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## *Parish Council Election – Hustings Meeting*

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## **GREAT SHELFORD PARISH COUNCIL**

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### **SUMMARY FROM THE DRAFT MINUTES OF THE MEETING ON 20 FEBRUARY 2019**

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

#### **REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES**

##### **County Councillors**

No report.

##### **District Councillors**

The District Council is in the process of setting budgets and a brief report will be provided later.

#### **REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES**

##### **Highways**

It was agreed that the bench on the Memorial Green (or a replacement bench if necessary) should be moved to a more appropriate position.

Planning enforcement is investigating signage issues and car parking on the pavement near Miniworks garage.

The Parish Council is hoping to take over responsibility for cutting all grassed areas in the village; SCDC (South Cambridgeshire District Council) would make a financial contribution towards this.

SCDC have appointed a Senior Executive to progress the issue of parking decriminalisation; there now seems to be an acceptance that action is needed.

##### **Planning**

Cllr Kettel has been confirmed as joint Chair of the Planning Committee.

##### **Recreation Ground**

The Fire Brigade were called to the Recreation Ground on the morning of 9 February to deal with a serious fire at the back of the Village Man's shed. The Brigade reported this to the Police as arson not endangering life.

#### **REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES**

##### **Neighbourhood Plan**

Circulation of a letter and an online survey have been jointly agreed by Stapleford and Great Shelford Parish Councils.

##### **Parochial Charities**

Pre-planning application is now with SCDC.

**Police**

The reporting link for any observed crimes is <https://www.cambs.police.uk/report/REPORT>. A meeting was held on 28 February with Inspector Paul Rogerson to discuss issues around policing in the village.

There was a drop-in Police Surgery on 6 March in the Memorial Hall.

**Community Association**

The amendment to the lease between the Parish Council and Community Association has been signed. This removes the Sports and Social Club from the area leased by the Community Association. The Community Association have signed a cessation of lease document with the Sports and Social Club. SSYI will lease the 'Sports and Social Club Area' directly from the Parish Council; the lease fee will be nominal.

**Twinning Association**

Two trees will be planted on the Memorial Green on Sunday 7 July to mark the 30-year signing of the Twinning Charter. This will be followed by speeches and it is hoped to have some PC involvement.

**Great Shelford Football Club and Social Club**

The Plough Public House will now be utilised for after-match socialising.

**Clay Pit**

The site has been inspected and is badly overgrown. Further advice is to be sought

**Pavilion**

Additional tables and storage cupboards have been acquired. The Pavilion will be in use by cricket teams most Saturdays and Sundays this summer, so there will be little opportunity for private hire.

The Air Source heat pump equipment is to be relocated and the water system will be cleaned and descaled.

**OTHER BUSINESS****Toilets on the Recreation Ground**

Additional options are being investigated for a full report at the March Parish Council meeting.

**Feast services project**

It was agreed to accept the quotation from Mead Construction of £54,806 and to commence work as soon as possible.

**FINANCE**

Fifteen cheques to the value of £6,558 50p were presented and signed.

## **EXTERNAL CORRESPONDENCE**

A request has been received for a Mr Taco food van to operate outside the Memorial Hall on Friday lunchtimes. It was agreed that this should have a three-month trial.

A request was received for a suitable site for a textile recycling bank. It was suggested that the Shelford Rugby Club should be approached.

## **GREAT SHELFORD PARISH COUNCIL ASBESTOS CONTAMINATION**

Work to provide improved services for the Feast started on 5 March and has unfortunately uncovered buried asbestos over a significant area. GSPC has been reassured that the rest of the Recreation Ground where there have been no excavations (e.g. the football pitches, cricket square, children's play area, etc.) does not present any risk from asbestos.

GSPC has had specialist tests run on the contaminated material.

- Chemical tests have confirmed that the contamination is due to white asbestos encased in concrete (chrysotile). Whilst it is classed as a hazardous material, it is encased in concrete and any danger is minimal.
- Air tests have also been performed at multiple points and have confirmed there are no asbestos fibres in the air.
- GSPC is confident that there is no safety risk to the public or to contractors working on the site. Work will continue over the next few weeks to excavate the trenches and drain connection. Some test boreholes will also be drilled to establish the perimeter of any contamination for any future work. During the work there will be onsite monitoring by specialists to ensure that the correct procedures are adhered to and that contractors and the public are completely safe. All excavated material will be removed from the site and taken to a hazardous waste facility. New material will be brought in to replace the contaminated soil.

Where did the contamination come from? We don't know and probably never will, but the finger has been pointed at the following as potential sources:

- a wartime military encampment
- the old Memorial Hall roof
- Robinson's Dairy.

The clean-up exercise is going to be costly. We don't have the final figure, but believe it could be in the region of £35,000–£50,000. GSPC believes it essential to complete the work to safeguard public safety and to ensure we can complete the Feast and Playscape projects.

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## PLANNING APPLICATIONS PARISH COUNCIL COMMENTS

S/4514/18/FL	Katherine Smith 26 Granta Terrace	Retrospective planning permission for a detached one bedroom annex to the rear of the property.
No objections, but the following condition is attached: the detached annexe subject of the present application will never be sold as a separate unit.		
S/4542/18/FL	Noel Young Noel Young Wines De Freville House	Change of use from furniture shop to mixed A1 (retail) and A4 (drinking establishment).
The GSPC supports the application and requests that it is referred to the Planning Committee only if officers recommend refusal. The reason for requesting referral is GSPC concern over the viability of businesses in the village.		
S/0465/19/FL	Jonathan Treherne 35 Tunwells Lane	Restoration of metal railings on top of boundary wall at front of the property.
No objections.		
S/0311/19/FL	Mr Neil Dusheiko 41 Tunwells Lane	External landscaping, widening of vehicle entrance, addition of railing and covered bicycle storage.
No objections.		
S/0472/19/FL	Mr & Mrs Wilkinson 18 High Green	Conversion of sorting office into dwelling.
No objections.		

## PLANNING DECISIONS

### Approved

S/3909/17/FL Mrs Gandini, 18A Granhams Close. Retrospective proposed conservatory.

S/1365/18/FL Mrs Anja Evans, The Glebe. Creation of steps between front door and access road.

