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The History of Bar Lane, Great Shelford

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SUMMARY FROM THE DRAFT MINUTES OF MEETINGS HELD ON 16 AND 23 JANUARY 2019

MEETING ON 16 JANUARY

Chair Councillor Mike Nettleton opened the meeting with a one minute silence out of respect for recently deceased Councillor Nick Pett, Chair of Stapleford Parish Council.

PUBLIC SESSION

A presentation was given by the Energy Investment Unit, Cambridgeshire County Council, on a project to build a smart energy grid at the Babraham Road Park & Ride site. The project would involve covering the parking spaces with solar panels in order to make the site self-sufficient in power with onsite electric vehicle charging. The cost of £11.5m would be funded by a Public Works Loan Board loan with a minimum break-even point over 25 years.

In response to questions, the team confirmed that there would be no permanent change in the site's parking capacity, although some sections would be closed during construction for health and safety reasons, and that a visual assessment and public consultation would take place.

A resident questioned the authority of the Finance and General Purposes Committee (F&GPC) to authorise the inclusion of a public toilet on the rec in the budget. Response: this was a recommendation which will have to be approved by the Parish Council subject to tendered quotations.

A resident stated that the area around High Green and Dde Freville Road, as well as the Clay Pit, were looking untidy, and asked why the Christmas tree at the Memorial Garden was not decorated this year. Response: further investigation is needed for the Clay Pit – the other areas are being attended to. Decoration of the tree was not part of the Parish Council's Christmas Lighting programme.

FINANCE

Cheques to the value of £29,033.51 were received and signed.

BUDGET AND PRECEPT

After detailed debate, the Parish Council voted to agree the F&GPC recommendation of a 2019/20 budget of £375,219 supported by a Precept of £243,629.

REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES

District Councillors

Cambridgeshire Constabulary has responsibility for policing parking in South Cambridgeshire. However, almost no budget or resource is allocated to it and therefore there is effectively no parking enforcement in the district. The first step in addressing the problem must be to consider and report on the possible parking models: their respective costs, advantages and disadvantages. SCDC has now undertaken to draft this Discussion Paper. SCDC will ask the Parish Councils of Great Shelford and Sawston to comment on the paper before it is finalised.

County Councillors

Highways concerns should now be addressed to Simon Varter. £6.6m has been allocated to Highways repairs.

A Councillor asked about progress on Education funding. It was suggested that lobbying the local MP was appropriate.

REPORTS FROM COORDINATING OFFICERS

Highways Committee

The bid for two central refuges on Cambridge Road was amended to one.

Recreation Ground & Pavilion Committee

Cleaning is inadequate for current use; quotations have been requested for improved arrangements.

The broken skateboard ramp closure panel has been replaced again.

Additional Meeting Room tables and storage cupboards are necessary for private hires and general meetings: estimated cost £950.

Additional facilities to accommodate GSFC after its move from the Sports and Social Club need to be considered.

Neighbourhood Plan

The joint Great Shelford and Stapleford Committee requires at least one member from each Council. Cllr Kettel is now representing Stapleford and so a nominee from Great Shelford is required.

GSFC Social Club

The Sports and Social Club ceased from 31 December 2018. Bar equipment is being removed and football pictures are being transferred to the Pavilion. It has been agreed with SSYI that after-match socialising will take place in the previous Sports and Social Club until facilities are arranged in the Pavilion.

MEETING ON 23 JANUARY

PUBLIC SESSION

A resident requested that fireworks be replaced by light shows to protect domestic and wild animals. The PC suggested that the Rugby Club may restart 5 November fireworks as a public event, which may reduce the amount of private fireworks.

A resident stated that the Wellcome Trust Development (see below) was similar to a proposal from about 10 years ago which was not supported by the Parish Council. Response: both are expansion but the current proposal has differences which need to be considered.

OTHER BUSINESS

Community Association lease on the Memorial Hall

The addendum to the lease on the Memorial Hall, returning the area utilised by the Sports and Social Club to the direct administration of the Parish Council, was signed by the Chair and Cllr Harris-Wright, and would be taken to the next Community Association Meeting for their signature.

Public toilets

Options for the conversion of the existing Memorial Hall toilets were reviewed.

Feast Services project

Three quotations were reviewed and the proposal to progress with the lowest tender was agreed. The Clerk and Cllr Watson were instructed to hold a meeting with the architect to determine the most suitable contractor and then with the potential contractor to establish if any further cost savings could be identified.

Wellcome Trust development

Parish Council views are to be reflected in a letter drafted by the Chair, circulated and then sent to SCDC by 4 February.

Barclays Bank announcement on closure of their Great Shelford Branch

The Chair has made calls to various Barclays Management offices in protest of the closure and given BBC Radio Cambridgeshire and Anglia TV news interviews on the closure. The message that the Parish Council are considering moving their main Barclays account will be conveyed to Barclays Management. A petition asking Barclays to reconsider is being circulated and the Parish Council asks Barclays customers to complain in writing and also to give consideration to moving their accounts. The Parish Council will be lobbying other local parish councils, District and County Councillors and our MP for support. A Public Meeting is planned for 5 February to allow residents to make their views known.

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PLANNING APPLICATIONS

PARISH COUNCIL COMMENTS

S/4733/18/FL	Mr & Mrs Ronco 24 Coppice Avenue	Demolition of existing dwelling and construction of one dwelling and associated landscaping.
No objections.		

S/4782/18/FL	Mr Burrell 10 Fletcher's Way	Single storey rear extension with link to new single garage with side store.
The GSPC objects to this application on grounds of overdevelopment of site and negative impact on the neighbours' amenities.		

S/4707/18/FL	Mr J Bird Solopark Ltd. 197 Hinton Way	Change of use of two units of short-term holiday let to one dwelling-house.
As the GSPC is unable to reach a decision and comment on this application, this is referred back to the SCDC.		

S/4701/18/FL	Mr V Brahmabhatt 1 Red Hill Lane	Double garage and private studio over.
The GSPC objects to this latest application, since the plans remains unchanged from S/3778/18/FL, which was rejected last year and is now separately the subject of an appeal to the Secretary of State.		

S/4842/18/FL	Mr & Mrs Zhang Aspen House Kings Mill Lane	Single storey link between the garden building and indoor swimming pool.
The GSPC cannot object to this particular application, as the two buildings to be linked by the new structure already exist. However, there is doubt whether a formal application was submitted for those two buildings at the time and the issue must be investigated by the SCDC.		

S/4818/18/FL	Mrs Diana Lloyd 2A Buristead Road	Single storey front extension and garage conversion.
No objections.		

