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### Happy New Year!



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### SUMMARY OF SELECTED POINTS FROM THE DRAFT MINUTES OF THE MEETING ON 21 NOVEMBER 2018

#### REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES

Reports from the District and County Councillors are available on the website.

#### REPORTS FROM COORDINATING OFFICERS

### **Playscape**

The committee is pursuing grant and fundraising options and waiting for the Parish Council to instruct Erect to start Stage 3. Long-term funding of the project is to be reviewed.

### **Greater Cambridge Partnership (GPC)**

The proposal is for the PC Chair to write to GCP as follows to get this included on the agenda for the next Local Liaison Forum: 'The Parish Council resolves to press the Greater Cambridge Partnership and the Combined Authority / elected Mayor to consider carefully and evaluate the costs and benefits of alternatives to their Strategy 1 Mass Rapid Transit route between Granta Park and the Cambridge Biomedical Campus. We ask that they make a fuller appraisal of alternative routes and transport modes, including the proposal from Cambridge Connect to follow the alignments of the existing Cambridge to Liverpool Street rail line and of the former Haverhill rail line.'

#### **OTHER**

### **Community Association Lease on the Village Hall**

An addendum to the Community Association Lease was agreed on the Memorial Hall, returning the area utilised by the Sports and Social Club to the direct administration of the Parish Council as of 31 December 2018. The Parish Council will then have a Direct Lease with SSYI for their full-time use at an annual charge of £1 per year, and will assist with refurbishment of the Club Room for their use. Casual continued Saturday use by Great Shelford Football Club is to be considered within the lease, or alternatives proposed. Casual letting will also be considered within the lease.

#### **SSYI**

Proposals and finances from SSYI (Shelford and Stapleford Youth Initiative) were reviewed for a project to increase engagement with local young people and to lease the previous Sports and Social Club in the Memorial Hall from the Parish Council. It was agreed to fund SSYI from S137 to immediately commence the project at a further £5,000 over two years, at 40% immediately

(2018/19 financial year) and the balance after review of costs in 2019/20 financial year. Discussions for additional support from Stapleford and Little Shelford are to be progressed.

### Village Parking Decriminalisation

Discussion with Cambridgeshire County Council suggests that set-up costs are likely to be the major sticking point. The Chair will write to CCC to establish willingness to contribute to these costs, and will produce a survey to be sent to all local Parish Councils.

#### **FINANCE**

Cheques to the value of £11,100.25 were received and signed.

### FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES MEETING ON 5 DECEMBER 2018

The Finance and General Purposes Committee voted to increase the Precept to £243,629, an increase of 11.5%. This will allow the Parish Council to provide significant improvements in the areas of road and pedestrian safety and recreation facilities.

The full proposal can be read on the Parish Council website and will be presented to the full Parish Council meeting on 16 January.

## Archers, Badminton Players, Callisthenics Masters, Draughts Gurus ... Zulu Warriors

We're sure you've got the idea by now. The Parish Council is looking to improve the facilities we provide for sports and other activities in the Memorial Hall and on the Recreation Ground. If we don't cater for your favourites, please let us know and we'll see what we can do, although obviously, some of our planning will be long-term. Contact Mike Nettleton: 721366.

### PLANNING DECISIONS BY SCDC

### **Approvals**

Extension at 15 Red Hill Close.

Erection of garden shed at 2 Rectory Farm Barns.

Erection of new dwelling at 44 Macaulay Avenue.

## PLANNING APPLICATIONS PARISH COUNCIL COMMENTS

S/4035/18/FL	Mr Mark Toner 112 Macaulay Avenue	Front porch single storey lean-to extension and a rear single storey flat roof extension.
No objections.		

S/2529/18/FL Revision 3	Mr JAS Anjla 275 Hinton Way	Replacement dwelling.
No objections.		

S/2175/18/FL Revision 3	Mr Jaz Aujla 160 Cambridge Road	Total demolition of existing dwelling, replacing it with three
Revision 5	100 Cambridge Road	two-bed apartments, two one-bed
		apartments and associated works.

This revision does not appear to address the concerns previously expressed and GSPC feels this application needs to be referred to the SCDC Planning Committee, as previously requested.