S/4240/18/FL Mr & Mrs Bacon, 4 High Street. Single storey rear extension following demolition of existing conservatory.

S/4287/18/FL Mr & Mrs Huges, 35 Buristead Road. Construction of detached outbuilding and front extension.

S/4818/18/FL Mrs Diana Lloyd, 2A Buristead Road. Single storey front extension and garage conversion.

S/3737/18/FL Mr Samih Al-Hayek, 5 Red Hill Close. Single storey front extension and two and a half storey rear extension.

## **GREAT SHELFORD PARISH COUNCIL**

### **ELECTION 2 MAY 2019**

At time of going to press it seems likely that we will have to have an election for a Parish Councillor on 2 May. As background, the electoral process for Parish Councils is as follows:

- If a councillor resigns or is removed mid-term, the normal procedure is to publish a notice of vacancy allowing ten or more electors time to request SCDC (South Cambridgeshire District Council) for an election to be held. If no such request is received, then the Parish Council may go ahead and co-opt to that position.
- However, if ten or more residents wish, they can ask SCDC to hold an election for that position only. This is what has happened and it will necessitate a full-blown election for one seat (it is assumed here that there will be more than one candidate as we know of three already).
- Every four years all Parish Councillors stand down. Nominations are then sought for new councillors. If the number of nominations is less than or equal to the number of seats, all the nominees are elected unopposed. This was what happened with GSPC in 2018. If the number of nominations is more than the number of seats, then an election is held. It's important to understand that this is a full election, with polling stations, tellers, etc. It is a very onerous process.
- An election incurs a significant expense for the village; £3,000–£4,000. (Note that this could happen several times a year).

What GSPC intends to do is to set up a hustings meeting to allow all candidates to be interviewed by GSPC and any villagers who wish to attend. This will be 11 April at 7pm in the Memorial Hall.

GSPC will decide on their preferred/most suitable candidate and inform villagers of that preference. It is obviously up to individuals to decide whether to take that recommendation or vote for an alternative candidate on 2 May.

We have asked SCDC to circulate poll cards to all village residents.

Please note:

- While a hustings is unusual for Parish Council elections, the process is allowable
- It is not compulsory for any nominated individual to take part in the hustings.
- If more than one nomination is received by SCDC, the election process will take place with full costs.
- If only one nomination is received by SCDC, that nomination will be accepted without an election process.
- If no nominations are received by SCDC, we have to keep re-running the election until at least one candidate comes forward.

For further information, election timetables and nomination papers please contact either the Clerk, *parishclerkgreatshelford@gmail.com*, or SCDC electoral services, *elections@scambs.gov.uk*.



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## PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

### DEPUTY PARISH CLERK

Great Shelford Parish Council is looking for a deputy for Clerk Mike Winter, ideally from April/May 2019. Duties, hours and pay all negotiable, depending on the applicant's skills and interests, but are likely to be something along the following lines:

- Duties: general administration, notices and noticeboard information, management of the Pavilion and bookings, organising meetings, dealing with the public, deputising for the Clerk.
- Hours: flexible, but probably 5–8 hours per week. Occasional, limited evening work.
- Pay: negotiable, but likely to be £10–£15 per hour plus benefits.
- Personal skills/attributes: organised, good with people, reasonable (but not high level) computer skills.
- Location: Great Shelford, probably largely home-based.

### BIG LUNCH

GSPC plans to host a Big Lunch for villagers on 12 June as part of the Campaign to End Loneliness (<https://www.campaigntoendloneliness.org/>). Current plans are to hold the event in the Memorial Hall from 12.30pm. More details to follow, but if you or someone you know would be interested in attending or if you could help on the day, please contact Mike Nettleton.

### ARSON AND VANDALISM

We have had further issues in the centre of the village. The lights on the path from the Health Centre to Ashen Green have been vandalised. A fire was lit on the Recreation Ground towards the riverbank. Finally, and most seriously, on 9 February vandals set fire to various materials used by the Feast and stored behind the Village Man's shed on the Recreation Ground. Several hundred pounds' worth of damage was done, the fire brigade had to be called and the fire was uncomfortably close to Peacocks. In spite of the serious nature of the last incident, the Police appear incapable of taking any action.

### BRIGHT NEW SHINY CO-OP

#### A personal view

The new Co-op is open in Sawston on the Budgen's site. It is big, new and full of goodies. Please don't use it at the expense of the Shelford Co-op – in the end we will lose the Shelford Co-op if business tails off.

Mike Nettleton

## SHELFORD SCHOOL

If you had been out and about in the villages on the morning of 7 March, you would have been treated to a wonderful parade of storybook characters all making their way to school! As part of World Book Day activities, pupils, staff and even a parent and grandparent or two, arrived in creative and colourful fancy dress to support each class's learning about a specific literary genre or particular author. Book-related activities continued through the day including pupils reading out extracts from their favourites in the dining hall at lunchtime!

Strangely, the one room in school excluded from the World Book Day activities was the school library! However this is because it has been undergoing an amazing transformation thanks to the PTA and a team of skilled parent volunteers. The whole area has been cleared out and repainted, beautiful murals have appeared on the walls and fresh flooring, furniture, shelving and of course BOOKS will be reappearing in it very soon. It promises to be a calm and inspiring space for the whole school community to use and we are very grateful to everyone who has been involved in the project.

Another peaceful new area in school is the Prayer Space, supported by GenR8. Of course, people can pray anywhere and at any time but the vision behind prayer spaces is to provide time and space in the busy curriculum-filled days for children of all faiths and none to be mindful, reflect, explore questions, and develop their spirituality in safe, creative and interactive ways.

The items in the prayer space often reflect the liturgical seasons – the current one being Lent, and the school has been responding to Bishop Stephen's annual 'Lent Challenge'. The theme this year is 'When I'm 64' (as in the famous song by The Beatles) and its focus is upon participation in our community through communicating with different generations. One of the activities is called a Live Library; this means that instead of finding historical information from books, children listen to stories and anecdotes from local people. We have been honoured to welcome guests recently who have kindly shared with the children reminiscences of their work, their interests and their lives in Shelford.

The school benefits so much from the support of the local church communities and the wider village communities, and we are grateful for the involvement of so many people in enriching our pupils' learning experiences.