S/0270/19/FL	Dr Janos Foglein 57 Macaulay Ave	Two storey side extension and single storey front porch addition.
No objections.		

S/0001/19/FL	Rosanne Mattick The Old Vicarage 20 Church Street	Replacement of existing front porch. Single story rear extension, alterations to windows, new windows and internal alterations.
No objections.		

S/0108/19/FL	Mr Nick Rust Shelford Properties Ltd. Reed House	Proposed new one bedroom flat, associated parking and amended car parking for existing units.
No objections.		

S/0246/19/FL	Mr T Carver & Mr M Lightness 5 Red Hill Lane	Proposed single storey side extension replacing an existing garage and extension.
No objections.		

S/0274/19/FL	Mr L Melin 125 Cambridge Rd	Demolition of the existing dwelling-house and garage. Erection of a new residential building comprising nine self-contained flats and work to six TPO trees.
No objections.		

S/0276/19/FL	Rob Hill 103 Hinton Way	Conversion and extension of existing single storey garage and refurbishment/remodelling of existing single storey rear extension.
No objections.		

PLANNING DECISIONS BY SCDC

Approvals: Demolition and new buildings at land to the east of Granham's Farm, 37 Westfield Road, and 275 Hinton Way. Rear/side extension and porch, and demolition of garage at 1A Spinney Drive, demolition and replacement with apartments at 160 Cambridge Road. Front porch and entrance gate at 3 London Road. Single storey rear extension at 25 London Road.

Refusals: Demolition and replacement with 10 flats at 125 Cambridge Road.

Appeal dismissed: Construction of Garden Pavilion at 14 Woodlands Road.

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HEIDI ALLEN

Happy New Year! As we embark on 2019 I am certain it promises to be another very full year, both in Parliament and here in South Cambridgeshire.

My first meeting of 2019 was with Highways England (HE) to discuss the A14 and the A428 and I was joined by Councillors Lynda Harford and Ruth Betson.

I asked for the meeting not only to be updated on the progress of the A14 but also to make HE aware of the concerns which residents and businesses have raised with me about the inconvenience created by the work. A detailed summary of the meeting is on my website, <https://www.heidisouthcambs.co.uk/>

Another topic covered in detail on my website is Brexit; I set out my views on the looming vote in the House of Commons on the Withdrawal Agreement. (By the time you read this, I'm hoping it will have been and gone!)

At the end of 2018, South Cambridgeshire received some fantastic news – Addenbrooke's is to get a new children's hospital. The need for a dedicated children's hospital in our region has been talked about for longer than I have been on the scene, so it is wonderful that it will now be delivered. The Health Secretary, Matt Hancock, confirmed that up to £100 million will be contributed by Government. We all know Addenbrooke's is a centre of excellence and this new children's hospital will enable Addenbrooke's not only to continue to provide first-class care in a new purpose-built hospital but will also free up valuable space in the existing building.

Looking ahead, 2019 promises to be a big year for Addenbrooke's as the Royal Papworth Hospital moves to the site and plans for a train station pick up pace!

Bringing improved infrastructure and increased funding to South Cambridgeshire are key priorities for me so I am pleased to share with you a number of recent announcements about the next financial year.

Cambridgeshire County Council received a funding boost, with an increase in core spending power of 5.7%, taking the Council's funding allocation to £386.5 million. This increase in core spending power is more than double the average increase in England. This is a very welcome boost to spending on services in South Cambridgeshire.

The Autumn Budget also announced £6,294,319 for Cambridgeshire for adult and children's social care to help alleviate winter pressures on the NHS.

I continue to press for improved funding for our schools, and am working on a new campaign to drive the message home hard to Ministers, ahead of this year's major Government spending review.

Cambridgeshire Police have seen an increase in their funding from central Government and in addition, the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) has

run a consultation on the Police's share of council tax for 2019/20. Last year, the PCC introduced a new structure for local policing which brought an additional 50 officers to the front line. As a result of last year's increase in the policing part of the council tax, a further 55 officers were also recruited and are now in training.

Finally, after a long and hard-fought campaign, I was thrilled to learn that The Three Tuns in Guilden Morden had been saved for the community! Guilden Morden Community Pub Ltd completed the purchase of The Three Tuns on 21 November 2018. With investment from 267 shareholders, the pub has now been saved. I want to pay tribute to everybody who has been involved in this impressive campaign – well done!

They are now advertising for a pub tenant – if you are interested or know somebody who might be, please email thethreetunsguildenmorden@gmail.com. Although I'm a former landlady, I can't apply but I will definitely be paying a visit and am happy to pull the odd pint!

If there is anything you would like to talk to me about, my next 'by appointment' surgery will be between 3 and 5pm on Friday 1 March at Melbourn Community Hub, 30 High Street, Melbourn, SG8 6DZ. If you would like an appointment, please do call my office. My next 'drop in' surgery where no appointment is necessary is on Saturday 6 April between 10.30am and 12.30pm. This will be in the Queen Edith area but the venue has yet to be confirmed.

If you would like to contact me, please email heidi.allen.mp@parliament.uk or call my office on 01223 830037.

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

Preparation of the new church Electoral Roll

All parishioners wishing to be included on the Great Shelford Parochial Church Electoral Roll need to fill in a new form; these can be found at the back of the church. Please return your completed forms to Wendy Seekings or one of the churchwardens by 31 March; the current Roll will end then and the new one (names only) will be displayed at the back of the church from 6 April in readiness for the Annual Parochial Church Meeting on 28 April.



Ash Wednesday 6 March

We shall mark the start of the season of repentance and renewal with an opportunity to celebrate the Eucharist and receive the imposition of ashes. The regular 9.30am Holy Communion (BCP) will be held, together with an evening celebration of Holy Communion (CW) at 7.30pm.

Lent Activities at St Mary's Church

Lent Course 2019 For Lent study we will be following the 2019 Diocesan Lent Course. *Your Call* is a set of resources for Lent groups created by the Revd Canon Dr Jessica Martin at Ely Cathedral.

Jessica says: '*Your Call* is a spiritual journey to make in Lent, exploring in a group together how each of us responds to Jesus's call to follow him. Every week we look at different aspects of the call, drawn from the different aspects of discipleship which the Diocesan *Way of Life* resources help us with.

The Bible passages we use each week are taken from the readings for the Sundays in Lent. It's sensible to schedule the sessions so that they happen before the relevant Sunday service. Then the work we do on our call to follow Jesus enhances our response to worship on Sunday as well.