### NEW DEVELOPMENT AT CORNER OF GRANHAM'S ROAD

South Cambridgeshire District Council (SCDC) again refused the core application from the Co-op to relocate to the corner of Granham's Road, this time for the reason: 'The application does not adequately demonstrate that the operational parameters described within the application would not engender street car parking within the existing mandatory cycle lane to the detriment of highway safety'. SCDC made the decision without calling the application in and referring it to the Secretary of State, although this had been requested by Great Shelford Parish Council. The Co-op initially planned to appeal against the decision. They were advised they would almost certainly win the appeal, but that it would take 6–9 months. They were concerned that this would be too long for their prospective landlords and therefore intended to submit a fresh application (which should have taken no more than eight weeks). The Co-op approached me for support. I therefore spoke to Mike Jones, SCDC Senior Planning Officer, on 12 November, who explained that the Co-op had run out of time and that the transaction had now been pulled. Three companies, a kitchen showroom, Noel Young wine bar/bistro and a high-end furniture showroom, are apparently in discussion with SCDC for the three retail units. I provided feedback to the Co-op and they will not be resubmitting their application. As a result, there is concern that the Co-op will identify another site outside the village.



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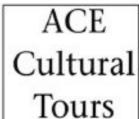


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### SHELFORD TWINNING ASSOCIATION

### French and English Gardens

We had been invited by friends to a talk by Francine Rouanet-Démocrate, the founder of the Alliance Française de Cambridge, on French and English gardens and how they have influenced each other.

41 attendees listened as Francine, who comes from the south of France, told how she fell in love with England and its gardens from an early age.

The differing styles can be summarised as French formality, perfectly demonstrated by the gardens at Villandry and Versailles, and English naturalism epitomised by the landscapes of Capability Brown (including Madingley Hall) and the gardens of Beth Chatto, near Colchester.

Seeing her many pictures of gardens, which ranged from Sissinghurst to Giverny, made us realise how many of them we had visited, and also how they had been affected by the fashions in both countries over time.

Francine is a very knowledgeable and engaging speaker, and with the bonus of a delicious buffet supper accompanied by wine, we thoroughly enjoyed our evening.

Jo and Jim Bryant



Marie Antoinette's garden at Versailles

## Shelford Twinning Association JUMBLE SALE

Saturday 12 January
Great Shelford Memorial Hall
Doors open 2pm – entry 50p
Refreshments

jumble \* bric-a-brac \* children's and adults' clothes \* toys \* books \* curtains \* towels \*

Items may be left at the Hall from 9.30am

### VISIT TO VERNEUIL 25-28 May 2019

We are delighted to announce that our visit to Verneuil-en-Halatte (north of Paris and close to Chantilly) will take place between 25 May and 28 May 2019. Last year, the group of adults and children had a very enjoyable time celebrating the 30th anniversary of the signing of the Twinning Charter between the Shelfords and Verneuil-en-Halatte with our French hosts. The weekend consisted of a welcome by the French hosts on the Saturday evening followed by a day of celebrations where all the adults and families mixed together and enjoyed each other's company. Monday was a special visit to a museum which remembered the two World Wars but whose focus was on the need for world peace. This was followed by a very enjoyable visit to a cheese factory which produces Brie. Both these visits were conducted in English by French guides. On Tuesday morning, the children spent the morning in the local school whilst the adults enjoyed a guided tour, in English, of Chantilly.

Usually our group consists of adults along with children accompanied by their parents, in other words the visit is open to anyone in and around the Shelfords, regardless of age. Whilst being able to speak some French helps, it is not a prerequisite for the visit. As regards the inclusion of children in the visit, rest assured that safeguarding, and the protection and safety of the children is paramount in our thinking and organisation.

The pricing structure for the visit for 2019 is £70 per child (current Year 7 and under), £95 per adult and children Year 8 and above. The cost includes travel, insurance (for the children) and the administrative costs. All the entertainment and activities are provided free of charge by the host Twinning Association of Verneuil-en-Halatte

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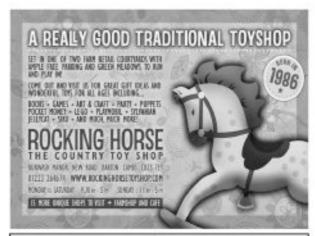
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If you are interested in participating in the visit to Verneuil in May 2019, please contact Sarah Haddow who will give you more detailed information: email sarah.haddow@talk21.com or telephone\_01223 845942.

Colin Jefferson, Chairman: colin@frenchfrogs.net

### WINE TASTING EVENT 16 NOVEMBER 2018

We attended the wine tasting event by way of invitation. This was the first Shelford Twinning event that we had attended and we had a very enjoyable and relaxing evening. The event was well attended by people from the Shelfords and the surrounding villages, the majority of whom were not members of the Shelford Twinning Association.

The tutored sampling kicked off with a glass of sparkling **Vouvray Brut** made with the Chenin grape. This was followed by a taste of **Vouvray Sec**, made with the same grape but less dry in flavour. **Valençay** was the third wine we tried and our favourite of the three. Made with 80% Sauvignon and 20% Chardonnay it was a very pleasant and quaffable white wine. The nibbles provided with each wine interestingly enhanced and contrasted the various flavours.