*Anna Caroe, Foundation Governor*

### **MAY ISSUE OF THE VILLAGE NEWS**

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I know that not everyone will be happy, but I can honestly say I have been bowled over by the overwhelming support that literally thousands of my constituents have shown for my decision. It means so much to me to know that my decision, hard though it was, has been received so well locally.

I became an MP in 2015 as I wanted to serve my country and give a voice to those who did not have one – that has not changed. It remains a great honour to be your Member of Parliament and although I may have lost my party label, I have not lost my determination to serve you with everything that I have. I'll continue to fight for the very best for South Cambridgeshire: providing excellent local services, ensuring fairer funding for those services, delivering on the vital infrastructure projects we need and continuing to be a voice for the vulnerable in our community.

I'm still 'Heidi' and whenever you need my help or are concerned about a local or national issue, to coin a phrase, 'nothing has changed!' You can still contact me as you always have. I'll be organising some public meetings and get-togethers in the coming weeks and months so you can talk to me about my decision and learn more about my ambitions for this new political party.

My upcoming surgeries are:

- Friday 5 April, Supermarket surgery, 3.30pm–5pm, Bar Hill Tesco, CB23 8EL.
- Saturday 6 April, Drop-in surgery 10.30–12.30pm, Abbeyfield, Girton Green, Wellbrook Way, Girton CB3 0GQ.
- Thursday 2 May, by appointment only, 3–5pm at my office in Hardwick. If you would like an appointment, please call 01223 830037.

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### LENT ACTIVITIES AT ST MARY'S CHURCH

**Lent Lunches** The local churches will be hosting Lent Lunches again this year in aid of overseas development charities, on Fridays 12 noon–2pm. They will be held on 5 April at Great Shelford Free Church and on 12 April by St Andrews, Stapleford in the Johnson Hall **ending at 1.30 pm**.



### HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES

Here are our services for Holy Week and Easter – please come and join in this special time of celebration and joy (full details on our website):

#### Palm Sunday 14 April

- 8am Holy Communion (BCP 1662)
- 10am Parish Communion (Main Sunday service) with procession and blessing of palms
- 6.30pm Requiem by *Gabriel Fauré*, at St Andrew's, Stapleford

#### Holy Week Daily

- 9am Morning Prayer (Monday to Thursday)
- 5pm Evening Prayer (Tuesday to Thursday)

#### Monday in Holy Week

- 7pm Holy Communion (reflective service with address)

#### Tuesday in Holy Week

- 7pm Stations of the Cross (meditation on Jesus' last hours)

#### Wednesday in Holy Week

- 9.30am Holy Communion (BCP 1662)
- 7.30pm Christian Passover Supper (Community Room – tickets needed, see website)

#### Maundy Thursday

- 7.30pm Eucharist of Maundy Thursday, followed by Watch of Prayer

#### Good Friday

- 10.30am Family Service for Holy Week (short service for children)
- 1pm Good Friday Devotions (two brief led meditations)
- 2pm Liturgy of the Passion (marking Jesus' last hour and death)

**Easter Saturday**

8pm Easter Vigil (first celebration of Easter – Blessing of new fire)

**Easter Day 21 April**

6.30am Joint Dawn Service (Magog Down)

8am Holy Communion (BCP 1662)

10am Parish Communion (Main Sunday service) with Easter Egg Hunt for the young at heart!

6.30pm Sung Evensong (BCP 1662)

**St Mary's Sunday Club**

Sunday Club meets on the first Sunday of every month during the 10am service, with a story and activities for children of all ages. Most other Sundays there is an activity for children during the service. Helpers are welcome!

Contact: gillian.pett29@gmail.com.

**From the registers**

Funerals: 11 February Keith Whittington

**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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When the correct key fob is close by, the fob recognises the signal and transmits its own code, instructing the vehicle to unlock the doors and to allow the ignition to work on the car. Thieves use wireless transmitters to capture its radio transmission. This is relayed to another device. It allows the thief to open and start your car in the same way.

To prevent this from happening, use car key signal blocker cases/sleeves, they cost less than £10, or an aluminium tin at home. Find a safe place for your keys at home and check to ensure they are out of range.

Following some of these other steps will also help to protect your vehicle:

- Use a good quality crook lock or full cover steering wheel security lock to immobilise your vehicle.
- Consider fitting an 'OBD safe' device, a secure lockable device that fits over the vehicle's on board diagnostic port in the vehicle cabin. This prevents criminals using software to code an electronic key for the vehicle.
- If your vehicle is fitted with on board wi-fi, consider switching this facility off if you do not need it. This will reduce the chance of criminals hacking into the vehicle's system, your banking details or personal data from linked devices.
- Criminals can also employ remote/keyless entry jamming equipment so make sure your car is locked physically by trying the door handle and noting that the indicators flash before leaving it.

*Corporate Communications (Police Communications Officer, Cambridgeshire)*



William ‘Willie’ Sutton was born in 1901 and was a profligate US bank robber. During his forty-year criminal career, he stole an estimated \$2 million (about £45 million in today’s money) and eventually spent more than half of his adult life in prison. For his talent at executing robberies in disguises, he gained two nicknames, Willie the Actor and Slick Willie. There is a quote attributed to Slick Willie and it appears in a number of US prisons: ‘Don’t serve time, let time serve you’. During our recent sermon series on Joseph, we spent some time thinking about Joseph’s many years behind bars. In his case, he was innocent but still doing ‘time’. What must it feel like to be an innocent person behind bars day after day? Did he ‘serve time or let time serve him’?

The quote pokes at something we all might need to learn to do. It is so easy when we face difficulties in life to just wish it was all better and tread water until the problem resolves itself. In some cases, we can end up wishing away half our life just serving time with our issues and problems. We can be heard saying phrases such as ‘If I could just get through this’ or ‘Maybe when this is over’. As a Church community, we have been thinking about how God supported Joseph, not by breaking him out of his prison cell – but by joining him behind the bars. The same can be true in our walk with God; he doesn’t break us out of our prison cell but journeys with us in the difficulties of life, whatever they may be. I say this knowing that many go through extremely difficult personal traumas, so I don’t say it lightly but from first-hand experience of people who have allowed their sufferings to serve them – to build their faith and enrich their (and others’) lives.