This is not exactly a Bible study though it uses the Bible a lot. The Bible readings are part of a whole-person approach to thinking about our day-by-day commitment to Christ's call.

Every week we will take away something to do to help us grow spiritually – one, or at most two, activities per week. At the end of five weeks, we will have at least five new habits to enrich our lives!

Lent Lunches The local churches will be hosting Lent Lunches again this year in aid of overseas development charities on Fridays 12 noon–2 pm.

- 15 March All Saints, Little Shelford (in the North Building)
22 March St Andrew's, Stapleford (in the Johnson Hall, ends at 1.30pm)
29 March St Mary's Great Shelford (starting at 12.30pm)
Remaining dates will be confirmed in the next issue of the *Village News*.

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.pett29@gmail.com*. Helpers are welcome!

From the registers

- Marriage: 9 February Alexander and Sophie Tofts
Funerals: 31 January Nick Pett
 4 February Sheila Bly

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
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(from *The Months* by Sara Coleridge)

All in all this is the perfect time of year for Year 6 to have a trip to Grafham Water! Almost inevitably, if previous years are anything to go by, their leavers' celebrations in July will mention four or five instances of bracing encounters with lake water and the life-enhancing properties of time away together. When I went in for collective worship this week, Year 6 had already left and Year 5 were looking forward to their time away next week to Burwell House, with the anticipation of script-writing and film-making amongst other things.

Both those outings reminded me that education is always, when rightly understood, much more than the simple matter of pouring information into children's heads or ticking the boxes, learning syllabus material for assessment and exams. So much of what happens at Shelford School rightly encourages children to develop a much broader appetite and a hunger for learning and exploring the world around us. The tasters of time away together are a good example of that.

In a similar vein, the much anticipated third annual Art Day, led by local artist Sarah Hutchinson, has been enjoyed by Years 3–6, with the involvement of parent helpers helping children in the Think Tank in small groups with the hot wax and ink needed for the batik work. Other imported learning projects have included a visit from representatives of AstraZeneca, supporting the schools Energy Challenge. Pupils are currently designing experiments based on the kilojoules of energy contained in various food sources.

All of these strands, along with the academic curriculum, inform the Vision Creation exercise which has been happening within the school. The children on the School Council, together with governors and parents, are making their own contributions to the process, in which the staff have already been involved. As a Church of England minister, I was very pleased to see the high place of Biblical principles in informing the school's values and goals.

On a sadder note, readers may have heard elsewhere that Nick Pett, formerly a governor of the school for many years, died at home on 14 January, after advanced pancreatic cancer was diagnosed just before Christmas. Nick's funeral took place at St Mary's on 31 January and many appreciations of all that Nick contributed to the school and the wider community have already been given. But as a fellow-governor, I felt he modelled that balance of being a

‘critical friend’ really well; always supportive and encouraging, but willing to ask the hard question when it was needed, or to suggest another possible approach. He also had a wealth of experience in the world of education as a schools inspector. Our thoughts are with Gillian, his wife, and the rest of the family.

Revd Simon Scott
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A POINT OF VIEW

Poet Frederick Langbridge (1849–1922) wrote, ‘Two men look out through the same bars: one sees the mud, and one the stars.’ The circumstances and view for both men were the same and yet they arrived at different conclusions. You could argue that they found what they were each looking for; beauty and ugliness.

In Church recently we have been looking at the story of Joseph as found in Genesis 37–47. You may well know the musical version written by Tim Rice and Andrew Lloyd Webber, *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat*. It’s worth a read – an eventful story. Joseph grows in maturity through the pages but his perspective essentially never changes. He sees a God in control despite his own personal circumstances. He was sold into slavery by his brothers, accused of attempted rape and imprisoned. However, it all worked out in the end and he was even reconciled with his family.

What is your point of view on life?

Do you look for beauty or simply see the trials and problems of everyday living? Are you missing the bigger picture?

As Joseph found, keeping your focus on beauty can be very rewarding.

David Baslington, Elder, Great Shelford Free Church

CHRISTMAS SHOEBOX APPEAL UPDATE

I have received information that this year our shoeboxes went to Liberia in West Africa, a change from previous years. If you included woolly hats and gloves I think that these will still be useful because I understand that it can get cold at night so they will be appreciated.

Thank you to all those of you who contributed to last year’s appeal. We look forward to your support again this year. It’s never too early to start collecting items. Shoeboxes will be available in October.

For more information about Operation Christmas Child please come to our supporters’ event on 30 March – see page 25 for details.

Lesley Cornell

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OBITUARY

NICK PETT



Nick Pett came to Stapleford early in 1980 with his young family and soon made an impression on most parts of village life; St Andrew's Church and the Twinning Association to name just two. He involved himself in numerous village events and liked nothing better than the barbeques and bonhomie in the village.

Later on, Nick took an interest in the working of the parish, first becoming the Clerk of the Parish Council, then a Councillor and finally Chairman. His great leadership skills and ability to make split second decisions served him, and the village, well in these roles. Nick also had a long and valued ministry as a Licensed Lay Reader (LLM) in the Church of England. He was a member of the ministry team at St Mary's in Great Shelford, but also took services around the area.

The three young Petts followed their father's footsteps into the world of rugby, one of Nick's great loves. Many local young people have benefited from this, as was apparent at Nick's funeral when an older pupil and rugby player remarked that 'Nick was always fair'. To me, this was a great tribute to a big-hearted, kind and true friend who is missed by so many.

Joan Barnes

GARDEN CLUB

A YEAR IN THE LIFE OF A COTTAGE GARDEN

Andrew Sankey spoke about his garden in Woodhall Spa, Lincolnshire which he created over a period of 20 years. His cottage was an old schoolhouse built in 1852 complete with an old railway carriage, which made a useful potting shed. Andrew drew inspiration from three garden designers: Beth Chatto whose garden was created using plants suitable for dry soils, Vita Sackville-West who advocated planting in drifts and Gertrude Jekyll who demonstrated the creative use of colour.

The long garden was split up into areas with the imaginative use of trellis and variegated box hedging, linked by brick-lined gravel paths. Terracotta tile

paving and cobbles were used as contrasting surfaces.



A circular turf maze was created based on the design of the historical maze at Alkborough overlooking the Humber estuary. For ease of cutting, the rounded grass strips were laid out to match the width of the lawnmower. Fruit trees, a tortuosa willow with curiously twisted shoots and

leaves, and a spindle tree having winged branches with bright orange and pink fruits, provided vertical height. This gave a structural basis to the garden in autumn and winter, when traditionally flowering plants would not have been available in a cottage garden. Many of the plants used today to extend the season of interest had only become widely available many years after the great plant hunting expeditions to China had brought them to this country.