**Vouvray Rose** was a little sweeter than the previous wines and went down very easily. It would make very pleasant drinking on a warm summer's evening, though the temptation would be to open a second bottle! We then continued, somewhat tipsily, with a red – a **Saumur-Champigny** made with the Cabernet Franc grape. Finishing with a glass or two of **Côtes-du-Rhône Villages**, a blend of Grenache, Cinsault and Syrah grapes, this provided a full-bodied rich tasting wine to accompany the delicious French dish of chicken provençal and roasted vegetables, followed by a selection of cheeses and finally, home-baked French tarts.

All that was missing from this fun and most enjoyable evening were the berets, bicycles and onions! We'll make sure we bring those with us for the next one!

Anne and Charlie



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### A very happy New Year to you all!

## The Reverend Nicola Bown – Second Curacy appointment

I am delighted to announce that Nicola Bown will be joining the ministry team from 14 January 2019 for a short second curacy until summer 2019 (in effect until she moves to a first post of responsibility). She will be full-time with us and commute daily from Linton; we are finding her a working base in the community so she has a base locally. I hope that you will have a chance to meet Nicola as she begins her ministry here.

Nicola writes: 'I was ordained deacon in 2016 and moved to Linton with my family to start my curacy there. Before ordination I taught English and Art History at Birkbeck College in London, and I enjoy bringing art and creativity to my ministry. I'm married to Sam and have two sons. I am really looking forward to my time in Great Shelford and getting to know people here.'

### **National Holocaust Memorial Day**

27 January marks the anniversary of the liberation in 1945 of the death camp at Auschwitz, at the centre of that Holocaust, in which more than six million Jews, including one million children, together with gypsies, homosexuals, Jehovah's Witnesses and others were murdered with efficiency and callous brutality.

We are all called to remember that Holocaust:

- For the sake of those who perished: that they may not be forgotten
- For the sake of descendants who survived: that they may not be alone in their sorrow
- For our own sakes: that we may not be blind to the evil of which human beings are capable
- For the sake of future generations: for commitment to preventing such a destruction happening again, to the Jewish, or any other people.

We shall be remembering the Holocaust at the Parish Communion at St Mary's on Sunday 27 January. Do join us for this remembering before God.

### Annual Toy Collection - thank you

Sincere thanks for the splendid annual toy collection in aid of the Salvation Army which took place on 4 December.

### Gift Day update

We are delighted to report that additional donations have been received in response to the Gift Day appeal in October. The final total now stands at £6,724. Thank you to everyone who contributed.

#### Commonwealth War Graves

Sincere thanks to Gillian Pett for producing the biographies of the three people buried in the churchyard whose graves are marked by Commonwealth War Graves memorials. The biographies are in a folder at the back of church.

### 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. Helpers are welcome!

### **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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### SHELFORDS AND STAPLEFORD SCOUTS

### Remembrance Day

We learned lots from Major Andrew Carothers, a surgeon in the Royal Army Medical Corps (and at Addenbrooke's). Andrew shared his thoughts about how important it is to remember what causes conflict and war, and how it affects us today. His stories from Afghanistan (which I am sure were heavily edited) had our scouts hanging on Andrew's every word.

This culminated in a great turnout at the Free Church on 11 November – pretty much the full troop in uniform paying respects to those who have died in war.

### **Summer Camp Review**

This year's scout camp in the North York Moors was a great experience. From our tent we saw roaming sheep, wound-up cockerels (because the scouts were chasing them!) and a huge fire pit that gave us warmth as the British weather started to turn on us. The week was full of fun activities, such as sailing, scrambling and sliding down rocky streams. My favourite activity was the competitive axe-throwing at the top of the campsite. We took turns to throw one big axe and two small axes. We also saw amazing things – the great view from the top of a tall hill as we hiked up it and one night we saw PINK LIGHTNING!

We had the opportunity to visit the RNLI station at Whitby. A crew member gave us a tour round and even let one scout try on the uniform. On the final day, we went to Fylingdales radar station. We got to go inside the station and learn about its missions. Thank you to the leaders and helpers for giving up five days of their summer, for their energy and enthusiasm. We had lots of fun.

*William M* - *one of our Scouts* 

### Half cleaned cars spotted in Shelford and Stapleford

On a damp morning in December, we provided both breakfast and clean cars. Scouts cooked over a hundred breakfasts, and brewed tea, coffee and hot chocolate, while the rest of the troop cleaned cars with varying degrees of success!

We raised almost £400 for Winter Comfort, supporting homeless people in Cambridgeshire. Thanks to all that came along, and



apologies if your 'cleaned' car wasn't spotless – it was all for a fantastic cause.