We might need to remind ourselves that God does not cause all the horrible things to happen to us in this world, but he also doesn’t stand idly by; he joins us in that suffering, *he serves* us in that suffering. No better example of this is Jesus’ life and death 2000 years ago – Jesus, joining humanity and dying in our place – it’s the Easter Story behind those Easter Eggs we eat every year. God wants to be with us, sharing our troubles. Jesus said ‘I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world, you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.’ (John 16:33)

My prayer is that you might have peace in your troubles and allow God to join you in the time we have walking this planet. *Don’t serve time, let time serve you!*

Take heart and God bless.

*Revd Martin Cockerill*

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*Sandra East, Granta Communications 0300 234 5555*

**WHAT WOULD YOU DO TO IMPROVE HEALTH SERVICES  
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How would you make it easier for people to look after their own health and wellbeing? The NHS is developing a local plan and needs help.



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- Making it easier for people to access support closer to home and via technology.
- Doing more to help people stay well.
- Providing better support for people with cancer, mental health conditions, heart and lung diseases, and other long-term conditions.
- Providing better support for people as they get older and experience conditions such as dementia.

**Share your ideas**

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Or for more information visit [www.healthwatchcambridgeshire.co.uk](http://www.healthwatchcambridgeshire.co.uk)



## **at Great Shelford Library**

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*Editorial Committee*

## DIGGING HOLES TO HELP US

The roads are being dug up again, there are temporary traffic lights around the village and now the car park is closed for more digging. What's going on?

Irritating as it is, this is work that will benefit us all. And as grandma used to say, 'You can't make an omelette without breaking eggs.' In the case of the roads it's filling potholes before they get even worse and become a danger to cyclists. In the car park it is a long-term plan of improvements to the Recreation Ground supervised by the Parish Council with whom the contractors have agreed the necessary closures.

The Parish Council, The Feast and Playscape have worked together for several years to get water, sewerage and electricity on to the Recreation Ground. This means we will have the infrastructure for a water fountain, a public toilet, irrigation or whatever future developments we want for the Rec.

For The Feast it means a ready and safe supply of water for cleaning and cooling, electricity for our chiller vans and for light and sound, and sewerage so that the mobile toilet blocks can be safely plumbed in alongside the marquee. Previously all these services came through temporary pipes and cables draped along the ground from the Scout & Guide HQ.

All these improvements will benefit the whole village for years to come. The Parish Council has supported the development and The Feast will make a significant financial contribution. So by the time you visit the marquee in Feast Week (the week leading up to Sunday 14 July 2019 – tickets are on sale now!) you'll be able to enjoy cool drinks and great music. And the inconvenience of the car park in April will give way to the conveniences on the Rec!

*Duncan Grey*



Little Shelford Good Neighbours

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**Sunday 28 April, 8.30 pm to 10pm**

**at The Navigator**

*Songs from the shows (Oliver! and other favourites)*

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If you would like to help with the music please contact David Adams  
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If you would like transport to and from the evening please contact Charles and Caroline Kingdon (charles.kingdon@gmail.com / 01223 842048).

Thanks to the Navigator for hosting us.



## CAMBRIDGE FLOWER CLUB

Hands-on flower arranging evening with tutor Vicki Hease

Thursday 18 April at 7.15pm

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## STAPLEFORD AND GREAT SHELFORD NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

With the help of local residents, the two Parishes are combining to produce a Neighbourhood Plan. Many of you have already expressed your views on a variety of aspects for this Plan and we are now about to enter the 'Consultation with Residents' stage on the journey so far.

To be able to produce the Plan we need to be able to demonstrate an evidence base to support the themes we have identified from your inputs to meetings, workshops, the Housing Needs Survey and The Feast and Village Weekend. This evidence must be there to enable the Plan's success. We are asking as many residents as possible to fill out our Survey which will be available online from 1 May and would ask you to look out for more information on our website, as well as through a leaflet which will be coming to you in the following weeks.

Looking forward to your responses and the next stage of the Plan production.

*Councillor Barbara Kettel, barbara.kettel@gmail.com*



## BREAKING GROUND FOR PLAYSCAPE

Satisfying progress was made for the Playscape project last month when the PC got the crucial Feast Services underway. This great step forward was, however, rather dampened by the discovery of extensive asbestos in the ground and the accompanying costs of dealing with it. You can read more fully about the current situation in the Parish Council article (page 3), plus the benefits of these works in the 'Digging Holes' article (page 22). Importantly, the PC will be commissioning a borehole survey, particularly in the wheelscape area, to check for further asbestos, so that we can plan accordingly.

This unforeseen hurdle has meant we've not managed to meet to agree the shelter design winner yet, humble apologies. However the wonderful designs of Merry-go-rounds and Knights' tents mean the shelter will look fabulous soon!

On a positive note we were delighted to receive over £3,500 from two Benevity donations, an online workplace-giving platform, which includes corporate match funding. So a huge thank you to these generous donors – this is so encouraging and another step towards building a new Playscape for the village!

*Eleanor McCrone, info@shelfordplayscape.org*

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## DIARY APRIL 2019

Date	Event	Time	Place
4	WI Talk 'Pearls' (page 41)	7.30pm	Community Room, St Mary's Church
8	Granta Flower Club Demonstration	7.30pm	Memorial Hall
10	Police Surgery (page 15)	9.30–11am	Memorial Hall
11	Hustings meeting (page 6)	7–8.30pm	Memorial Hall
13	Bowls Club Coffee and Cake (page 39)	10am	Bowls Pavilion
24	Engage: A Tourist in the Antarctic (page 20)	2pm	Library
26	Rainbow Preschool Bingo Night	7pm	Memorial Hall
27	Farmers' Market	9am–12	Memorial Hall

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



### BIN COLLECTIONS

**Green bins**                      Tuesdays 2, 16 April; Wednesday 1 May

**Blue bins**                        Tuesdays 2, 16 April; Wednesday 1 May

**Black bins**                      Tuesday 9 April, Thursday 25 April



### POSTAL COLLECTIONS

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## NEW SILVERWARE AT THE TENNIS CLUB

Every year the members of Great Shelford Tennis Club battle it out to be crowned club champion, with singles and doubles titles on offer. Competition is fierce and fun, and the whole club comes together for a social event on Finals Day in September to watch the top players in the club compete for their titles.