Winter aconites, snowdrops, hellebores and daffodils were planted in groups close to the house, so they could be viewed from inside during the colder months. Dry shaded areas under the trees were planted with drought-resistant plants such as the delicate flowered epimediums (which provide ground cover), spotted-leaved pagoda lilies, and variegated honesty, which has the effect of lightening up dark areas. The sunny front wall of the house was planted with *Rosa banksiae* 'Lutea', an unusual thornless climbing rose, which is covered with numerous small, double primrose yellow flowers.

The garden was filled with many different geraniums, which conveniently cover the dead foliage of daffodils and alliums and if cut back can extend the flowering season through autumn. Traditional cottage plants such as aquilegia,

astrantia, cornflower, thalictrum, eryngium, clematis, the daisy flowered anthemis and the caterpillar like flowers of sanguisorba provide a succession of colour through summer. *Veronica gentianoides* with spikes of pale blue flowers is useful as an evergreen front-of-border foil.

Verbascums, lupins and achilleas all produce flowers on tall stems and are effective planted in groups. An impressive tall, sun-loving cottage plant is the many branched *Salvia sclarea* var. *Turkestanica* with spikes of pink-flecked, white flowers, which will self-seed. From midsummer to early autumn the planting is punctuated with several *Veronicastrum virginicum*, which have imposing whorls of lance-shaped leaves topped with whip-like, white pointed-finger flowers, which move in the breeze.

The emphasis was on using pastel colours with pinks, blues and whites with no vivid oranges or reds dominating. The overall effect in a cottage garden is a gradual build-up through the season to an overflowing exuberance at the height of summer.

Helen Chubb

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BANK CLOSURES

Mike Nettleton, Chair of the Parish Council, hosted a meeting on 5 February to discuss the closure of Barclays Bank. Nationally, bank branches have been disappearing from our high streets at an alarming rate. According to figures from *Which? Money* at least 3,314 UK branches have been shut down since 2015 with 1,076 of these closed or planned to close in 2018/2019. Banks say that this has been driven by a rapid increase in online and mobile banking, and a rapid decline in use of physical branches. Customers' banking habits are changing, and fewer customers need branches.

In 2018 Lloyds said that the local closure was: 'because of the changing way customers choose to bank with us, and which has resulted in customers using it less often. We have conducted a full pre-closure impact assessment for the branch which explains why we have made this decision. Although you have pointed out that the branch services 3% more business customers than an average branch, and that Cattle Market branch is not practically accessible by public transport, we did take these factors into consideration.'

Nevertheless there are still plenty of people and small businesses that rely on local banks, who either don't want to or cannot engage with the digital revolution. Obtaining a cash float or depositing earnings now involves a drive to Cherry Hinton Road or a bus into Cambridge instead of a walk around the corner. We are not sufficiently rural to have a mobile branch.

Barclays can argue that the ram-raid which originally closed the branch hastened the complete closure and this may allow them to avoid the banking agreement which says: 'Under the Access to Banking Standard, introduced in 2015, banks have a requirement to engage their customers and communities ahead of planned closure, and offer alternative means of banking when a branch closes.'

What can be done? The Parish Council has spoken to Barclays, who have offered no likelihood of the branch re-opening. The Parish Council will continue to press Barclays and escalate the issue to our MP. Writing to Barclays as an individual customer (a template letter is available on the Parish website) could do no harm. Suggesting they share an office with another bank could provide a way out.

Although there is now no ATM in the village, the Post Office at Kash Stores can undertake essential day-to-day banking needs. Online banking and telephone banking provide most banking services. Paying in cheques in most cases can be done by using an app or at the Post Office.

Tesco, who previously offered to host an ATM, are being approached by the Parish Council to see if they will consider installing a machine now.

Duncan Grey

READER'S LETTER

I note and am pleased to see that the Parish Council is trying to get Barclays to reverse their decision to close the Great Shelford branch, and I very much hope that GSPC will be successful. For six and a half years I have been a regular customer of the branch, going in about once a month to pay in cheques for the Magog Trust. In all that time, not once did I ever find there was not a queue for the cashiers – it was clearly very well used.

Yes, I know that for just paying in cheques there are alternatives such as the Post Office, though I observed that other customers in the branch were clearly doing much more interesting and complicated things than just paying in cheques. For me, it was perfect to be able to fit in this quick bank trip while doing other things in Woollards Lane such as buying a few groceries, swapping books at the library, or meeting friends for coffee – and of course it meant I could do so by foot or by bike. Now, a trip to a Barclays branch means a special journey in the car to somewhere else which I hate having to do, not to mention how time-consuming it is.

Barclays, in their reasoning for the closure, quote an apparent reduction in number of transactions over the last two years: that is not at all surprising since in the same time period they had reduced the opening hours of the branch, including completely closing it for one day per week. Surely a far more appropriate and honest metric would be number of transactions per hour of branch opening?!

I look forward to hearing how this plays out.

Miranda Fyfe

PARISH NEWS

CAR PARK PARTIAL CLOSURE

Parts of the Memorial Hall car park will be closed for eight weeks from 25 February to allow the installation of new water, drainage and electrical services for the Feast. We will try to minimise disruption, but apologise in advance for any inconvenience.

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For more information about Group Consultations go to:
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FRIENDS OF GREAT SHELFORD LIBRARY

AGM – TUESDAY 29 JANUARY

Thanks to those who braved the elements to attend the meeting. You may have seen that Essex County Council is planning to close a number of its libraries; the Cambridgeshire Library Service is fighting to keep its libraries up and running. The Friends group is committed to ensuring to the best of their ability that Great Shelford Library continues to function, aided by a dedicated group of library volunteers and our much valued librarian, Rosemary.

Facilities have been improved this year by the addition of a number of display tables and a homework table, a sandwich board to advertise library activities and an injection of new STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) books for both adults and children. A number of activities for children, talks, 'Engage' sessions, as well as a book sale in the autumn, have served to keep the library well used, well appreciated and well supported.

If you wish to talk to a library manager, there will be one assigned to Great Shelford Library for consultation on 15 March from 10.30am–12.30pm.