:-)



As the New Year starts, plans for Shelford's new community coffee shop will be in full swing, and the shop will be preparing for business. Cara Coffee will be a community coffee shop where people will be able to combine eating good food with doing good. But before I say more about that, I'd like to tell a little bit of the story behind the project. It was four years ago that church members decided that we would like to be generous with the property we've owned for 30 years at 29 High Street. We thought that we didn't have the capacity to use the building at the moment and wanted to see it utilised as a community space for the village.

We started talking to Romsey Mill (a charity based in Mill Road who do great work with young families and children) about them having the space rent-free, to open a community enterprise that would raise funds for them and benefit the village. There have been many conversations between both organisations about the best way forward, both parties wanting to make a wise plan that would be sustainable and realistic. The culmination of those plans will be the opening of Cara Coffee in 2019. Many will want to know who Cara is. Well, it's not a person, but a word that tells something of our joint story.

In Latin, Cara means 'beloved', and in Gaelic it translates as 'friend'. We felt the word said something about the friendship between us and Romsey Mill, but more about our joint desire to welcome and encourage love and friendship in the village. The coffee shop will be run by members of the community for the local community. There are many pressures facing our village, but we should be mindful that there are more important issues than where we can park our cars to best convenience ourselves. Healthy community is built when people spend time with each other, giving and receiving, caring and helping. We hope that many people will enjoy being part of the community at Cara Coffee, whilst also making the most of our lovely bicycle parking.

The coffee shop's success will be measured in money raised for local Romsey Mill work, but also in friendships and love.

We would like people to feel at home in Cara Coffee and learn something of the story behind the name, about the blessing, generosity, and love that we find in our faith as a church and as Romsey Mill.

Reverend Martin Cockerill

### SERVICES AT GREAT SHELFORD FREE CHURCH

#### SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP – SERVICES AT 10.30AM

You are most welcome to join us. Refreshments are served in the hall after the service.

### Friday Worship

Every Friday 11am Coffee & Refreshments 11.30am Communion Service or Bible study/Scripture in song. Followed by Call Inn (12.15pm) Worship/sharing with the chance to enjoy lunch afterwards.

#### CHILDREN'S WEEKLY/TERMLY ACTIVITIES

### **Kids Club on Sunday**

Main Hall 10.30-11.30am Children aged 3–10 years Youth Activities in the Loft School Year 6+ Games, craft activities & Bible stories. Have fun and meet new friends.

### Wednesdays Little Steps 10am-12 noon

Toddlers aged 0–3 years with carers

### Tiny Toes 1.30-3.30pm

Babies under one year and their carers

### Term Time Only: After School Club activities

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### WHY ARE GP PRACTICES MERGING?

In April 2016 NHS England published the General Practice Forward View. In the introduction Simon Stevens, Chief Executive of NHS England states:

There is arguably no more important job in modern Britain than that of the family doctor. GPs are by far the largest branch of British medicine. A growing and ageing population, with complex multiple health conditions, means that personal and population-orientated primary care is central to any country's health system. As a recent British Medical Journal headline put it — 'if general practice fails, the whole NHS fails'.

Unfortunately the NHS and in particular General Practice is under increasing pressure. There is currently a divergence in that there is an ageing/elderly population with increasingly complex health needs requiring more time and continuity in a system with decreasing resources, social care and community support. General Practice is being asked to provide better access with improved opening times whilst having a recruitment and retention crisis.

Surgeries are collapsing and the unthinkable is happening: surgeries are closing as they are no longer sustainable.

There are therefore two options:

- 1 Continue the status quo. Comfort is taken from a system that is understood. However, in doing this we must acknowledge that there is a significant risk that Primary Care will not continue in its current guise.
- Innovate and look at system-wide change. This is difficult but provides a service that looks after the patient as a whole and is not fragmented and disjointed by the need to use different providers in the community.

With the mergers of Sawston, Linton, Barley and Shelford, Granta Medical Practices are addressing this struggle with a view to becoming a Primary Care Home. This provides stability as a practice, increased internal skills, and an increased ability to adapt to change. This then becomes more attractive to the multi-disciplinary teams as a place to work, removing the recruitment crisis. It will bring together a range of health and social care professionals to work together to provide enhanced personalised and preventative care for their local community. Focusing on local population needs, the aim is to provide care closer to patient's homes, before hospital admission may become necessary.

With an increased size and thus sustainability come different working patterns. This provides increased access but then impacts on perceived continuity.

You cannot have one with the other. However, behind the scenes increasing systems are put in place whereby GPs are constantly communicating with each other about patient concerns, progress, improvement or deterioration, and patient care plans and notes are routinely reviewed. There is still a single named GP for every patient who has overarching knowledge and understanding of their patients, but they may lead a team that provides ongoing care, rather than run the team.