This year will be extra special, as we have new silverware to hand out to our winners. The new trophies have been gifted to the club by local businesses and by members of the club, known as the 'Super Seniors'. All these members have been at the club for a long time and have played their part in running the club. The committee is very grateful for their ongoing support and would like to thank:

- Redmayne, Arnold & Harris – Men's Singles Trophy
- Penny Saich (current President) – Ladies' Singles Trophy
- Sylvia Morton – Ladies' Doubles Trophy
- Colin Tait – Men's Doubles Trophy
- Susan Fox – Mixed Doubles Trophy
- Mark Sanders – Mixed Handicap Doubles Trophy
- The Scripps Family in memory of Gordon Scripps – Mixed Veterans Doubles Trophy
- Neil Harvey – Boys and Girls Singles Trophies

The junior cups were purchased from the Neil Harvey Fund. This fund was set up with the specific aim of developing junior tennis in Great Shelford and the surrounding area. It is also used to fund coaching in local schools at lunchtime, giving children a chance to play who may otherwise not have the opportunity.

Other news: the tennis club is participating in the LTA's Great British Tennis Weekend on 18–19 May. The club will be buzzing with plenty of fun and free activities for people of all ages. The coaches and committee will be on hand to answer any questions you have about joining the club and there will be food and drink for everyone. We look forward to seeing you there!

*Angharad Harris*

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market opened in Lewes as an outlet for selling homegrown produce when the nation's food was in short supply at the end of World War 1. The basic principles haven't changed. Everything we sell is homemade, homegrown and handcrafted.

Great Shelford will be marking the centenary in July but in the meantime we need to update you on some new market initiatives. We have taken steps forward into the age of technology! No need to worry about the lack of cash points in Shelford as we are now set up for taking card payments – credit card, debit card, American Express and so on. Also we have launched our own Facebook page which will keep you fully updated with market news and will give you the opportunity of letting us know what you think of us! Visit us at <https://www.facebook.com/gtshelfordmarket>

Just a reminder, admission is free and if you have time for a good browse you may be surprised at what you can find! Easter beckons. Craft items make original gifts. In the Food Section we will have Simnel cakes (though better to order) and plenty of treats, sweet and savoury, and with spring on its way the stalls in the Plant Section are filling up. We are always pleased to take orders. For more details call 01223 843946 or on market day phone 07732 117892.

*Dorothy Doel*

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**Mary Magdelene:** (*gasping*) Look! The stone has rolled away. Someone has removed Jesus' body.

**Mary:** What?! That is impossible! The stone could only be rolled away by a person and the tomb was being guarded.

*When they got closer, they saw a very bright light from an angel.*

**Angel:** (*calmly*) Do not be afraid, Jesus has been resurrected from the dead. Go and tell your friends, tell Jesus' disciples and spread the word of Jesus' resurrection.

**Mary:** He cannot be! He died!

**Angel:** Do not underestimate the power of heaven!

**Mary Magdelene:** Do we believe the angel, Mary?

**Mary:** I think we do!

**Angel:** OK then. What are we waiting for, let's go and tell everyone!

*By Thomas Welchman (Year 5)*

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#### Wild Bedtime Stories with Vital Spark Friday 12 April: 5–6.30pm

Wear your pyjamas, dressing gowns, onesies (and probably wellies!); bring your favourite teddy if you wish. Meet at the Stables Education Centre.

Booking essential. Children must be accompanied. Dress for the weather. £6 per child, includes hot chocolate.

**Saturday Bushcraft for Families****Saturday 27 April: 9–11.30am**

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**May Day Morris Dance****Wednesday 1 May: 5–6am**

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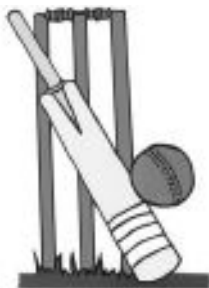
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## GREAT SHELFORD CRICKET CLUB



The new season is nearly here. We will have three adult teams competing at Great Shelford and Stapleford Recreation Grounds as we are looking to rebuild after last season's difficult experience in the Whiting & Partner League. Our first team will now be playing in the CCA Senior One League where we hope to find our level. Nets have started so if anyone wants to come along and join us then contact me at [brian\\_higgins50@hotmail.com](mailto:brian_higgins50@hotmail.com)

Our youth section will be hugely increased this year with five new teams starting up from Under 10s to Under 15s. There is a big opportunity at GSCC for girls' cricket with all girls' teams at Under 11 and Under 13 levels, and many girls also playing alongside boys in other age groups. If your child would like to play cricket please contact George Rolls, [georgerolls@btinternet.com](mailto:georgerolls@btinternet.com).

### All Stars

This is an England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) initiative aimed at introducing 5–8 year-olds to cricket. It is a programme of fun cricket activities, using a soft ball on Saturday mornings at Great Shelford Recreation Ground starting in early May and finishing in June. No previous cricket experience is necessary and cricket equipment is not required. Just bring your child and come along yourself for some cricket fun on a Saturday morning.

*Brian Higgins*

## Little Shelford Local History Society

Little Shelford Memorial Hall

Monday 15 April 2019

AGM at 7.30pm

followed by a talk by

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## GREAT SHELFORD FOOTBALL CLUB



After the disappointing loss to Comberton United in the final game of last month, which appeared to have stalled our championship hopes, the first team bounced back in style to register five straight wins along with 22 goals. A 4–2 win at Eaton Socon was followed by goal feasts both at home to Hemingfords United (7–1) and away to old foes Fulbourn Institute (7–2).

A 2–0 home win gave us revenge against Comberton United and the month ended with a very impressive 2–0 home win against reigning Premier Division champions West Wrattling. Conversely, league leaders Linton Granta suffered two defeats in the month, enabling us to leapfrog them and sit nicely on top with just five games to go.

The reserves also made up for their disappointing previous month with three straight wins to sit nicely tucked in behind the leading teams in Division 2A with just six games to go. Comfortable wins against Linton Granta A away (6–2) and Gamlingay United Reserves at home (4–1) were followed by a tougher than expected 2–1 away win at bottom team Steeple Morden Reserves.

