wish to know more, please contact me on 01223 571895 or [david.fuller1@ntlworld.com](mailto:david.fuller1@ntlworld.com)

Finally, let me answer the inevitable question. We are talking about PORTRAIT painting, not LIFE drawing, and sitters will definitely be expected to keep their clothes on! Indeed, if you care to bring props and wear clothes that reflect your interests, then so much the better.

*David Fuller*

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## READER'S LETTER: PARKING

Apropos the various discussions about parking reported in our Village News I write to suggest that restrictions where driveways open onto roads are unnecessarily wide – enough to accommodate two cars side by side – with the result that elderly shoppers or parents with young children are forced to travel long distances to find a space or to shop in another place or at a different time. I might add that those patronising the Co-op, the dry cleaner's or Barkers used to find it convenient to park in the space behind and to the side of the dry cleaner's owned by the Free Church but are now told not to do so by the owners of the new business fronting it. The resultant congestion cannot be good for the businesses concerned or convenient for their customers.



*Photo: K Farrington*

*John A Davis*

## 7A and 31 BUS SERVICES

Use of the 7A (Trumpington Park & Ride to Whittlesford) and 31 (Addenbrooke's to Fowlmere) bus services is still low, particularly the 7A, which had a change of route in July to Trumpington rather than Babraham Road Park & Ride to encourage more use.

According to A2B Bus and Coach, operator of both services, unless there is a significant increase in use on the 7A it is likely to be axed when the contract expires in 2019. So it is in the local interest to make use of these services.

For Shelford residents the 7A can provide access to Waitrose at Trumpington or indeed a faster, more direct journey into Cambridge from the bus stop in Tunwells Lane via the Park & Ride or Guided buses.

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Those who subscribe as a **Friend of Magog Down**, together with our **Members**, will be able to park free by displaying the current valid 'I'm a Friend' sticker for 2018–19, valid until March 2019, after which a 2019–20 sticker will be needed. We've already enjoyed a steady trickle of new Friends signing up since our publicity in October, and around half of those have chosen to set up a Direct Debit using our brand new online sign-up facility provided via the Charities Aid Foundation: 'CAF Donate'.

We know that our subscribers are only a small fraction of those who actually make use of Magog Down. Our car logger shows us that we've been averaging about 6,000 car visits per month over the last year. By introducing a car parking charge for non-subscribers, we aim to secure Magog Down's future by ensuring that all visitors are making a contribution towards its upkeep each time they visit.

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*Animals:* It was too busy in Bethlehem and all the inns were full.

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It's best to order fast-selling lines like cakes and mince pies: 5 December for Christmas cakes and 12 December for mince pies. (Please order at the market or phone 843946.) Christmas table arrangements made with seasonal plant materials will be available on 12 December and can also be ordered for 21 December.

To all our customers and friends we send best wishes for the Christmas season and thank you for supporting us through all weathers throughout the year. We shall look forward to seeing you when we re-open on **9 January 2019**.

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After a bright start to the season, the first team came down to earth with three defeats and only two wins in November. The first was not wholly unexpected when we lost in the Cambs Invitation Cup first round to a Wisbech Town team who play three leagues higher than us, but the 1-0 score line shows what a good performance the lads put in. Great Shelford are still the only County League member to have won this trophy, but it is a lot harder to repeat that these days with teams who do not have floodlights having to play away from home! The team started their defence of the Cliff Bullen Challenge Cup with a comfortable 3-0 win away to Gamlingay, but serious injuries to two of our players, caused by the state of the pitch, dampened the result. Foxton had also made a good start to the season and in our only league game of the month we were second best in all departments, going down 3-0 away. Revenge was sweet however, when seven days later we turned the tables and beat Foxton 2-0 in the second round of the Premier League Cup on our own ground. The team had to travel all the way to Peterborough to take on Thorney in the second round of the Challenge Cup and on another dreadful pitch and with several key players missing we went down 3-0 in an ill-tempered match.

The reserves also had a disappointing month with three defeats, albeit narrow ones, to teams all going well in the league. A home 3-2 defeat in the local derby against Sawston United was followed by a 3-2 defeat away to Papworth and a 1-0 defeat away to table-topping Meldreth.