Sarah Coppendale

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3	Feast AGM	8pm	Square & Compasses
7	Carpet Bowls Home Match	7pm	Memorial Hall
9	Scout Jumble Sale & Auction (p 51)	2pm	Memorial Hall
12	Granta Flower Club	7.30	Memorial Hall
12	Garden Club Talk (page 39)	7pm	Shelford School Hall
13	Cactus Society	7.30pm	Memorial Hall
14	Carpet Bowls Club Night	7pm	Memorial Hall
16	Bowling Club Table Top Sale (p 29)	9.30–noon	Memorial Hall
16	Saffron Walden Dance Band	7.30pm	Memorial Hall
21	Carpet Bowls Club Night	7pm	Memorial Hall
23	Farmers' Market	9am–noon	Memorial Hall
23	Horse Racing Evening	7.30pm	Memorial Hall
28	Carpet Bowls AGM	7pm	Memorial Hall
30	Deanery Fair	9am–noon	Memorial Hall

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



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The cost is £1.50 per evening, including a hot drink and biscuits. The first time is free so there's nothing to lose! We look forward to welcoming you at either the Haslingfield or Harston Village Hall where we meet alternately on Tuesdays at 8pm. Our dates for March are:

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LITTLE SHELFORD PANTOMIME 2019

CINDERELLA

It's that time of year again! Any post-Christmas blues in Little Shelford were forgotten as the curtain rose on a week of fantastic pantomime performances. It was Cinderella – but not as you know it ...

Untroubled by Euroscepticism, the setting for this year's show was another continental gem: Italy. As ever, love (or should that be *amore*?) was in the air for the characters, richly dressed in all manner of costumes, wigs and other accessories. But there was no such budget for the inhabitants of Hardup Hall – an economy drive saw them welcome the arrival of new guests Malicia (boo hiss) and her 'identical' daughters Drusilla and Lucilla who proved to be anything but. Accompanying them were a procession of twenty-first-century servants: an interior designer, a personal shopper and a beautician were just some of the personnel deemed necessary for the modern pantomime villain. And when Malicia's wrath grew too strong, there was even a mindfulness coach on hand to restore order.



Ugly sisters Lucilla (Jake Dann) and Drusilla (Josh Henson)

Leading the resistance against the unpleasant trio were the saintly Cinderella (of course), her friend-turned-admirer Buttons, and the unmistakable Dame Bellissima (see front cover). They were helped in their cause by the house's many animal inhabitants; mice, spiders, frogs, lizards (but sadly no dinosaurs) and a very slow snail did their best to avoid mentioning the elephant in the room – the elephant in the room.

While the ugly sisters threw U.G.L.Y. insults at each other, the goodies tried to get Cinderella ready for Prince Charming's fated ball. The Fairy Godmother was on hand to provide her with some magical assistance, and the prince discovered his own Fairy Godfather (yes, the Vito Corleone kind!) watching over him. As prospective partners were thrust under his gaze, Prince Charming seemed oblivious to the loyal affection of his long-time companion, Dandina.



Fairy Godfather (Sid Bell)

As well as the characters' quest for true love, the show pointed out some of the problems faced by fairy tales in the modern era: gender roles no longer restrict the characters' ambitions, glass slippers aren't the most practical attire, and compiling a list of the names and addresses of every girl in the land is a lot trickier with the advent of GDPR.

The musical numbers provided something for everyone – modern hits, golden oldies and a few panto favourites thrown in for good measure. There were standout solos from Cinderella and the Fairy Godmother, while Buttons's arresting piano ballad was unprecedented in its poignancy. In unique contrast to this, the three dames exhibited all their

flare and sass in a reimagining of Beyoncé's 'Single Ladies' that received mixed reviews from the onstage Strictly judges. Elsewhere, there were doo-wops, duets and ensemble dances – Lyric of the Year awarded to the mind responsible for replacing 'supercalifragilisticexpialidocious' with 'heteropaternalism with superfecundation' and chorus appearances which showcased the array of talented performers that audiences can look forward to seeing in the future.

In the end, both Cinderella and the Prince found love right under their noses, a fitting conclusion that put paid to the many plots of the town's schemers and meddlers. Well, it wouldn't be a panto without a happy ending, would it?

Congratulations to everyone involved – both the youthful cast and equally enthusiastic (if less youthful) team behind the pantomime can be proud of their efforts. Come what may in the next twelve months, one thing is certain: Little Shelford Pantomime will return in 2020 as brilliant as ever.

Review by Joe Lever, a past pantomime performer

Photos by Cheryl Smythe



PLAYSCAPE ON THE GROUND

Hopefully spring will be in the air and shooting from the ground by the time you read this! Time to reinvestigate the copse area and see if the bluebells are emerging yet and if the willow dome is getting ready to sprout some green finery.

We will be making the most of this time by doing a little spruce up of the copse area with the SSYI: moving the logs into new positions, reseeding the burnt patches and hopefully sowing some more wildflower seeds. The meadow will be given a proper cut before this season really gets going and we will be the lucky recipients of 100 new saplings, courtesy of the Wildlife Trust, to continue the wildlife hedge at the top of the recreation ground.

We're not entirely sure of the planting date or indeed who we'll be enlisting (!) to help, so keep an eye out for announcements on our website or social media feeds. We are also very close to announcing the shelter design competition results and are working hard organising the Fun Run and building its new website, www.shelfordfunrun.co.uk, so there's plenty happening on the ground!

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The Christmas tree recycling and fundraising initiative has grown quickly since it was first launched by the Hospice's fundraising team in 2016, when it raised £3,500. Last year the scheme raised £12,600 with 1,000 trees collected. This year registrations from postcodes CB1 to CB5, and CB22, CB23 and CB24 ballooned to 1,860 by the time registrations closed on Wednesday 9 January.

90% of the funds raised will help fund Arthur Rank Hospice Charity's care to those living with a life-limiting illness in Cambridgeshire, with 10% donated to a local cause nominated by those who volunteered to help with the tree collection.

Arthur Rank Hospice Charity would like to extend its grateful thanks to every single one of the volunteers and local companies involved in the collection scheme and its promotion, as well as Amey Cespa at Waterbeach and Cambridge City Council for their support in recycling the trees.



If you would like to help by volunteering or sponsoring the Hospice's next annual Christmas tree recycling scheme in January 2020, please email bec.beattie@arhc.org.uk or call 01223 675885 to register your details.

VOLUNTEER NEWS

Student Volunteer Programme for 16 and 17-year-olds

Arthur Rank Hospice is running its first ever Student Volunteering Programme, which started in September 2018 and runs until April 2019. Seven young people are shadowing volunteers on main reception, the Inpatient Unit reception, the Bistro and the Inpatient Unit.

We asked two of them to tell us more about their experiences.