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

*Terry Rider, Chairman*

## GREAT SHELFORD CARPET BOWLS CLUB

Our Carpet Bowls Club has now finished for the summer to make way for outdoor bowls.

We have come 4th in the League Two table, the best we have achieved for a few years.

Please check the Great Shelford Village News for details of when we restart.

*Margaret Kelly, Chair*

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## GARDEN CLUB

### GROUND COVER PLANTS

Tim Fuller of the Plantsman's Preference nursery in South Lopham, near Diss in Norfolk, returned to speak about plants suitable for ground cover in shady and sunny areas.

#### **Dry shade under deciduous trees and shrubs**

*Geranium macrorrhizum* – useful for the north-facing side of a fence or wall. Spreading clump of semi-evergreen, aromatic leaves with white, pink or deep pink flowers in spring.

Wood melick (*Melica uniflora*) – low clumps of grassy leaves with many long-lasting, miniature translucent seed heads, which will lighten up semi-shaded areas.

Box (*Buxus sempervirens*) – green and variegated forms effective as individual or closely planted evergreen bushes, lightly clipped to form hummocks.

*Cyclamen hederifolium* – autumn-flowering carpets of pink or white flowers, followed by silver-patterned, green leaves through to spring before becoming dormant in summer.

Wood sage (*Teucrium scorodonia* 'Crispum Marginatum') – low-growing semi-evergreen with spikes of very small creamy, green flowers and attractive crinkled leaves.

Lesser periwinkle *Vinca minor* 'Ralph Shugert' – creeping evergreen with variegated leaves and violet-blue flowers. Cut back unwanted shoots in spring to control spreading.

*Geum* 'Herterton Primrose' – one of the newer lower-growing forms, flowering March to May, which forms a carpet when several are planted together. Looks effective planted under silver birch or next to a willow hedge.

*Ophiopogon planiscapus* 'Nigrescens' – low spreading clumps of black grass-like leaves, which can look effective interplanted with the variegated sedge *Carex oshimensis* 'Evergold' or the deciduous red-tipped Japanese blood grass *Imperata cylindrica* 'Rubra'.

*Lamium maculatum* 'Pink Pewter' – low-growing, white-striped foliage with pale pink flowers.

#### **Sunny areas**

*Campanula poscharskyana* variegated – low, cream and green foliage with mauve flower bells.

Autumn moor grass *Sesleria autumnalis* forms a clump of pale yellow-green leaves with silvery-grey flower spikes covered with silky white stamens, from late summer onwards. Useful as a border edging plant or as a feature on the curve of a protruding bed.



*Cotoneaster horizontalis* – small, young plants once established can form effective cover on a dry bank and can be successfully combined with heathers in an open situation.

*Rudbeckia fulgida* var. *sullivantii* ‘Goldsturm’ – award-winning knee-high, golden yellow daisies suitable for planting in drifts in moderately fertile soil.

*Salvia nemorosa* ‘Amethyst’ – spikes of purple flowers above a clump of soft green foliage, for well-drained soil in full sun.

*Houttuynia cordata* ‘Jokers Gold’ – spreading plant with heart-shaped, multi-coloured leaves with white flowers, suitable for moist soil in a contained bog garden.

*Persicaria amplexicaulis* ‘Rosea’ – slowly spreading clump with spikes of pink flowers, best in moist but well-drained soil, in full sun or light shade.

*Geranium* ‘Light Dilys’ – red-veined, pink flowers on trailing stems from May to October.

Sweet pea (*Lathyrus odoratus* var. *nanellus* ‘Pink Cupid’, ‘Crimson Cherub’, ‘Northern Lights Cherub’) – trailing varieties with many flowers specially bred for ground cover.

More information can be found at [www.plantpref.co.uk](http://www.plantpref.co.uk)

Helen Chubb

## GREAT SHELFORD BOWLS CLUB

April sees the start of the 2019 bowls season. Starting with a coffee (and cake!) morning from 10am on Saturday 13 April in the Bowls Pavilion, which is on the Recreation Ground, tucked behind the main Pavilion. This is an opportunity for members to get together before the season starts and for potential new members to come along and see what we have to offer. We guarantee a warm welcome to players of all ages, whether experienced or novices.

The club is run entirely by volunteers and prides itself on providing an opportunity for gentle healthy outdoor exercise. Coaching is given to beginners and above all it is a very friendly game.

The green will open with Practise Day on Sunday 28 April. Every Friday afternoon or evening through the summer there is ‘roll-up time’ when we learn and practise – all very informal. All you need is a pair of flat shoes – we can lend you bowls. Why not come along and have some fun?

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underwear that helped achieve the latest, fashionable look, from the Middle Ages to the mid-twentieth century. Many of us were grateful we didn't suffer through some of those periods, including when stays were made of iron! Frances also had a wonderful collection of historical pieces, many of which were beautifully hand-stitched and delicately embroidered, possibly from wedding trousseaus.

The March 7 meeting was our AGM, preceded by a mindfulness and mental imagery session with Elaine Westwick. Elaine took us through a series of exercises to declutter the mind and to help make us aware of the thought processes that can influence our decision-making.

At our next meeting on Thursday 4 April, we will learn about 'Pearls' with Frances Benton. There will be jewellery available to purchase on the night.

New members and visitors are always welcome, so if you'd like to find out more about our WI or visit one of our meetings, do pop along. 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.

*Website: [www.theshelfordswi.wordpress.com](http://www.theshelfordswi.wordpress.com)*

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## READERS' LETTERS

### BARCLAYS BANK CLOSURE

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*John O'Boyle, Stapleford*

### NEW MEMORIAL HALL

The article in the February issue of GSVN helpfully gave details of the feasibility study, etc. for a new Memorial Hall. However, I am writing to ask whether the Parish Council would kindly prepare an article for publication in the GSVN about the position presently on the (possible) 100 space car park.

As far as I am aware, the proposal for the new car park was canvassed at The Feast last July, when a small number of people indicated they were in favour. Significant construction costs have been mentioned and the scheme seems to be making progress with little information being available generally. Since the closure of Barclays, it is noticeable that the village is a lot quieter with, it seems to me, considerably fewer cars parking. Given these changed circumstances, I am sure that many readers would find it helpful if the Council would give a full account of the proposed scheme, where things are presently, what plans they have to consult with village residents to seek their views, and at what stage.