It is a fine line between offering unlimited 'on the day' access and regular routine appointments and we must acknowledge that at times the balance can go either way, but it is with an understanding and open mind that we move things forward, learning from what we have achieved in the past to improve and redesign for the better in the future. We are in a time of significant change and all of the staff at Granta are looking to provide outstanding care for their patients. However, we can only do this with the support of our patients. We must adapt to patients' needs, always be open to suggestions, but maintain our desire to move the practice forward to what we believe it can become.

Dr Tim Wright, Chief Operations Officer

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At Stapleford Jubilee Pavilion at **7.45pm on 8 January**. Admission free for History Society members or £3 on the door.

### Friends of Great Shelford Library Annual General Meeting

The Friends of Great Shelford Library AGM will take place on **Tuesday 29 January 2019 at 7.30pm** in the library.

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Date	Event	Time	Place
8	Stapleford History Society	7.45pm	Stapleford Pavilion
9 & 10	Little Shelford Pantomime	7pm	Little Shelford Hall
10	Carpet Bowls Club Night	7pm	Memorial Hall
11 & 12	Little Shelford Pantomime	7.30pm	Little Shelford Hall
12	Shelford Twinning Jumble Sale	2pm	Memorial Hall
17	Carpet Bowls Away Match	7pm	
23	Engage: talk by Helen Harwood	2pm	Library
24	Carpet Bowls Club Night	7pm	Memorial Hall
29	Friends of Shelford Library AGM	7.30pm	Library
31	Carpet Bowls Home Match	7pm	Memorial Hall
9 Feb	Little Shelford Film Festival	3.30pm & 7.30pm	Little Shelford Hall

The Country Market is in the Memorial Hall each Wednesday, 8.30–11.30am but closed January 2nd.



#### **BIN COLLECTIONS**

**Green bins** Wednesday 9 January

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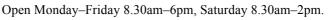
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Gone is Lowes DIY, gone are Mr Douglas clothes and homeware, The Railway Tavern, Tony's vegetable stall, the florist, the cycle shop, the lighting shop, the Emporium, Robinson's Dairy, Decor Dansk, Eaden Lilley, the newsagent's and Freestone's Bakery.

But we still have a good range – one butcher where there were two, one garage where there were two, a bistro/deli, a better library building (though its future is uncertain), two restaurants, a greatly improved pavilion, plans for an improved Memorial Hall, Day's Bakery, two good supermarkets (though there are doubts about the Co-op, see page 3) and who knows what the future holds for Barclays after the damage done to its wall and windows by ram-raiders, the empty McColl's or even the Health Centre (see previous editions of GSVN).

We may look back nostalgically at the cows being herded to Robinson's Dairy (see page 30) and the village's interesting houses (see page 20) but we do need to continue to shop in the village if it is to thrive. What would you like to see to fill the empty shop on Woollard's Lane? What would you actively support? Here is Woollard's Lane in 1995. The sign to the optician's is still there, but otherwise all these shops have changed. For better or for worse? Pavement parking seems not to have changed!





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### 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

### 8 January 1785

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### 18 January 1811

MURDER – An inquisition was taken on Monday last, at Shelford, before John Ingle, Esq., coroner, on view of the body of a male child, whose death appeared to have been occasioned by violence immediately after its birth; when the jury returned a verdict of wilful murder against the mother, Mary Christmas, a single woman, who had delivered herself unknown to any person. She will be committed to the county gaol; as soon as it is proper she shall be removed, and will take her trial at the ensuing Lent assizes.

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210 boxes were collected from us as well as those collected from Tucker Gardner. These will probably be going to an Eastern European country. I will let you know if I receive any further information – probably in the March edition of the *Great Shelford Village News*.

Once again, thank you. These gifts will bring a lot of joy to children who have very little.

\*\*Lesley Cornell\*\*



### **MAGOG DOWN**

At the time of writing, the car park machine has not yet been installed, but thanks to our willing band of volunteers dispensing information leaflets to all those not displaying 'I'm a Friend of Magog Down' stickers in their cars, application forms to become a Friend are arriving thick and fast. We have received over 100 new Friend applications

since the beginning of September.

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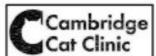
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Simon White of Peter Beales Roses in Attleborough spoke about the range of plants which provide colour in the blue/mauve/purple spectrum throughout the seasons. These often associate well with plants having yellow and cream coloured flowers in the border and look good in terracotta pots.

#### **SPRING**

Crocus etruscus lilac flowers with purple veining.

*Iris reticulata* 'Harmony' miniature royal blue flowers with central yellow splashes.

*Chionodoxa* 'Blue Giant' bright blue flowers with white star centres suitable for rock gardens or under trees and shrubs.