Ciara 'So far, I have been working in the Hospice Bistro on Sundays, and WOW what great Sunday lunches the Bistro provides! It is great to see how the

kitchen staff provide for the patients – ranging from them either wanting very small portions (one patient only asking for one roast potato) or providing puréed meals, etc. The chef really tries to be accommodating to all the patients' needs where possible.'

Aadrian 'In the last few weeks my experience has included manning the Inpatient Unit reception every Thursday after 5pm. This includes opening the after-hours door, helping visitors and answering telephone calls. It is a fantastic feeling to assist with someone's query, or to help some of the incredible nurses and volunteers do their crucial jobs. There is an incredible community spirit throughout the entire Hospice and I have loved being part of the Arthur Rank Hospice team and the family of volunteers here.'

If you would like more information on our Student Volunteer Programme, please give our Voluntary Services team a call on 01223 675872.

Special film thanking 500 Arthur Rank Hospice volunteers

The film, which was created, filmed and produced free of charge by the newly formed South Cambridgeshire-based production company Mill River TV, shines a light on the invaluable contribution the Hospice's volunteers make.

In the course of filming they interviewed patients, family members and staff members, recording personal thank-you messages from each. You can watch the film at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KDorGOPCRVA>

General volunteer recruitment

At the moment, the Hospice's Voluntary Services team is actively seeking people to support the Hospice in the following roles:

- Drivers to transport patients back and forth (especially in the north of Cambridge)
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- Cake bakers (who bake at home and donate cakes for patients' Afternoon Teas)
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- Assistants for the Bistro (particularly on a Sunday)
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Throughout 2019, various other roles will become available. To explore the full range visit <https://www.arhc.org.uk/volunteering.asp>. To enquire about or apply for a role, call 01223 675872 or email azanda.sithole@arhc.org.uk

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While sorry to lose him as a Trustee, we are pleased Iain will continue to advise on the care of our green spaces. Iain is handing over to Keith Sugden who became a Trustee last year. We hear Keith promises to call Iain when he next needs help with heavy digging.

The Trustees presented Iain with the gift of some trees of his choice from Scotsdales Garden Centre. He chose a Liquidambar, also known as sweetgum, for autumn colour and a purple-leaved Prunus for its spring flowering. Together with Keith, he planted both on the Charities' land.



For more news and information about GSPC please visit <https://gspc.org.uk/>

Brian Connellan

STAPLEFORD HISTORY SOCIETY

Six things you (probably) didn't know about Stapleford

a talk by Helen Harwood on 12 March

We've invited Great Shelford historian Helen Harwood to spread her wings again to explore some less-known aspects of Stapleford's past. Of course, she can't reveal her six topics in advance, as then we wouldn't not know them. So come along for a surprise or (probably) six!

At Stapleford Jubilee Pavilion at 7.45pm.

Admission free for History Society members or £3 on the door.

FOUNDER OF SHELFORD SUPPORT GROUP RETIRES

In 1993, at the demise of 'Meals on Wheels', Biddy Wilkinson founded Shelford Support Group. This is the local transport group which conveys those unable to drive or use public transport to their medical and well-being appointments and home again, via a raft of volunteer drivers.

Biddy retired this year after 25 years, and at a tea party was presented with an engraved fruit bowl in recognition of her service. Sarah Bellow from the Care



Network was also present to mark the occasion and presented Biddy with an orchid. At the same time, Denise Newman was given flowers for retiring after 18 years as a coordinator, Margaret Tait for retiring after doing the Group's finances almost since its inception and Ailsa Wilkey for 25 years as a volunteer driver. Quite a party!

The Group has many new drivers and enough coordinators for them to take turns to be 'on duty' so although the old order is passing, the new is flourishing, to the benefit of all in the community.

Sarah Coppendale

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Each day at Wacky Holiday Club has a different theme (chosen by the children). Activities include arts and crafts, role play, cookery, messy play, plus outdoor fun and games. In February half-term we were designing Hollywood Walk of Fame stars on Movie Day, made Pikachu Gloop on Pokémon Day and completed a 'Ready Steady Cook' challenge on Cookery Day!

We sometimes go on day trips during the holidays. Locations have included the cinema, the Raptor Foundation, Newnham Park and the Milton Maize Maze.

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A HISTORY OF BAR LANE, GREAT SHELFORD

In the early 1980s, you could see a grassy patch of ground sandwiched between numbers 36 and 38 High Street. Nominally it was part of the garden at 38, which then belonged to Mrs Austin, but it wasn't really garden. It just sat there growing scruffy grass.



No 38 High Street now extends across the old Bar Lane

My neighbour at the time, Alan Bailey, told me it was the entrance to Bar Lane. When he was young, he and his mates would ride their motorbikes up there. You could go right over the railway, to January's field. Later on I learnt a bit more from Jerry Brown: 'Just slightly up

the High Street, there's a gap. And that gap was a road that was called Bar Lane. And this is a lane that was overgrown for many, many years, and was owned by Gonville & Caius College. And it took you all the way down to the railway line and a public footpath afterwards. Me and my friends, Mike Lemon and Roger Gough, we used to spend days in there foraging around, having little feasts in there. It was an absolutely fantastic area.'

The ladies of Shelford WI, who published their recollections in 1969, also remembered it from their youth. They called it Butts Lane, and used it as a shortcut to come out by Malyon's the butchers on High Green. Daniel Bangham too (of a much younger generation!) remembered using it.

In the 1970s, Gonville & Caius decided to sell off the land, which had been overgrown for years, to the individual householders whose gardens backed onto it. If you recently visited John and Primrose Harrison's Open Garden Day, you'd have been walking on part of it.

I was interested to find out more about Bar Lane. It seemed it was a vanished footpath, and we are distinctly short of public footpaths in Shelford.

Significantly, for the children who grew up in Shelford before the war, and indeed for a few decades after, it opened up into the fields and gave them free range of the countryside around us in a way that we have completely lost. Bar Lane was one of many routes to Hoppin, a meadow by the river (now on the far side of the motorway) where village kids would play and adults would picnic.



A picnic by the Granta in 1943, photo by Vi Pitteway

I found Bar Lane on a map of Shelford from 1773. It was one of the various access tracks that led onto the open field arable behind the village street, and it ran for over a mile, giving access to the field strips, until it reached a damp meadow – the Rod Meadow – and ended. There were, naturally enough, lots of these tracks, including Love Lane, Wheelers Lane, Church Lane and Towns

End Lane. You couldn't have farmed without them. When the village was enclosed in 1835, the Commissioners were tasked with reviewing all the paths and roads. This meant that the roads which carried a lot of traffic (albeit horse-drawn rather than petrol-driven), like Cambridge Road, were laid out as sixty feet wide; less busy ones like Granhams Road, were thirty feet. When they considered the tracks, they had the power to extinguish any that were no longer needed (and which would allow the hoi polloi unnecessary access to newly-enclosed fields). So most of these tracks were declared redundant and obliterated. But for some reason Bar Lane was kept. It did, of course, provide rear access to the properties on High Green, which may account for it.