*John Pawley, Spinney Drive*

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SAWRUG and others should campaign to have a signal between Cambridge and Shelford to reduce the time the level crossing gates are down.

*Leslie Goddard*

## READER'S LETTER – CORRECTION

In my letter (GSVN March) I stated that the No 31 bus runs Monday to Friday (Bank Holidays excepted). This should have read Monday to Saturday (Bank Holidays excepted).

*John Wakefield*

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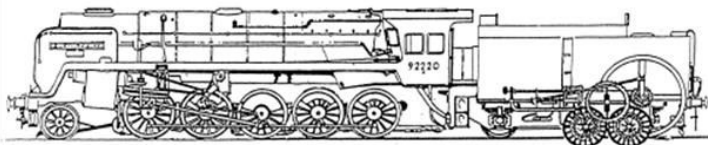
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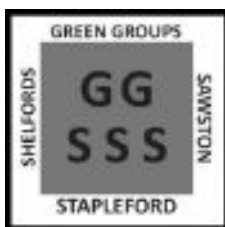
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## **SHELFORD TWINNING ASSOCIATION**

Shelford Twinning Association aims to promote friendship and cultural links between the people of Great and Little Shelford and Verneuil-en-Halatte in France.

We hosted another well-attended social in February: a film evening preceded by homemade pancakes with a choice of sweet and savoury fillings and, of course, lovely French wine. The film, *Beautiful Lies* (French title: *De Vrais Mensonges*) featured a funny/sad and unwitting love triangle between hunky diplomat-turned-handyman Jean (Sami Bouajila), Émilie (Audrey Tautou) his young and beautiful hairdresser employer, and Maddy (Nathalie Baye) Émilie's lonely and beautiful mother. We were pleased to welcome several new faces to the evening as well as lots of regular attendees.

### **Future events will include:**

18 May, Quiz Evening at Shelford Free Church from 7.30pm.

July 6–9 we will be hosting a series of special events to mark the 30th anniversary of the signing of our Twinning Charter.

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## Old News

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

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Margaret Ward and Alan Bullwinkle, 1993*

#### **23 April 1791**

STOLEN – from the Stables of Thomas Stacey of Great Shelford ...

A YELLOW BAY HORSE, 5 years old, 15 hands high, two white heels behind, and a blaze in his face, long tail and mane.

And also a BROWN HORSE, about 14 hands high, blind of the off eye, and hair chafed off his back and sides, switch tail and mane, the near fore foot white, the property of Mr Robert Gee.

Whoever will give information where the said horses may be found, or the person or persons who stole them, shall upon conviction receive FIVE GUINEAS reward from THOMAS STACEY.

#### **13 April 1805**

THEFT – Joseph Haatley, Samuel Robinson and John Pratt, of Great Shelford, were committed to the Castle by the Rev. Andrew Perinea, on suspicion of stealing, killing and carrying away some ducks, the property of Mr Henry Headly, of Great Shelford.

#### **30 April 1819**

SUSANNAH CHAMBERS – the wife of a schoolmaster at Great Shelford, was indicted for assault on Sarah Dean, the wife of a shopkeeper in the same parish. The prosecutrix deposed, that on applying to defendant for a bill owing for shop goods, she was not only abused, but beaten over the back with a Bible, which had caused her to be indisposed ever since, to corroborate which, a little boy was called, who said the defendant had only pushed the prosecutrix from her door with the Bible, however, the jury found her guilty, and she was fined 6d.

#### **20 April 1827**

TWELVE MONTHS HARD LABOUR – John Adams indicted for having stolen three bushels of wheat from the barn of Messrs Stacey. Ann Pouter lives next door to the prisoner and heard his door open several times on the night of the robbery at about one o'clock. He was proved guilty and sentenced to twelve months hard labour.

## LITTLE SHELFORD BOWLS CLUB

Bowls is a sport that can be played by anyone, whatever their age or level of fitness. As with our neighbours at Great Shelford, we draw our members from many of the surrounding villages, and are always on the lookout for new players. We are a small and friendly club, and whether you are an experienced player or a beginner, you are assured of a warm welcome at Little Shelford.

Our green is at the far end of the Wale Recreation Ground on Whittlesford Road in Little Shelford, and we have matches against other clubs in South Cambridgeshire. We play most of our matches in two evening leagues from May to the beginning of September, and also have weekly matches on a Wednesday afternoon.

We have two club Open Days on Saturdays 20 and 27 April, which provide an opportunity to meet us, find out more and try bowls for yourself. All you need to bring is a pair of flat-soled shoes or trainers. Further details from our Secretary Ray Saich on 01223 842737.

*John Sherwell, Chairman  
Little Shelford Bowls Club*

## CAMSIGHT

Camsight is a Cambridgeshire-based charity that supports local people with low vision and blindness. We have a number of fundraising events organised for 2019 to help raise funds for the charity, with two of them coming up in April!

### **Dining in the Dark**

#### **Friday 5 April at the Red Lion in Hinxton starting at 7.30pm**

Guests are invited to eat the starter and dessert courses blindfolded, to test their taste buds! Main courses are pre-ordered and eaten without blindfolds

### **Concert for Camsight**

#### **Sunday 14 April 7.30pm at West Road Concert Hall**

The Easter Concert Orchestra conducted by Steve Bingham will present a performance of the Tchaikovsky *Piano Concerto No 1*. The concert will also feature Shostakovich's *Festive Overture* and the wonderful *Symphony No 5* by Carl Nielsen.