*Muscari neglectum* spikes of blue-black globular flowers with white mouths. Hyacinth 'Delft Blue' single soft blue flowers, best planted in groups of three or five.

*Clematis alpina* 'Frankie' many mid-blue, bell-shaped flowers followed by long-lasting seedheads.

#### **SUMMER**

Ceanothus 'Blue Mound' evergreen shrub with dark green, toothed leaves and dark blue flowers

Veronica teucrium 'Kapitan' perennial bearing soft spikes of gentian blue flowers.

Campanula portenschlagiana low-growing mound with deep purple bellflowers.

Geranium 'Alan Mayes' deep blue flowers with darker veins.

Siberian Iris 'Jaybird' lavender standards with cobalt blue falls.

Bearded Iris 'Blue Reflection' light blue petals with satin sheen.

Lavender 'Blue Cushion' compact, rounded habit with deep blue flower spikes.

Roses 'Twice in a Blue Moon' strongly scented lilac flowers with glossy foliage; 'Rhapsody in Blue' free flowering with dark purple-blue flowers having a paler reverse.

Clematis 'Multi Blue' exotic looking violet-purple flowers with pale central cushion; 'Blue Angel' medium-sized with crinkled-edged, powder blue flowers.

*Centaurea cyanus* 'Blue Boy' perennial bright blue cornflower. Royal blue annual varieties.

*Delphinium* 'Pericles' tall spires of soft, sky blue flowers with white eyes. *Eryngium bourgatii* 'Picos Blue' sea holly with steely blue flowers on blue spiny stems.

Chicory rosette with tall stems bearing clear blue dandelion-like flowers for sunny sites.

Agapanthus 'Midnight Star' tall with intense blue flowers; 'Lilliput' dwarf with bright blue flowers.

#### **AUTUMN**

Salvia chamaedryoides long flowering aromatic shrub with deep blue flowers for hot, dry position.

Hibiscus syriacus 'Blue Satin' upright shrub with maroon and white centred purple-blue flowers

Caryopteris 'Heavenly Blue' grey-green leaved shrub with intense dark blue flowers.

Aster 'Marie Ballard' double, pale blue flower heads.

Ceratostigma willmottianum deciduous shrub with terminal clusters of bright blue flowers.

#### WINTER

Iris unguicularis 'Walter Butt' fragrant, pale lavender blue flowers with straplike, drought resistant evergreen leaves.

Festuca glauca 'Elijah Blue' densely tufted grass with fine, blue evergreen leaves for full sun

Juniperus squamata 'Blue Star' low growing conifer with silvery blue needles.

Helen Chubb

### READER'S LETTER

We have received this letter from Mary Haybittle in Chichester to who receives the *Village News* each month. Many people in the village will know Mary. Her daughter, with whom we have been in contact about the death of her father John Haybittle last year, says that Mary is 102 and wonderfully fortunate to be mentally bright, alert, and interested in all that is going on in people's lives and these extraordinary political times; still cooking her meals and living independently.

Roger & Pauline Stratford

3.12.18 Thank you all for producing the openedid Village Newto and for seveling it to me -It so appear me to keep in touch with the village we lived in for fifty years. what evanges - since the herd og senben conto were dinter through the village to sie a day to be maked are the Dainy!

### **MUNTJAC – DELIGHT OR A PEST?**

My father was very lucky to have this little visitor in his garden in the village of Great Shelford on the afternoon of Thursday 8 November 2018. The deer appeared in the garden and stood very still (I like to think admiring my hard work in the garden of course) before quietly walking down the garden and away.





My father has lived at the same address in in Shelford Park Avenue for over 40 years and this is the first time that we have ever seen a deer in his garden. There are no woodlands nearby so to see the deer in his garden was a surprise and an amazing sight.

Catherine Matthews

Muntjac were brought from China to Woburn Park in Bedfordshire in the early 20th century. They are now widespread in south and central England. Muntjac can cause damage to agricultural and timber crops, and to garden plants, especially shoots.



This muntjac was seen a few years ago in a garden on Hinton Way.

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### THE SHELFORDS WI

On Thursday 6 December The Shelfords WI celebrated its fifth birthday. There had been a WI in Great Shelford for many years and their clock still hangs on the Memorial Hall. This WI ceased meeting

a number of years ago. As the movement grew in popularity again a new WI for both Great and Little Shelford was formed in December 2013 and remains lively and popular. We are delighted to still have an original member from the first WI, an important link with the past.

We looked back at our five years; our speakers and activities have been very varied. They have included a female bomb disposal officer, a woman who breeds Alpacas, various women who run their own businesses including chocolate making, pottery and floristry. We have heard from experts on beekeeping, fashion styling, theatre make-up and a Wimbledon umpire, to name but a few. Trips and other activities have included clay pigeon shooting and various crafts. We were represented at a Buckingham Palace Garden Party to celebrate 100 years of the WI.