There will be home matches on most Saturday afternoons, kick-off at 2pm, so why not come along and support your local football club? Refreshments for mums, dads, little ones and older ones are on sale in the pavilion during first team home matches and the clubroom above the village hall will be open for a drink after those games. Everyone is welcome.

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16	3.30–4.30pm	Prime Brass Family Christmas Concert: <i>Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas!</i> at West Road Concert Hall
	5.30–6.30pm	
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### CHRISTMAS BREAKS

**Carpet Bowls:** Memorial Hall, 7pm on 6 December, restarting 10 January.  
**Engage:** no talk in December but back at Great Shelford Library on Wednesday 23 January at 2pm with a talk by Helen Harwood.

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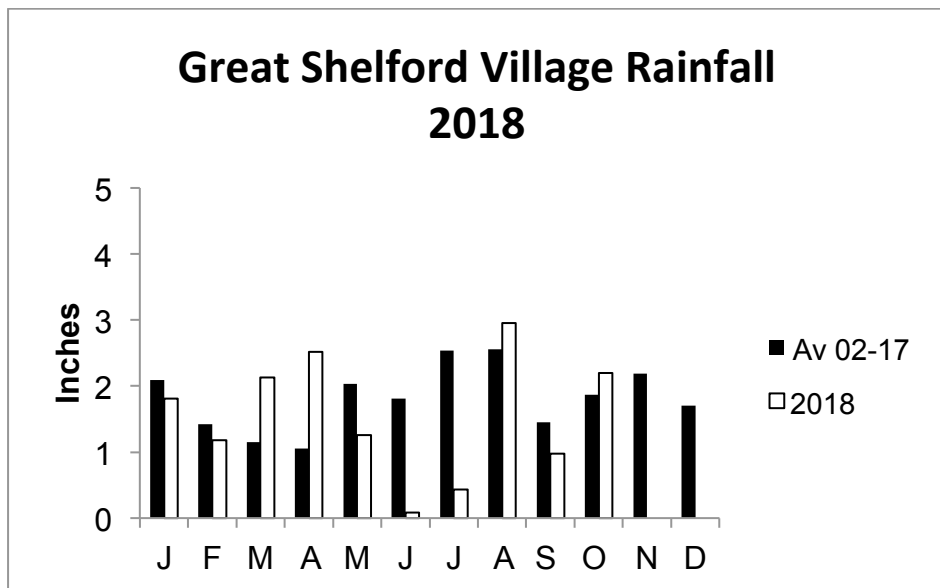
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## LOCAL ORGANISATIONS

2G3S	Linda Whitebread	843438
Badminton (Little Shelford)	Rosie Cranmer	513572
Bowling Club	Alan Edwards	666965
Brownies, Guides, Rainbows	Lisa MacGregor	843021
Bunch – Feast	Duncan Grey	842191
Carpet Bowls	Margaret Kelly	473520
Citizens Advice Bureau	Cambridge	0344 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
Granta Medical Practices, Shelford	Reception and appointments	0300 234 5555
Great Shelford Friendship Club	Cheryl Mynott	845435
Mobile Warden Scheme	Jackie Noble (Warden) 700920	Jenny Morris (Chair) 846332
Parish Church Bell-ringers	Ann Seaman	504682
Parish Church Community Room	Mary Lester	842411
Parish Church Friends	Simon White	843324
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
Shelford & Stapleford Men 's Assoc.	Chris Everitt	846984
Shelford & Stapleford Strikers	Derek White	561753
Shelford Primary School	Chris Grey (Headteacher)	843107
Shelford Support Group (transport to hospital, etc.)	Biddy Wilkinson 843856 John Dibnah 842054 Rosie Cranmer 513572	Carol Bard 668157 Marjorie Smith 564922 Gillian Northmore 504542
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	Zac Britton	07599 024210
Websites: <a href="http://greatshelfordparishcouncil.gov.uk">greatshelfordparishcouncil.gov.uk</a> and <a href="http://greatshelford.info">greatshelford.info</a>		





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