Full information and booking details for both events can be found on our website <https://www.camsight.org.uk/Pages/Events/Category/events-calendar>

*Nick Burr, Fundraising and Promotions Officer*

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## WHAT'S ON IN APRIL

A round-up of what's on at some of the venues near us. For more information, times, ticket prices and bookings, please contact the organisation. 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

Tues 2 and Fri 5	<i>Macbeth</i> English Touring Opera
Weds 3 and Sat 6	<i>Idomeneo</i> English Touring Opera
Thurs 4	<i>Elizabeth I</i> English Touring Opera
Mon 8 to Sat 13	<i>Rough Crossing</i> Tom Stoppard play
Mon 15 to Sat 20	<i>Edmond de Bergerac</i> English language premiere
Wed 24 to Sat 27	<i>Richard III</i> Headlong production
Sun 28	David Starkey
Mon 29 to Sat 4 May	<i>Fame</i> 'The definitive 30th anniversary tour'
Telephone: 01223 503333 Web: <a href="http://www.cambridgeartstheatre.com">www.cambridgeartstheatre.com</a>	

### SAWSTON CINEMA

25	7pm	<i>Ocean's 8</i>
Telephone: 01223 712825 Web: <a href="http://www.sawstoncinema.org.uk">www.sawstoncinema.org.uk</a>		

### SCOTSDALES CHILDREN'S EVENTS

Sat 13 to Mon 22		In-store Bunny Hunt	
10	Gardening Club – <i>Fun with Nature, Grow Your Own</i>		Multiple sessions per day, some events free, booking may be needed.
12	Craft session – <i>Easter decorations</i>		
17	Craft session – <i>Easter Eggcups and More</i>		
19	Craft session – <i>Easter Egg Decorating</i>		
20	Craft session – <i>Easter Egg Decorating</i>		
Tel: 01223 842777 Web: <a href="https://scotsdalegardencentre.co.uk/events.html">https://scotsdalegardencentre.co.uk/events.html</a>			

## STAPLEFORD GRANARY

6	7.30pm	<i>Living Notes</i> with the Benyounes Quartet
12	7.30pm	<i>The Jazz of Dudley Moore</i> played by the Chris Ingham Quartet
14	11am	Sunday Coffee Concert: <i>Goldfield Ensemble</i>
28	2pm	Literature event: <i>Jill Dawson and Gillian Beer in Conversation</i>
Telephone: 01223 849004 Web: <a href="https://staplefordgranary.org.uk/">https://staplefordgranary.org.uk/</a>		

## UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE

Sat 6 to Mon 22	<i>Easter trail 2019</i> , Botanic Garden: a springtime adventure to find the animals, see some amazing plants and collect an Easter prize at the end. <a href="https://www.botanic.cam.ac.uk/">https://www.botanic.cam.ac.uk/</a>
Thur 11 and Tues 16	<i>Eggstinct</i> , Museum of Zoology: discover eggs of animals past and present, and have a cracking time with egg-themed crafts.
Sat 6 11am and 2pm	<i>Paradise Planet</i> , The Polar Museum, Scott Polar Research Institute: English Touring Opera's latest opera for children – a collection of ocean stories.
Until 13 April	<i>Polar Encounters</i> , The Polar Museum, Scott Polar Research Institute: 200 years of Arctic art by Inuit artists and European travellers.
Until 30 April	<i>More than Music: Collecting Kun Opera</i> , Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology.
Until 8 July	<i>Eddington's prehistoric and Roman past</i> , The Fitzwilliam Museum: local archaeological finds.
For information on these and other events, see <a href="http://www.admin.cam.ac.uk/whatson">http://www.admin.cam.ac.uk/whatson</a> or individual museum websites.	

## HOW TO CONTACT GREAT SHELFORD VILLAGE NEWS

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

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

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

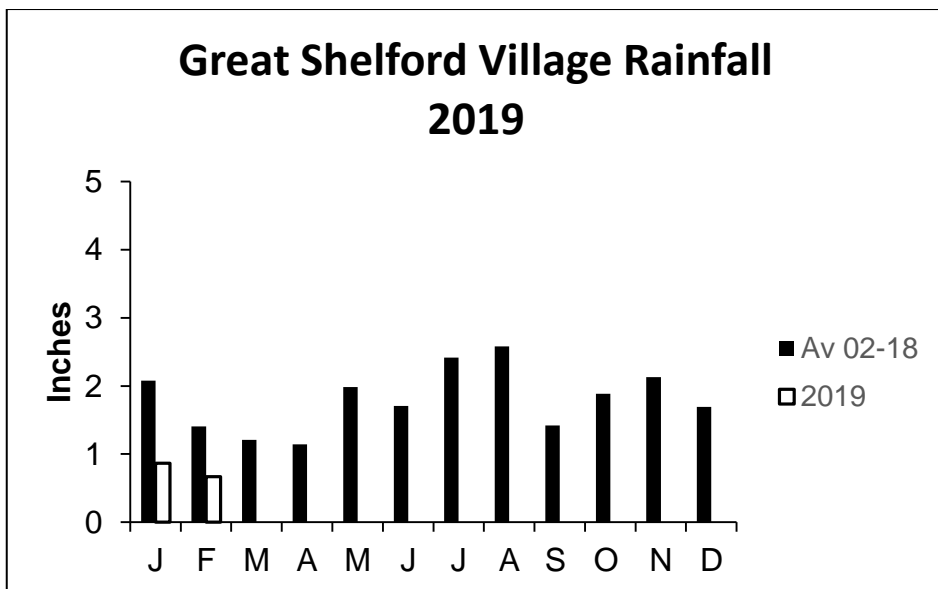
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Badminton (Little Shelford)	Rosie Cranmer	513572
Bowling Club	Alan Edwards	666965
Brownies, Guides, Rainbows	Lisa MacGregor	843021
Bunch – Feast	Duncan Grey	842191
Carpet Bowls	Margaret Kelly	473520
Citizens Advice Bureau	Cambridge	0344 848 7979
Community 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: <a href="http://greatshelfordparishcouncil.gov.uk">greatshelfordparishcouncil.gov.uk</a> and <a href="http://greatshelford.info">greatshelford.info</a>		

# COME ON GREAT SHELFORD ROLL UP YOUR SLEEVES



## ANNUAL PARISH MEETING 7PM WEDNESDAY 17 APRIL GREAT SHELFORD MEMORIAL HALL

There's a lot happening in the village:

- Public toilets on the Recreation Ground.
- New services for The Feast.
- Proposals to buy new land for recreational use.
- New Memorial Hall and car park proposals.
- More highways changes.

We need you to roll up your sleeves and tell the Parish Council what it should be doing.

In addition, you get the chance to hear the annual reports of all the clubs and organisations in the village. And we'll even give you a glass of wine.

**Further details: Mike Nettleton (721366/07905 356468),  
Malcolm Watson (844901) or any other Parish Councillor**