Our birthday celebrations included making a willow Christmas decoration, a musical quiz and music from our handbell group. One of our members, Cornelia, made a beautiful birthday cake depicting our activities.

We would love to welcome even more new members. If you would like to find out more, join us at our next meeting on Thursday 3 January when Jon Crisp from Amey Recycling Plant will talk about 'Rubbish and Recycling'. In February we will hear from Francis Saltmarsh on 'Historical Fashion – Corsets and Underwear'

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.

www.theshelfordswi.wordpress.com Mary Talbott

### PLAYSCAPE HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Thank you for all your support in 2018. It was great to see so many of you at the Christmas Lights Switch-on too, although we will definitely be buying A LOT more wine next year – sorry to those at the back of the queue when we sold out!

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Wonderfully we received another £1,000 donation last month for the Playscape and a £250 Feast grant that will go towards painting the Shelter. What a fantastic community we live in!

Last year I wrote that we were hoping to have a Playscape by now. It's not happened as quickly as we would like, however we are still 'proceeding as though success is inevitable' and so our goals for this year are:

- Paint the shelter
- Sow more wild flower seeds
- Extend the wildlife hedge at the top of the Recreation Ground
- Finalise the fundraising target
- Launch a new fundraising push
- Identify other grant or funding opportunities
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Eleanor McCrone

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#### GREAT SHELFORD FOOTBALL CLUB

The first team's rare spell of failing to convert chances continued and led to another inconsistent month with two wins and two defeats. We started well enough with an impressive 2–0 away win at Brampton but then crashed out of the Premier League Cup at Bar Hill, conceding a late goal after missing several chances of our own. The away game at Cambridge University Press was the usual affair between two good attacking sides but whilst we again missed several good second half chances with the match even at 1–1, Press made us pay with two late goals to take the points. It was back to Bar Hill for the final game of the month, and this time it was Great Shelford who took the points with a late goal, after our defence had kept out the opposition with some resolute defending. The Premier Division is providing some unusual results this season, with most of the leading teams beating each other, so despite the inconsistency we are still hot on the heels of league leaders Linton Granta.

After an inconsistent start to the season and a very poor previous month the reserves finally showed what we know they are capable of with three straight wins. The goals flowed with a 6–0 home win against Haverhill Rovers 'A' followed by a 9–0 win at Foxton Reserves, but the best was reserved for last with a 4–3 home win against Mott Macdonald in the Cambridgeshire Junior Cub. Not only are Mott in the division above, but the lads had to come from two goals down to progress to the next round.

There are 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.

Terry Rider, Chairman

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#### **CHRISTMAS LIGHTS**

Sunday 2 December saw the annual switching on of the Christmas Lights in Great Shelford. This year the Great Shelford Parish Council teamed up with the Shelford School PTA and Playscape committees to host a bigger and better event than ever before. It proved to be a great success, with hundreds of local people coming along to the Memorial Hall and car park to mark the start of the festive season. The evening raised an impressive sum of over £4,500 for local causes and feedback has been very positive.

The event kicked off with the Cambridge University Steel Pan Society (CUSPS) bringing a little bit of the Caribbean to the British winter as they entertained the crowd with some Christmas classics! The Memorial Hall hosted a bustling Christmas market with local sellers bringing a wide range of wonderful products, including jewellery, homeware, artisan preserves, local beer and much more. Outside, the car park was closed to vehicles and provided a fantastic space to host the children's carousel, a selection of Christmasthemed games, a fabulous hamper raffle, tombolas, BBQ, beer and gin bar, and of course mulled wine and mince pies.

The lights were switched on at 5.45pm by Abigail Pearce and William Cousins, Head Girl and Boy at Shelford School, before a lovely rendition of 'Winter Wonderland' and 'Christmas on the Beach at Waikiki' by the Shelford School Choir. Then it was time for everyone to join in a fun family evening that included the wonderful Christmas market, live music and carol singing. The evening was finished off with a festive performance from CSD Brass Band.

We would like to thank everyone who organised the event, helped on the day and turned up to support it. Generous sponsorship was provided by Redmayne Arnold & Harris, Day Accountants, Gatward & Sons, Pinkster Gin and Moonshine Brewery. Jim Rayment assisted with electrics on the day and two local carpenters, Simon Sparrow and Rolando Pincay did a brilliant job of building outdoor games and mobile bars. Barker Bros provided the meat for the BBQ and Days of Ashwell supplied rolls. Lucy Barlow led the school choir and carol singing. Simon Talbott did a great job of compering and the parents of Shelford School together with other local volunteers did a magnificent job of running all the activities.