You can see the line of Bar Lane quite clearly on the 1886 ordnance survey (OS) map. It ran up to the Royston line, where there seems to be an occupation (or farmer's) crossing. By the time of the 1903 OS map, it no longer showed as a path, though the field boundaries still respect its line, even today. But when its entrance way was sold to Mrs Austin, the old Bar Lane finally died and was buried.



We cannot but lament the loss of our village tracks, which means that we have virtually no rights of access in Great Shelford. People often say that the Enclosure stole from us our freedom to roam. It certainly stole it from the villagers of 1835. But those villagers took their living from the land, directly or indirectly: they were involved with it. We, on the contrary, are urban dwellers, living along the village roads and working in the city. We use the land only for amenity. We have lost that intimate relationship with our land.

For me, the question of access is a knotty one. Like everyone else, I want to walk in the countryside. And it seems that vast acres of our countryside are still tied up by land rights which wholly exclude us. Yet I also know that many people who access the land are not responsible. They leave gates open, they let their dogs run across land under crops or with livestock on it, they leave their poo bags and litter. Even worse are the fly-tippers. Would I, as a landowner, be ready to grant access? Unless people regard the land as something to be respected, then I'm not sure I would.

But let me return to Bar Lane. There's one question I haven't considered: Why is it called Bar Lane? A bar is a gate or barrier or blockage. The gates in York are all called Bars (and the streets are called Gates, as in Micklegate Bar). So what was the bar at Bar Lane? Perhaps there was a gate to keep the livestock on the Green from straying towards the arable. Or perhaps there was a tollgate on the turnpike road which ran along High Street – that is less likely, I think. Either way, Bar Lane was like a last gap of the old world of common arable farming, and I'm rather sorry it's gone.

Helen Harwood

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31 March 1798

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22 March 1822

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1 March 1833

On Monday afternoon last, between two and three o'clock, another fire was discovered upon the premises of Mr Henry Headly. The flames were, however, confined to a cartshed (where they were first observed), but which was destroyed. We sincerely regret to state that this is the fourth or fifth incendiary fire that has thus taken place in the neighbourhood, without any satisfactory clue having been obtained to lead to the detection of the offender.

RECENT NEWS

Shelford residents living near the Recreation Ground woke on Saturday 9 February to find a pungent fire raging behind the green groundsman's hut. It appears someone, probably on Friday night, had set alight to the plastic and rubber bases used for Feast fencing and the blaze was still flaring in the morning.

The smoke alerted residents and the fire brigade extinguished the fire, using high pressure hoses from a tender parked in Peacocks.

This is not the first fire on the Recreation Ground. Several fires have been found in and around the copse area at the bottom of the rec by the river.

Duncan Grey

TENNIS CLUB

THIS IS THE TIME TO GET OUT ON THE TENNIS COURT

Traditionally January and February are quiet periods in the tennis calendar. It's a time to reflect on your previous year's achievements and work on a strategy for the current year, along with adopting a training regime to maximise potential to achieve your objectives.

Now let's face it, Great Shelford players are not the next Andy Murray (albeit our hips are probably more comparable than our tennis) or the next Johanna Konta (albeit we do have that similar feeling of faintness after we overexert ourselves), but our players do turn up on court with one common objective and that is to keep improving. You can guarantee one thing, no matter what level we play, we will always observe that room for improvement in our game.

The Great Shelford Ladies teams were way ahead of the rest of us and embarked on a match practice training session some six months ago under the direction of Coach Matt Sanders. Their objective was to develop their personal game, improve match play tactics and create a team bond. The attendance has been fantastic and these sessions have been, and continue to be, a great success!

February sees the start of the Cambs VETS League where matches consist of two women and two men. You need to be over 45 for this League and we have three teams across the divisions with our 1st team determined to defend their title. Good Luck!

It's also a busy preparation period for our team captains as they review their players eligible for selection for the Summer League teams and set the match practice dates. With eight men's, five women's and six mixed teams, that's a lot of matches!

So despite the dark winter days and evenings, the floodlights are on and balls continue to be pummelled across the courts. If you are interested in pummelling a few balls, whether it be in competitiveness, fitness or just for the sociability, this is the time to start doing it. Please get in touch by visiting our website www.gstc.org.uk

James Driver

APRIL ISSUE OF THE VILLAGE NEWS

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READER'S LETTER

I read with interest (and dismay) the letter entitled 'Why I add to the traffic, pollution and chaos in the village' (GSVN February issue).

As a cyclist myself I use Hinton Way / Station Road regularly and must say I rarely encounter the problems described. I find that most motorists are courteous and give me an ample wide berth, and in many cases stay behind me until it is safe to pass. I would though agree that the road surface is bad in places. I always make a point of reporting any road defects using the Cambridgeshire County Council pothole reporting website

<https://highwaysreporting.cambridgeshire.gov.uk>

It is true that big lorries and coaches use Hinton Way; but surely they always have done as it is a main route into the village from the east. However, talking of coaches and buses, one of the buses that uses Hinton Way is the No 31 operated by A2B Bus and Coach under tender to Cambridgeshire County Council that runs Monday to Friday (Bank Holidays excepted) between Addenbrooke's Hospital and Fowlmere, passing through Stapleford and Great Shelford with stops near Ashen Green and Peacocks.

There are three return journeys each day from a stop at Fox Hill in Hinton Way at 10.32, 12.02 and 13.32 which give approximately 40 minutes shopping time in Great Shelford before the bus returns. There are three more outward journeys from Fox Hill at 15.02, 16.37 and 18.42 but these do not return via Gt Shelford so would require alternative transport (or walking) back to Hinton Way.

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Comberton United boasted a 100% record on their own pitch so we expected a hard final game of the month, and on a dreadful pitch we duly found ourselves 3–0 down early in the second half. We couldn't blame the pitch however, as in the last half hour we created chance after chance but only managed to convert two of them to come away with a 3–2 loss.