Alison Melton



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#### SHELFORD SCHOOL

As I write, we are in full festive flow at Shelford School. The choir (made up of pupils from Years 3, 4, 5 and 6) have been sharing their Christmas joy by singing at the Great Shelford Christmas Lights Switch-on, the Cambridge Cancer Help Centre Christmas lunch, All Saints Church and at a local community group in the St Mary's Community Centre. The choir will be joined by the rest of Key Stage 2 as the children lead the Carols by Candlelight service at St Mary's Church. Our Early Years and Key Stage 1 pupils have been busy rehearsing for their Nativity performance 'Born in a Barn'.

The local community came together to enjoy the collaborative efforts of the PTA, the Parish Council and Shelford Playscape at the Christmas Lights Switch-on. It was a lovely community event, which delighted both young and old and also raised money for local causes.

Away from the festivities, the children have benefited from a number of visitors since the last *Village News*. At Shelford, we pride ourselves on offering an engaging, broad and balanced curriculum. Years 1 and 2 welcomed a representative from Mundipharma as part of their Science day. Year 1 enjoyed having Indiana Bones, the skeleton, in their classroom during their skeleton workshop and Year 2 enjoyed a 'very hands-on approach to understanding some key bodily functions'!

The school also welcomed representatives from Zambezi Sunrise Trust, who wanted to thank the pupils and their families for their support. The PTA have been sending out unclaimed and unnamed school uniform to the charity. These uniforms will soon be worn by the pupils of Linda Community School in Livingstone, Zambia, one of three schools that have formed an international connection with Shelford School. Last year, Shelford children exchanged ideas for traditional playground games with children in St Paul's School in Kenya. Shelford has also formed ties with a Canadian school in Brandon, Manitoba. Earlier this month, Mrs Unwin went to the Houses of Parliament to officially receive our International Schools Award, which recognises all the varied work the staff and pupils do at Shelford in the area of internationalism.

Looking forward to our return in Spring Term, our Year 5 and 6 pupils will have an opportunity to take on new challenges during their respective residential trips to Burwell House and Grafham Water. These trips are part of a number of enriching experiences planned for the pupils in 2019.

Sarah Bullock, Parent Governor

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CAMBRIDGE ARTS THEATRE			
1–6	Pantomime Aladdin		
16–19	My Fair Lady		
23–26	Much Ado About Nothing		
29–2 February	Caroline's Kitchen		
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	SAWSTON CINEMA			
15	7pm	NT Live: The Tragedy of King Richard the Second		
17	7pm	Edie		
31	7pm	NT Live: I'm Not Running		
	Telephone: 01223 712825 Web: www.sawstoncinema.org.uk			

STAPLEFORD GRANARY			
13	11am	Sunday Coffee Concert: Patrick Hemmerlé, Steinway Recital	
18	7.30pm	The Local Honeys (bluegrass)	
24	7.30pm	An Evening with Sophie Hannah	
25	7.30pm	Laura van der Heijden and Huw Watkins	
27	11am	Sunday Coffee Concert: Charles Draper and Paul Jackson	
	Telephone: 01223 849004 Web: https://staplefordgranary.org.uk/		

UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE			
2 Nov–6 Feb	The Heong Gallery Halfboy: Stuart Pearson Wright		
4 Dec–3 March	Fitzwilliam Museum Collecting and Giving: Highlights from the Sir Ivor and Lady Batchelor bequest		

19	8pm	Britten's War Requiem King's College Chapel	
For information on these and other events, see http://www.admin.cam.ac.uk/whatson			

#### LITTLE SHELFORD FILM FESTIVAL



#### **HEIDI ALLEN**

On Thursday 6 December Heidi Allen held a public meeting at Sawston Village College to discuss Brexit – it was billed as an opportunity for her to 'enable constituents to hear my thoughts' and to share their own views. In the event Heidi spoke for about 20 minutes, explaining the complexities of parliamentary procedure and outlining her own approach. This was followed by a lively Q & A session with some heckling; the majority of those speaking up were evidently pro-remain but nevertheless a wide range of views were expressed. The entire event was filmed and is available to view on her website at <a href="https://tinyurl.com/ybaw7wcj">https://tinyurl.com/ybaw7wcj</a>

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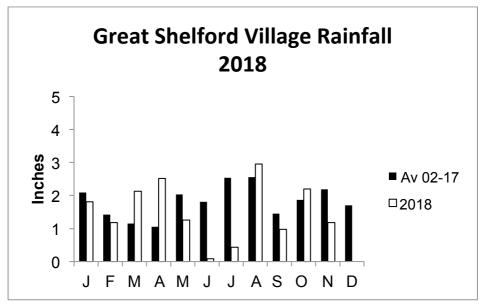
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