It was a more difficult month for the reserves with one win and two defeats. We started well with a hard fought 1–0 away win over Haverhill Rovers 'A' team but then suffered two successive defeats to Over Sports Reserves. The first was a 3–1 away league encounter but as we spurned chances to stay in the match there was optimism a week later when we hosted them in the Cambridgeshire Junior Challenge Cup. It was not to be unfortunately as Over progressed to the next round with a 4–2 win.

There are home matches on most Saturday afternoons, kick-off at 2pm (3pm from March), so why not come along and support your local football club? Refreshments for mums, dads, little ones and older ones are on sale during first team home matches and the room above the village hall will be open for a drink after those games. Everyone is welcome.

Terry Rider, Chairman

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SHELFORD RUGBY CLUB

Shelford Women's Team Growing Fast

We're extremely proud of the rate our women's team has been growing this season – they've worked tirelessly to recruit and grow the squad and it's paying dividends. We're delighted to have so many new players.

As I write the women's team have won four games and have a remaining three matches to escape the relegation zone, which they are currently just sitting in. Only one point separates them from safety.



Shelford Mini/Youth

Our mini and youth teams have been playing some excellent rugby over the season, particularly our U15s, who have reached the final of the County Cup, which will be played on 3 March.

Upcoming events at Shelford Rugby Club

8 March	Music/Comedy Night	The Ouse Valley Singles Club
23 March	Ladies' Day	Watch our 1 st XV take on CS Stags
29 March	Comedy Night	A professional compere and 3 magnificent acts

Full details at <http://www.pitchero.com/clubs/shelfordrugbyclub>

Louis Mann

WHAT'S ON IN MARCH

A round-up of what's on at some of the venues near us. For more information, times, ticket prices and bookings, please contact the organisation. Please note that this information has been taken from websites, can be subject to change and events may already be fully booked.

CAMBRIDGE ARTS THEATRE	
Sun 3	<i>1959: The Year Jazz Changed</i>
Mon 4 to Sat 9	<i>A Song at Twilight</i>
Sun 10 to Sun 17	<i>Footlights</i>
Mon 11 to Sat 16	<i>Glengarry Glen Ross</i>
Tue 19 to Sat 23	<i>The Mirror Crack'd</i>
Tue 26 to Sat 30	<i>Equus</i>
Telephone: 01223 503333 Web: www.cambridgeartstheatre.com	

SAWSTON CINEMA

14	7pm	<i>The Children Act</i> Emma Thompson and Stanley Tucci
28	7pm	<i>Mission: Impossible – Fallout</i>
Telephone: 01223 712825 Web: www.sawstoncinema.org.uk		

STAPLEFORD GRANARY

2	7.30pm	<i>Clara Schumann: Prodigy, Muse, Virtuoso</i>
8	7.30pm	<i>Symbiosis</i> featuring BBC R2 Folk Awards Best Duo 2017
10	11am	Sunday Coffee Concert: <i>Josh Kemp Trio</i>
16	2pm	<i>Understanding Macbeth</i> an intensive study day
23	7.30pm	<i>She’Koyokh</i> music from the Balkans and Turkey
24	11am	Sunday Coffee Concert: <i>Ashley Solomon</i>
Telephone: 01223 849004 Web: https://staplefordgranary.org.uk/		

UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE

11–24 March		Cambridge Science Festival. With more than 350 events in many different venues the Science Festival this year focusses on the theme of ‘discoveries’. For full details see https://www.sciencefestival.cam.ac.uk/
2	10am–1pm	<i>Chocology</i> For Fairtrade fortnight see our cocoa tree, Theobroma cacao growing in the rainforest, find out how chocolate is made and taste different types of chocolate. Botanic Garden, free event
Until 17 March		<i>Whistler & Nature</i> The last few weeks of this exhibition. Fitzwilliam Museum
For information on these and other events, see http://www.admin.cam.ac.uk/whatson		

WANDLEBURY

24	11–3.30pm	<i>Wandlebury Wildlife</i> Explore the habitats of Wandlebury and the wildlife that call it home. For all ages.
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HOW TO CONTACT GREAT SHELFORD VILLAGE NEWS

We are pleased to receive articles, letters and notices for community events for consideration. Please send by email (preferably as a Word document), or send paper items to Judith Wilson (see below). The copy date is usually the second Friday of the month. See the *Next Issue* box for next month's date.

General enquiries and articles for publication: gsvneditorial@gmail.com

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

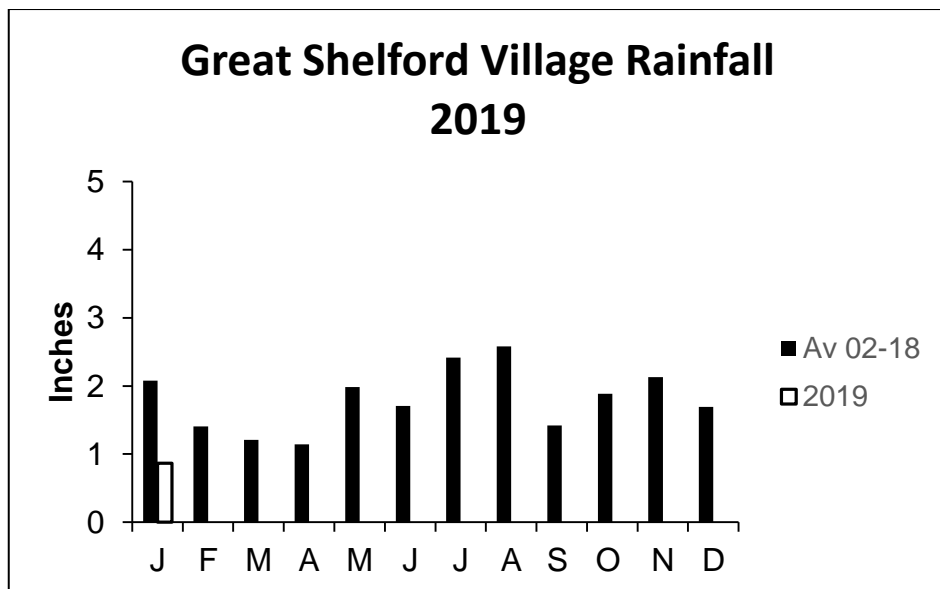
Commercial advertisements are for a 12-month period, renewed in August. There is usually a waiting list, so if you would like to advertise please email gsvnadverts@gmail.com

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

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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 848 7979
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	Louis Mann	843357
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.)	John Dibnah 842054	Marjorie Smith 564922
	Rosie Cranmer 513572	Gillian Northmore 504542
	Carol Bard 668157	
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: greatshelfordparishcouncil.gov.uk and greatshelford.info		

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